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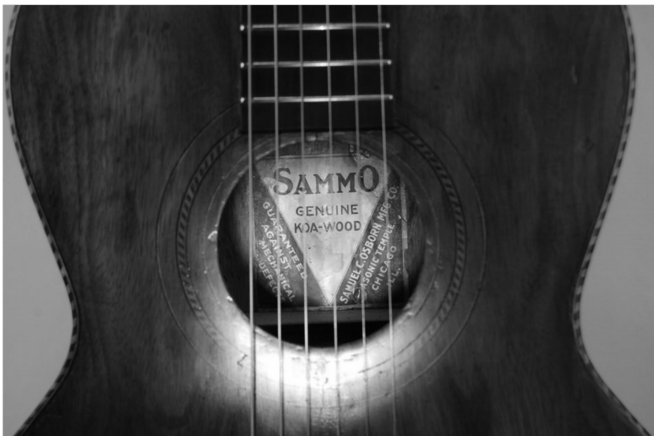
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Under the Double Eagle! Masonic Musings . . .

From an essay by Brother Gary "Guitar Guy" Rice:

There's a Bluegrass song, (actually just one among so many songs out there going back to Mozart and even before) that relates to Freemasonry. This one's called "Under the Double Eagle", a military march composed in 1893 by an Austrian named Wagner. Meant, at least ostensibly, to honor the double headed Prussian Eagle, the Double Eagle emblem is in fact, also a principal emblem of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Over the years, the song has become one of the "must know" songs of the Bluegrass guitar world, and has been recorded many times and by many artists, including by late Masonic brothers, Chet Atkins and Hank Snow. You've likely seen the gold double eagle ring of Scottish Rite Freemasonry on the hands of many Masons over the years, including my own, as well as generations of my own family, but again I digress here.

You may have also seen the name "Samuel C. Osborne" (aka SAMMO, or SAMMOS) on the label



of high grade Chicago-made guitars, mandolins, and even pianos. His address was "Masonic Temple, Chicago", which at one time was the tallest building in that city, described in 1894 by the Scientific American magazine as "A city under one roof".

Indeed, many Masonic buildings could once be found in virtually all American cities, and some cities, like Sandusky and Washington D.C., were even designed having Masonic layouts! A common statement was once made that the "Promise of America" was founded by the "little red schoolhouse, the little white church, and the little blue lodge", and there is much truth to that generalization.

While individual Masonic Lodges have sometimes been racially segregated in the past, persons of every race and religion have always been welcome and able to find a Masonic Lodge to join, knowing that they would share a worldwide fellowship wherever they journeyed in life.

Quite frankly, I decided to write these words today because toleration is still very much under assault in this nation, and around the world. If we give up on the dream of universal human acceptance and toleration, how long do you suppose it will be before this world literally explodes in

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Robert Bruce

The introduction of Freemasonry into Scotland has been attributed by some writers to Robert, King of Scotland, commonly called Robert Bruce, who is said to have established in 1314 the Order of Heredom, for the reception of those Knights Templar who had taken refuge in his dominions from the persecutions of the Pope and the King of France. Thory (*Acta Latomorum, i, 6*), copies the following from a manuscript in the library of the Mother Lodge of the Philosophical Rite:

“Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, under the name of Robert the First, created, on the 24th June, 1314, after the battle of Bannockburn, the Order of Saint Andrew of the Thistle, to which has been since united that of Heredom (H-D-M) for the sake of the Scotch Masons, who composed a part of the thirty thousand men with whom he had conquered an army of a hundred thousand Englishmen. He reserved, in perpetuity, to himself and his successors, the title of Grand Master. He founded the Royal Grand Lodge of the Order of H-D-M at Kilwinning, and died, full of glory and honours, the 9th of July, 1329.”

Doctor Oliver (*Landmarks, ii, 13*), referring to the abolition of the Templar Order in England, when the Knights were compelled to enter the Preceptories of the Knights of Saint John, as dependents, says:

“In Scotland, Edward, who had overrun the country at the time, endeavoured to pursue the same course; but, on summoning the Knights to appear, only two, Walter de Clifton, the Grand Preceptor, and another, came forward. On their examination, they confessed that all the rest had fled; and as Bruce was advancing with his army to meet Edward, nothing further was done. The Templars, being debarred from taking refuge either in England or Ireland, had no alternative but to join Bruce, and give their active support to his cause. Thus, after the battle of Bannockburn, in 1314, Bruce granted a charter of lands to Walter de Clifton, as Grand Master of the Templars, for his assistance which they rendered on that occasion. Hence the Royal Order of H-R-D-M was frequently practiced under the name of Templary.”

