



## FAMILY-COMMUNITY-MASONIC PRIDE

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One day King Solomon decided to humble Benaiah ben Yehoyada, his most trusted minister. He said to him, "Benaiah, there is a certain ring that I want you to bring to me. I wish to wear it for Sukkoth which gives you six months to find it."

"If it exists anywhere on earth, your majesty," replied Benaiah, "I will find it and bring it to you, but what makes the ring so special?" "It has magic powers," answered the king. "If a happy man looks at it, he becomes sad, and if a sad man looks at it, he becomes happy." Solomon knew that no such ring existed in the world, but he wished to give his minister a little taste of humility.

Spring passed and then summer and still Benaiah had no idea where he could find the ring. On the night before Sukkoth, he decided to take a walk in one of the poorest quarters of Jerusalem. He passed by a merchant who had begun to set out the day's wares on a shabby carpet. "Have you by any chance heard of a magic ring that makes the happy wearer forget his joy and the broken-hearted wearer forget his sorrows?" asked Benaiah. He watched the grandfather take a plain gold ring from his carpet and engrave something on it. When Benaiah read the words on the ring, his face broke out in a wide smile.

That night the entire city welcomed in the holiday of Sukkoth with great festivity. "Well, my friend," said Solomon, "have you found what I sent you after?" All the ministers laughed and Solomon himself smiled. To everyone's surprise, Benaiah held up a small gold ring and declared, "Here it is, your majesty!" As soon as Solomon read the inscription, the smile vanished from his face. The jeweller had written three Hebrew letters on the gold band: gimel, zayin, yud, which began the words "Gam zeh ya'avov" -- "This too shall pass."

At that moment Solomon realized that all his wisdom and fabulous wealth and tremendous power were but fleeting things, for one day he would be nothing but dust.

CALENDAR  
February, 2011

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting and Dinner.  
Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30.

19<sup>th</sup> – Junior Warden's Fellowship  
Breakfast. 8:00 - 10:30 AM. At the  
Lodge Hall.

21<sup>st</sup> – Officer's Call Meeting. 6:30  
PM. To Be Announced.

28<sup>th</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting.  
7:00 PM. At the Lodge Hall.



### **THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**COME AND JOIN US FOR GREAT FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD!!**

**.....mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm...good...**

**!! STATED MEETING AND DINNER !!**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 6:30 PM**

**JOIN US AS WB AND "CHEF" VIRGIL**  
**PRESENTS HIS PATENTED OYSTER**  
**STEW FOR OUR DELIGHT !**

### **FROM THE BROTHERHOOD**

Broken Column: None.

Keep in Your Prayers: We're all OK right now.

February Birthdays: 2<sup>nd</sup> –Byrl Smith;  
6<sup>th</sup> – Reggie Bourlier and Douglas Edison; 7<sup>th</sup> – Stanley Wolff; 8<sup>th</sup> – Virgil Vories; 9<sup>th</sup> – Chris Fox; 10<sup>th</sup> – Gordon Aren; 11<sup>th</sup> – Roger “Tex” Smith; 15<sup>th</sup> – Gene Ralstin; 17<sup>th</sup> Phillip Potts; 21<sup>st</sup> – Dean DeVries and the 22<sup>nd</sup> – George Stump and James Hentz, Jr.;

Contact these Brothers and wish ‘em Happy Birthday!

### **FROM YOUR BELOVED SECRETARY...**

Brethren, we still have several members with outstanding Dues to pay. Please take a moment to remit your 2011 Dues to the Lodge. Your timely payment helps our Lodge to continue our great programs and activities.

## 10 Things to Remember as a Freemason

1. I am the representative of my Lodge and of all Free and Accepted Masons. Whatever I do or say reflects directly upon myself and my fellow Freemasons everywhere and our good works.
2. I am responsible for what my Lodge and Freemasonry represent. They can be no more than what my fellow Freemasons and I make them.
3. I should not criticize what my fellow Freemasons do for Freemasonry unless I have a better suggestion and I am prepared to do it myself.
4. I must remember that the fact that I bear the name, Master Mason or Freemason, is not enough. I must continue to be worthy.
5. My fellow members and I are our Lodges and Freemasonry. Without our active support they cease to exist.
6. My Lodge does me a favor by calling upon me. I am not doing the Lodge a favor by serving. It is both an obligation and a privilege to help the Lodge and Freemasonry.
7. I should treat my fellow Freemasons with the same respect, honour, and understanding that I would like to receive from them.
8. It is not a right to be a Freemason, it is an honor. I should respect that honor by abiding by all of the precepts of my Lodge, my Grand Lodge, and Freemasonry as a whole.
9. Whatever differences my fellow Freemasons and I may have, we are all bound together by the bonds of our loyalty to The GAOTU, our families, the Lodge, and Freemasonry.
10. The willing Master Mason and his understanding family are the lifeblood of the Lodge and Freemasonry.

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