



Work & Lectures

A Metropolitan Atlanta Masonic Newsletter



news @ morelight . org

August, 2008
Appendant Bodies

http://news.morelight.org

DeKalb County Masonic Association Report

In This Issue

- 1- Davo Digresses, Area News & DCMA Report
- 2- Old Tyler Talks: *To Wait How Long?*
- 3- List of Special Events & Trophy Roundup
- 4- Calendar of Regular Atlanta Communications
- 5- Masonic Ed.: *Appendant Bodies*
- 6- Old Tyler Bonus: *On Being Asked to Join*

Davo Digresses: Side Orders

David Herman, PM, Chamblee-Sardis 444
District Deputy to the Grand Master

You may have noticed that I have elected to include two Old Tyler Talks again this month. I couldn't decide which Old Tyler Talk to include (and was running out of time to come up with another article of my own), so there you have it. And they each tied in so well with this month's theme, Appendant Bodies.

I hope that you continue to enjoy these reprinted articles as much as I do. There is a lot of wisdom in those words.

I actually get thanked for including them more than any other regular feature, so rest assured that they'll be around for a good long time.

5th District Notices

Worshipful Masters of the 5th District, I hope that you have already sent in any submissions for the district's Lodge and Mason of the Year awards. The deadline for these was 1 August.

Remember that Saturday, 23 August will be the Rock Quarry Conferral at Morganton, and Sunday, 24 August will be the District Family Day activities at Wills Park in Alpharetta. You should receive more information in the mail if you haven't already.

Please mark your calendars for the District Convention, which will be held on Saturday, 13 September, at 9:00 am at Palmetto Daylight 755. It would be great to see a representative from every district lodge present to show support.

Grand Lodge Approaches

Don't forget that October is just around the corner. Those of us not fortunate enough to be retired should start making plans to be present.

Standard Disclaimer

This publication is created to inform the brethren. Any views or opinions that manage to sneak in are solely those of the editor, who does **NOT** speak for any organization whatsoever. Really.

DCMA This Month

Join us at Panthersville 543 on Tuesday, 19 August; 6:30 meal and 7:30 meeting. *The program has not yet been announced.* Located at 3605 Union Church Road, Stockbridge. Panthersville Lodge is just little bit north of Stockbridge Highway.



Panthersville's beautiful facility is barely inside of the DeKalb County line - although actually meeting in the county is NOT a requirement for DCMA membership!

DCMA Next Month

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Tucker 42 on Monday, 22 September; 6:30 meal and 7:30 meeting. *Next month's program has not yet been announced.* Located at 3605 Union Church Road, Stockbridge, Panthersville Lodge is just little bit north of Stockbridge Highway.

DCMA Last Month

If you missed our last meeting, you missed a great time. Bagpipes, Kilts and Haggis for everyone (who was brave enough) were the central feature of the program hosted by Clarkston 492, with help from Gate City 2. Afterwards, an EA exam was held in lodge. If only someone had sent pictures...

DCMA This Year

President: Mike Wilson, Lithonia 84 & EA Minor 603
mikew @ morelight . org or 770 482 3338

1st VP: David Herman, Chamblee-Sardis 444 & Internet 9659, EC
david @ morelight . org or 404 421 5297

2nd VP: Ray Skiles, Glenwood Hills 703
rays @ morelight . org or 678 313 0802

Sec/Treas: Bill Eleazer, Glenwood Hills 703
bille @ morelight.org or 770 922 5412

*The DCMA... Determined to Cover Masonry in Atlanta!
We'd like for your lodge to join us - ask one of us how.*

Where's YOUR News?

We'd be honored to support the community by publishing *your* news and events - all you have to do is let us know by emailing news @ morelight . org with all the information you'd like listed.

Old Tiler Talks

by Carl H. Claudy
PGM, District of Columbia

To Wait How Long?

"Old Tiler," began the New Brother, "do you think I ought to be a Chapter Mason and a Commandery Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason right away?"

"That's a rather large question," objected the Old Tiler. "Why do you ask?"

"I am constantly asked to join these bodies," answered the New Brother. "It seems to me I ought to wait until I know more about Masonry before I go farther."

"I agree with you," answered the Old Tiler, heartily.

