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When Did Freemasonry Begin?

No one knows when Freemasonry began. The first written reference to Masonry as an organization appeared in 1356 when a code of Mason Regulations was formally drawn up at the Guildhall in London, England. In 1376 we find information about the London Mason's Company and it's interesting to note its early evolution. According to *Grand Lodge*, it leased in 1463 some land and buildings for 99 years, and the buildings were converted into the first Mason's Hall (In the 99th year it purchased the property outright). In 1472 the company was given a Grant of Arms with the motto, "God is our Guide," later changed to "In the Lord is all our trust." The Arms, but slightly changed, remain part of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England today.

Tnx Masonic Trivia and facts by W.B. Allen E. Roberts

Where is the Oldest Grand Lodge in the United States?

The oldest Grand Lodge in the United States is Pennsylvania, being chartered in 1731.

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FCC Chairman will step down

FCC Chairman Michael Powell says that he will step down from this post sometime in March. His surprise resignation came only one day after President George W. Bush was inaugurated for a second term in the White House.

As FCC Chairman, Michael Powell never gained much favor in the Amateur Radio community who looked at him as championing big business over the little guy. Hams seemed to view him with trepidation, and it was not uncommon to see negative comments about him posted to the various Amateur Radio Internet chat groups and boards especially in relation to his pushing the introduction of Broadband over Powerline Internet access. When he announced his imminent departure late last week, comments like: "It is too bad that Powell did not leave before the FCC decided to allow BPL trials without tough controls on interference" began to show up across ham radio cyberspace including the QRZ.com on-line discussion groups.

The ARRL Letter gave the Leagues view on Powell imminent departure. Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance a deep disappointment after some initial optimism. The Letter went on to say that while the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure — especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line initiative that there is also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

What Gothic, or Manuscript Constitutions contained the first link between the Craft and King Solomon's Temple?

The Cooke Manuscript of 1410. Henry Carr in *Grand Lodge* recorded this from this manuscript: "And at the making of Solomon's Temple that King David began. King David loved all Masons, and he gave them charges right nigh (sic) as they are now. And at the making of the Temple on Solomon's time, as it is said in the Bible, in III Book of Kings that Solomon had four score thousand Masons at his work: and the King's son of Tyre was his Master Mason.

The *Gothic Constitutions* speak of the early days of Masonry insofar as the scribes believed it to be. The *Grand Lodge* manuscript, the third oldest known *Gothic* is dated A.D. 1583 and evidently copied from two other documents, says: "Euclid undertook to teach the young men Geometry, whereby they could earn their living and live honestly by building churches, temples, castles, towers, and manors. Euclid gave them charges to be true to the lords they served, and to each other, and to call one another fellow or brother, and many other charges.

King David began the Temple at Jerusalem, paid the Masons well and gave them charges. His son, Solomon, finished the Temple and sent for Masons in other countries so that he had 24,000 workmen in stone, 3000 of whom were Masters. King Iram loved Solomon and sent him timber.

He had a son named Aymon who was a master of Geometry and chief Master Mason and Master of all gravings and carving as stated in the Bible. Solomon confirmed the charges of King Solomon.

Tnx *Masonic Trivia and Facts* by W.B. Allen E. Roberts

President William McKinley

McKinley won the election for the Presidency in 1896. He had served valiantly with Ohio troops during the American Civil War. In May 1865 he received the degrees of Masonry in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Virginia with Confederate and Federal troops in Attendance.

New QST Column aims to take Mystery out of Modern Ham Gear

A new QST column, "*Getting to Know Your Radio*" debuts in the April edition of QST. Author and ARRL Product Review Editor Joel Hallas, W1ZR, says the column "basically talks about what all those knobs do" on modern equipment.

"The idea is to acquaint users with the typical features of modern radios." Hallas says there was a time when radio receivers were pretty easy to understand—in some cases not all that much different from the broadcast set in the kitchen or living room—so most new amateurs could quickly learn their way around the front panel. It's a new world now.

"It's fair to say that modern transceivers have come a long way since the boat anchors of the 1950s and earlier," he says. "Many transceiver makers seem to sell their wares by claiming the most and newest features." As a result, modern ham transceivers can be pretty intimidating, making operation daunting for newcomers and veterans alike.

The first installment of "*Getting to Know Your Radio*" will cover the now-popular—and common—pass-band tuning feature. Hallas says a column on audio compression systems is in the works.

Tnx ARRL Newsletter

What Outstanding Event took place at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1993?

For the first time, a private organization was permitted to erect a monument in a national park. The monument, a gift of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, depicted a Freemason, Federal Captain Henry Bingham, aiding his mortally wounded brother, Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead.

Engraved on the base is "*Friend to Friend - A Brotherhood Undivided.*" It is estimated that over 35,000 were present on August 21, 1993 when the monument was dedicated by officials of the Grand Lodge.

Tnx *Masonic Trivia and Facts* by W.B. Allen E. Roberts

The Ground Floor of King Solomon's Temple

This is said to have been a Mosaic pavement, consisting of black and white stones laid lengthwise, and surrounded by a tessellated border. The tradition of the Order of the Entered Apprentices Lodges were held on the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple; hence a Masonic pavement, or a carpet representing one, is a very common decoration of Masonic Lodges.

