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*The Fraternity within The Fraternity*

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**Congratulations!** to the Right Eminent William C. Godfrey, WB2VFX, a fellow Hiram's Ham, on his recent election to the office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry of Knights Templar of New Jersey. Bro. Bill has previously served as Grand Chaplin of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Tnx W.B. Dick Blaney, KYCH, WB8MHE

## Guinness World Records Recognizes Ham Radio Achievement

**T**he Guinness World Records has awarded a certificate to Finnish radio amateur OH2BR. This, for a record number of contacts made by an individual from one location in one year.

Operating as VP6BR from Pitcairn Island, OH2BR made 56,239 contacts between 25 January and 21 April 2000. A world record according to Guinness.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

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## House Bill Honors Masons

**R**ecognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honoring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

In The House of Representatives  
January 4, 2005

Mr. Gillmore (for himself and Mr. Kingston) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

### Resolution

Recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honoring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history. Whereas Freemasons, whose long lineage extends back to before the Nation's founding, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people; Whereas the Founding Fathers of this great Nation and signers of the Constitution, most of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of the United States; Whereas members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the United States; Whereas the Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of the United States; Whereas the Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of care-giving for the citizenry

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

### Taxation of Masonic Property

In a survey of 41 of the 49 Grand Jurisdictions made in 1932 the Masonic Service Association, Washington, D.C., summarized its findings:

Masonic property used wholly for fraternal purposes is tax free in 24 of the 41 Grand Jurisdictions. Where it is not used wholly for Masonic purposes it is tax free in 16 of 41 Jurisdictions. If is partly commercial (as when rooms in a Masonic Temple are rented for offices and stores) it is tax free in 4 of the 41 Jurisdictions: but is taxed, or may be taxed, in 35, the "may be" accounting for the discrepancy in the figures. These figures may have changed during the decade since but on the whole they represent the incidence of taxation State by State.

The question has been in the courts from 200 to 300 times; in the majority of cases the legal arguments have hinged upon one or another, or both, of two questions: How shall Freemasonry be defined, and under what laws does the definition bring it; is it, for example, a religion, educational, charitable organization or not? If a Masonic property is partly commercial, partly not should the whole of it be taxed: or only the commercially used portion? Masonic lawyers who have opposed taxation have had difficulty in their arguments because the Grand Body they represent has seldom possessed a *legal* definition of itself - perhaps to do so would involve a formal and official definition of Freemasonry, which is something it prefers to avoid. In at least two States (and perhaps more) this difficulty has been circumvented by asking the State legislature to adopt a law covering Freemasonry by name. This would appear to be just and non-discriminatory because Freemasonry is *sui generis* and cannot be subsumed under any general classification. On the other side, members of legislatures who favor taxation of Masonic properties have difficulty with the fact that even if a Masonic Body receives rents or interest from endowments the money is not profit, goes into nobody's pocket, but is used for fraternal and benevolent purposes; and also they are in the dilemma of having to decide whether if they tax Masonic properties they ought not also to tax churches, and hospitals not owned by the State,

Tnx Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

by  
Brother H.L. Haywood  
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**THE MASONIC LODGE STRUCTURE****WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound  
 Is more powerful than a locomotive  
 Is faster than a speeding bullet  
 Walks on water  
 Gives policy to God

**SENIOR WARDEN**

Leaps short buildings in a single bound  
 Is more powerful than a switch engine  
 Is just as fast as a speeding bullet  
 Walks on water if the sea is calm  
 Talks with God.

**JUNIOR WARDEN**

Leaps short buildings with a running start and  
 a favorable wind  
 Is almost as powerful as a switch engine  
 Is faster than a speeding BB  
 Walks on water on an indoor swimming pool  
 Talks with God if special request is approved

**SENIOR DEACON**

Barely clears a quonset hut  
 Loses tug-of-war with a locomotive  
 Can fire a speeding bullet  
 Swims well  
 Is occasionally addressed by God

**JUNIOR DEACON**

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to  
 leap tall buildings  
 Is run over by locomotive  
 Can sometimes handle a gun without  
 inflicting self-injury  
 Dog paddles  
 Talks to animals

**SENIOR STEWARD**

Runs into buildings  
 Recognizes locomotive two out of three times  
 Is not issued ammunition  
 Can stay afloat with life preserver  
 Talks to walls

**JUNIOR STEWARD**

Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter building  
 Says, "Look at the choo-choo"  
 Wets himself with water pistol  
 Plays in mud puddles  
 Mumbles to himself >>>>>>>

**House Bill Honors Masons**

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and their example of high moral standards; and Whereas Freemasons have always revered and celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, as dedicated to their patron saints: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honors them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

Tnx W.B. Max KO4TV

**LESOTHO: 7P8 Calls are Legit**

**S**ome strange sounding calls from Lesotho are not pirate stations. This, according to Leon Tromp, 7P8EK, who is the president of the Lesotho Amateur Radio Society.

In a note to the South African Radio League Tromp says that some hams have publicly challenged other radio amateurs with 7P8 prefix call signs. He says that the call signs are legitimate, explaining that many of those sporting the 7P8 calls work in Lesotho but over weekends reside in South Africa.

One of the sources of this misunderstanding may be a repeater that covers both Lesotho and South Africa. Tromp says that there is no law in either country to prevent hams from using it for cross border communications. This repeater is also connected to the world via EchoLink on weekends.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newsline

**SECRETARY**

Lifts buildings and walks under them  
 Kicks locomotives off the tracks  
 Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them  
 Freezes water with a single glance  
**HE IS GOD!**

(SO MOTE IT BE)

Tnx Worshipful Brother Max Bloodworth, KO4TV

EDITOR'S NOTE: This "structure" has been around for years. We first saw it during WW II, when it started off with the Company Commander, Executive Officer, Platoon leaders, etc., to the first Sergeant.