"You just said it was too large a question to answer right off," cried the New Brother.

"That was before you told me how you felt," countered the Old Tiler. "No man should go farther in Masonry as long as he feels he should wait. But if you had said that your interest was flagging, and that you wanted to go ahead and explore, to refind the thrill of the third degree, I would probably have told you I agreed with you heartily."

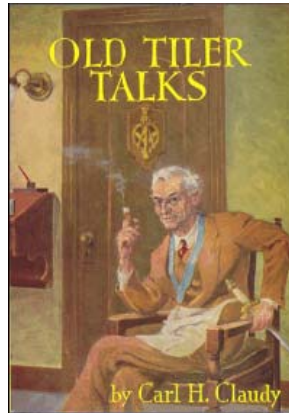
"Seems to me," answered the New Brother, "that the Grand Lodge might profitably make a rule that no Master Mason could apply for the degrees in any other Masonic body until they have been Master Masons for six months or a year."

"You are not the only, or the first Mason, to think that," answered the Old Tiler. "But that is a very large question indeed, and much can be said on both sides."

"Won't you tell me both sides?" asked the New Brother.

"I'll try," answered the Old Tiler. "The Grand Lodge side of it is simple enough; it is obvious that if there were only the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry a man could not divide his attention, his money, and his time with them and any other Masonic bodies. But we have Capitular degrees and Commandery degrees and Cryptic degrees; and Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite degrees, and the Shrine; while the Shrine is not a Masonic body, yet it is a goal for many Masons, so it enters into the problem. Those who propose that Grand Lodge forbid newly made Master Masons applying for the degrees in Chapter or Rite until after a lapse of a year, have in mind that if a man has only his lodge to go to, he will learn some Masonry, get the habit, and so, when he does take the other degrees, he will not forget his Alma Mater.

"Those who think the Grand Lodge should not make such a regulation, often believe that it should be made by the other bodies. Such Masons think that Capitular Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry would be stronger and better if they refused any candidates who had not at least a year's experience in the Symbolic lodge. A college demands certain scholastic standards of its freshmen. Many demand a high school



diploma, or its equivalent. A college has a right to say on what terms it will accept students. But the high school never says 'you mustn't apply to the college without a high school diploma.' The high school doesn't attempt to tell the college what it must or must not do, or who it can and cannot have as freshmen. It but prepares those willing to study to enter to the college. It is the college which won't take the unprepared.

"Many Masons will feel that the so-called 'higher' degrees are a sort of college course to Masonry, and that the bodies which confer those degrees should demand at least a year's experience in Blue Lodge Masonry, but can see no reason why the Grand Lodge should keep their doors for them.

"No well-informed Mason sees the lodge as a primary school and the other Rites as colleges. No well-informed Mason but regards Ancient Craft Masonry as the source of all Masonry, to be honored above all others. A real comparison perhaps could be made with a country and citizenship. Citizenship in this nation is a very high estate. Yet some citizens know more statecraft than others and become leaders in the legislature, the cabinet, the law, the diplomatic service. They could do none of these things without being citizens. The United States demands a certain period- I think it is five years- which a 'candidate' for citizenship must wait, before he receives his 'third degree,' his final papers. Until he gets them, he cannot be a citizen or enjoy the rights of citizenship, or go higher in the State, or be an officer. That is like the lodge demand of a month between degrees, and a proficiency in the work before the next degree is conferred.

"The United States doesn't say to a newly-made citizen 'now that you are a citizen, you must wait a year or two before you exercise your citizenship.' Our Grand Lodge does not say to a Blue Lodge Mason 'you must wait a year before you try to be an officer or before you apply for any other degrees.' Yet there are those who would have Grand Lodge do just that.

"There are two sides, my brother. Personally, I would think that a period of waiting would be an excellent thing. I would like to see the Grand Chapters and the Supreme Council decide that a Master Mason must be such for six months or a year before he could apply, just as they now demand six months' or a year's residence in a place before they will admit jurisdiction. But I think a Grand Lodge is less than wise if it attempts to regulate the so-called 'high bodies' in their standards."

"I thought Grand Lodge could do anything," put in the New Brother.

