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Masonic Service Association

News reports have certainly confirmed how devastating the damage to people and property was after the recent *Hurricanes* swept through areas of Florida. The devastation is great and help is desperately needed.

Please forward to the **Masonic Service Association** such funds as you feel appropriate to help out our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken Masonic jurisdiction.

Please make checks payable to the **MSA Disaster Relief Fund** and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785

Thank you very much for your help!

Tnx THE OHIO MASON

AMSTAT Eagle Satellite Project

Structural damage to the airport hangar housing the AMSAT Laboratory in Orlando, caused when *Hurricane Charley* made its way across Florida August 13, has led authorities to condemn the building.

The storm, with winds of 100 MPH or greater, passed directly over the Orlando Executive Airport, which is home to the Lab. AMSAT now must begin a search for a new facility to support development of the *Eagle Satellite Project*. On the plus side, the Lab's equipment and inventory are in good shape, and AMSAT members in the vicinity weathered the storm with relatively minor damage. On the minus side, AMSAT has little time to move out and find temporary storage for its belongings so the building can be razed, and its insurance does not cover the costs of temporary storage or moving to another facility.

Photos by Lou McFadin, W5DID, are on the AMSAT Web site <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/lab/>>.

Tnx ARRL Letter

George Washington's Masonic Aprons

Two aprons of a Masonic and historic character were owned by General George Washington. One of these was brought to this country by our Masonic Brother, the Marquis de Lafayette, in 1784. An object of his visit was to present to General Washington a beautiful white satin apron bearing the National colors, red, white and blue, and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the handiwork of Madame la Marquise de Lafayette. This apron, according to Brother Julius F. Sachse, was enclosed in a handsome rosewood box when presented to Brother George Washington.

Another apron was presented to General Washington. This gift was also made in France and the similarity of purpose and of origin has caused some confusion as to the identity of the two aprons that were happily preserved and proudly cherished by their late owners after the death of Brother Washington.

The gift of the second apron was due to the fraternal generosity of Brother Elkanah Watson and his partner, M. Cassoul, of Nantes, France. The name Cassoul in the old records is also spelled Cossoul and Casson. Watson and Cassoul acted as confidential agents for the American Government during the revolutionary period, the former being also a bearer of dispatches from Doctor Benjamin Franklin.

Brother Sachse, in the above-mentioned work, quotes Brother Watson from a book *Men and Times of the Revolution*, or *Memoirs of Elkanah Watson*, as follows: "Wishing to to pay some mark of respect to our beloved Washington, I employed, in conjunction with my friend M. Cossoul, nuns in one of the convents at Nantes to prepare some elegant Masonic ornaments and gave them a plan for combining the American and French flags on the apron



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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

The Common Gavel

The common *gavel* is one of the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. It is made use of by the Operative Mason to break off the corners of rough ashlar, and thus fit it the better for the builder's use, and is therefore adopted as a symbol in Speculative Freemasonry, to admonish us of the duty of divesting our minds and consciences of all the vices and impurities of life, thereby fitting our bodies as living stones for that spiritual building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. It borrows its name from its shape, being that of the *gable* or *gavel* end of a house; and this word again comes from the German *gipfel*, a *summit*, *top* or *peak* - the idea of a pointed extremity being common to all.

The true form of the gavel is that of the stonemason's hammer. It is to be made with a cutting edge,



as in the engraving, that it may be used to break off the corners of rough stones, an operation which could never be effected by the common hammer or mallet. The gavel thus shaped will give, when looked at in the front, the exact representation of the gavel or gable end of a house, whence, as has already said, the name is derived.

The gavel of the Master is also called a Hiram, because, like that architect, it governs the Craft and keeps order in the Lodge, as he did in the Temple.

Tnx Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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10 METER INTRUDER WARNED

Dandy Service Corporation of Warrendale, Pennsylvania, was issued a warning notice for unlicensed radio operations on 28.085 MHz. Two of their vehicles were the source of transmissions on August 5th of this year in Michigan on Interstate 94 at mile-marker 262.

Dandy Service was told to advise its drivers that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a license is a violation of the Communications Act of 1934. That it could subject the operator to fine or imprisonment, as well as an seizure of any non-certified radio transmitting equipment. Monetary forfeitures normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Tnx Newsline

Did you Know?

In 1909, the SOS signal was first used by a US ship, the *Arapahoe*, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

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George Washington's Masonic Aprons

designed for this use. They were executed in a superior and expensive style. We transmitted them to America, accompanied by an appropriate address."

