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*The Fraternity within The Fraternity*

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## Scott Redd, KØDQ, to head Counter-Terrorism Center

**P**resident George W. Bush has again called on retired Vice Adm John "Scott" Redd, KØDQ, to take on an important assignment. Bush announced June 10 that he was tapping Redd, a well-known DXer and contester, to direct the new National Counter-Terrorism Center.

A former commander of US naval forces in the Middle East and a 36-year Navy veteran, Redd, 60, was executive director of the Silberman-Robb presidential commission on US intelligence failures in Iraq. Redd previously served as deputy administrator and chief operating officer of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, for which he received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service. Pending Senate confirmation, Redd will report to National Intelligence Director John Negroponte. He would replace interim director John Brennan. The National Counter-Terrorism Center is to be the central organization for analyzing and integrating all foreign and domestic intelligence on terrorism and will carry out "strategic operational planning" for domestic and foreign counterterrorism operations.

Tnx ARRL Letter June 17, 2005

## BRETHREN

Please be aware that the editor has moved and therefore the address of the Hiram's Hams Newsletter has changed to:

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## The Right Illustrious Kenneth G. Orner, WB2HZV

**R**ight Illustrious Kenneth G. Orner, WB2HZV, has been appointed to the office of **Grand Steward of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters** in the State of New Jersey for 2005-2006.

Bro. Ken is a Past Master of Kings County Lodge No. 511 and a Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 18.

## HF saves the day after motor home breakdown

**W**ell outside cell phone and ham repeater range, ARRL member Bob Johnson, W7LRD, his wife and their two dogs found themselves May 6 in their motor home broken down "in the middle of nowhere" 70 miles north of Las Vegas, Nevada.

To the rescue came Johnson's trusty Icom IC-730 and some friendly fellow radio amateurs. "I found Bruce, VA7BEB, on 20 meters, and he started getting my information to my insurance company for road service," Johnson recounts. But the propagation gods were not smiling. Enter Phil, W7PDZ, and Larry, KAØMZL. "Phil continued where Bruce left off, while Larry notified the Nevada Highway Patrol," Johnson continues. "The highway patrol showed up and took note of our situation. A tow truck out of Pahrump, Nevada, came and took us to an RV park across the street from an auto parts store!"

The next day Johnson was able to pin down the problem—a failed ignition coil. He picked up and installed a new one, and he and his family were good to go. "Without the assistance and perseverance of these gentlemen, it would have been a very long day and possibly night," he says.

Tnx ARRL Letter 6-24-05

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**WORDS OF WISDOM  
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

**PAST MASTER**

An honorary degree conferred on the Master of a Lodge at his installation into office. In this degree the necessary instructions are conferred respecting the various ceremonies of the Order, such as installations, processions, the laying of corner-stones, etc. When a Brother, who has never before presided, has been elected the Master of a Lodge, an emergent Lodge of Past Masters, consisting of not less than three, is convened, and all but Past Masters retiring, the degree is conferred upon the newly elected officer.

Some form of ceremony at the installation of a new Master seems to have been adopted at an early period after the revival. In the "manner of constituting a new Lodge," as practiced by the Duke of Wharton, who was Grand Master in 1723, the language used by the Grand Master when placing the candidate in the chair is given, and he is said to use "some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, *but not proper to be written.*" Whence we conclude that there was an esoteric ceremony. Often the rituals tell us that this ceremony consisted only in the outgoing Master communicating certain modes of recognition to his successor. And this actually, even at this day, constitutes the essential ingredient of the Past Master's Degree.

The degree is also conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, where it succeeds the Mark Master's Degree. The conferring of this degree which has no historical connection with the rest of the degrees, in a Chapter, arises from the following circumstance: Originally, when Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry were under the government of Lodges in which the degree was always then conferred, it was part of the regulations that no one could receive the Royal Arch Degree unless he had previously presided in the Lodge as Master. When the Chapters became independent, the regulation could not be abolished, for what would have been an innovation: the difficulty has, therefore been obviated, by making every candidate for the degree of Royal Arch a Past Virtual Master before his exaltation.

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Sister Luella M. Bennett, KB7PSL  
 Woodburn, Oregon  
 May 22, 2005



MOTHER OF OUR SUPER HIRAM'S HAMS SWEETHEART  
 CONNIE HAMILTON, N8IO

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## PAST MASTER

Under the English Constitution this practice was forbidden until 1826, but it seems to have lingered on in some parts until 1850.

