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Wisconsin Ham takes BPL concerns to President Bush

An ARRL member from Wisconsin took advantage of a recent campaign visit by President George W. Bush to carry ham radio's concerns about broadband over power line (BPL) right to the top. Rich Kelly, KB9RNO, of Prairie du Chien, says he did what he could May 7 in the few moments it took to greet Bush and shake his hand.

"I wanted him to know that it was a concern for us," Kelly said. He got his chance when Bush was leaving the campaign event, he said, and was able to get very close to the president and shake his hand.

"I held his hand extra long and said, 'Mr. President, please support the Amateur Radio operators of America!'" Kelly says the president looked right at him and replied, "I do, I do."

As Bush moved on down the line of well-wishers, Kelly continued, "Broadband Internet over power lines is a real concern for us." He said the president turned back toward him and responded, "I know, I know about it."

"And in a flash, he was gone," Kelly said. "It doesn't really tell us much about his support or concern about the potential problem, but at least I know that he heard me and was aware that he was talking to a Amateur Radio supporter. That is my best effort for going right to the top!"

Kelly said the exchange took place as Bush made a planned campaign stop in Prairie du Chien, a Mississippi River community of some 6200 people. He said approximately 1500 were on hand for the occasion, and he managed to get a ticket to the "town hall meeting" the president addressed.

Kelly said he knew he had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to say something to the president on behalf of Amateur Radio. "Trying to find the right words when I knew that I only had a short time to do it was the hard part," he said.

Kelly says that while the president may have forgotten the exchange just as quickly as it occurred, he felt it was a worthwhile gesture nonetheless. "I made the effort and feel good about it," he said, adding, "Long live Amateur Radio!"

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The Invisible Lodge

When is an *Invisible Lodge* visible? When its members make it so This will happen this year on August 12, 13 and 14 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The occurrence will be when the *Invisible Lodge International* holds its first *International Convention* in over 50 years! The organization was founded by Brother Brewerton H. Clarke, stage name, Sir Felix Korim, in 1953 in Clinton, NY. There are now members in a dozen foreign countries and the number grows. Its purpose then, as it is now, was "*The Honorary Association of Masonic Magicians at Work under the Jurisdiction of the Known and Unknown Worlds*," making it one of the most unusual organizations related to Masonry.

So, simply put you have to have a dual affiliation: one of Masonry and the other Magic. Obviously there is some degree of flexibility here. As a male, your relationship must be that of a Master Mason and as a Magician, magic or a related artform. In the case of a female, you need to have a related association and both can be that of an amateur, semiprofessional or professional. An example of this would be Mark Raffles of England who is a *Professional, Pickpocket* entertainer while Ari Hoeksema of Canada is a *Ventriloquist*.

Don't be fooled, magicians started and comprise the majority of its members, such as Harry Houdini, Alexander Hermann, John Henry North, Harry Keller, Howard Thurston, Lee Grabel, John Calvert, Harry Blackstone, Jr., Jack Gwynn, Dante, Klinsor, Okito, and many others. Some were and some are members of the *Invisible Lodge*, but all were Masons. Interesting is the fact that several of the founders of magical and Masonic organizations were Magicians on one hand and Masons on the other. For instance, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the World's largest, where one of its founders was a Mason, and the Shrine where its founders were Magicians. Or, the Society of American Magicians, the World's oldest was founded by Masons.

But for all those who are interested in the performing arts, you are invited to attend the 2 1/2 day "*2004KonKlave*". There will be workshops, lectures, and special events, such as Masonic

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**WORDS OF WISDOM
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

The Price They Paid

Have you ever wondered what happened to those 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors. At least a dozen had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Continental Army. Another had two sons captured. Several took part in various battles of the American Revolution, and many suffered wounds and other physical hardships.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-five were lawyers or jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers or large plantation owners. These were men of means and education. Yet they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing full well that the penalty could be death if they were captured.

When these courageous men signed, they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the cause of freedom and independence.

Richard Stockton returned to New Jersey in the fall of 1776 to find the state overrun by the enemy. He removed his wife to safety but was himself captured. His home, his fine library, his writings - all were destroyed. Stockton was so badly treated in prison that his health was ruined, and he died before the war's end.