Tnx *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*

The Grand Lodge with the longest name in Freemasonry

The Longest name for a Grand lodge belongs to the smallest state! On June 27, 1791, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in the state house in Newport, Rhode Island, previously elected Grand Lodge officers were installed. It was officially named, "*The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.*"

The name has never been changed! Interestingly, when the first meeting of the Grand Lodge was closed its members marched to Trinity Church. A collection was taken and was ordered to be invested in wood to be distributed to the poor during the winter.

Brrrrrrr Brother

When Brother Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen tossed his Shrine Fez on the pole!



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Congratulations
to
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The Trowel

An implement of Operative Masonry, which has been adopted by Speculative Freemasonry as a peculiar working-tool of the Master's Degree. By this implement, and its use in Operative Masonry to spread the cement which binds all the parts of the building into a common mass, we are taught to spread the cement of affection and kindness, which unites all the members of the Masonic Fraternity, where-soever dispersed over the globe, into one companionship of Brotherly Love. An old custom in Oxford Lodge in England, gave it prominence as a jewel, and as a symbol it goes back to the practice of the Antiento.

Today this implement is considered the appropriate working tool of a Master Mason, because, in Operative Masonry, while the Apprentice is engaged in preparing crude materials which require only the Gage and Gavel to give them their proper shape, the Fellow Craft places them in their proper position by means of the Plumb, Level and Square; but the Master Mason alone, having examined their correctness and proved them true and trusty, secures them permanently in their place by spreading the cement that irrevocably binds them together.

The Trowel has also been adopted as the Jewel of the Select Master, but its uses in this Degree are not symbolical. They are simply connected with the historical legend of the Degree.

Tnx Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

WELCOME!

Bro. Joseph L. Arcure, Jr., W3HNK

Bro. Arcure was licensed in 1956 and was bitten by the DX bug in 1957. He was soon off in a world of DX chasing on CW/AM and eventually switched to CW/SSB like most everyone else.

In 1972 he operated with the callsign PJ8AR in 1970 from St. Maarten and VP2VY from the British Virgin Islands.

In 1972 he had the callsign FG0AFC/FS7 and operated in October 1972 from French St. Martin in 1973, 1974 and 1979 had the callsign VP2EY from Anguilla.

In August 1963 he became QSL manager for ZE4JS in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Bro. Joseph retired in January 1979 and in December 1998, he was inducted into the *CQ DX Hall of Fame*.

Tnx Bro. Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ

Radio Heart Monitor

A device that automatically detects early symptoms of congestive heart failure has been implanted in a patient in the United States for the first time. The *InSync Sentry* is built by Medtronic Inc. of Fridley, Minnesota and is about the size of a cigarette lighter.

Congestive heart failure occurs when fluid levels around the heart get too high. This can interfere with a normal heartbeat and cause arrhythmia and even death. The *InSync Sentry* monitors the amount of fluid in the chest. If there is a buildup, it uses good old radio to transmit to a receiver connected to a computer at a medical facility. Doctors can then prescribe medication to reduce the fluid amount.

The new device costs about \$30,000 and lasts five to seven years. It should be available for widespread use by February. (Technology)

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- April 2 Columbus Amateur Radio Club <www.qsl.net/carc> Columbus, Indiana
- ◆ April 2-3 Maryland State ARRL Convention <www.gbhc.org> Timonium, MD
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- April 16 TARCfest XIII <www.hamclub.org> Tampa, Florida
Tampa Amateur Radio Club

- ✈ April 16 ARARAT Shrine ARC <www.hambash.com> Kansas City, Missouri

- ◆ April 17 North Carolina Section ARRL Convention <www.rars.org/hamfest> Raleigh, North Carolina
- April 17 Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club <www.cfarc.org> Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
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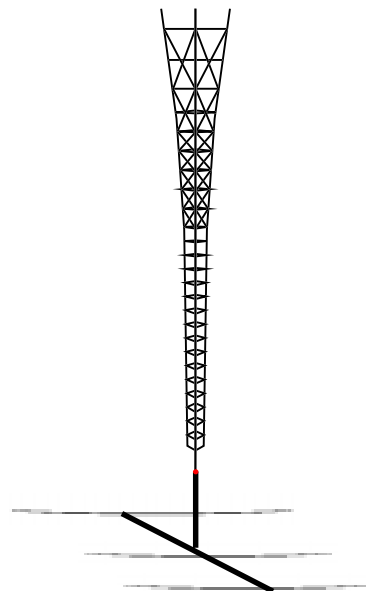
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- ◆ June 4 Georgia State ARRL Convention <www.atlantahamfest.com> Marietta, Georgia
- June 5 Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club <www.w4ovh.com> Manassas, Virginia
- ◆ June 17-19 Northwestern ARRL Division Convention <http://seapac.org> Seaside, Oregon

- June 19 **DAD'S DAY HAMFEST** <www.qsl.net/w9ljl> Crown Point, Indiana

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