Some extraneous ceremonies, by no means creditable to their inventor, were at an early period introduced into America. In 1856 the General Grand Chapter, by a unanimous vote, ordered these ceremonies to be discontinued, and the simpler mode of investiture to be used.

For several years past the question has been agitated in some of the Grand Lodges of the United States, whether this degree is within the jurisdiction of the Symbolic or of Royal Arch Masonry. The explanation of its introduction into Chapters, just given, manifestly demonstrates that the jurisdiction over it by Chapters is altogether an assumed one. The Past Master of a Chapter is only a *quasi* Past Master; the true and legitimate Past Master is the one who has presided over a Symbolic Lodge.

Past Masters are admitted to membership in many Grand Lodges, and by some the inherent right has been claimed to sit in those bodies. But the most eminent Masonic authorities have made a contrary decision, and the general, and, indeed, almost universal opinion now is that Past Masters obtain their seats in Grand Lodge by courtesy, and in consequence of local regulations, and not by inherent right.

The jewel of a Past Master in the United States is a pair of compasses extended to sixty degrees on the fourth part of a circle, with a sun in the center. In England it was formerly the square on a quadrant, but is at present the square of the forty-seventh problem of Euclid engraved on a silver plate suspended within it.

The French have two titles to express this degree. They apply *Maitre passe* to the Past Master of the English and American system, and they call in their own system one who has formerly presided over a Lodge of an *Ancien Maitre*. The indiscriminate use of these titles sometimes leads to confusion in the translation of their rituals and treatises.

Tnx *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry  
and its Kindred Sciences*

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33<sup>o</sup>

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**S**ister Donna Morgan, *Grand Secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star in North Carolina* died in an automobile accident yesterday while traveling home from a Grand Chapter meeting in Greenville.

Tnx Wor. Bro. Max Bloodworth, KO4TV

## ARRL warns against spurious, virus-infected e-mails

**S**ome ARRL members have recently reported receiving e-mail messages that purport to be from ARRL. These messages suggest that the recipient's account has been used to send "a large amount of unsolicited commercial e-mail," that their password has been changed or some other action was going to be taken regarding their arrl.net "account." The e-mail may be signed by "The ARRL Support team" or "The ARRL.net team." Some messages also may show up as e-mail bounces from "Postmaster" or "Mail Administrator." These messages, which include a file attachment, are bogus. They do not originate from ARRL, and recipients of such messages should never attempt to open the attached file.

Outside of routine correspondence, the ARRL only sends e-mail to members who specifically request mailings, such as W1AW bulletins and The ARRL Letter. Opening the attached file on one of these spurious messages could unleash a nasty computer virus. As a defense against these kinds of viruses, ARRL strongly recommends installing virus-protection software on all personal computers and updating virus definitions on a regular basis.

## Masonic Age

**I**n some Masonic Rites a mystical age is appropriated to each degree, and the initiate who has received the degree is said to be of such an age. Thus, the age of an Entered Apprentice is said to be three years; that of a fellow craft, five; and that of a Master Mason, seven. These ages are not arbitrarily selected, but have a reference to the mystical value of numbers and their relation to the different degrees.

Thus, *three* is the symbol of peace and concord, and has been called in the Pythagorean system the number of perfect harmony, and is appropriated to that degree, which is the initiation into an Order whose fundamental principles are harmony and brotherly love. *Five* is the symbol of active life, the union of the female principle *two* and the male principle *three*, and refers in this way to the active duties of a man as a denizen of the world, which constitutes the symbolism of the Fellow Craft's Degree; and *seven*, as a venerable and perfect number, is symbolic of that perfection which is supposed to be attained in the Master's Degree. In a way similar to this, all the ages of the other degrees are symbolically and mystically explained.

The Masonic ages are ..... and it will be thus be seen that they are all mystical numbers - 3,5,7,9,15,27,63 and 81.

Tnx Mackey's *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*  
by Dr. Albert Mackey, 330.

## FLOATING FREEBAND REPEATER ON 27.620

If you hear what sounds like a repeater outputting in the spectrum between the 11meter class D citizens band and the 10 meter ham band, its not an illusion. Rather it appears to be the creation of some enterprising Freebanders who are operating this latest, unlicensed repeater.

According to several reports received by Newslite, and others posted to various Internet websites, the system in question outputs on 27.620 MHz FM. It also seems to be located not far from Pennsylvania's eastern most border.

But there is the interesting part, while its not yet been verified, the word on the street is that the input kind of floats around the low end of the 10 meter ham band. There is some speculation that the operators of this repeater monitor the input frequency and move it when ham radio operators running legal high power Morse come on the air on top of it. At least there have been reports of strange announcements which may be information to users as to where the input will next be found.

