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## What is the Tiler's Oath?

The examination of visitors is accompanied by several forms, which, as they are used in the presence of a person not known to be a Mason, and who, after having participated in them, is often rejected, because he cannot give sufficient proof of his Masonic character, necessarily form no part of the secret portions of our ritual, and can therefore be safely committed to paper and openly published, as any of the other ordinary business of a Lodge. To assert to the contrary - to say, for instance, that the "Tiler's obligation," so called because it is administered to the visitor in the Tiler's room, and usually in the presence of that officer, is a Masonic secret - is to assert, that that which is secret, and a portion of our mysteries, may be openly presented to a person whom we do not know to be a Mason, and who therefore receives this instruction before he has proved his right to it by "strict trial and due examination." The very fact that the "Tiler's obligation" is to be administered to such an unknown person, is the very best argument that can be adduced that it no more constitutes a part of our secret instructions than do the public ceremonies of laying corner stones, or burying our dead.

The visitor, therefore, who desires admission into a Lodge, and who presents himself for preparatory examination, is required to take the following oath in the presence of the examining committee, each of whom he may likewise require to take the same oath with him; "I, (name) do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear, that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in a just and legally constituted Lodge of such; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled; and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my Brethren."

This declaration having been confirmed in the most solemn manner, the examination is then commenced with the necessary forms.

Tnx *Masonry Defined*  
by Brother and Doctor Albert G. Mackey 33°

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## FCC ready to Roll-Out BPL Nationwide

The FCC says that the rollout of Broadband over powerlines should continue, but certain safeguards are needed to prevent interference from the system causing destructive interference to existing spectrum users. This, as the FCC announces rules changes on Thursday, February 12th that the agency claims will foster broadband deployment using the significantly untapped capabilities of the nation's power grid.

The Part 15 rule changes, proposed in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the Commission proposes rules requiring BPL devices to employ adaptive interference mitigation techniques to prevent harmful interference to existing users, such as public safety and amateur radio operators. These techniques would enable BPL devices to cease operations altogether, dynamically reduce transmit power, and/or avoid operating on specific frequencies to prevent harmful interference.

But that's not all. The NPRM also proposes developing a public database that would include such information as location, operational frequencies, and modulation type of BPL devices. This says the FCC should facilitate the resolution of interference issues in a timely fashion.

As to the desire of the power industry to raise RF limits, the FCC says "no - not now". Instead, it seeks comment on specific RF measurement guidelines for BPL devices and other carrier current systems. The FCC says that these guidelines will ensure that emission measurements for these systems are made in a consistent manner.

Will these safeguards be enough to permit BPL and radio services to co-exist? Only in-depth study of the overall FCC Notice will reveal that answer. Right now, it's just too soon to say.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON MASONIC PUNISHMENT

The object of all punishment, according to the jurists, is twofold: to vindicate the offended majesty of the law, and to prevent its future violation by others, through the impressive force of example. In reference to this latter view, it is reported of Lord Mansfield that on a certain occasion he said, "A man is not hung because he has committed a larceny, but he is hung that larcenies may not be committed." That is perhaps the most humane and philosophical principle on which the system of punishments can be founded. To punish merely as a satisfaction of the law, partakes too much of the nature of private retaliation or revenge, to be worthy of statesmanlike policy.

But in the theory of Masonic punishments, another element is to be added. Punishment in Masonry is inflicted that the character of the institution may remain unsullied, and that the unpunished crimes of its members may not injuriously reflect upon the reputation of the whole society.

The right, on the part of the Masonic Order, to inflict punishment on its members, is derived from the very nature of all societies. "In as much as the formation of a society involves the idea of a moral obligation, each party is under moral obligation to fulfil its part of the contract. The society is bound to do what it has promised to every individual, and to every individual is bound to do what he has promised to the society." It is the mutual obligation which makes a violation of a purely Masonic law a penal offense, and which gives to the Lodge the right of imposing the penalty. Protection of the good and punishment of the bad, are a part of the contract entered into by the Order, and each of its members.

But the nature of the punishment to be inflicted is restricted within certain limits by the peculiar character of the institution, which is adverse to some forms of penalty, and by the laws of the land which do not give to private corporations the right to impose certain species of punishment.

The infliction of fines or pecuniary penalties has, in modern times at least, been considered as contrary to the genius of Masonry, because the sanctions of Masonic law are of a higher nature than any that could be furnished by a pecuniary penalty. The imposition of a fine for transgression of duty, would be a tacit acknowledgment of the inadequacy of these sanctions, and would hence detract from their solemnity and binding nature.

Imprisonment and corporal punishment are equally adverse to the spirit of the institution, and are also prohibited by the laws of the land, which reserve the infliction of such penalties for their own tribunals. Masonic punishments are therefore restricted to the expression of disapprobation, or deprivation of Masonic rights, and may be considered under the following heads:

1. Censure; 2. Reprimand; 3. Exclusion; 4. Suspension, Definite or Indefinite; 5. Expulsion.

Tnx *Masonry Defined*

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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## Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Ask and ye shall receive

**O**n a cool night in January 2004, I was installed as Master of my second Lodge, Granville No. 380, up in the wilderness of southern Granville County, NC. We are a small Lodge, with only about 30 members, and had not had a petition for EA in over three years.

