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## FCC suspends Amateur Service license grants

**T**he FCC has stopped issuing Amateur Service license grants while it attempts to unravel an apparent computer programming glitch. The FCC posted a public alert on the Universal Licensing System (ULS) site on November 5. At this point, no one seems to know when the problem will be fixed.

"The granting of Amateur applications has been temporarily suspended," the FCC announcement says without further explanation. "We apologize for the inconvenience." The Commission has given no indication when processing might resume, but when it does, the FCC likely will pull back more than 125 Group D (2x3) amateur call signs it mistakenly issued out of sequence and grant the applicants new in-sequence call signs. Although they eventually may be set aside and replaced, all call signs showing up in the ULS database are legal to use on the air.

The difficulties began October 28, when the FCC implemented a ULS software change that caused applications to be processed improperly. ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the FCC was forced to halt the processing of amateur applications after attempts to correct the initial error only seemed to make things worse. "The FCC is still trying to get its arms around the problems," he said this week.

The ARRL VEC has been working with personnel in the FCC's licensing branch to identify where the FCC had been in the call sign sequences, where it had jumped to and where it was supposed to be. Jahnke says the problem appears to have affected only Group D call signs.

## The Transcontinental Railroad

**I**t was started in 1866, in the west by the Central Pacific, in the east by the Union Pacific. Three years later the 1775 miles of track met at Promontory Point, Utah.

Governor Leland Stanford of California, a member of Michigan City Lodge No. 47 of California, drove the last spike - the Golden Spike.

The news of the uniting of the two railroads was sent by a telegrapher, high on a pole. To San Francisco and New York he

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## Warren G. Harding, the Mason

**P**resident Warren G. Harding was a Freemason. He was proud of his membership in the Fraternity and active as well. He participated in many events and parades in all levels, including the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Brother Harding was a member of Marion, Ohio Lodge No. 70, Marion Chapter No. 62 Royal Arch Masons, Marion Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar and Aladdin Shrine Temple in Columbus, Ohio.

Some Harding Firsts:

- \*\* First President of the United States to ride to his inauguration in an automobile.
- \*\* First President to own a radio.
- \*\* First Immigration Quota Passed during his administration.
- \*\* First United States Budget Bureau created.
- \*\* Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated Nov. 11, 1921.
- \*\* Limitations on Naval Armaments Treaty signed by U.S., Great Britain, Italy, France and Japan.
- \*\* First businessman to be elected President.
- \*\* Term "smoke filled room" coined during his Presidential bid.
- \*\* First President to be survived by his father.
- \*\* First President to have a Cabinet Officer convicted and serve time in prison.
- \*\* Election results first broadcast over radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA.
- \*\* First President to have his inauguration described on radio.
- \*\* First President to use a PA system for his inaugural address.
- \*\* First President to visit both Alaska and Canada.
- \*\* First President to call for an end of segregation in the United States in a speech in Montgomery, Alabama.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

### Wages of the Workman at the Temple

Neither the scriptures, nor Josephus, give us any definite amount of wages paid, nor the manner in which they were paid, to the workmen who were engaged in the erection of King Solomon's Temple. The cost of its construction, however, must have been immense, since it has been estimated that the edifice alone consumed more gold and silver than at present exists upon the whole earth; so that Josephus very justly says that "Solomon made all these things for the honor of God, with great variety and magnificence, sparing no cost, but using all possible liberality in adorning the Temple." We learn, as one instance of liberality, from the 2nd Book of Chronicles, that Solomon paid annually to the Tyrian Masons, the servants of Hiram, "twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil" The *bath* was a measure equal to seven and a half gallons wine measure; and the *cor* or *chomer*, which we translate by the indefinite word *measure*, contained ten baths; so that the corn, wine, and oil furnished by King Solomon, as wages to the servants of Hiram of Tyre, amounted to one hundred and ninety thousand bushels of the first, and one hundred and fifty thousand gallons each of the second and third. The sacred records do not inform us what further wages they received, but we elsewhere learn that King Solomon gave them as a free gift a sum equal to more than thirty two millions of dollars. The whole amount of wages paid to the craft is stated to have been about six hundred and seventy two millions of dollars; but we have no means of knowing how that amount was distributed; though it is natural to suppose that those of the most skill and experience received the highest wages. The Harodim, or chiefs of the workmen, must have been better paid than the Ish Sabal, or mere laborers.

The legend-makers of Masonry have not been idle in their invention of facts and circumstances in relation to this subject, the whole of which have little more for a foundation than the imaginations of the inventors. They form, however, a part of the legendary history of Masonry, and are interesting for their ingenuity, and sometimes even for their absurdity.

