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March Madness

Just when we think the busy time of the year is over we find more work to be done, and more opportunities to enrich our lives with light in Masonry.

We have a busy month ahead of us. On the 12th we will have a Fellow Craft degree and on the 26th an Entered Apprentice Degree. If that wasn't enough, we are still traveling to other lodges for their inspections, and planning for our Open House on March 21st.

Although this madness

has us scrambling to get things done, it has been an exceptional time for our Masonic Family to unite and work together. There are far too many to thank to list here, but let me say Thank You to each of the bodies for your help and support of the events so far this year. You are appreciated more than you know!

I hope everyone marks the 21st on their calendar and attends our Open House. I know the planning committee has

been working hard to put together a fantastic event which will make our community aware of our organization and the good we all perform.

It is my goal this year to put our hands to work utilizing the working tools and symbolic emblems of our fraternity and apply their lessons to our daily lives that we may be better men, husbands, and fathers.

*Fraternally,
Douglas Shuler, WM*

Open House

Most Worshipful Brother Charles R. Murphy has asked each lodge to hold an open house on March 21, 2009. Our Open House at Medina Masonic Temple will be held in the afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be refreshments served in the dinning room where each body will have a table set up with information about their specific group. Also, in the back of the dinning

room will be a continuous slide show showing the activities of all of our groups.

Once we feel the bulk of our guests have arrived there will be an organized presentation put on in the Lodge Room. Each body will have about 15 minutes or so to present their group.

This event will be advertised in the Medina Gazette on March 17th and again on March 19th as well as through a press

release through the Gazette.

Not only will this be a great opportunity to find prospective members, but also to inform the community of the lodge and the various bodies meeting here that give so much to the community.

I hope to see you there!

*Fraternally,
Douglas Shuler, WM*



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*"Medina #58 will be
having a MM degree on
February 19th".*

On The Level

As a continuing note from last month, I would like to encourage any and all of our new Master Masons to take part in the next Master Mason Degree. There is always room on the Fellow Craft team for another brother. Please come and get involved! Also, there will be a volunteer Temple cleaning event on Thursday, March 19 come out and enjoy the camaraderie of the event. This is in preparation for our Temple open house Saturday the 21st of March. This is another opportunity to come out, get involved and help the

lodge. We will need guides, docents, and refreshment servers. This open house is not restricted to lodge only; there will be presentations by Rainbow, DeMolay, Eastern Star, Commandery, and Lodge. It should be a great event, and there will be a temple breakfast that morning, open to the public. \$4.00, all you can eat. Come out, enjoy breakfast, bring your friends and stay to help set up and man the open house. Also, keep in mind that this June 13th will be the Grand Master's One Day event. Any interested

potential brothers who might have some difficulty will memorizing, or walking to take the full degree work of the lodge might be encouraged to sign up for the One Day. Fill out a standard lodge petition, and pay the usual fees. We need time for an investigation committee visit before the event, so don't wait until the last minute!
I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

*Fraternally,
Richard Metzler, SW*

By The Plumb

I've written already about the Plumb and the Level. The last of the officers' jewels to consider is the Square, the jewel of the Worshipful Master. This one symbol is most typical of Freemasonry as a whole.

If asked to name one Masonic emblem, Mason and non-Mason alike, nine times out of ten, will probably answer, "The Square!" Many learned writers on Freemasonry have nominated the Square as the most important and vital, most typical and common symbol of the ancient Craft.

Masonically the word "square" has the same three meanings given by the world:

- (1) The conception of right-angled-ness - our ritual tells us that the square is an angle of ninety degrees, or the fourth part of a circle;
- (2) The builder's tool, one of our working tools, the Master's own immovable jewel;
- (3) That quality of character which has made "a square man" synonymous not only with a member of our Fraternity, but with uprightness, honesty and dependability.

The first of the three meanings must have been the mathematical conception and we should reflect upon the wisdom and reasoning powers of men who lived five thousand years ago, that

they knew the principles of geometry by which a square can be constructed.

The square is the symbol of regulated life and actions. It is the Masonic rule for correcting and harmonizing conduct on principles or morality and virtue, and as a symbol, it is dedicated to the Master. We also identify ourselves with this symbol, because we are taught that squares, levels and perpendiculars are the proper signs to know a mason.

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The Shrine Window

The participants in the Potentate's Trip to Las Vegas have returned with glowing memories. They claim the memories are of all the great times in Vegas, But I suspect that some of them are fond memories of their monetary friends they left there! We have also completed Lorain County Wild Game Feast. It was attended by 525 people, mostly (90%) Non-Shriners, and boasted such culinary delights as, veal meat balls, baked salmon, veal chili, veal

spare ribs, fried alligator and the usual cheese and veggie tray for appetizers. The main course included slices roast veal, prairie chicken, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, mackerel, perch, and many other treasures that one might find in the WILD! There were door prizes, and drawings for fishing poles, and a fruit basket that must have weighed over a hundred pounds.

Next year's potential Potentate is planning a trip by rail through the Canadian Rockies,



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hopefully during the fall color changes. It is planned to be open to any friends who may want to join us, and will probably be offered in various lengths to allow for budget constraints. Anyone who may be interested in joining us is encouraged to contact me so that information can be

provided as it becomes available. We hope to get enough people to fill the train!