"So it can, very nearly," smiled the Old Tiler. "I did not say I thought a Grand Lodge would be going beyond its rights in making such a regulation. I said I thought it would be unwise. The Grand Lodge has complete control of a man's Masonry and his Masonic conduct. Its right to regulate is undoubted; its wisdom in doing so may be open to discussion."

"Well, I'm going to wait a while; but not a year," responded the New Brother.

"Which will be just right, for you," smiled the Old Tiler.



List of Special Events - August, 2008

- 3 Aug, Sun - Blood Drive - AA (Ahavath Achim) Synagogue, Atlanta; sponsored by Fulton 216. Call for times.
- 5 Aug, Tue - Entered Apprentice Conferral - Palmetto 74, Palmetto. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 9 Aug, Sat - Workday at the Children's Home - Districts 1, 4, 9 and 12. 7:00 am registration, 8:00 am work, noon lunch.
- 9 Aug, Sat - Gwinnett County Masonic Association - Gwinnett Daylight 744, noon lunch, open meeting follows.
- 9 Aug, Sat - 50 Year Awards - Campbellton 76, Campbellton. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 12 Aug, Tue - Entered Apprentice Conferral - Jonesboro 87, Jonesboro. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 16 Aug, Sat - Tournament of Champions - Blue Lodge lecture and ritual proficiency competition, sponsored by the Valley of Atlanta; starts 9:00 am, Atlanta Masonic Center.
- 16 Aug, Sat - 4th Masonic District Convention - Hosted by Carroll 69, Carrollton. 10:00 am start.
- 19 Aug, Tue - DeKalb County Masonic Association - Panthersville 543, Stockbridge. 6:30 meal, 7:30 open meeting.
- 23 Aug, Sat - Rock Quarry Degree - Morganton, GA; hosted by Mineral Bluff 483. Noon BBQ "at the spring".
- 24 Aug, Sun - 5th District Family Picnic - Wills Park, Alpharetta, GA; hosted by Alpharetta 235. Starts at 11:00 am.
- 1 Sep, Mon - GACHIP Event - at Hunter Park, Douglasville, 9:00 - 5:00. Hosted by Douglassville 289.
- 6 Sep, Sat - GACHIP Event - at the new Courthouse, Douglasville, 9:00 - 5:00. Hosted by Douglassville 289.
- 6 Sep, Sat - Pancake Breakfast - Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain. 7:30 to 10:30 am.
- 7 Sep, Sun - BBQ Lunch - Lithonia 84, Lithonia. 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 9 Sep, Tue - GM Visit - Jonesboro 87, Jonesboro. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 13 Sep, Sat - 5th Masonic District Convention - Hosted by Palmetto Daylight 755. 10:00 am start.
- 13 Sep, Sat - GACHIP Event - at the new Courthouse, Douglasville, 9:00 - 5:00. Hosted by Douglassville 289.
- 13 Sep, Sat - BBQ Fundraiser - Lawrenceville 131, Lawrenceville. 11:00 - 7:00, all you can eat.
- 13 Sep, Sat - The Traitor - 20th Anniversary presentation, Atlanta Masonic Center, \$10.00 per seat (fees go to help fund the restoration and preservation of the Scottish Rite backdrops).
- 15 Sep, Mon - Gwinnett County Masonic Association - Snellville 99, Snellville. 6:30 meal, 7:30 open meeting.
- 22 Sep, Mon - DeKalb County Masonic Association - Tucker 42, Tucker. 6:30 meal, 7:30 open meeting.

Traveling Trophy Roundup

4 th District SW of Atlanta	Carroll 69 Traveling Gavel : Carroll 69, Carrollton Bowdon 206 Traveling Gavel : Temple 322, Temple Buck Creek 639 Traveling Gavel : Buck Creek 639, Carrollton Tyus 671 Traveling Gavel : Tyus 671, Tyus
5 th District Includes Atlanta	5 th District Traveling Gavel : Gate City 2, Atlanta Clarkston 492 Traveling Gavel : Gate City 2, Atlanta Roswell 165 Traveling Gavel: Roswell 165, Roswell
6 th District South of Atlanta	Jonesboro 87 Traveling Gavel : Meridian Sun 26, Griffin Rex 251 Traveling Gavel : Rex 251, Ellenwood East Point 288 Traveling Gavel : Mickey Fuller 720, Bryon Lakewood 443 Traveling Hat : Hapeville 590, Hapeville
9 th District NE of Atlanta	Gwinnett County Donkey : Mountain Park 729, Stone Mtn.

