

# Ladies Auxiliary

We are currently meeting monthly, during the same time as the Lodge's stated meetings – first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Our goal is to assist with all the Lodge's endeavors, and have a lot of also.

Membership is open to any lady, age 10 and over, who are affiliated with a member of Quincy Lodge – wife, mother, girlfriend, sister, daughter, etc. We would love to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Nickles at (765) 610-6557.

A very old and wizened gentleman arrives on the night of the Lodge's monthly meeting and asks to become a Fellowcraft. When advised that he would have to become an Entered Apprentice first, , the old man nods "I was entered as an apprentice in this Lodge 86 years ago." He gives the date and the records are examined. Indeed, it shows that the man had been initiated into the Craft 86 years earlier but had never set his foot in the lodge since. When asked why he had not been there in 86 years, the old man smiled and said "I've been learning to subdue my passions!"

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# From the East



Greetings Brethren,

Summer is in full swing, and there has been a buzz of activities happening here at Quincy Lodge. First of all, I would like to make mention that, with the hard work of Kevin Osborn and his crew, Quincy Lodge has purchased a concessions trailer. No more rentals from our friends at Coca-Cola. While we continue renovations to make it uniquely ours, we will make use of it through various events around Elwood. So keep your eyes out for it. Secondly, included in the Memorial Day Breakfast invitation, I sent an order form for engraved bricks in the Memorial Walkway. Thus far, orders are coming in, but we would like to see a few more before breaking ground. So, I urge you to get your order in as soon possible. The cost of bricks will increase on August 1, 2014. Next, I will be contacting many of you to assist in the Elwood Glass Festival. We have some fresh ideas, along with notables, which we believe will make this a successful year. We hope many of you can be part of this success. Finally, on Sunday, June 15th, Brother Aaron Myrick will be deployed on a tour of duty to Afghanistan. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, for his safe return. Yellow Ribbons will be tied to trees at the Lodge in dedication to Brother Aaron.

Stay well this summer!

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

## “TIE A YELLOW RIBBON AROUND THE OLD OAK TREE”

Bro. Aaron Myrick, who is currently serving in the US Army, has been deployed to Afghanistan. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers, as we await his safe return!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Stated Meeting  
July 1st  
7:30pm

Double Entered Apprentice Degree  
July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Eat at 6:00pm  
Lodge opens at 7:00pm

Stated Meeting  
August 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm

Elwood Glass Festival  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
\*Come See Us at the New Booth\*

Stated Meeting  
September 2nd  
7:30pm



# Masonic EnLIGHTenment

## Bro. Harry Houdini

Taken from the website of the GL of Illinois

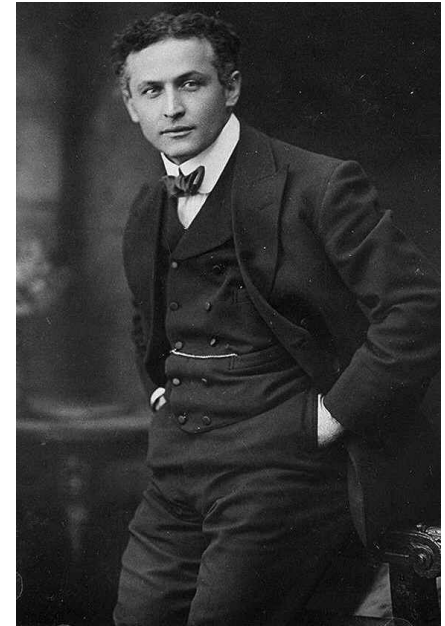
Harry Houdini was a magician, escape artist, and daredevil who captivated much of the Western world with his exploits in the first quarter of the twentieth century. He amazed and excited crowds with his death defying escapes. He wore shackles and handcuffs and ordered his assistants to lock him in trunks or submerge him underwater. Houdini became world famous by traveling across America and the world thrilling his fans. In performing his escapes and feats of physical and psychological endurance, Houdini pushed his mind and his body to extremes, proving himself to be an athlete as well as a magician. He was able to control the mind-body dynamic to extraordinary lengths. He achieved such fame for his exploits that the name "Houdini" remains synonymous with the art of escapism. Harry Houdini, was the son of Jewish parents. His father was a very learned Rabbi. Houdini was born on April 6, 1874 in Appleton, Wisconsin. His real name was Erich Weiss, but he took the name of Houdini after the French magician, Houdin. When he was nine in 1882, he started out to earn his living as a contortionist and trapeze performer in a 5-tent circus, located in his hometown. His mother disliked his occupation, or at least thought he might improve upon it, and much to his regret took him to a locksmith.