Lawrie, or the author of Lawrie’s *History of Freemasonry*, who is excellent authority for Scottish Freemasonry, does not appear, however, to give any credit to the narrative. Whatever Bruce may have done for the advanced Degrees, there is no doubt that Ancient Craft Masonry was introduced into Scotland at a earlier period. But it cannot be denied that Bruce was one of the patrons and encouragers of Scottish Freemasonry.

—From Mackey’s *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Brotherly Love

At a very early period in the course of his initiation, a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry is informed that the three great principles of the Order are *Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth*. These virtues are illustrated, and their practise recommended to the aspirant, at every step of his progress; and the instruction, though continually varied in its mode, is so constantly repeated, as infallibly to impress upon his mind their absolute necessity in the constitution of a good Freemason.

Brotherly Love might very well be supposed to be an ingredient in the organization of a society so peculiarly constituted as that of Freemasonry. But the *Brotherly Love* which we inculcate is not a mere abstraction, nor is its character left to any general and careless understanding of the candidate, who might be disposed to give much or little of it to his Brethren, according to the peculiar constitution of his own mind, or the extent of his own generous or selfish feelings. It is, on the contrary, closely defined; its object plainly denoted; and the very mode and manner of its practise detailed in words, and illustrated by symbols, so as to give neither cause for error nor apology for indifference.

Every Freemason is acquainted with the Five Points of Fellowship—he knows their symbolic meaning—he can never forget the interesting incidents that accompanied their explanation; and while he has this knowledge, and retains this remembrance, he can be at no loss to understand what are his duties, and what must be his conduct, in relation to the principle of *Brotherly Love* (see *Points of Fellowship*).

—From Mackey’s *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.

Closing

The duty of closing the Lodge is as imperative, and the ceremony as solemn, as that of opening; nor should it ever be omitted through negligence, nor hurried over with haste. Everything should be performed with order and precision, so that no Brother shall go away dissatisfied. From the very nature of our Constitution, a Lodge cannot properly be adjourned. It must be closed either in due form, or the Brethren called off to refreshment. But an adjournment on motion, as in other societies, is unknown to the Order. The Master can alone dismiss the Brethren, and that dismissal must take place after a settled usage. In Grand Lodges which meet for several days successively, the session is generally continued from day to day, by calling to refreshment at the termination of each day’s sitting.

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Matron's Message

Sisters and Brothers:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Soon it will be time for all of us to get back to work in all of our organizations.

Ann Rutledge is getting ready to celebrate its 103rd birthday. The first Wednesday in September we will be giving out milestone pins, and we will be having a dinner afterwards. We are also getting ready to go to Grand Chapter at the end of September.

For us October brings Grand Chapter reports, and we are going to have a Halloween party at our second meeting in October for all of our neighbors in Eastern Star.

November will bring the end of Bob and my term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Our Installation is November 9 at 2:00p. We wish Elinor and Harold best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

So as we round the final turn and head toward the finish line, Bob and I wish all of you good health and happiness in the future.

Dates to Remember:

September 4 Stated Meeting – Celebrate Birthday awards and Chapter Birthday

September 18 Stated Meeting

October 2 Stated Meeting – Grand Chapter Report & July-October Birthdays

October 16 Stated Meeting – Neighbor Chapters invited to Trick or Treat for Halloween

November 6 Stated Meeting – Farewell Installation Rehearsal following meeting

November 9 Installation of 2024-2025 Officers – 2:00p

November 20 Stated Meeting – Thanksgiving celebration

Auxiliary

Around the Town meets at noon for lunch. Come to our meeting and find out where we will go next.

THEME

If Tomorrow Never Comes

MOTTO

Don't put off something you want to do until it's too late.

Please report sunshine, good or bad, to our Worthy Matron Trudy Gollmer at 440.239.6446 or our Associate Conductress Wendy Metzger, 216.408.1396.



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Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

Stated Convocation Third Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.cunningham187ram.org

High Priest's Message

Companions:

We will be resuming our labors on Wednesday, September 18, with our annual Table Chapter. Dinner will start at 6:30p, and we will be rolling into our program for the evening promptly at 7:30p. Please join us for dinner and what will be an excellent program. Additional information will be sent out as we get closer to the day of the event.