An autographed replay of the address was written by Brother Washington and this letter purchased from the Watson family and thus came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Washington apron owned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was first given by the legatees of Brother George Washington to the Washington Benevolent Society on October 26, 1816, and was presented to the Grand Lodge on July 3, 1829.

The other Washington apron and sash came into the possession of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, at Alexandria, Virginia, on June 3, 1812, and as recorded in the *Lodge of Alexandria-Washington*, were presented, along with the box made in France which contained them, by Major Lawrence Lewis, a nephew of Washington, on behalf of his son, Master Lorenzo Lewis.

The pamphlet, *George Washington the Man and the Mason*, prepared by the Research Committee, Brother C.C. Hunt, Chairman, of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1921, raises the question as to the number of degrees conferred upon Brother Washington. Fredricksburg, Virginia, where Brother Washington received his Masonic Degrees, conferred the Royal Arch Degree under the authority of its Lodge Warrant. In fact, the first known record of this degree being conferred anywhere is in the minutes of this Lodge under the date of December 22, 1753. There is a reference to the degree by the Grand Committee of the Antients, September 2, 1752, and the books of Vernon Lodge, No. 123, Coleraine in Ireland, show that a "Master and Royal Arch Mason" was proposed for membership, April 16, 1752, and also that a Royal Arch reception was held on March 11, 1745.

On the flap of the apron presented to Washington are the familiar letters H T W S S T K S arranged in the usual circular form. Within the circle is a beehive which may indicate the Mark selected by the wearer. On apron made especially for Washington it is probable that he was a Mark Master Mason at least, and that it is not likely that this emblem would have been placed on the apron had the facts been otherwise. Certainly the beehive as an emblem of industry was an appropriate Mark for Washington to select.

Tnx *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*
by Brother Albert G. Mackey 33^o

VANITY FEE REMINDER

A reminder from the FCC that the new **Amateur Radio vanity call sign fee** of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term became effective on Tuesday, August 10. Not on Friday, August 6 as had previously announced.

The reason for the last minute change? A management-level staffer in the *FCC's Office of Managing Director* explained to the ARRL that the Commission was not necessarily bound by the August 6 effective date *The Federal Register* indicates. That date was 30 days after publication of the order containing the new fee schedule.

Tnx *Amateur Radio Newsline*

The Big Transmitter Hunt

The U.S. Navy has built an exotic radar system to track earth orbiting satellites, and the system has been in place for many years.

The Navy's satellite tracking system consists of multiple transmit and receive sites across the U.S. And if you think UHF moon bounce antennas have gain, wait until you see the giant array built near Lake Kickapoo, Texas. This **two mile long antenna** transmits continuously on 216.98 Mhz with an unmodulated carrier and has a beamwidth of only 0.02 degrees in one plane. So powerful is the transmitted signal that when the moon passes through the beam, the return echo is said to be detectable on earth with only a dipole antenna attached to a receiver! Talk about the ultimate E-M-E.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newsline

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Please look at your address label

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

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WELCOME!

New Hiram's Hams Sweethearts

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Tnx Colonel Sister Connie Hamilton, N8IO

Sister Barbara Desormeau, KD5SVX

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Saugerties, New York

Tnx Wor. Bro. David Desormeau, KD5RHL

New Member of the Hiram's Hams Advisory Board

We are pleased to announce that Worshipful Brother Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, of Athens, Ohio, has been appointed to our Advisory Board. A summary of his Masonic and Amateur Radio biography will appear in the October edition of the newsletter.

Bro. Lee Kariger, WA6VYQ

At a ceremony on July 31, 2004 at the Annual Masonic/Order of the Eastern Star luncheon in Orlando, Florida, Brother Lee Kariger, WA6VYQ, received his Medal and 50 year pin in Masonry.



Presentation was made by Right Worshipful Brother Henry F. Smith, District Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in Panama.

Brother Lee is a 50 year member of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies in Panama and a member of Abou Saad Temple AONMS.

Brother Lee has been Net Control of the Masonic Fellowship Net on 14.328 MHz. for the past 20 years.

A note from Brother Kariger:

In January my wife Nancy, the Grand Marshal, and I traveled to the Republic of Panama to visit with the Brethren and their ladies of our District Grand Lodge at the Panama Canal. The **Right Worshipful Henry F. Smith, Jr.**, District Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Panama and his lady, Nora were our hosts.

During our visit we participated in the installation of the District Grand Lodge Officers, visited the Grand Lodge of Panama, were guests at the installation of the officers of the Scottish Rite Bodies, met our brethren of the York Rite and the Nobles of Abou Saad Shrine Center. **Most Worshipful E. L. Cortez, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Panama**, together with Brethren of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and our District Grand Lodge members enjoyed fellowship at a Table Lodge. It was a wonderful time to share fellowship with brethren from three Grand Lodges.