However, at that period of his career, the trade of locksmithing had no charm for him. To use his own expression, "One day I made a bolt for the door and never again entered my master's workshop." The youthful Houdini ran away from home and traveled with a show as a sleight-of-hand artist, a clown and a Punch and Judy performer, and became world famous for his feats of magic. Eventually, he sought to rival the Davenport Brothers in their rope-tying feats and was very successful.

Subsequently, he showed astounding ability in extricating himself from handcuffs, ropes, locked trunks, jail breaking, and bonds of any sort. At one time, he had himself roped and locked in a packing case, which was bound with steel tape and dropped into the harbor off the battery in New York City. He appeared on the surface of the water in 59 seconds.

After brilliant tours in vaudeville in this country, he went to Europe and created a furor in England, France, Germany, and Russia with his sensational escapes from prison cells.

Houdini attributed all of his feats of magic to natural, physical effects and explained how many of his tricks were performed. He exposed the tricks of fraudulent spiritualistic mediums, often producing "spiritualistic" phenomena himself which he explained in non-mystical, physical terms. Before he died, Houdini arranged a definite test of spiritualism, He devised a ten-word code, which he would communicate to his wife, if possible, within ten years after his death. After he died, various mediums maintained that they were able to establish contact with him, but none was able to transmit to his wife the prearranged code.



Houdini's collection of playbills and programs of eminent magicians, living and dead, constituted a veritable history of natural magic and prestidigitation, to say nothing of the largest library of books in the world. His house in New York is a storehouse of information for magicians. Houdini is the author of a number of books on magic and kindred topics, the most ambitious of which is *A Magician Among the Spirits*, New York, 1924.

Harry Houdini was initiated in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, N.Y., July 17, 1923, Passed July 31, and Raised August 21. In 1924 he entered the Consistory. Houdini gave back to the Masonic fraternity of which he was so proud, including giving a benefit performance for the Valley of New York which filled the 4,000 seat Scottish Rite Cathedral and raised thousands of dollars. In October 1926, just weeks prior to his untimely death on that Halloween, he became a Shriner in Mecca Temple.

Last rites for Bro. Houdini were held November 4, 1926 at the Elks Clubhouse in New York. Services were conducted by Rabbi Tintner who joined in the Elks "Hour of Remembrance," a tribute was delivered by Rabbi Bernard Drachman and eulogies by Loney Haskell of the Jewish Theatrical Guild and Henry Chesterfield of the National Vaudeville Artists, followed by a service by the Society of American Magicians, and concluded, as by tradition of the fraternity, with Masonic Rites.

# CURRENT HAPPENINGS

## ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Help us Welcome in Two New Brethren!



Quincy Lodge will hosting a double EA degree on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. We will eat at 6:00pm and the Lodge will open at 7:00pm. Hope to see you all there!

## MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY!

Have you purchased your personalized, engraved brick yet? If not, you still have time!

Until August 1<sup>st</sup>, you may purchase your brick(s) at a discounted rate of \$35 for a 4"x8" brick and \$55 for a 8"x8" brick.



These bricks will be permanently placed in the Memorial Walkway, and will reflect your or your loved one's zeal for the Fraternity.



## VETERAN'S WALL

Brethren, the progress on the Veteran's Wall Project is going well, and we are very close to populating it with the pictures we have received. If you are a Veteran, please provide us with a picture and short history of your service.

## COME SEE US AT THE ELWOOD GLASS FESTIVAL

The Lodge will once again be participating in the annual Elwood Glass Festival from August 14<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. This year, in addition to our Concessions Trailer, which has become a much loved tradition, we have also acquired additional booth space for a Membership Drive Booth. This booth will allow us to spread understanding and interest in our Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