Below you will find the schedule for this Capitular year. All meetings are every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30p. Our Inspection will be in the Mark Master Degree with practice on October 16 and the degree being on November 20. If you are an officer, please try to attend both. However, if for some reason you will not be able to attend the Inspection, please let me know in advance so arrangements can be made to replace your part ahead of time.

September 18	Table Chapter - Dinner 6:30p
October 16	Mark Master Degree Practice
November 20	Mark Master Degree (Inspection)
December 18	Past Master Degree
January 15	Most Excellent Master Degree Practice and DEO Night
February 19	Most Excellent Master Degree
March 19	Royal Arch Degree Practice
April 16	Stated Conclave and Awards Night
May 21	Royal Arch Degree and Election of Officers
June 2	Annual Convocation & Installation of Officers

Please be on the lookout for any communications for events that may be upcoming from our Chapter and District. I encourage those that have not attended our Chapter in a while to please attend as it would be nice to see and interact with Companions that have not attended in a while. I hope you all had a safe and excellent summer break.

Grand High Priest

The presiding officer of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the American system. The powers and prerogatives of a Grand High Priest are far more circumscribed than those of a Grand Master. As the office has been constitutionally created by the Grand Chapter, and did not precede it as that of Grand Masters did the Grand Lodges, he possesses no inherent prerogatives, but those only which are derived from and delegated to him by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter and regulations formed under it for the government of Royal Arch Masonry.

—From Mackey's *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

Stated Assembly First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.lakewood125rsm.org

Master's Message

Companions:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who volunteered at the Medina County Fair. This is the principal fundraiser for our 7th Arch which in turn supports our Grand Council Diabetic Kids Fund which enables children to attend summer camps such as our local Camp Ho Mita Koda in Newbury who might otherwise not be able to afford it. It's a fantastic cause, and a great way to exemplify our Masonic values.

Our next gathering will be our annual Table Council on Wednesday, September 4, starting with dinner at 6:30p. Here's a look at the remaining schedule for Stated Assemblies for the year:

- Sept 4 Table Council
- Oct 2 Royal Master Practice
- Nov 6 Royal Master Degree - INSPECTION
- Dec 4 Select Master Practice
- Feb 5 Select Master Degree
- March 5 Educational (Topic TBD)
- April 2 SEM Coordination/Practice
- May 7 Election of Officers
- June 4 Annual Assembly & Installation of Officers

We look forward to reconvening in September and picking up on our fraternal endeavors. Be there!

Installing Officer

The person who performs the ceremony of installation is thus called. He should be of the same official dignity at least; although necessity has sometimes permitted a Grand Master to be installed by a Past Deputy, who in such case acts as *locum tenens*, the holder of the place, of a Grand Master. The Masonic rule is that anyone who has been installed into an office may install others into similar or inferior offices. In this it agrees with the old Rabbinical law as described by Maimonides (*Statute de Sanhedrim*, chapter 4), who says: "Formerly, all Rabbis who had been installed, *hasmochachim*, could install others; but since the time of Hillel the faculty can be exercised only by those who have been invested with it by the Prince of the Grand Sanhedrim; nor then, unless there be two witnesses present, for an installation cannot be formed by less than three." So the strict Masonic rule requires the presence of three Past Masters in the complete installation of a Master and his investiture with the Past Master's Degree.

—From Mackey's *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

I am deeply honored at being elected to guide our Commandery for this new Templar year, and I am lucky to be supported by a line of fantastic officers. I am happy to report that your Commandery is in excellent shape. All our progressive officers (excepting our non-progressive offices of Captain General, Prelate, Treasurer and Recorder) are "Silver Belts;" and we have already received three petitions for this year.

I want to congratulate Sir Knight Bokan for the excellent job he did leading the Commandery this past year. Under his leadership we conferred the Order of the Temple on three Sir Knights. Holy Grail was also well represented at all Division events and a few extras as well. Thank you Sir Knight Bokan.

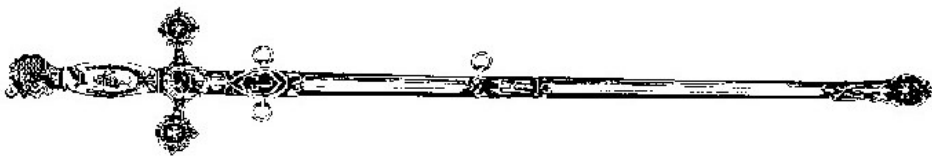
Holy Grail will confer the Order of Red Cross on October 3, 2024, (practice on September 5); and the Order of Malta on December 5, 2024, (practice November 7). Cast lists will remain basically the same as last year with a couple of minor changes. We will confer the Order of the Temple on March 5, 2025, and for our Inspection of Saturday, March 15, 2025.

