

No one “speaks” for Freemasonry

An important thing to understand about freemasonry is that there is no one, single, worldwide governing body for the fraternity. There are literally thousands of books available with long names and respected authors who propound their theories about the history, philosophy, and symbolism of Freemasonry. There is no shortage of convoluted-sounding titles for office holders, especially in some of the other Masonic organizations outside of the Lodge.

However, no one man speaks for Freemasonry and no one man ever has. That’s important to understand whenever you hear criticisms and accusations against Freemasons, especially when they quote “authoritative sources,” “supreme leaders,” or “unseen superiors.”

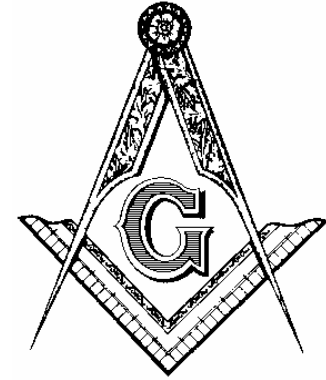
Every state in the United States, every province in Canada, and nearly every country on earth has a governing Grand Lodge, often more than one. Each Grand has rules and regulations that govern the lodges within its jurisdiction, and every Grand Lodge has a Grand Master who is essentially the president within that jurisdiction. But, Grand Masters wield no power to make rules or decisions outside of their borders. There is no national or international group that controls or directs the Grand Lodges thus making any diabolical plan for world domination a bit tricky to coordinate.

Freemasons for Dummies



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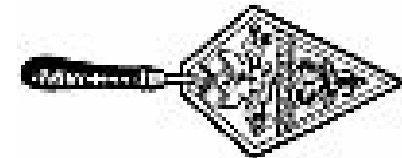
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST...

Wow, the month of May has just shot by! Let me recount what has happen since the last time we talked.

Shiloh's spring fundraiser held on Sunday, May 4th was a dazzling success. We had a great turnout of helpers and customers. Without a doubt we owe a great deal of thanks to Jim Gathmann, Jim & Isobel Taylor and Russ Mason. Their combined leadership and assistance made this event possible.

The Quilt was dedicated and now hangs in the lobby area outside of the lodge room door. Ann and Tom Hauder where in attendance for this simple ceremony and expressed their deepest appreciation to Larry Jacobsen, Charles Amidon and all of Shiloh lodge for this great honor. Come by or attend a meeting and view this beautiful Masonic quilt.

On Monday the 19th of May, Shiloh Lodge received a membership award for positive growth from the Scottish Rite, Omaha Valley. That same evening I had the wonderful pleasure of attending a meeting of the Job's Daughters, Bethel 69, and presenting, on behalf of Shiloh Lodge, the Bethel's annual achievement awards.

Over all it was a good month and certainly an excellent example of what we can achieve if we work together.

Sincerely,

Kevin Orr,
Worshipful Master

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The months of June and July have the potential to be busy! We will have one candidate for June and up to four in July. Without a doubt this is a great opportunity to get involved. Give me a call or send me an email. We need you!

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Shiloh Lodge

Gentlemen, Ladies and Friends of Shiloh
Ways to Get Involved with Your Lodge



Join us at a Business Meeting
Take part in degree work
Participate in OHB's Maintenance Campaign
Find a new member
Bring an old member back to the Lodge
Volunteer for the call committee
Help prepare a Lodge dinner
Join in a Masonic Education event
Help set-up the Lodge Christmas Party
And much, much more!

Please call and let me know how you want to HELP!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 2008

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
4	Builders Club	8:30 am
4	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
8	Installation Bethel #69	2:00 pm
11	EA degree	7:00 pm
18	Builders Club	8:30 am
18	FC degree	7:00 pm
25	MM degree	7:00 pm
25-28	Job's Grand Session, Fremont	

July 2008

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
2	Builders Club	8:30 am
2	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
9	EA degree	7:00 pm
16	Builders Club	8:30 am
16	FC degree	7:00 pm
22-26	Masonic All-Star Band	
23	MM degree	7:00 pm
26	Shrine Bowl	

August 2008

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
6	Builders Club	8:30 am
6	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
13	EA degree	7:00 pm
20	Builders Club	8:30 am
20	FC degree	7:00 pm
27	MM degree	7:00 pm
28	Central States Shrine at OK City	