

# Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society

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*The Fraternity within The Fraternity*

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## Strange Signals on 7238 KHz

According to Bob Gonsett, W6VR, for the past three weeks, hams in the southwestern U.S. have been reporting a mysterious signal in the 40-meter band. One party described it as a "mechanical sound." Another speculated that it was "data."

Engineers at Communications General Corporation in Fallbrook, California took a quick look at the situation on September 6 and at 3:20 PM Pacific Daylight Savings Time the company found several close-spaced CW carriers. The four strongest signals at CGC's lab were on 7238.063, 7238.150, 7238.237 and 7238.412 kHz. The signal on 7238.237 was the strongest of the group and the frequencies reported should each be accurate to better than plus or minus 30 Hz.

Communications General says it is not sure if the signal was coming from one specially modulated transmitter or from transmitters at different locations. Bob Gonsett adds that it will be interesting to learn the source or sources of these transmissions. (W6VR, CGC)

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## AMBER ALERT Links to the Web

The nation's Amber Alert system has become a web available tool. This, thanks to a portal made available by the E2C company of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Until now, Amber Alerts have been a primarily radio based technology. This meant that messages had depended on the nation's Emergency Alert system for relay and delivery. The new Web-based system can process and transmit the same emergency information more quickly and make it available to a wider variety of devices. It also comes with software that pinpoints the location of a child abduction and sends out emergency notification targeted to that geographic area.

As of now, Amber Alert managers in 11 states have access to the new portal. Use of the system is expected to expand to the 49 states that have statewide Amber Alert systems. Hawaii has no statewide system but has several local alert networks. (E2C)

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## William Howard Taft

President, Chief Justice, made a Mason at sight

Brother William Howard Taft was made a Master Mason at sight by M.W. Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson on February 18, 1909. At the time, Taft was President-elect of the United States.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a great gathering of Brethren assembled in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Numerous high ranking Masons from around the country and the world were present, including 18 visiting Grand Masters, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, three officers of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, seven Past Grand Commanders, 11 visiting 33rd Degree Masons and a large number of 33rd Degree members of Ohio. The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, all of Ohio were also represented. Of the 500 Worshipful Masters of Ohio Lodges, 302 were present, as were 20 of the District Lecturers.

The actual ceremony was simple and brief, lasting only one hour. Grand Master Hoskinson opened an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of conferring upon Mr. Taft the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. After propounding the customary questions and receiving the required answers, Hoskinson obligated the candidate in the Entered Apprentice degree and instructed him in the unwritten work of the degree. The same was done for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. After the reading of the Master Mason charge, the Grand Master proclaimed that Brother William Howard Taft, having received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, be a Master Mason in good and regular standing.

Following the ceremony, Grand Master Hoskinson presented him with a new morocco leather Bible, which Brother Taft inscribed: "To Grand Master Hoskinson, with gratitude and fraternal good wishes of William Howard Taft, made a Master Mason February 18, 1909." This Bible with several other Taft artifacts is now displayed at the Grand Lodge Museum in Worthington, Ohio.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

### RUFFIANS

The traitors of the Third Degree are called *Assassins* in continental Masonry and in the high degrees. The English and American Masons have adopted in their ritual the more homely appellations of *Ruffians*. The fabricators of the high degrees adopted a variety of names for these *Assassins*, but the original names are preserved in the rituals of the York and American Rites. There is no question that has so much perplexed Masonic antiquaries as the true derivation and meaning of these three names. In their present form, they are confessedly uncouth and without apparent signification. Yet it is certain that we can trace them to the earliest appearance of the legend of the Third Degree, and it is equally certain that at the time of their adoption some meaning must have been attached to them. Attempts, it is true, have been made to find the root of these three names in some recondite reference to the Hebrew names of God. But there is no valid authority for any such derivation. The character and conduct of the supposed possessors of these names preclude the idea of any congruity and appropriateness between them and any of the Divine names. And the literary condition of the Craft at the time of the invention of the names equally precludes the probability that any names would have been fabricated of a recondite signification, and which could not have been readily understood and appreciated by the ordinary class of Masons who were to use them. The names must naturally have been of a construction that would convey a familiar idea, would be suitable to the incidents in which they were to be employed, and would be congruous with the character of the individuals upon whom they were to be bestowed.

Tnx Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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## Engineer Electrocuted while working alone at Tower Site

The hazards of working near power lines has been brought front and center again. This with word that a Wyoming broadcast engineer has killed while working at a transmitter site in Colorado.

