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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

(Editor Note: Below copied from "Conversations on Freemasonry" Henry Wilson Coil, Sr. Volume No. 32 (1976) Transactions of the Missouri Lodge of Research, Page #9.)

Freemasonry changes and, strange as it may be, those who have been the most vigorous exponents of fixation have often been the most active Innovators.

Freemasonry is, in some degree, shaped by developments in the larger society which surrounds it and of which it forms a part, for, alter all, the Craft consists of men, successive generations of whom came into the order bringing with them ideas which they do not readily relinquish. They are all engaged in various occupations and activities about which they are more concerned than they are about Freemasonry. They have their friends and associates without, as well as within, the society; they are immersed in business, industry, and the professions by which they make their livings, to which they devote most of their time, and on the problems of which they spend most of their thought and energy. They have acquired many religious, social, political, and economic ideas from their parents, and they gain others by observation and experience. They exhibit the virtues, frailties, passions, desires, motives, and reactions common to men of their standing. In short, they are something more than mere Freemasons. They bring ideas into the Fraternity quite as much as they take Masonic principles out. Changing social institutions, advances in the arts, sciences, literature, industry, commerce, standards of living, concepts of morality, the settlement of new territory, the establishment of new governments or changes in old ones, war, peace, prosperity, depression, and the general onrush of current history all affect Freemasonry. (Copied above)

COMPANY POLICY

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana.

As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the other monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with the same result – all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water.

Pretty soon, when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it.

Now, put away the cold water. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs.

To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted. Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked.

The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm! Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, and then the fifth.

Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked. Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know that's the way it's always been done around here.

And that my dear friends, is how company policy begins.

THINK ON THIS

Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen: even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind.

<<<Leonardo DA Vinci-1452-1519, Notebooks [c.1500].

It is time for a new generation of leadership, to cope with new problems and new opportunities. For there is a new world to be won. << John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963, in Television address [July 4, 1960].

THIS SAYS IT ALL!!!!

(Address presented by Don Quinton, KYCH member of the Elizabeth City York Rite Bodies, at the Flag Pole Dedication of Orr Lodge No. 104, AF&AM Washington, North Carolina on December 7, 2001.)

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma School officials remove "God Bless America's signs from schools in fear that someone might be offended. Channel 12 News in Long Island, New York, orders flags removed from the newsroom and red, white, and blue ribbons removed from the lapels of reporters. Why? Management did not want to appear biased and felt that our nations flag might give the appearance that "they lean one way or another".

Berkeley, California bans U.S. Flags from being displayed on city fire trucks because they didn't want to offend anyone in the community.

In an "act of tolerance" the head of the public library at Florida Gulf Coast University ordered all "Proud to be an American" signs removed so as to not offend international students.

I, for one, am quite disturbed by these actions of so-called American citizens; and I am tired of this nation worrying about whether or not we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of

Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled in New York and Washington D.C. when the “politically correct” crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. In fact, our country’s population is almost entirely comprised of descendants of immigrants; however, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our ~ country, and apparently some native Americans, need to understand.

First of all, it is not our responsibility to continually try not to offend you in any way. This idea of America being a multi-cultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language, and our own lifestyle. This culture, called the “American Way” has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. Our forefathers fought, bled, and died at places such as Bunker Hill, Antietam, San Juan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Korea, and Vietnam.

We speak English, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society –learn our language!

“In God We Trust” is our national motto. This is not some off-the-wall, Christian, Right Wing, political slogan - it is our national motto. It is engraved in stone in the House of Representatives in our Capitol and it is printed on our currency. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation; and this is clearly documented throughout our history.

If it is appropriate for our motto to be inscribed in the halls of our highest level of Government, then it is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. God is in our pledge, our National Anthem, nearly every patriotic song, and in our founding documents. We honor His birth, death, and resurrection as holidays, and we turn to Him in prayer in times of crisis. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture and we are proud to have Him.

We are proud of our heritage and those who have so honorably defended our freedoms. We celebrate Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Flag Day. We have parades, picnics, and barbecues where we proudly wave our flag.

As an American, I have the right to wave my flag, sing my national anthem, quote my national motto, and cite my pledge whenever and wherever I choose. If the Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don’t like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet.

The American culture is our way of life, our heritage, and we are proud of it. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don’t care how you did things where you came from. We are Americans, like it or not, this is our country, our land, and our lifestyle.

Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express this opinion about our government, culture, or society, and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly

encourage you take advantage of one other great American freedom, the right to leave.

(Editor Note. The Address was closed by a presented in music by a presentation of the below.)

I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I am the flag of the United States of America.

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.

I stand, for freedom.

I am confident.

I am arrogant.

I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,
my head is a little higher,
my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshipped - I am saluted.

I am loved - I am revered.

I am respected - and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war
for more then 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg,
Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill,

the trenches of France,

in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome

and the beaches of Normandy, Guam.

Okinawa, Korea and Khe San, Saigon, Vietnam know me,

I was there.

I led my troops,

I was dirty, battleworn and tired,

but my soldiers cheered me

And I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled

on the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn
and trampled on the streets of my country.