Grand Commandery will be in Columbus on October 10-12.

Remember, a new year means dues are due. If you have already paid your 2024-2025 dues, thank you. If not, please send them as soon as possible. If you have any questions as to whether or not you have paid please reach out to our Recorder.

Honorary Degrees

1. The Mark Master's Degree in the American system is called the *Honorary Degree* of Mark Master, because it is traditionally supposed to have been conferred in the Temple upon a portion of the Fellow Crafts as a mark of honor and of trust. The Degrees of Past Master and of High Priesthood are also styled *honorary*, because each is conferred as an honorarium or reward attendant upon certain offices; that of Past Master upon the elected Master of a Symbolic Lodge, and that of High Priesthood upon the elected High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. 2. These Degrees which are outside of the regular series, and which are more commonly known by the epithet *Side Degrees*, are also sometimes called *Honorary Degrees*, because no fee is usually exacted for them.



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President's Message

My Dear Sisters:

It is hard to believe that summer is already past and fall is here. It seems like just yesterday we were looking forward to Spring. I wish to thank Ellen, Summer and Sandy for the wonderful job they did on putting together the annual Summer Picnic and Children's Day. I am not sure, but I believe we are one of the few if not the only Assembly that does this event. What beautiful memories we are giving these children. We again met at the beautiful park in Lorain, and the weather cooperated including a perfectly timed rain shower. Ellen has submitted a wonderful report which will be read at our September meeting.

Now it is time to get back into the harness and start planning for the upcoming events listed below:

- September 5 6:00p Dinner - Sloppy Joes and side dishes
 7:30p Stated Meeting - held in the dining hall
- September Lunch Bunch date to be announced
- September 22-28 Supreme Assembly in Tulsa Oklahoma
I will have the honor to attend as your Worthy President Jane Bokan with Debbie Wykoff, Elinor Bayse & Janice Freitag. Kim Burnett Kussman, PSWP, & Karen Baughman are also planning on attending. Will we see you there?
- October 3 6:00p Dinner with Commandery
 7:30p Stated Meeting
- October Lunch Bunch date to be announced
- October 19 2:00p Annual Inspection with Columbus held at Cleveland.
More information about the schedule for that day will be announced in the future.
- November 7 6:00p Dinner with Commandery
 7:30p Stated Meeting
- November Lunch Bunch date to be announced

It has been both an exciting and busy year for our Assembly. Please reach out to your family as we truly need new members to keep this beautiful Assembly going. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.



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Sisters for All Seasons

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atomic warfare? (And it may yet still do so, no matter what we try to do.) Nonetheless, we must continue to persevere with our music and in our lives, to rage against the machine, as it were, and press for unconditional peace and accepting love for ALL of us.

So yes, at the last, could many, if not most of those Country, Folk Rock, and Rock songs that you've heard and loved over the years that happened to be moralistic, optimistic, and about brotherly (and sisterly!) love and a better world have been part of some informal Masonic musical conspiracy? What's the alternative that those intolerant folks would promote? Auschwitz? Buchenwald? Gulags? Trying to keep everyone in the same cattle chute leads exactly to places like those mentioned for the many who either cannot, or will not fit into some group's particular vision.

Freemasonry, like so many other fraternal organizations these days, is much smaller than it used to be. Many, if not most of those huge Masonic Buildings are no longer even owned or used by the fraternity, if in fact, they're even still standing. The original Chicago Masonic Temple was torn down long ago, and Cleveland's huge block-long Scottish Rite Auditorium at 36th and Euclid has been sold off, as well.

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 9 Mon 7:30p Lakewood F&AM

11 Wed 7:00p LMTC Board of Trustees
 12 Thur 7:30p Clifton-Allen F&AM
 18 Wed 1:30p Ann Rutledge OES
 18 Wed 6:30p Cunningham RAM *Table Chapter*
 23 Mon 7:30p Lakewood F&AM
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2 Wed 1:30p Ann Rutledge OES
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6 Wed 1:30p Ann Rutledge OES
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