5th District Gavel rules at <http://5dist.morelight.org/>
Clarkston 492 Gavel rules at <http://www.clarkston492.com/>



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Schedule of Regular Communications for Lodges meeting within about 10 miles of I-285 and/or in DeKalb Co.

All meetings start at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Fifth District Lodges DeKalb County Masonic Association Lodges (part of the Fifth District) Nearby Lodges of the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Districts

Calendar grid with dates 3-30 and lodge meeting details for each day.



Appendant Bodies, Affiliated Orders, and Adoptive Rites of the US

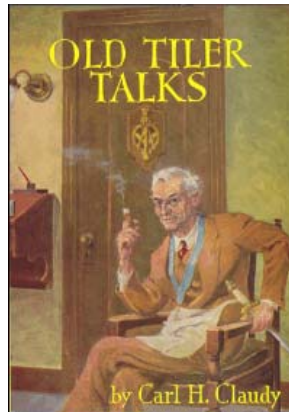
Wow, that's a mouthful. But what are they all? The truth is, some jurisdictions define them differently - but taken together, they make up the "Masonic Family" of organizations. But perhaps I've started off with too much. I will list the following orders based on information found online, as I have personal knowledge of very few; this information is adapted from several sources; primarily yorkrite.org. And I preemptively extend my apologies for anything I get wrong. **Red indicates that this body is generally considered part of the "York Rite" in the US. Green indicates that female relatives of Masons may also join.**

Name of Body	Masonic Requirements	Other Rqmts
Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD)	Royal Arch Mason	Invitational
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (A&ASR)	Master Mason	None
Cryptic Masons (R&SM) Thrice Illustrious Master	MM (RAM in some states) present/past Ill. Master	None none
Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon	Knight Templar	Christian
Grand College of Rites of the USA (GCR)	Master Mason	None
High Twelve International	Master Mason	None
International Firefighters Square Club	Master Mason	Firefighter
International Law Enforcement Officers Square Club	Master Mason	Law Enforcement Officer
Knights Templar (KT) Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP) Knight Crusader of the Cross Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor Past Commanders Association	RAM (R&SM in some states) past Emm. Cmdr. pres/past Emm. Cmdr. pres/past Emm. Cmdr. pres/past Emm. Cmdr.	Christian* (in most states) none none none none
Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH)	RAM, R&SM, KT - past lead	Christian* (in most states)
Masonic Order of the Bath	Master Mason	None
MSRICF (Masonic Rosicrucians)	Master Mason	Christian
National Sojourners	Master Mason	Serviceman or Veteran
<i>Order of the Amaranth</i>	<i>MM or female relative</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Order of the Eastern Star</i>	<i>MM or female relative</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Order of the Golden Chain</i>	<i>MM or female relative</i>	<i>None</i>
Order of Knight Masons (KM)	Royal Arch Mason	Invitational
<i>Order of the True Kindred</i>	<i>MM or female relative</i>	<i>None</i>
Past Masters Club	MM - Past Master	None
Philalethes Society (PSOC)	Master Mason	None
Red Cross of Constantine (RCC)	Royal Arch Mason	Invitational; Christian
Royal Arch Masons (RAM) Order of High Priesthood	Master Mason present/past High Priest	Invitational none
Royal Order of Scotland (ROS)	32° Scottish Rite	Invitational; Christian
Scots	Master Mason	None
Scottish Rectified Rite (aka CBCS, or Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of Jerusalem)	Master Mason	Invitational; Christian
Shrine (AANOMS) El Haaj Royal Order of Jesters (ROJ) Order of Quetzacoatl (Q)	Master Mason Shriner Shriner Shriner	None Invitational Invitational Invitational
Society of Blue Friars	Master Mason	Invitational; Published Author
Tall Cedars of Lebanon (TCL)	Master Mason	None
York Rite Sovereign College (YRSC)	Knight Templar	Invitational; Christian
<i>White Shrine of Jerusalem</i>	<i>MM or female relative</i>	<i>Christian</i>



Old Tiler Talks

by Carl H. Claudy
PGM, District of Columbia



On Being Asked to Join

"I think it's an outrage," announced the New Brother with great emphasis, talking to the Old Tiler.