Masonic Secrets Revealed

Have you ever wondered what the Latin inscriptions in Scottish Rite centers meant?

Spes Mea in Deo Est

My hope is in God
(The motto of the 32^o)

Deus Meumque Jus

God and My Right

(The motto of the 33^o engraved inside the ceremonial ring of the degree. It is the Latin translation of the French: *Dieu et mon Droit*, which is the motto on the Royal Arms of England)

Laborare Est Orare

Work is worship

Ordo ab Chao

Order out of chaos

Virtus Junxit Mors non Separabit

Whom Virtue has joined, death will not separate
(Engraved inside the 14^o ring)

Gloria Dei est Celare Verbum

The Glory of God is in the word

E Pluibus Unum

Out of many, one

Ne Varietur

Let it not be Changed

Salve Frater

Greetings, Brother

Nemo est Supra Leges

No one is above the law

Fiat Lux

Let there be light

In Deo Fiducia Nostra

Our trust is in God

In Hoc Signo Vinces

In this sign thou shalt conquer

Ne Plus Ultra

Nothing more beyond

(Adopted by the founders of the Degree of Kadosh, which supposes to have been the summit of Masonry or the point beyond which nothing more was to be sought. Higher degrees were later added, yet the motto has been retained by the Kadosh)

Lux e Tenebris

(A motto very commonly used in the caption of Masonic documents as expressive of the object of Masonry and of what the true Mason supposes himself to have attained.)

**Tnx The San Diego Scottish Rite Bulletin
and Wor. Bro. John Ochmann, WA8NDL**

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<http://geocities.com/lancastermasoniclodge/>

New Hiram's Hams!



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>> HIRAM'S HAMS CAPS

Wor. Bro. Kenneth G. Orner, WB2HZV

Hiram's Hams Caps!

..... Fund raising drive for the Society

This is a fun cap! A beautiful black cap (fits all sizes) with "Hiram's Ham," plus your *handle and call* on the front in embroidered GOLD lettering.

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 1101 Twilight Drive
 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068



Thanks to Brother Ben Driver, N8JUD, for his efforts in making these Hiram's Hams Caps possible!

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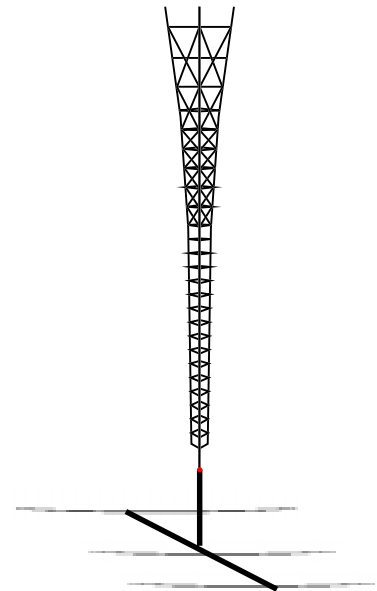
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2004

- September 18 Kingsport and Bays Mt. Amateur Radio Clubs <marcump@preferred.com>Kingsport, Tennessee
- September 18-19 Chicago FM Club Radio Exposition Grayslake, Illinois
- September 19 Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association <www.the mikeandkey.com> Cincinnati, Ohio
- September 24-25 Ten Tec Hamfest <www.tentec.com> Sevierville, Tennessee
- September 26 Hamfest Association of Cleveland <www.hac.org> Cleveland, Ohio
- October 9 North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club <ks7h@jhasz.com> Bremerton, Washington
- October 10 Maysville Hamfest Association <bhighland@greenvillenc.gov> Maysville, North Carolina
- October 10 Connecticut State ARRL Convention <www.nutmeghamfest.com> Wallingford, CT
- October 23 Twin City FM Club <www.hamfestmn.org> Saint Paul, Minnesota
- October 30 San Diego Ham Radio Roundup San Diego ARRL Section <wa6mhz@arrl.net> San Diego, CA
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- November 13 Kentucky Mountains Amateur Radio Club Hazard Swapfest Hazard, Kentucky
- November 13 Fort Wayne Hamfest ARRL Convention Fort Wayne, Indiana
- November 20 Flamingo/UM Amateur Radio Club Free Flea Market Coral Gables, Florida
- University of Miami Amateur Radio Club and the Flamingo Net <www.FlamingoNet.8m.net>

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