Carter Braxton was a wealthy planter and trader. One by one his ships were captured by the British navy. He loaned a large sum of money to the American cause; it was never paid back. He was forced to sell his plantations and mortgage his other properties to pay his debts.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he had to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Continental Congress without pay, and kept his family in hiding.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Heyward, Middleton, Hopkinson and Livingston.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the family home for his headquarters. Nelson urged General George Washington to open fire on his own home. This was done, and the home was destroyed. Nelson later died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis also had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife for two months and that and other hardships from the war so affected her health that she died only two years later.

"Honest John" Hart was driven from his wife's bedside when she was near death. Their 13 children fled for their lives. Hart's fields and his grist mill were laid waste. While eluding capture, he never knew where his bed would be the next night. He often slept in forests and caves. When he returned home, he found that his wife had died, and his children were gone.

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SHOW ME

By Edgar Guest

I would rather see a Mason
 than hear one any day,
 I would rather one would walk
 with me than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and
 more willing than the ear,
 Fine counsel is confusing, but
 examples are always clear.

And the best of all Masons
 are the men who live their creeds,
 For to see the good in action
 is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it
 if you'll let me see it done,
 I can watch your hands in action,
 but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver
 may be wise and true,
 But I'd rather get my lesson
 by observing what you do.


For I may misunderstand you and
 the high advice you give,
 But there's no misunderstanding
 how you act and how you live.

Tnx R.W. Brother J. Eric Adams, District Deputy Grand Master


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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
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New Hiram's Hams Sweethearts



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Tnx Sister Connie Hamilton, P.M., NSIO

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The Invisible Lodge

Magic for all attendees. This will be the least expensive Convention of the decade and reminiscent of the 50's. World famous performers will appear on the *Hospitality Show*, the *All Star Show* and the *Headliner Show*, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

World reknown John Calvert and his wife will be featured on the *Headliner Show* along with Carl Ballantine and Mark Wilson, Dani Darnell and Greg Wilson. Lee Grabel and Helene will be featured on the *All Star Show*. One lecture on "The Faro" will be presented by Dr. S. Brent Morris, Director of Marketing Development for the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. Brother Tom Crecelius will conduct a *Medieval Magick* lecture and Opie Houston a close-up workshop among many to be offered.

International President John K. Miller, Pfd will be presiding at the Convention and the biennial Officer election. Brother Miller will be only the tenth President of the organization and he is starting his sixth year. He promises a very "visible" Convention for all interested in the performing arts as related to Magic and invites all Brethren who may have an interest to attend and participate in a fantastic once in a lifetime event. You just might say, an "adventure"

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Brother Miller is a member of Irving Lodge No. 1218 AF&AM, in Irving, Texas. He was raised in Lockport Lodge No. 73 AF&AM in Lockport, NY, and joined the Scottish Rite in Spokane, Washington, the York Rite and Shrine and Sojourners in Wichita Falls, Texas, and the Philaethes and Scottish Rite Research Societies from Dallas, Texas. His magic organizations consist of the *International Brotherhood of Magicians*, *Society of American Magicians*, *Fellowship of Christian Magicians*, *The Texas Association of Magicians*, *The London Magic Circle* and the *Order of Nine*.

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Wisconsin Ham takes BPL concerns to President Bush

In late April, the ARRL called on the White House to withdraw its support for BPL and focus the administration's attention on "more suitable technologies" such as wireless broadband access. The League has issued a call for members to do the same.

The ARRL Web site provides an information package <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/cta/>> explaining how members can contact the White House and members of Congress to express their views on BPL deployment and why they need to do so.

In 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful demonstration of television

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The Price They Paid

Such are the stories and sacrifices typical of those who risked everything to sign the Declaration of Independence. These men were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

**They gave us an independent America.
Can we keep it?**

Tnx *The Old Past Master's Masonic Almanac*
Edited and published by Rev. Jan L. Bederstat, P.M.
and Barbara Ann Bederstat

NO "DELIVER IT" ON 2 METERS

Using an illegal long range cordless telephone to deliver culinary delights is going to cost a New Jersey Chinese restaurant a good part of its profits. This, after the FCC levies a \$10,000 against the eatery for operating transmitting equipment on 2 meters without a license.