My first pledge, as new Master, was to try to increase both membership and participation by whatever legal and proper means were available. After the installation of officers and business meeting, we all adjourned to the kitchen/preparation room/dining hall for refreshments. There was a knock on the door, and a fine young gentleman informed us that he lived a couple of miles from the Lodge Hall, was passing by and noticed all the cars in the parking lot, and was interested in becoming a member. Needless to say, after a few initial questions to and from him, he was presented an application, and filled it out on the spot.

"Ask and ye shall receive. Seek and ye shall find, Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We can only hope that this kind of luck will follow us in the coming year! Several of the Brothers jokingly accused me of "staging" the event, but so help me God, it was a total surprise to me. I did not even know the applicant. But we will look forward to his becoming a "True and Faithful Brother among us."

Best Fraternal Greetings!  
Max Bloodworth, WM, Granville  
Lodge #380, Purnell, N.C.

## ROAD RADIO SAFETY: IN-CAR DISTRACTIONS

**D**rivers are distracted 16.1 percent of the time their vehicles were moving and cellphones nor two-way radio is not the main culprit. This, according to a study conducted by the *AAA Auto Club* and researchers at the *University of North Carolina*.

The investigation tracked 70 drivers from North Carolina and Pennsylvania. It found that Cellular telephones were not the major distraction. In fact only 30 percent of the subjects used a cell phone while their vehicle was moving compared with 97 percent who leaned over to reach for something and 91 percent who fiddled with the controls on their car's entertainment system.

The study found all drivers fiddle with their radios or engage in other distracting behavior. This, even when they're being watched as part of a study on distracted drivers.

Tnx *Amateur Radio Newslines* and *Science OnLine*

Right Worshipful Edward C. Gammeter, W8CSU  
P.D.D.G.M. of the 23rd Masonic District of Ohio, F& AM



R.W. Bro. Gammeter had been a Hiram's Ham  
since May 1994



Tnx Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, K8AGB

## ✠ Leland W. Smith, W5KL, sk ✠

**W**orshipful Brother Leland W. Smith, W5KL, of Harrison, Arkansas, died February 15. Smith was a Past Master of Jasper Lodge No. 21, F.& A.M., Harrison, Arkansas, and was secretary of his Lodge when he passed away. He had been a Hiram's Ham since January 3, 1998 when he was nominated by Brother Paul Cornell, W8EFW, sk

He had traveled in both the York and Scottish Rites and was a member of the *Ozark Shrine Temple, A.A.S.R.* in Harrison, Arkansas.

Wor. Bro. Smith was a Brigadier General (retired) in the *United States Marine Corp.* While serving as a Marine second lieutenant in the Pacific during World War II, Smith won a Bronze Star for bravery under fire and for maintaining vital communication during combat. He also collected three battle stars.

He was president emeritus of the *Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)* and the sitting president of the *Old Old Timer's Club (OOTC)*. He was a former member of the *Radio Club of America* board.

An amateur since 1930, Smith was highly regarded for his CW ability and powerfully efficient station. "He was the epitome of a good CW operator, as well as a good person," said Arkansas' ARRL Section Manager, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ. During his tenure with the Depression-era *Civilian Conservation Corps*, Smith once wrote that he was "able to continue my hobby as a radio amateur with low-power homemade equipment from my tent."

Tnx ARRL Letter

## Hiram's Hams Caps!

..... Fund raising drive for the Society .....

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

## Brother Warren G. Harding

Nineteen years elapsed between the initiation and raising of President Harding. He was initiated June 28, 1901 and raised August 27, 1920.

Tnx Ann Arbor Masonic News

## Mouth To Ear

By: Brother Ernest Borgnine, 33<sup>0</sup>

Member, Abingdon Lodge #48, Virginia

In 1946, I traveled with a friend down to a little town called Abingdon, Virginia, to see what the *Barter Theater* had to offer. It offered nothing except hard work and board. My friend, not accepting the work they offered him, stayed one day - I stayed five years. In that time I grew to love the town and all it offered. The people, in particular, were simply marvelous. Occasionally I would be assigned to go down to the printing shop and get posters made for the upcoming shows at the Barter Theater. One day, in talking to the owner of the print shop, one Elmo Vaughan, I found that he belonged to the local Masonic Lodge, No. 48, in Abingdon. My father was also a Mason and had advanced to the Thirty-second Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, and I told this to Elmo. He was pleased, and sensing his pleasure, I asked him if maybe I could join. He said nothing, continuing his work, and a short while later, I took my posters and left. The next time I saw Elmo, I asked him again about joining the Masonic Order - again he said nothing - and again my work took me away.

We became good friends and finally one day I passed by and again I asked if I could join the Masons. Instantly, he whipped out an application and I hurriedly filled it out. I didn't learn 'til later, that in those days, you had to ask three times. I was thrilled! Not only was I going to be the first actor ever in Lodge No. 48, but I could just imagine my father's surprise when I would spring the old greetings on him! I wanted only to surprise my Dad - and was I surprised, when after I was made an Entered Apprentice, I found I had to remember everything that happened to me at that event and come back and answer questions about it!