"Sure it is!" answered the Old Tiler.

"Why don't you have it stopped, then?"

"I dunno, what is it?"

"You just agreed with me it was an outrage. And now you don't know what it is!"

"No, I do not. But I am wise enough to agree with out-of-temper brethren. Then they don't get out of temper with me. So suppose you tell me what is an outrage?"

"All these brethren who try to get me to join things! Ever since I was raised they have been after me. Jones wants me to join his Chapter and Smith says as soon as I do I must come in his Council, and Robinson wants me in his Commandery and Jackson says I mustn't think of going York but must go Scottish Rite, and Brown tells of what he is going to have done to me when I join the Shrine, and Peters wants me to become a Veiled Prophet and Lem says I mustn't forget the Tall Cedars, and old Jerry tells me he'll never let up on me until I join the Eastern Star... it makes me ill."

"You sure do get sick easily," answered the Old Tiler.

"But I'll attend to it. Tomorrow I will see to it that at least ten brethren tell you you are not good enough for the Chapter, not wise enough to join the council, not brainy enough for the Rite, not sincere enough for the Commandery, not a good enough sport to stand the Grotto, Tall Cedars or Shrine initiation and not decent enough to join the woman's organization. That'll fix it all right and you can be well again."

"Hey, wait a minute! What do you mean, I am not decent enough for the women or good enough sport to stand the Shrine? I'm perfectly decent and as good a sport as-"

"Gently, gently! I did not say you were not- I said I'd arrange with a lot of brethren to tell you you were not."

"But why?"

"You get peeved when they tell you the other thing- I thought that was what you wanted."

"Our wires are crossed somewhere!"

"No, it is you who are cross and therefore not able to see straight," snapped the Old Tiler. You say it's an outrage that many brethren invite you to join with them. What is there outrageous about it?"

The brother who wants you in his Chapter sees in you good material out of which to make a Companion. The Knight who wants you in his Commandery thinks you will grace its uniform, live up to its high standards, conform to its usages. The brother who would like to have you in the Scottish Rite thinks you have brains enough to appreciate its philosophic degrees and believes that Albert Pike had such as you in mind when he wrote 'Morals and Dogma.' The Noble or the Veiled Prophet who asks you to come with him thinks you are a good sport, able to be the butt of a joke for a while that others may laugh, and that you may, in turn, enjoy the antics of others. They all take you for a regular fellow.

When you are asked to join the Eastern Star a great compliment is paid you- you are selected as a man fit to associate with fine women; you are accepted as a gentleman as well as a Mason, a man women will be proud to know. That is your outrage!"

"I never looked at it in that way. Masons do not ask others to join with Masons in Masonry and I suppose I thought- I felt-"

"You didn't think; you just thought you thought." The Old Tiler was smiling now. "Think again. There is every reason why Masonry should not ask the profane to be of it. Masonry is bigger than any man. It never seeks; it must be sought. But once a Mason the matter is different. The lodge has investigated you. You were found not wanting by your fellows. Why wouldn't your brother ask you to join another organization in which he is interested and which he thinks will interest you?"

"Well, but-"

"There is no 'but' which fits! There are many Masonic organizations, each filling its place. Chapter, Council, and Commandery extend the symbolic lodge story. The Scottish Rite tells it to the end in another way. Shrine, Grotto and Tall Cedars are happy places where Masons play. The Eastern Star practices charity, benevolence, kindness, the gentler side of life. None duplicate; all have work to do. The better the workers, the better the work. It is no outrage that they pay toy the compliment of asking you to join with them."

"But I haven't the time; I don't know if I could afford it."

"That is another story. All these organizations cannot make you more a Mason than you are now, but they might make you a better one. Whether you have the time or the means needed is your affair. It would indeed be an outrage if any one questioned you about that. These brethren who ask you to join with them think you have leisure enough to be a better Mason and of sufficient means to indulge that laudable ambition."

"Oh, of course, you are right and I am wrong, as usual. I guess I'm a-"

"A Mason," suggested the Old Tiler, gently.

"And a prospective, Companion, Knight or whatever it is they will call me when I join the Scottish Rite and all the rest!"