*Tnx Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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## BRETHREN

Please look at your address label .....  
 if there is a dreaded "X" before your name it  
 means that this may be your last copy of the  
 newsletter. Sorry .....

## THE APRON

Guard thou this Apron even as thy soul!  
 High Badge it is of an undaunted band,  
 Which, from the dawn of dim forgotten time,  
 Has struggled upward in a quest of light;-  
 Light that is found in reverence of Self,  
 Unselfish Brother-love and love of God.  
 This light now on thine Apron shines undimmed;  
 Let ne'er a shadow intercept its beams.  
 Thine eyes late saw the sun burst from the East,  
 Marking the morn of thy Masonic day;  
 Calling forth to labor with thy peers,  
 Gird then thy lambskin on; nor fail to find  
 In it a thought of brooks and sweet clean fields,  
 Haunts of this lamb through many a sunny hour.  
 Find in it too, a nobler thought of Him  
 The Light ineffable, that Lamb of God,  
 Immaculate, unstained by shame or sin,  
 Who dying, left ensample to all men  
 Who would build lives in purity and truth.  
 In Wisdom plan thy Apprentice task; divide  
 Thy time with care, thy moments spend as though  
 Each day were lifelong, life but as a day.  
 In purity of heart and sheer integrity  
 Use thy gavel on each stubborn edge,  
 Divesting thought of aught perchance might stain,  
 Or scar, or tear this badge of shining white.  
 At Midday in the Craft's high fellowship,  
 Gird round thy life these bands of loyal blue,  
 Uniting with thee all thee akin.  
 Strong in deepening knowledge, bend thy skill  
 To leveling false pride in place attained,  
 To squaring thy foundations with the truth,  
 To setting each new stone in rectitude.  
 When in the West the Evening turns to gold  
 And beautifies what Strength and Wisdom reared,  
 Pause not, but search thy trestle-board, God's plan.

Tnx *THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION*  
 of The United States  
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## The Transcontinental Railroad

tapped out in **Morse Code**: "Stand by we are done praying." With the news that the Golden Spike had been driven, a hundred guns were fired in New York, the Liberty Bell was rung in Philadelphia and "the annexation of the United States" was proclaimed in San Francisco.

Tnx Masonic Trivia and Facts by Allen E. Roberts, P.M.

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## Amateurs support hospital communications during telecommunications outage

**W**hen construction equipment accidentally severed two telecommunications trunk lines serving Tustin Hospital and Medical Center (THMC) in California on October 6, the hospital knew just whom to call. Members of the Orange County Hospital Disaster Support Communication System (HDSCS) responded promptly to fill in, as the 177-bed facility suddenly found itself without telephone, e-mail, fax, fire alarms or paging service. The initial seven HDSCS responders eventually grew to two dozen over the course of the 16-hour outage that began in the late afternoon and continued until the following morning.

April Moell, WA6OPS, and two other fixed-stations handled incoming and outgoing telephone calls on behalf of THMC. Message traffic began to flow as soon as HDSCS operators got to their assigned stations, and hospital staffers re-established links with patients' physicians on the outside. "Although we have participated in numerous drills at THMC in the past, some newer employees were unfamiliar with Amateur Radio's capability," said Moell, who founded the 80-member ARES group in 1980. "They seemed amazed that HDSCS support has been completely free of cost to them. It's a true community service." HDSCS has agreements to provide backup communication to 34 acute-care medical facilities in Orange County. This month's activation marked the 85th in HDSCS' history for a hospital communication failure and the fifth emergency activation this year.

Tnx *ARRL Letter* 10-22-04

## Oldest US ham SK

**W**illiam F. "Bill" Diaper, KJ6KQ, of Union City, California, died October 10. He was 104 and apparently the oldest radio amateur in the US—if not the world—as well as the oldest member of the ARRL. A native of Great Britain, Diaper had been living in a long-term care facility and occasionally was able to get on the air from a ham shack in the facility's basement. ARRL Pacific Division officials had invited Diaper to attend Pacificcon—the Pacific Division convention—this past weekend. "The response was 'ill and unable to travel,'" said Pacific Division Vice Director Andy Oppel, N6AJO. "We had planned to offer a toast in his honor at the convention banquet." Instead, Oppel said, he asked those attending the ARRL Forum to remember and honor all of the seniors in Amateur Radio. An acquaintance, Thomas "Fergy" Ferguson, N6SSQ, said Diaper had been a radio amateur for a relatively short time, first becoming licensed when he was around 75 years old and upgrading to Advanced when he was in his early 90s. Robert Galbasin, WOMHN, of Lakewood, Colorado, apparently succeeds Diaper as the oldest ham in the US. He will turn 104 on December 27.