I was assigned to a dear old man of about 92 years of age who, I felt, must have been there when the Lodge first started. He was really of the old school - and he started me out with the foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear routine of teaching. Besides doing my work for the Barter Theater and a little acting to boot, I was also going to that dear Brother for my work in Masonry. I would tramp all over those lovely hills and work on my "Whence came you's" and one day - oh, one fine day - I stood foot-to-foot with my Brother and answered every question perfectly! I was ecstatic! I was overjoyed and couldn't wait to get to Lodge to show my ability as an Entered Apprentice.

After I quieted down, that dear Brother said, "You've done fine, but aren't you really only half started?" I couldn't believe him! I knew my work; what else was there? He said "Wouldn't it be better if you knew all the questions too?" I couldn't believe my ears! All that hard work and only half done? He gently sat me down foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear and taught me all the questions. That didn't come easy, because I was almost doing the work by rote, but with careful listening and by really applying myself, I was soon able to deliver all the questions and answers perfectly!

The night that I stood in front of the Lodge and was asked if I were ready to answer the questions of an Entered Apprentice, I respectfully asked if I could do both - questions and answers. I was granted that wish and later found that I was the second man in my Lodge to have ever done so! I am truly proud of that, never having demitted, I am still a member in good standing in Abingdon Lodge

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No. 48.

I tell this story not for the merit it might gain me, but to tell you that learning the Entered Apprentice obligation taught me a great lesson in acting as well: that before I ever attempt to do a part I should work, rehearse, feel, almost live that part to know what I am talking about!

As I've advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbors. We work hard to help our fellowman; and through our charitable work, such as support for the Childhood Language Disorders Centers, we have made it possible to help many children grow into good American citizens.

We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But - we are hiding our light under a bushel basket!

Recently I attended a dinner for a friend, and I ran across a Brother who identified himself in a hushed voice. I asked why he spoke in a whisper when talking about Masonry, and suddenly I realized he wasn't the only one who had ever done that. I speak out loud about Masonry to everyone! I'm proud of the fact that I belong to an organization that made me a better American, Christian, husband and neighbor; and all it took was a little self-determination by going foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee, and mouth-to-ear!

Tnx Wor. Bro. Max Bloodworth, K04TV  
de The Scottish Rite Journal

## Three Longtime ARRL Awards Discontinued

The ARRL Awards Branch has discontinued three longtime awards programs. Gone are *The Rag Chewer's Club*, *The Old Timer's Club* and *The Friendship Awards*.

According to the ARRL Letter, the society's Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says that the number of amateurs applying for awards in general has declined significantly over the years, and interest in these three awards had slowed to a trickle.

Mills says that the awards programs eliminated had outlived their interest level. He adds that the cessation of the three awards is effective immediately.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newsline

## New Hiram's Hams Sweethearts



Sister Marie Harvey, WA5ERT  
Harrison, Arkansas



Past Matron of Wimberley Chapter, Bellefont, Arkansas  
Nominated by Sister Connie Hamilton, N8IO



Sister Jean M. Zuehlke, KC6VYO  
Helmut, California



Nominated by Brother Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB



Sister Susan B. Underdown, WBOJET  
St. Charles, Missouri



Nominated by hubby, Wor. Bro. Jay Underdown, WOPS

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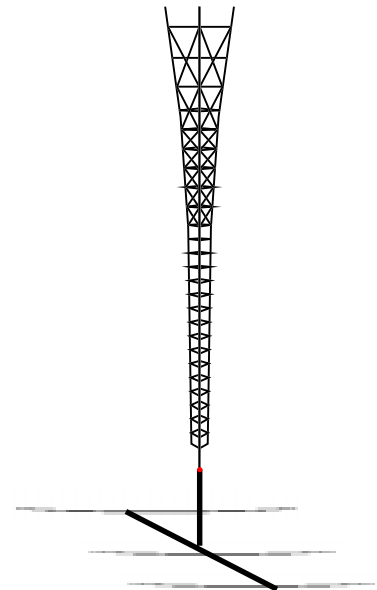
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March 13	North Arkansas Amateur Radio Society .....	<billrose@cox-internet.com> .....	Harrison, AR
March 13	Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association .....	<www.qsl.net/k9dur/tailgate.htm>.....	Terra Haute, IN
March 13	Mammoth Cave .....	<www.kyhx.org> .....	Cave City, KY
March 13-14	North Carolina ARRL Section Convention .....	Mecklenburg ARS .....	Charlotte, NC
		<www.w4bfb.org>	
March 20	Charleston Area Hamfest and Computer Show .....	<k8wmx@juno.com> .....	Charleston, WV
March 21	Toledo Mobile Radio Association .....	<www.tmraradio.org> .....	Maumee, OH
March 27	Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Society .....	<www.gulfcoastarc.org?> .....	New Port Richey, FL
April 3	Lincoln Trail Amateur Radio Club .....	<www.qsl.net/ltrars/index.html> .....	Elizabethtown, KY
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