One Internet post describes this machine as one of a new breed of Freeband roving repeater of the type first noticed in the St. Louis area about two years ago. That is, those who run these systems are physically moving the frequencies and the geographic location of the machine to avoid detection by ham radio T-Hunt squads and the FCC.

This is just the latest report in a string of 11 meter repeaters that go way back to the early 1970's. This, when Freebanders then called HF'ers — began tying together old crystal controlled 11 meter AM transceivers as repeaters. Most had outputs on channel 1 or 2 and inputs on channel 40 or above. None worked very well and most were soon abandoned.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslite

## POTPOURI

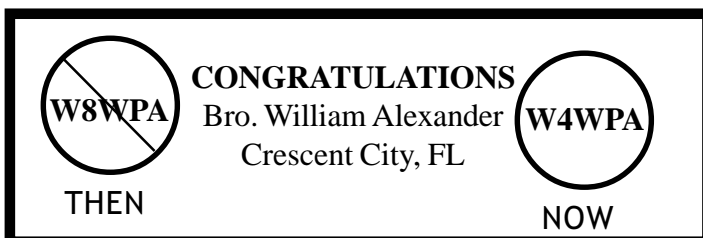
Whew! Busy, busy, busy .....

"I was recently elected an Honorary Member of Whitestone Lodge No. 155 in Zebulon, NC. Last June I was elected an Honorary Member of Archer Lodge No. 165.

I had just finished my year as Worshipful Master of Granville Lodge No. 380, when I was elected Worthy Patron of Millbrook Chapter No. 293, O.E.S.

Now I am also serving as Chaplain for Granville Lodge No. 380."

News de Wor. Bro. Max Bloodworth, K04TV



## BRETHREN please welcome our new member from The Netherlands

Dear Bro Keith,

I am a Dutch freemason, member of lodge Vincent La Chapelle #180, Grand East of The Netherlands. My rank is Master Mason and I am also a Mark Master Mason.

I am a new ham (Dutch equivalent of your Technician Class. Callsign PDØCW (PD zero CW). I am studying for a higher class license.

I would like to be a member of Hiram's Hams. Is this possible?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Huite Rietveld, PDØCW

## AUSTRALIAN CBers ask HAMS to help find Jammer

Australian CB operators have asked the assistance of the ham radio community in tracking down a jammer. The Queensland Coordinator for the Australian Citizens Radio Emergency Monitor has asked for help, and in particular from the Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club in tracking down the location of a person causing severe disruptions to the operations to an emergency repeater.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslite

## BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAID:

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote."

Tnx Worshipful Brother Max Bloodworth, K04TV

## BRETHREN

The editor apologizes for being late with your newsletter. I had Open Heart Surgery and recovery has been slow. Your kind letters and E-Mail are very, very much appreciated.

Fraternally,

WB Keith Chambers, W8VAN

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Please look at your address label .....  
 if there is a dreaded "X" before your  
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 last copy of the newsletter. Sorry

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BRO. EVERETT A CATLIN, WA2BHS  
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MAY 10, 2005

Tnx Bro. Dennis Morairty, K8AGB

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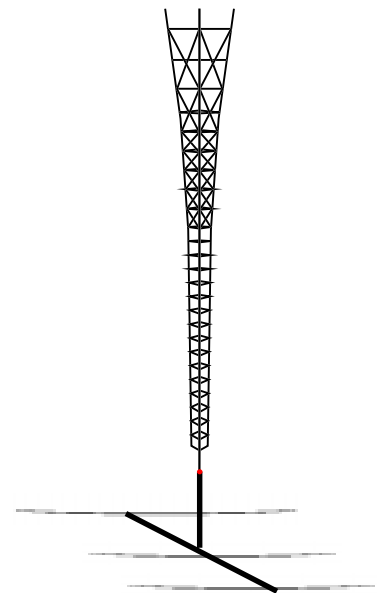
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- July 9      Indianapolis Hamfest Association .....Indianapolis, IN  
 <www.indyhamfest.com>
- July 16      NOARSFEST ..... Wellington, OH  
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 <www.NOARS.net>
- July 22-23    10th ANNUAL MILTON HAMFEST ..... Milton, FL  
 Milton Amateur Radio Club  
 <www.att.net/~k4ozl/marc.htm
- July 23      8th ANNUAL OH-KY-IN Hamfest ..... Cincinnati, OH  
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