Tnx *ARRL Letter* 10-22-04

## Famous Freemasons

**M**OSSES CLEVELAND: (1754-1806) *Founded Cleveland, Ohio in 1796, which was first called "Cleveland."* Born at Canterbury, Connecticut, he was at Yale University when the Revolution broke out. He rushed to Boston to volunteer, but was persuaded to return and finish his education. In 1777 he was commissioned in Colonel Blatchley Webb's Continentals (sometimes called the "Yale" regiment). After the war he practiced law in Connecticut and rose to a position of influence in the state. He represented his town in the general assembly for 18 sessions and commanded the 5th Militia Brigade for ten years. He led the exploration and survey party as an official of the Connecticut Land Company which had purchased the land in the Northwest Territory (later Ohio) and laid out several acres into townships. The venture was far from successful for the immediate investors.

He was made a Mason in American Union Lodge (military) in September 1779 while the army was stationed in the Hudson Highlands. At Litchfield, Connecticut he affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge in 1781, and in 1791 was named master of Moriah Lodge - the first to be chartered by the new Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He also appears in the grand lodge minutes as grand junior warden pro-tem at one communication, and was the first appointed grand marshal. As deputy for the grand master, he instituted Putnam Lodge at Pomfret, Connecticut in 1801.

Tnx *10,000 Famous Freemasons*  
by William R. Denslow

## Where was the first Masonic Library founded?

**S**oon after the Grand Lodge of Iowa was established in 1844, Theodore S. Parvin, with five dollars granted by the Grand Lodge, started a Masonic library now worth millions of dollars (if a price could be placed on its contents). Later it erected the first building anywhere in the world exclusively for use as a Masonic Library. Today, in Cedar Rapids, it has a beautiful office and library building.

Tnx *MASONIC TRIVIA and FACTS* by W.B. Allen E. Roberts

## THE YEAR

**T**he *Solar* or astronomical year was, 265 years B.C., determined to comprise 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 51 seconds. The *Lunar* year, comprehending 12 moons, or 354 days, 8 hours and 48 minutes, was the regulator of time among the Chaldeans, Persians and Jews. Till the time of the William the Conqueror, the English began their year on the 25th of December. Down to 1732 the year did not legally commence till the 25th of March. In Scotland, at that date, the year began on the 1st of January.

To adjust the calendar, a new one was published by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, omitting ten days, the 5th of October becoming the 15th. The New style was not adopted in Great Britain till 1752, when the eleven days were jumped, the 3rd of September being reckoned the 14th.

Tnx *THE SHIBBOLETH*

By

George Cooper Conner, P.G.C.

1909

## VANDAL FELLS TWO TOWERS

**M**ilwaukee, Wisconsin: A company that owns two power transmission towers that were deliberately toppled two weeks ago says that it is willing to pay big bucks to have the person who did it put behind prison bars.

The American Transmission Company is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the criminal act that left 17,000 customers without electrical service. News reports in one say that a person or persons unknown removed the base bolts from the eighty five foot towers causing them to tumble.

American Transmission says that it is installing two temporary wooden structures to support the downed power lines until such time as replacements can be put in. Meantime investigators want the person behind these criminal acts behind bars before he or she strikes again.

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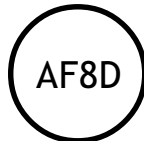
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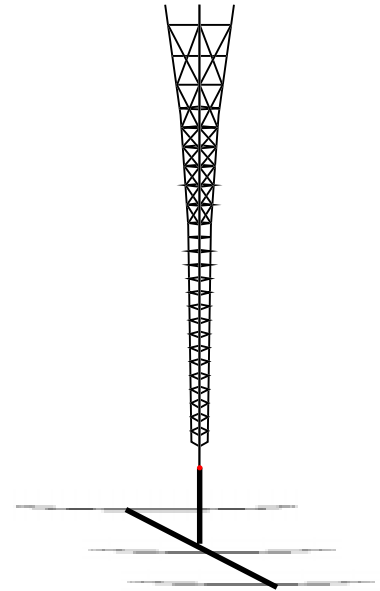
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January 15	SCARA HAMFEST at Civic Center .....	Gallatin, Tennessee
February 5	Charleston Amateur Radio Society HAMFEST .....	Charleston, South Carolina
February 5-6	Dade Radio Club TROPICAL JAMBOREE .....	Miami, Florida
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