Thirty nine year old Robin Bradley Thomas was killed while working alone, trying to install a radio transmitter. The accident happened about 18 miles northwest of Red Feather Lakes in northern Colorado. Indications are that Thomas of Cheyenne died when he accidentally came in contact with high-voltage and was electrocuted. Thomas was described as an experienced engineer who contracted out his services.

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## William Howard Taft

At 7:30 P.M. that evening, Brother Taft, seated with the visiting Grand officers on stage, watched the officers and craftsmen of Kilwinning Lodge No. 350 confer the sublime degree of Master Mason on Brother Frank H. Heitman. At this time, the members of Kilwinning Lodge presented Brother Taft with a lamb-skin apron.

Brother Taft was considered a Mason at large, paying his dues to the Grand Lodge until April 14, 1909, when he affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge. Both his father and brother had been members of Kilwinning Lodge, and he maintained his membership there until his death on March 8, 1930.

Tnx *The Beacon*, Winter Edition 2003

## I See You've Traveled Some

Wherever you may chance to be - wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands or just at home sweet home

It always gives you pleasure, it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer, "I see you've traveled some."

When you get a Brother's greeting and he takes you by the hand, it thrills you with a feeling that you cannot understand.

You feel that bond of Brotherhood, that tie that's sure to come. When you hear him say in a friendly way, "I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger in strange lands all alone  
If fate has left you stranded - dead broke and far from home. It thrills you - makes you numb - when he says with a grip of fellowship "I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes, to take a last long trip, adorned with a White Lambskin Apron and gems of fellowship, the Tiler at the Golden Gate, with Square and Level and Plumb will size up your pin and say "Walk in, I see you've traveled some."

The Trestleboard of Columbia Lodge No. 44 Miamitown, Ohio

Author Unknown

Tnx Bro. Carl Morgan, K8CM

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## Television Channels - What happened to Channel 1?

When the FCC first allocated broadcast TV frequencies back in the 1940s, it tried to divide the VHF spectrum fairly between FM radio stations and TV stations. Because each TV channel requires a bandwidth vastly larger than an individual radio station, the FCC made available only 13 channels - Channel 1 through 13 - for television use.

Not long after that, however, the FCC decided that TV had an unfair share of the broadcast spectrum, so it took back what had been Channel 1 and gave that band of frequencies primarily to mobile radio users.

Tnx TV Plus

## What is the "Masonic Goat?"

Pan is one of the most ancient of mythological gods. Originally he was gentle, rather whimsical god with a sense of humor, the Arcadian god of the shepherds, chief of the inferior deities, the child of Mercury and Penelope. Pan possessed long ears and horns; the lower half of his body was that of a goat. He invented Pan's Pipes, or *syrix*. From him we have the word "panic," the state into which barbarians were thrown on invading ancient Greece and seeing Pan.

When early Christians drew upon mythology, they modified and changed it; gentle Pan became Satan! To the mind, Satan, or the devil, was a he-goat. Thus the devil came into possession of horns and a tail and the familiar cloven hoofs. Later, the devil was supposed to appear riding on a goat.

In the early days of Masonry in London, the enemies of the Fraternity employed ridicule; processions of Mock Masons, the Gormogons and other organizations, made fun of the society; they said that Freemasons were accustomed to raise the devil in their lodges - and of course, he appeared riding on his goat!. Gradually the belief came into being that Freemasons "rode the goat."

Tales of the Masonic goat carry forward a ridicule of the Order begun more than two hundred years ago. Lodge room goats perpetuate an ignorant superstition and slander the fair name of the Institution by indicating that its practices are still anti-religious and blasphemous.

Tnx *One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry*  
The Masonic Service Association



Bro. Myrhl R. Lemley, W8MND  
Louisville, Ohio  
September 7, 2004



Tnx Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, K8AGB

## Wor. Bro. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ

Brethren - Please Welcome our newest member of the **Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society Advisory Board**. Here is a partial list of his Masonic and Amateur Radio activities and qualifications:



- \* **Paramuthia Lodge #25, F& A.M., Athens, Ohio**, Worshipful Master - 1992
- \* Mount Vernon Chapter #23, Royal Arch, High Priest - 1993-94  
Currently Serving as King  
Grand Chapter of Ohio, District 13 "Best High Priest" - 1993-94  
Grand Chapter of Ohio, District 13 President - 1997
- \* Council of Royal and Select Masons, Athens Council #15, Illustrious Master
- \* Knight Templar in Calvary Commandery #13, Portsmouth, Ohio
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Athens County Shrine Club
- \* Athens Chapter #175, Order of Eastern Star
- \* Athens Assembly #90 Order of Rainbow for Girls
- \* International Guild of Masonic Webmasters
- \* Ohio Priory #18, Knight York Cross of Honor #2609
- \* Webmaster. "Freemasonry in Southeast Ohio."

