

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met St. Peter.

He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, “What Lodge?”

Proudly, the Master replied, “Old Adage Lodge no. 1”

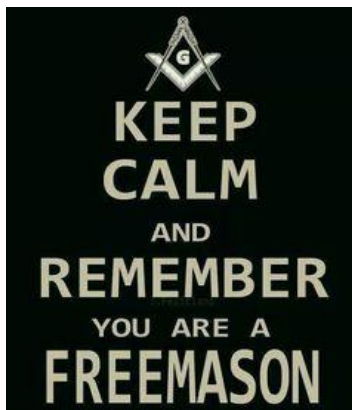
St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge’s name on a brass plaque, and strangely enough, each clock was at a different time.

He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only move when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual. The Master then asked where his Lodge’s clock was, as he could not find it.

St. Peter replied, “Why it’s in the kitchen, of course.”

“The kitchen?”, asked the Master.

“Yes, you see, we needed a new fan.”



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From the East



Brethren,

Mother Nature has been very unkind, not only to our Lodge meetings, but to other Lodges throughout the state. Month after month, the weather played havoc on meetings and planning events for the up and coming Spring and Summer months. The harsh weather even caused a water pipe to bust in the Lodge room. Nonetheless, the show must go on and we'll do the best we can moving forward.

The Spring fundraiser is in the works, but no date has been set, so please keep an eye out for notifications and whatever event we decide to have. I hope you will support our efforts, either monetarily or by manpower. Also, the traditional Memorial Day Breakfast is quickly approaching, and I look forward to having great attendance. We hope to perform a small program to honor our departed Brethren.

Also, for the local Brethren – We are looking for a few folks to assist with keeping the Lodge grounds in due form from the Spring through the Fall months in regards to mowing, weeding, hedge trimming, etc. In exchange for this service, the Lodge is willing to compensate the sweat equity with the remitting of dues for the ensuing year. If you are interested in this project, please feel free to contact me, the Lodge Secretary, or visit the Lodge's website for further information.

Finally, the Lodge's Memorial Brick Project is gathering momentum. In a short time, we hope to have plans, drawings, and order forms ready to allow a part of you to be memorialized on the Lodge grounds.

Fraternally,
Juan Garcia, PM
Worshipful Master

Your 2014 Officers are:

Worshipful Master Juan Garcia, PM
Senior Warden Kevin Osborn, PM
Junior Warden Scot Reese, PM
Secretary Barry Clouser, PM
Treasurer Tony Ashbaugh
Senior Deacon Scott Coryell
Junior Deacon Jim Wilson
Senior Steward Bob Lair
Junior Steward Karl Clouser, PM
Chaplain Ben Haskett
Tyler Dick Reynolds
Trustees
Barry Clouser, PM
Bob Lair
Jim Wilson



When visiting other lodges it's interesting to see slight variations of the ritual

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Stated Meeting
April 1st
7:30pm

Stated Meeting
May 6th
7:30pm

Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
May 20th and 21st

Memorial Day Breakfast
May 24th

Stated Meeting
June 3rd
7:30pm



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QUINCY LODGE HONORED WITH ARTICLES IN THE INDIANA FREEMASON MAGAZINE



News from the Craft

Quincy 230 Holds Cook-Off and Veterans Day

by Eric Reese, PM - Junior Warden

On October 12, Quincy Lodge 230 participated in the Red Gold Chili Cook-Off in Elwood. This event, held annually and co-sponsored by the Elwood Chamber of Commerce, draws in participants from most of the city's businesses, churches, and social organizations. The cook-off also includes visits from NASCAR teams, pro fisherman Todd Howell, the Indiana Pacers Fan Van, and the Indianapolis Colts Blue Saturday crew. To honor our Worshipful Master, Kevin Osborn, the coordinators of the Lodge's booth decided on a Western theme, complete with corral, chuck wagon, and cowboy and Indian costumes. The hard work paid off, and the Lodge won for Best Decorated Booth.



Quincy 230 Honors Vets

by Robert "Eric" Reese

On November 9, Quincy Lodge 230, in Elwood, honored approximately 35 local veterans with a breakfast and patriotic program. This event was executed in corroboration with Elwood's Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts. The program included footage of Brother Red Skelton's *Pledge of Allegiance*, Johnny Cash's *Ragged Old Flag*, and a presentation of *Of Glory* and the military branch colors. Quincy Lodge is proud

to have such a rich military history, with its members serving in every US engagement from the Civil War up to the Persian Gulf. We currently have two Brothers in active duty, Aaron Myrick and Scott Coryell. Although we know we can never fully repay these Brothers for their service, we hope they know we do cherish the service and sacrifice they have foregone for our liberties and freedom.

Our Lodge was honored by inclusion in the Winter 2014 issue of the Grand Lodge's Indiana Freemason magazine. Thanks to all who helped with these great events!

MASONIC "TID-BITS"

MUSIC FOR OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royakl Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, wrote the music which became our national anthem. Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was used by an Irish Masonic orphans' Home as its song, when Francis Scott Key utilized this music for the Star Spangled Banner, it was a popular drinking song known as *To Anacreon in heaven*.

QUICK CHANGES OF MIND

Alexander I, Czar of Russia from 1801 to 1825, banned the Craft in Russia in 1801. He rescinded the order in 1803 and became a Freemason, probably for political reasons; but in 1822 he again banned Freemasonry in Russia.

