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AMATEUR RADIO TODAY sent to members of Congress

A copy of the new *Amateur Radio Today* CD-ROM video presentation went out to all 535 members of the U.S. Congress. The ARRL video tells Amateur Radio's public service story from a non-Amateur Radio perspective. Former CBS news anchorman *Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD*, narrates the six-minute presentation.

"After viewing the video, I am sure you will agree that hams are a valuable public safety resource, and continued threats to the spectrum they operate on is not in our national interest," say identical letters to their colleagues from U.S. Rep Michael Bilirakis, a Florida Republican, and U.S. Senators Michael Crapo, an Idaho Republican, and Daniel Akaka, a Hawaii Democrat.

The letters also seek additional cosponsors for *The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003*. Bilirakis is the House sponsor of the *Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003, HR-713*, while Crapo sponsored the Senate version of the bill, S- 537. Akaka is an original co-sponsor of the Senate measure.

The bills, an ARRL initiative, are on their third try in Congress. HR-713 and S-537 would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere. That would include reallocation of primary amateur allocations, any reduction in secondary amateur allocations, or "additional allocations within such bands" that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs. The chairman of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet has agreed to hear testimony on the House version of the bill later this spring.

The text of HR-713 and S-537 is available via the Thomas Web site <<http://thomas.loc.gov/>>.

Individuals may order a copy of the *Amateur Radio Today* CD-ROM from the ARRL on-line catalog <<https://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=8861>> or download it for free. *Amateur Radio Today* also is available in VHS videotape format. A subtitled (open-captioned) version also is available.

Tnx ARRL Letter

Most Worshipful James E. Olmstead, P.G.M., WB8BYR

Most Worshipful Brother James E. Olmstead, P.G.M., WB8BYR, Past Grand Master of Ohio, and founder of the *Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society*, is undergoing medical treatment at the *Seattle Cancer Care Alliance Center* under the auspices of the *National Cancer Institute*. The treatment will last 2-3 months, and we will keep you informed of his progress.

Brethren who wish to send him a card or note may do so at this address:

James E. Olmstead
The Pete Gross House, Apt. 401
525 Minor Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109



New Advisory Board Member

The *Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society* is honored to announce that R.W. John "Jack" Worcester, 33⁰, KC8CMV, is our newest member of the Society's Advisory Board.

R.W. Bro. Jack was appointed by Most Worshipful James E. Olmstead, WB8BYR, Grand Master of Ohio, 1994-1995, to serve as Grand Tyler, and was nominated to be a Hiram's Ham by M.W. Bro. Olmstead on November 27, 1995.

R.W. Bro. Jack is currently the Secretary, Valley of Toledo, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Toledo, Ohio.



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Do you know of a Brother who is also an Amateur Radio Operator? If so, why not nominate him to be a Hiram's Ham!



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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON MOSAIC PAVEMENT

Mosaic work consists properly of many little stones of different colors united together in patterns to imitate a painting. It was much practised among the Romans, who called it *musivum*, whence the Italians get their *musaico*, the French their *mosaique*, and we our *mosaic*.

The idea that the work is derived from the fact that Moses used a pavement of colored stones in the tabernacle has been long since exploded by etymologists. The Masonic tradition is that the floor of the Temple of Solomon was decorated with a mosaic pavement of black and white stones. There is no historical evidence to substantiate this statement. Samuel Lee, however, in his diagram of the Temple, represents not only the floors of the building, but of all the outer courts, as covered with such a pavement.

The Masonic idea was perhaps first suggested by this passage in the Gospel of Saint John xix, 13, "When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, sat down in the judgement-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha." The word here translated Pavement is in the original *Lithostroton*, the very word used by Pliny to denote a mosaic pavement. The Greek word, as well as its Latin equivalent, is used to denote a pavement formed of ornamental stones of various colors, precisely what is meant by a *Mosaic Pavement*. There was, therefore, a part of the Temple which was decorated with a mosaic pavement. The Talmud informs us that there was such a pavement in the Conclave where the Grand Sanhedrin held its sessions. By a little torsion of historical accuracy, the Freemasons have asserted that the ground floor of the Temple was a mosaic pavement, and hence as the Lodge is a representation of the Temple, that the floor of the Lodge should also be of the same pattern.

The mosaic pavement is an old symbol of the Order. It is met with in the earliest Rituals of the eighteenth century. It is classed among the ornaments of the Lodge in combination with the indented tessel and the blazing star. Its parti-colored stones of black and white have been readily and appropriately interpreted as symbols of the evil and the good of human life

Tnx *The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences*
by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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New Hiram's Hams Sweetheart



Sister Martha A. Shipley, N1UIG



Member of Bethany Chapter No. 71, Essex Junction, Vermont

Tnx Sister Connie Hamilton, P.M., HHS, N8IO

Continued from the May 2003 edition

WHY NO TOOLS OF IRON?

A Paper Researched by Brother Carey Alexander, K8DOT

We are then asked, "*Why were Metal Tools Prohibited?*" The answer being, that the Temple might not be polluted. This prohibition of the use of metal tools to prevent the Temple from being "polluted" stems from the law laid down in the Holy Bible:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, and thy sheep and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, Thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for If thou lift up thy tool upon it thou hast polluted it." Exodus, Chapter 20, Verses 22 thru 25.

A parallel injunction is cited later in the Holy Bible: "and there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God." Deuteronomy, Chapter 27, Verses 5 & 6.

Iron tools specifically mentioned when Joshua had conquered Bethel and Ai, in his entry into the Promised Land, his first act of thanksgiving was to build an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron. Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in Mt. Ebal. As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron, and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings. Joshua, Chapter 8 Verses 30 & 31.