A Notice of Apparent Liability to Monetary Forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000 went to *Best Wok* of Westville, New Jersey. An agent of the Philadelphia office had DF'd the signal on 145.8376 MHz and inspected the base and mobile units. The restaurant manager stated that he had purchased the long range cordless telephone system in another country and brought it to the United States to operate at the restaurant."

The FCC citation issued to *Best Wok* indicated that the telephone in question is not FCC Part 15 certified and is illegal to use in the United States.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslines

New Lodge Website

by Wor. Bro. Wil Browning, W8WB, Editor Emeritus

Brethren, please visit the new website for Lancaster (Ohio) Masonic Lodge No. 57.

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

We have links to the Ohio Grand Lodge and Hiram's Hams.

We also have good photos of our Easter Egg Hunt and Fish Fry. Enjoy!

A Guest Book will be added soon.

Please enjoy and feel free to leave us an e-mail with your comments.

Colonel William Frederick Cody

Born February 26, 1845; died January 10, 1917. Famous American scout and showman, pony express mail carrier covering 75 miles daily in wild country among hostile Indians; served as cavalry man and guide through the Civil War; contracted to supply laborers on construction of Kansas-Pacific railroad with meat and in eighteen months killed four thousand buffaloes and became known as Buffalo Bill; served as army scout against Sioux and Cheyennes, 1868-72, and again in 1876, when in single combat he killed Chief Yellow Hand; member of Nebraska Legislature; again serving as scout against the Sioux Indians, 1890-1.

A member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, Nebraska. Initiated March 5, 1870; Passed April 2, 1870 and Raised March 10, 1871. Became Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, November 14, 1888, and was exalted on November 15, 1888 in Euphrates Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons at North Platte, Companion Cody selecting as his Mark a buffalo's head.

He was created a Knight Templar, April 2, 1889, in Palestine Commandery No. 13, at North Platte. Worshipful Brother Cody was given Masonic burial by Golden City Lodge No. 1 at Golden, Colorado, and his remains rest on Lookout Mountain where there is also a Memorial Museum in that State.

This information furnished by Worshipful Abner J. Wessling of Platte Valley Lodge.

Tnx Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

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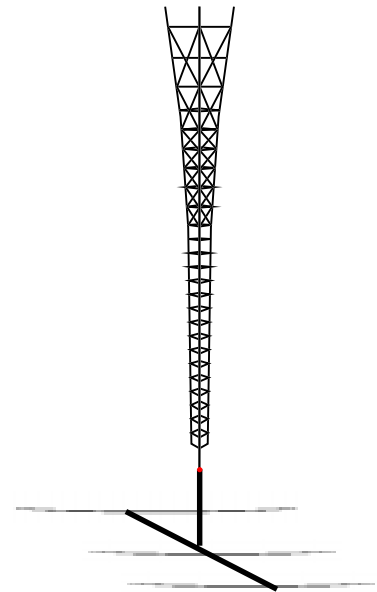
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- June 5 Independent Repeater Association <www.w8hr.org> Grand Rapids, MI
- June 5 Forsyth Amateur Radio Club <www.wshamfest.netfirms.com> Winston-Salem, NC
- June 6 Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club <www.w4ovh.net> Manassas, VA
- ◆ June 11-12 Tennessee Section ARRL Convention <www.w4bbb.org> Knoxville, TN
- ◆ **June 11-12 ARRL & Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station Hamfest <www.narl.net> Newington, CT**
- June 18-20 34th Annual Hamfest/Picnic <www.carlclub.ca> Pine Lake, Alberta, Canada
- June 19 Milford Amateur Radio Club <kb8snh@cs.com> Milford, Ohio
- June 19 Upper Cumberland Amateur Radio Association <www.ucara.org> Cookeville, TN
- July 3 Rowan Amateur Radio Society, Salisbury Civic Center <www.qsl.net/w4exu> Salisbury, NC
- July 10 Tidelands Amateur Radio Society <www.tidelands.org> Texas City, Texas

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