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him: "Did you know these men or ever see them before?" "No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before." "But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?" "Well," said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty." "I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

THE SQUARE AND COMPASS BRAND

Montana's first livestock brand was the square and compass; it is still in use. No one knows when it was first used; but it was before May 25, 1872, when it became necessary to date and register brands then in use. It was first owned by Poindexter T. Orr of Beaverhead County, Montana Territory.

MOON LODGES

A century ago there were more than 3,000 Masonic lodges which can be described as "Moon Lodges"; in 1954 there were fewer than 500. These lodges meet on the day of the full moon for practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel by at night. There may have been some symbolic meaning also. The advent of electricity, street lights, and the automobile made the reason for meeting on such nights antiquated through unique. Many Grand Lodges now require lodges to meet on fixed days of the week.

FREEMASONS BUILD FORTS

"Fort Masonic" was built on what was known as the Heights of Brooklyn, which later became Bond and Nevins Streets, Brooklyn, New York. On August 22, 1814, the Grand Lodge of New York adopted a resolution by which, on September 1, the officers of the Grand Lodge accompanied by a group of Masons from fourteen lodges, went to the place and performed one day's work. On September 17, another day's work was done to complete the work. "Fort Hiram" was built on October 3, 1814, at Fort Point, Rhode Island, but the Grand Lodge which supervised 230 Masons at work. Thomas Smith Webb was Grand Master at the time. The purpose of the fortification was to protect the harbor of Providence, Rhode Island.

Masonic EnLIGHTenment

Bro. Samuel L. Clemens - a.k.a. Mark Twain

by Glenys Waldman, Librarian, The Masonic Library and Museum of PA

One of the best-loved Americans, the iconic Bro. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was born Nov. 30, 1835, in Florida, Mo. Four years later, the family moved to nearby Hannibal. During his distinctive career, Bro. Clemens worked as a printer, journalist, editor, miner, editor, and author. Samuel was a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, Mo. (Entered Apprentice, May 22, 1861; Fellow Craft, June 12, 1861; Master Mason, July 10, 1861). He is recorded as having visited Carson City Lodge (Nevada) in February and March of 1862.

Among Samuel's many books are "The Innocents Abroad;" "Roughing It," the story of that journey with his brother to Nevada; "Adventures of Tom Sawyer;" "The Prince and the Pauper;" "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn;" and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Samuel's pseudonym, Mark Twain, comes from his days as a river pilot. It is a riverboat term meaning two fathoms, or 12 feet of water. The depth is determined with a "hand lead," consisting of a lead weight of seven to 14 pounds and a braided hemp or cotton rope, 25 fathoms long, and is used where the water is (presumed) less than 20 fathoms deep. The term "mark" refers to the marks on the rope, which are at 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 17 and 20 fathoms. Thus the call, "Mark twain!" means "two fathoms," which is (at least reasonably) safe for riverboat navigation. Mark Twain had something to say about everyone and everything: "It is the will of God that we must have critics, and missionaries, and Congressmen, and humorists, and we must bear the burden." On Brotherhood: "The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession - what there is of it."

- **Mark Twain's "Notebook"**

On Friendship: "When we think of friends, and call their faces out of the shadows, and their voices out of the echoes that faint along the corridors of memory, and do it without knowing why, save that we love to do it; we content ourselves that friendship is a Reality, and not a Fancy - that it is builded upon a rock, and not upon the sands that dissolve away with the ebbing tides and carry their monuments with them."

- **Letter to Mary Mason Fairbanks**

"The proper office of a friend is to side with you when you are in the wrong. Nearly anybody will side with you when you are in the right."

- **"Notebook," 1898**

On Bro. Benjamin Franklin: "If it had not been for him, with his incendiary 'Early to bed and early to rise,' and all that sort of foolishness, I wouldn't have been so harried and worried and raked out of bed at such unseemly hours when I was young. The late Franklin was well enough in his way; but it would have looked more dignified in him to have gone on making candles and letting other people get up when they wanted to."

- **Letter from Mark Twain, San Francisco "Alta California," July 25, 1869**

About himself: Mark Twain famously said, "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year [1910], and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet. The Almighty has said, no doubt: 'Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.'" His prediction came true when he passed away April 21, 1910,

one day after Halley's Comet was closest to Earth. In applying for a passport on May 7, 1878, Mark Twain said: "My description is as follows: Born 1835; 5 ft. 8 1/2 inches tall; weight about 145 pounds ... dark brown hair and red moustache, full face with very high ears and light gray beautiful beaming eyes and a damned good moral character."

- **Letter to Bayard Taylor written May 7, 1878 (in German); reprinted and translated in "New Letters of Mark Twain," American Literature, 3/1936, p. 48**

Another great author said of him: "To my mind, Mark Twain was beyond question the largest man of his time, both in the direct outcome of his work and more important still, if possible, in his indirect influence as a protesting force in an age of iron philistinism."

- **[Brother] Rudyard Kipling, letter in the centennial year of Mark Twain's birth [1935]**

At his death, Samuel had left strict instructions that his uncensored autobiography remain unpublished until 100 years after his death. That year - 2010 - has been reached! The University of California Press will publish Twain's autobiography as they put it, "in its entirety and exactly as he left it." Volume I is to be released Nov. 15. It is hoped that the remaining two volumes will appear within five years (**cf. the "Houston Chronicle" May 25, 2010, "NY Times" and Barnes & Noble, July 10, 2010**).

Let Bro. Mark Twain himself close this sketch: "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