Many centuries later, when Solomon's destroyed temple came to be rebuilt after the captivity, under Zerubbabel, an altar of unhewn stone was similarly made to replace the brazen altar previously used in King Solomon's time. Likewise, in the Second or Herod's Temple an altar of brunt offering stood in front of the Porch, constructed of unhewn stones. For the greatest dishonor was always considered to be that which was caused by the use of the iron tool and in the work of destruction it was a disrespect causing the deepest humiliation. King Solomon, conceiving the (The Mosaic Prohibition) to be a divine institution, definitely prohibited the use of metal tools in the house which he was about to erect and meant to dedicate solely top the service of the Living God.

It is, of course, possible to go back to the origin of this iron taboo. This iron taboo, among the Jews at least, may in turn have had some connection with the hated Philistines, who we remember from stories of Samson, and of David and Goliath, and who were the epitome of everything detestable-religiously, politically, and militarily to the Jews of that day.

The Philistines were a non-Semitic and warlike people who had invaded the country from the North - some say from Crete. Archaeologists say they may have introduced the knowledge and use of iron into Palestine and to have thus ushered in the Iron Age, but only for their own exclusive benefit. These Philistines had in fact managed to maintain a rigid control over their monopoly in the working of iron, and thus secured a stranglehold, on the life and economy of the Jewish people through the latters dependence upon the Philistines for every tool and implement of peace as well as every article of war. >>>>>>>>>

An Ode to America

We rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA. Read this excerpt from a Romanian Newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title "*C"ntarea Americii*" (meaning "Ode To America") on September 24, 2002 in the Romanian newspaper *Evenimentul zilei* ("The Daily Event" or "News of the Day").

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs. Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, and the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand. After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song: "God Bless America!" I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people. How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy. What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic Power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion... Only freedom can work such miracles

Tnx to Bro. Bob Demott, Knoxville, Tennessee, and:
The Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, F&AM
Wor. Bro. Joseph Warshawsky, KA5NXV
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By the time of Elijah (ninth century B.C.) it is said that the Jews were already in possession of iron sickles with which at least twice as much grain could be reaped in a given time as compared to the primitive wooden sickles lined with filing's that had been used previously. Carpenters similarly had iron tools of all kinds; axes, adzes, bucksaws, chisels, and sledge hammers. Yet it had been a complaint in Israel, in the early days of the Philistine monopoly, "there was no smith found throughout all of Israel" for fear the Hebrews would make their own swords or spears.

..... Continued in the July 2003 edition



Ricky, IN3SUI and Family

We live in a village of 4000 people, 1000 meters above the sea, in the province of Trento.....90 km south of Austrian border.

My wife's name is Nadia and we have two daughters, Maria Victoria 7 years old and Lucrezia, at 11 months.

My work is a representative (commercial salesman) for an International company trading cosmetics for chemistry and pharmacy.

I was initiated in 1998 and now I'm Junior Warden of my Lodge, F.Filos #554 in the city of Trento.

I have enjoyed Ham Radio since 1992, I used to work the HF bands.....I have 240 countries confirmed for DXCC and sometimes I like to contest.



M.W. J. George Bibb, KS4K, P.G.M. of Kentucky SK



Most Worshipful Brother J. George Bibb, KS4K Past Grand Master of Kentucky was passed and raised to the Grand Lodge in Heaven on April 29 2003. A devastating illness took him from this fold.

He was buried with Masonic Honors on May 1, 2003 in Mont Vista Cemetery in Benham KY.

Most Worshipful Brother Bibb was nominated to be a Hiram's Ham in 1995 by Wor. Bro. Edward Fowler, KC4RIY.



WHAT MAKES YOU A MASON?

By Bro. George H. Free

What makes you a Mason, O Brother of mine?

It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast,
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed,
It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip,
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word
On five point of fellowship duly conferred.
Though these are essential, desirable, fine,

They don't make you a Mason, O Brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligations be true"
Tis that, brother of mine, makes a Mason of you.
Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed,
Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,

And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel to your vices, with courage, apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come;
The Book of your faith, be the rule and the guide,
The Compasses, your passions, shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,
And then you will meet with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine.

*Trix Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, K8AGB
"Sparkie The Clown"*



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When Did Freemasonry Begin?

No one knows when Freemasonry began. The first written reference to Masonry as an organization appeared in 1356 when a Code of Masonic Regulations was formally drawn up at the Guildhall in London, England. In 1376, we find information about the London Masons' Company and it's interesting to note its early evolution. According to Grand Lodge, it leased in 1463 some land and buildings for 99 years, and the buildings were converted into the first Masons' Hall. (In the 99th year it purchased the property outright). In 1472 the company was given a Grand of Arms with the motto "God is Our Guide," later changed to "In the Lord is all our trust." The Arms, but slightly changed, remain part of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England today.

Tnx Masonic Trivia and Facts by Wor. Bro. Allen E. Roberts

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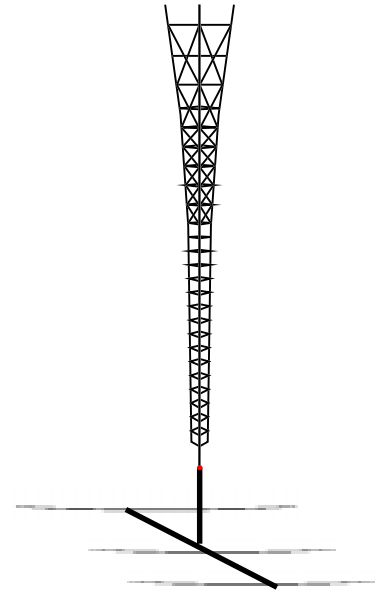
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