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Special points of interest:

- Meetings every second Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
- Family style meals before the meetings at 6:30 P.M.
- Study nights, Degrees and floor work, Mondays 7:00 P.M. at Waller Lodge.
- Waller Lodge meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.
- Waller Lodge family style meals before the meetings at 6:30 P.M.

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Ancient or Antient Freemasons

Mostly Irish freemasons formed this Grand Lodge in London in 1751. Properly titled the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions," it is also called Atholl freemasons, after the third and fourth Dukes of Atholl.

"It is quite likely that the word 'freemason' represented at least three distinct meanings, each having respect to a different century."

Skilled mediaeval builders used an even-grained limestone or sandstone called freestone, first mentioned in 1212 in Normandy. Free-stone mason was recorded in 1375 and the term was condensed to free mason. Centuries later this meaning became secondary, if not forgotten, when town mason guilds became more powerful.

It is hypothesized that a Free Mason was free of his Guild; he had the freedom of its privileges and was entrusted with certain rights. The London Co. of Freemasons changed its name to that of Masons in 1655-56, perhaps knowing that the term had undergone yet another change in meaning.

Members who were not stonemasons were accepted and were termed speculative, free or accepted. In time the terms became synonymous and "free" referred to an inner fraternity of speculative masons.

There are many other discredited theories. The tradition that sixth and seventh century builders travelled France and Italy freely by authority of Papal bull is unfounded. Another theory has it that a mediaeval freemason was either not tied to

the land or else, being attached to a monastery or ecclesiastical order, was free from the guilds. During the height of the abbey and church building period, there were few, if any, town mason guilds so this derivation is suspect.

Free and Accepted was first used in 1722 in J. Roberts', The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. **Accepted** "Acception" was an Inner Fraternity of speculative freemasons found within the Worshipful Company of Masons of the City of London. Operative members were "admitted" by apprenticeship, patrimony, or redemption; speculative members were "accepted". First recorded use of the term dates from 1620.

One Theory On The Origins Of Freemasonry

In order to conceal their identity from spies who worked for the Pope and the King of France, the Knights Templar had to come up with new identities after being betrayed by the Pope.

They apparently devised the "cover-name" of free mason, to use as the new name under which they would know themselves.

Keep in mind that not all

of the Knights Templar made it to Scotland, many were hiding out in other countries, and needed to find a way to regroup and to communicate with the other members.

The Knights used these allegorical stories as not only to prevent their identity from being found out, but it also served as lessons in morality. The

humbleness of the name of free-masons served as kind of a Knights Templar "witness relocation program", and helped to spare the lives of these humble Soldiers of Christ, the Knights of the Temple. If this theory is accurate, then it would certainly explain occasional references made, prior to 1717, of the Society of Freemasons.

THE RING OF LOVE

It was one of those private pacts a daughter makes with her dad. The one who died first would send a signal to the other that all was well in the hereafter. Two days after her mother and father plunged to their deaths on Alaska Airlines Flight 261, Tracy Knizek believes she got that message. A commercial fisherman who helped scoop debris from the crash site found the red-and-gold Mason's ring worn by her father, Bob Williams. Until she was told of the ring's recovery, the Suquamish, Washington, woman had struggled to accept her parents' deaths.

"Maybe this is God's way of telling us that this is really happening and that everything is going to be OK, and that hopefully I'll hear from him again," she said Thursday in a telephone interview from her parents' home in neighboring Poulsbo.

It was only a year ago, after her grandfather died, that she reminded her father of an agreement they made years earlier. "Ever since I was a little girl, my dad and I had a deal. Whoever died first, the other one would come back and tell them what it's like," she said. "It was just to let the other person know if it's OK, like we think it's going to be." That the ring was recovered at all seems as miraculous as the crash was tragic.

Oxnard fisherman Scott Jarvis' boat Meridian was part of a flotilla of commercial fishing boats that helped illuminate the crash scene Monday night while rescuers searched for survivors. Jarvis, 37, and his nephew, 21-year-old Kevin Marquiss, pulled enough seat cushions, insulation and other debris from the water to cover the back deck of the 32-foot boat. Later, as they cleaned jet fuel off the decks, they discovered the ring nestled in a deck hatch. Studded with three ruby-colored jewels, it had a large capital G in the center -- that,

Jarvis later learned, stood for "Grand Master Mason." "It's like he sent it from heaven and just set it on the boat," Jarvis said.

Bob Williams, 65, and his wife, Patty, 63, were returning home to the Puget Sound after spending two weeks in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with friends Robert and Lorna Thorgrimson, who also died aboard Flight 261. The couple traveled often after Williams retired as an Air Force colonel 20 years ago, visiting Panama and cruising to Alaska in the past year, Knizek said. Knizek, 39, had always been close to her parents. After living away from home for several years, she moved into a second house on their nine-acre property five years ago. Although the homes are separated only by a small woods, a quirk of geography placed them in different towns.

Just last year, her father carved a one-acre horse pasture out of the property. In the years ahead, they planned to fence it and build a barn, eventually buying horses for Knizek and her two children. "They were my best friends in the whole world," she said of her parents. She never told anyone of her agreement with her dad. But as she spoke to Jarvis, who contacted the Poulsbo Mason's Lodge after finding the ring, the story poured out.