*Fraternally,
Richard Metzler, CR*

Youth Corner

On March 7th both Medina Rainbow and DeMolay will be participating in the Tri-Youth Initiation at the Downtown Cleveland Masonic Temple. The girls will initiate three new girls into their assembly, and the boys will have two new members as well. We are pleased that the youth groups have been working together on several events and seem to be closer than ever.

Both groups are helping with the Open House event and will present their groups to our

guests.

We hope that the Open House will be a good opportunity to showcase our youth to our community and our adult bodies too.

*In Service To Our Youth,
June Calderhead, MA*

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Medina Rainbow and
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Youth Initiation"*

By the Plumb (continued from page 2)

"Always remember that as Masons and men of character we are always to square our actions by the square of virtue"



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"Pythagoras taught as the principal dogma of his philosophy the system of metempsychosis, or the transmigration of souls"

We are surrounded by squares in our Lodge. It stands, as one of the Great Lights, in the centre of all our activities. It is repeated in our Fellow Craft salute, our feet positions, our way of moving around the Lodge and our legs when at the altar in our Fellow Craft obligation.

In the construction trade, the square is used for "trueing" stones and "proving" them correct. We can see how easily, the association with truth and virtue could arise. There was the historical belief that the shape of the ancient world was an oblong square and this is represented in our

"squared Lodge."

There have been references to the square's meaning as a symbol long before the start of Masonry, as we know it. The Egyptians, Confucius and Aristotle refer to "square actions" and associate this with honest dealings, high morality, and virtue. The symbol is not original, it is certainly far from new, but it seems to have a remarkable consistency of meaning.

Always remember that as Masons and men of character we are always to square our actions by the square of virtue.

There are a few more inspections coming up this month. I continue to

encourage you to attend the inspections of the other lodges in our district, although I know that we all often have calendaring conflicts. If you are able to attend and want to share transportation, please be sure to contact me by telephone (330-723-1310) or email (ericfunston@mac.com)

*Fraternally,
Eric Funston, JW*

The Great Pythagoras

One of the most celebrated of the Grecian philosophers, and the founder of what has been called the Italic School, was born at Samos in the period of 586-69 B.C., the year 582 being favored as the probable one of his birth. Educated as an athlete, he subsequently abandoned that profession and devoted himself to the study of philosophy. He traveled through Egypt, Chaldea, and Asia Minor, and is

said to have submitted to the initiations in those countries for the purpose of acquiring knowledge. On his return to Europe, he established his celebrated school at Crotona, a Dorian Colony in the south of Italy, about 529 B.C., much resembling that subsequently adopted by the Freemasons. His school soon acquired such a reputation that disciples flocked to him from all parts of Greece

and Italy. Pythagoras taught as the principal dogma of his philosophy the system of metempsychosis, or the transmigration of souls. He taught the mystical power of numbers, and much of the symbolism on that subject which we now passes is derived from what has been left to us by his disciples, for of his own writings there is nothing extant.

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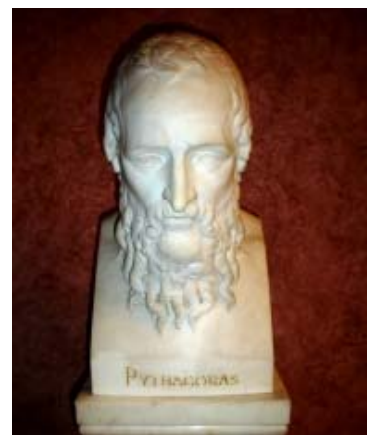
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He was also a geometrician, and is regarded as having been the inventor of several problems, the most important of which is that now known as the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. He was also a proficient in music, and is said to have demonstrated the mathematical relations of musical intervals, and to have invented a number of musical instruments. Disdaining the vanity and dogmatism of the ancient sages, he contented himself with proclaiming that he was simply a seeker after knowledge, not its possessor, and to him is attributed the introduction of the word

philosopher, or lover of wisdom, as the only title which he would assume. After the lawless destruction of his school at Crotona, he fled to the Locrians, who refused to receive him, when he repaired to Metapontum, and sought an asylum from his enemies in the temple of the Muses, where tradition says that he died of starvation at near the end of the sixth or the beginning of the fifth century. Some claim the date to be 506 B.C., when he was about seventy-six years old.

- Source: Mackey's
Encyclopedia of
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Medina Masonic Temple Calendar

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Open House Committee 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8	9 Medina Commandery Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11 Wadsworth #385 Inspection Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. FC Degree	12 Medina Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. FC Degree Ashland #151 Insp. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. FC Degree	13	14
15	16 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cedar #430 Insp. 5:30 p.m., Dinner, 7:00 p.m. MM	17 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Temple Clean-up 7:00 p.m.	20 Spartan #126 Inspection Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. EA Degree	21 Open House Practice & Breakfast 8 – 10a.m. OPEN HOUSE 3-5 p.m.
22	23	24 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25	26 Medina Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. (EA Degree)	27 Harrisville #137 Inspection 5:30 p.m. First Sec. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 7:00pm MM Degree	28
29	30	31				