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- \* **Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society**
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- \* Advisor for Athens High School Amateur Radio Club
- \* Communications Director for Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure - 2003-04, Operator 1997, 2001-02
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- \* Volunteer Examiner for ARRL and W5YI
- \* Disaster Action Team Communications Group Member for Athens County Red Cross
- \* Disaster Communications for Athens County Emergency Management Agency
- \* Maintain Winlink/Telpac packet node for disaster communications

And much more .....

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## MASONRY - Like a Maiden

Masonry is like a virtuous and beautiful maiden of many moods.

**SHE IS QUIETLY RELIGIOUS** - as when, mindful that she is a companion to religion and not a religion herself, she solemnly charges us never to engage in any great or important undertaking without first invoking the aid and blessing of Deity.

**SHE IS PROUDLY PATRIOTIC** - as when, under the folds of Old Glory, she exhorts us to be quiet and peaceful citizens who are true to our country and who do not countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority.

**SHE IS COY** - as when, if only for a fleeting moment, she would give the appearance of levity, but instead dramatically proclaims her profound Lesson of Charity.

**SHE IS RESOLUTE** - as when, she demands of each of us a strict obedience to her laws and to her obligations, under penalties sanctioned by ancient usage or modern jurisprudence, or when she calls us to the discharge of the Three Great Duties of a Freemason: To God, our neighbors, and to ourselves.

**SHE IS SCHOLARLY** - as when, with patient and consummate skill, she leads us up the Winding Stairs to the Light and Wages of the Middle Chamber and stimulates within us a new and greater appreciation for the Liberal Arts and Sciences and their application to our daily living.

**SHE IS DRAMATIC** - as when, on the stage of symbolism, she unfolds that great and consoling Lesson of Immortality veiled in the life-death allegory of the Sublime Degree.

**SHE IS MERCIFUL** - as when, in inspiring Prestonian literature, she reminds us that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices and exhorts us to be ever mindful of our obligations to all mankind.

**SHE IS CONSTANT** - as when, she entreats us to be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet - at all times in all things, remembering to avoid all extremes in living-thinking which would impair our relationship with our God and with our fellowman.

**SHE IS TENDER** - as when, with misty eye, she watches while saddened Brethren gather about the bier of a departed Brother to redeem a solemn pledge and tenderly lay his Lambskin above his breast.

**SHE IS COMPASSIONATE** - as when, she points to our constant duties to a distressed worthy Brother and to the widow and the orphan.

**SHE IS PROUD** - as when, she proclaims the Goal for which she has steadfastly carried the banner for countless ages: The I, in our daily living, permit her to be seen by the world arrayed in all the queenly dignity of the Jewels of the Craft.

Most Worshipful George O. Thorne, Grand Master of New Mexico

Royal Arch Mason, Spring 1966  
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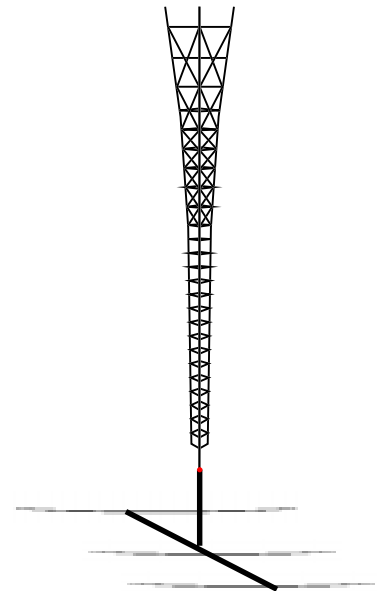
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October 31	Massillon Amateur Radio Club HAMFEST .....	Canton, Ohio
October 31	Mason-Dixon HAMFEST .....	Westminster, Maryland
November 6-7	Stone Mountain HAMFEST .....	Lawrenceville, Georgia
November 13	Fort Wayne HAMFEST - Indiana State ARRL Convention .....	Fort Wayne, Indiana
November 13	Kentucky Mountain Amateur Radio Club - Hazard Swapfest .....	Hazard, Kentucky
November 27	EARS HAMFEST .....	Evansville, Indiana

## 2005

January 8	Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium .....	Middletown, Ohio
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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