"When that ring came around, I thought, 'Wow.' It's just to tell us, 'This is really happening, Tracy, this is real, and you're going to be OK and your brothers are going to be OK.'"

The ring remains with Jarvis, who will hold onto it until the families can arrange a meeting. In a letter to be opened upon his death, Bob Williams left the ring to the oldest of his two sons, Greg.

"Many people miss happiness in life; not because they did not find it, but because they never stopped to enjoy it."

WHY PRESIDENT McKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen 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."

Question: Is the Knights of Columbus a secret society?

Answer: No, a very open organization with a strong community presence. Only the four degree advancement ceremonies are kept secret to maintain and focus the power of their message.

From the K. of C. web site at,

<http://www.kofc3880.org/welcome.htm>

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Frederick the Great

"Frederick the Great, a Mason without any doubt, while in a jewelry shop in Potsdam, Germany, observed a middle-aged woman exhibiting an article of silver having certain Masonic symbols, possibly a Past Master's jewel. She was trying to borrow money on it. She said she had come to this particular shop to avoid the users and because the owner of the shop was a Mason. The jeweler told her that he was not in the pawnbroking business and couldn't make the loan.

Another person in the shop asked her many questions concerning the jewel, whose it was, how she had possession of it, etc. The man offered to buy the jewel and kept raising the price. When he decided to make her the loan, he discovered he had no money in his pocket. He then disclosed to the surprised woman that he

Two factory workers were talking. "I think I'll take some time off from work," said the man.

"How do you think you'll do that?" asked his blonde co-worker.

He proceeded to show her...by climbing up to the rafters, and hanging upside down.

The boss walked in, saw the man hanging from the ceiling, and asked him what on earth he was doing?

"I'm a light bulb" answered the guy.

"I think you need some time off," said the boss.

So, the man jumped down and walked out of the factory.

The blonde began walking out too.

The boss asked her where did she think she was going?

The blonde answered, "I'm going Home. . . I can't work in the dark."

was King.

Fredrick shook his staff at the jeweler and told him that he was not fit to be a Mason and threatened to file charges against him. The following morning the woman went to see Fredrick and the palace and he instructed her to return whenever she was in need of help.

Masonic District #108 will be holding the Entered Apprentice Degree Team competition at Hempstead Lodge this year. It will be held Saturday morning, June 5. Hempstead Lodge will have a Team entered this year. The Lodge teams will gather at the Lodge at 8:00 AM and the contest starts at 9:00 AM

The Long And Short Of It

Charles S. Stratton, a midget, was made famous by P. T. Barnum as "General Tom Thumb". He was first presented to the public in 1842; as the time he was two feet high and weighed 16 pounds. In 1844 he married Lavinia Warren, also a midget. He settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut and was raised in St. John's Lodge No. 3 on October 3, 1862.

At the time he was raised in Highland Park Lodge No. 382 in Los Angeles, California, John Aasen was eight and a half feet tall and weighed 536 pounds. Twelve craftsmen were required for certain parts of the ceremony.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Garrett, John A.	5-02-65
Hartley, David Wade	5-02-59
Lyons, Steven Dale	5-07-60
Podvin, Robert F.	5-25-49

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Carter, Malcolm Pierce	5-02-74
Parham, William E	5-05-82
Sweetman, Clyde O.	5-09-50
Wiesner, John W	5-25-51

Lodge Dues Past Due

There is only one more month left. Grand Lodge law will require us to suspend all members who have not paid their dues by June 21, 2004.

We currently have 14 members, out of our 53 Hempstead Lodge Brothers who have not paid their 2004 dues.

This means that over 25 percent of our entire membership is in arrears. It also means that your Lodge is owed \$1,120,00 dollars that is not available to your Lodge to help pay our operating expenses.

We all know that things can happen where we are unable to pay every thing. If you have not paid your 2004 dues because of a real hardship, **please contact the Secretary or the Worshipful Master.** Remember, every one of us took an oath to help a Brother in need, but we can not help anyone with a problem if we don't know about the problem.

Masonry is all about, "Brothers helping Brothers."

Brother Jimmy Faure Born 26 July 1935 - Died 10 April 2004

Brother "Jim" was survived by his wife of 49 years, Marilyn; sister Corlina; 6 children; 17 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and numerous Friends and Lodge Brothers.

He was a dual member of Hempstead Lodge 749 and Waller Lodge #808. He was the Worshipful Master of Waller Lodge during the 1988/89 year and was serving as Treasurer when he died.

Brother "Jim" was cremated and a public Memorial Service was held at the Northside Christian Church April 17, 2004.

The burglar was slowly and quietly making his way through each room of the house, stuffing a pillow case with every item he figured he could sell or pawn.

He was scanning the living room desk with his tiny flashlight when he heard a voice, seemingly coming from above.

“Jesus is watching you.”

He stopped dead still in his tracks and quickly scanned the room with the flashlight. There was no one in the room so he ask out loud, “What did you say?”

“Jesus is watching you.” came the voice, seemingly from above again

He quickly shined the light in the direction of the voice and there, up on top of the bookcase, sat a parrot.

“Hey there birdie, what’s your name?” He ask.

“Moses” the parrot answered.

“What kind of a stupid nut would name a parrot Moses?” the burglar ask.

“The same kind who would name a 137 pound Rottweiler, Jesus.” The parrot answered

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