This Masonic version came to us by way of R.W. Bro. C. Weston Dash, Secretary of The Maine Lodge of Research

## Masons' Member-in-a-Day designed to build numbers

When guys like George Braatz and Bill Boggs joined Masonic lodges, it took months of meetings to graduate through three levels before becoming full-fledged members.

But today, nearly 3,000 Ohio men who woke up uninitiated will become Master Masons before the sun sets. In the evening, some will even go further and join the Scottish or York Rites or the Shriners.

The chance to become a Mason in a day is part of the *Grand Lodge of Ohio's* attempt to stem decades of declining membership in the centuries-old fraternity that established its first North American lodge in Boston in 1733.

"We have to adapt to the changing times," said M.W. Braatz, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Masons and other service and fraternal organizations in the United States saw membership steadily drop beginning in the 1960s.

Researchers in part blamed the decline on the advent of the television age, which kept people at home. Other lifestyle changes and demands on time have contributed to the decline. "In the '70s and '80s, people didn't join things," M.W. Braatz said.

"We feel we might have even lost a generation. Now, we have people coming to us and saying, 'My grandfather was a Mason and I'd like to be one, too.' They're not saying my father was a Mason."

Boggs, secretary of the *Strongsville Masonic Lodge*, has seen that happen in his own family. Boggs said his grown son in Indiana is too busy with his three sons, Boy Scouts and the PTA to join a Masonic lodge. "I don't see how the man would have time," Boggs said. But Boggs' eldest grandson is 18 and a member of *DeMolay*, the Masonic youth organization, and plans to eventually join a lodge.

This is the third time Masons have offered the *One-Day Class*. Prospective members who already applied to lodges were approved in advance by lodge members.

When the Ohio Masons held their first *One-Day Class* three years ago, the group posted its first year-to-year membership gain in 40 years, bringing its roll to 131,557 Master Masons.

Not every Mason is thrilled with the express method of joining. Some still join the traditional way in which the lodge conducts skits, ceremonies and short lectures stressing moral lessons for each candidate.

M.W. Bro. Braatz said the Masons are likely to settle into holding the *One-Day Classes* every other year.

"It's something new," he said. "There are some traditionalists among our membership who don't see this as the best way."

But many area lodges look forward to the influx of new members this weekend. About 300 men are expected to join during the ceremonies at the *Cleveland Temple*.

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## TONY ENGLAND, WØORE at Hamvention 2005

Those of you planning to attend **Hamvention 2005** will have several chances to meet former Astronaut Tony England, WØORE. Tony will be both the guest of the ARRL at its Expo as well as AMSAT at various locations on the convention floor.

Back in 1985 Tony rode into space onboard the shuttle *Challenger*. During his eight-day mission, he operated both FM voice and slow scan television. It was on that flight that the term *SAREX* was coined. *SAREX* is an acronym standing for the *Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment*.

Now Tony is back in person with the ham community. On Thursday night, May 19 he will be the guest of honor at an invitational fund raiser hosted by the *American Radio Relay League*. Then on Friday morning May 20, Tony will spend 9:30 to 10 AM in the *ARRL EXPO* exhibits area then move to the ARRL Youth Activities booth from 10 to 10:30. From 11 to noon WØORE will be at the AMSAT booth rounding out a busy 24 hours at the AMSAT Banquet that evening.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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### Congratulations!

"I had the wonderful opportunity to Raise my Father last October! He has been a ham since before me! Tnx Wor. Bro. Richard Holst, K2RWH

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**Congratulations!** to Wor. Bro. John "Jack" T. Jones, Jr., W3NTD of Huntington Valley, PA, who after 53 years as a member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 505, is now serving as Worshipful Master!

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Masons won't disclose their names until after they've been inducted. The *Heights-Lion Heart Lodge* in Lyndhurst will gain 10 members, bumping its roll to 159.

Normally, the lodge takes in no more than two or three members a year, said its Worshipful Master, Charles Cole.

"There are busy people who for a number of reasons just can't find the time to do this the standard way," Cole said.

Tnx Bro. Dennis Morarity, K8AGB

Tnx Mark Rollenhagen, Plain Dealer Reporter

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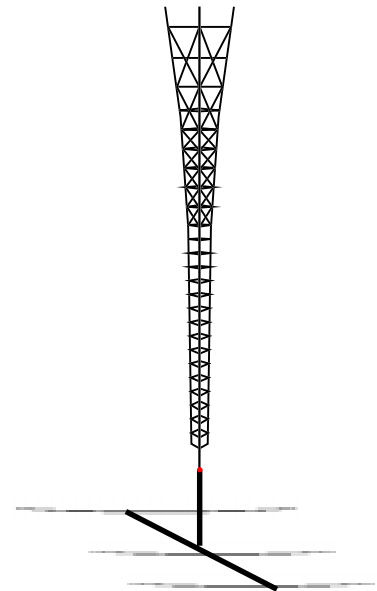
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- June 11 Winston-Salem HAMFEST ..... Forsyth Amateur Radio Club ..... Winston-Salem, NC  
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- ◆ June 17-19 Northwestern ARRL Division Convention <<http://seapac.org>> ..... Seaside, Oregon
  
- June 19 DAD'S DAY HAMFEST ..... <[www.qsl.net/w9ljl](http://www.qsl.net/w9ljl)> ..... Crown Point, Indiana
- June 19 FATHER'S DAY HAMFEST ..... Frederick Amateur Radio Club ..... Frederick, MD  
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- June 23-26 YL-ISSB International Convention ..... <http://www.qsl.net/yl-issb/> ..... Bismarck, ND

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