And when it's by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness
to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn in to strips
and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms
of a grieving parent
at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,
I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY --- LONG MAY I WAVE.
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN, LONG MAY I WAVE <COPIED>

NOTICE TO COIN COLLECTORS

A special coin was made for the 60th Anniversary of the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap and the York Rite Summer Assembly. This is a limited number of coins still available at their original cost. The silver coins are \$30.00 plus \$2.00 postage each. The Bronze Coins are \$5.00 plus \$ 1.00 postage each. They are available from Jack Dossett, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, 2715 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27705. This is your opportunity to obtain a piece of Masonic History.

COMMENTS ON YOUR ELECTION AND COMMITMENT

Presented by R.:E.:Companion Bobby Joe Kitchen, KYCH, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NC. Member of the Onslow York Rite Masons.

Too often one is elected to office and it was seen that his interest was to receive the prestige of the position as he had little or no interest in promoting the craft. It should be the responsibility of each of the voting members to see that one is not elected to the Dais, if one's interest is only to receive the title of that the Office.

If one is appointed, it does not mean that he would advance in line if he does not show that he is really interested in what is expected of him. By having the experience of being an appointed officer, the membership would know or at least have an idea of what to expect of one if elected to the dais.

In our selection for officers, some consideration should be given as to what other Masonic positions they may be filling. In other words, they have just so much time to give; whether they can divide this time up among three or four groups and render a great service to any group is highly questionable. We have

seen it tried on many occasions-and not always successful. One or more of the Masonic groups may not get the full benefit of this Officer.

In making the decision of who is elected, attention should be given to attendance, to the character of the work, their interest, and particularly to their leadership ability.

As an Officer you must bear in mind “he who leads must also serve”! As a Officer you must be willing to learn, to listen and to grow in your awareness and ability to perform the duties of your office. You must be willing to accept the simple fact you yourself have faults and flaws, and be willing to work everyday to become a better leader, a better officer and a better person than you were yesterday. You must be committed to persevere even in the face of opposition and challenge, and be determined to apply common sense in solving the most complex problems. You must always remain your natural self and not take on a aura of false pride.

Finally, never accept an office of leadership for which you are not willing to give the respect and sacrifice necessary to successfully fulfill your obligations.

Commitment is a word many individuals dread to hear. We commit ourselves to marriage, families, work, church and ideals which are important to us. Nonetheless, commitment is a difficult word to say because it implies absolute association with a person, place or situation. Those individuals contemplating being an Officer should not find the word commitment to be threatening, but an affirmation of their desires to support the York Rite of Freemasonry, by involvement and participation as an Officer. Commitment is support; support is cooperation; cooperation is involvement; involvement is commitment; and Officers must be willing to participate in all phases.

Are dedication and commitment synonymous terms? People who are committed to a project or situation would say “yes”, while those who are dedicated would probably say “no”. One can say he is committed to a project or situation, but only go through such motions and actions necessary to “get by” and fulfill the obligation of the commitment. However, the individual who is dedicated to a project or situation takes commitment to the next degree.

Therefore, to our Officers and those contemplating Office, your commitment is requested, but your dedication is required. The next time you have ham and eggs for breakfast think of the chicken and pig. The chicken was committed to giving you the egg. The pig, however, was totally dedicated. He has dedicated his heart, his mind, and his body to supplying you the ham. Which are you!

Committed in doing what is necessary to get by. Or dedicated with your heart, mind and body.

NEW BUSINESS MAMAGER

For all change of address to the ROYAL ARCH MASON.

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ONSLW YORK RITE

Earns Silver Award.

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International recognized Onslow York Rite Masons in Jacksonville by the issuance of a SILVER Certificate of Appreciation, attesting to the support that Onslow York Rite provided to the Royal Arch Research Assistance Philanthropy Program

The letter accompanying the Silver Certificate stated "Such gifts enable us to provide meaningful support for RESEARCH in the area of Auditory Perception."

WILL I MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Greetings to the more than 6,200 York Rite Masons in the grand state of North Carolina; from your Right Eminent Grand Commander.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the Sir Knights for the continued support that you show the elected and appointed Grand Line Officers of the Grand York Rite of North Carolina.

Our theme this year is "Building Fraternal Ties". As you know, it is always easier to tear something down than it is to build it up. Do you remember in your second degree lecture the operative and speculative considerations of Freemasonry? If you don't, I encourage you to break out your Bahnsen manual and refresh your memory.

The "Fraternal Ties" that we built when we first became a mason are still present today. The challenge is: Have you maintained or continued to build as your years have increased? Or have you left it up to someone else?

The average age of active masons continues to rise daily. Do you remember as a young mason the age of the brethren who conferred your degrees, lectures and charges? Did you think about what a difference you could make at that young age? Have you? Or did you become a dropout or a nonbuilder? If you did, then you have missed out on a great deal. Those that have continued to build have received rewards that escape imagination. To be loved and respected by our peers is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed.

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on masons. All charitable organizations continue to struggle to meet or exceed last year's gifts. We are no different. Less members mean each of us has to contribute more. Please remember our charities. Give as liberally as you can. Material possessions are but for a short time. Love and concern for one another is eternal.

Fraternally, Pete Cook, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery. Knights Templar of NC.

Andrew O Drenkhahn
Member of Fayetteville York Rite
Elected First Vice President
National Sojourners, Inc.

Companion and Sir Knight Drenkhahn was elected First Vice President of the National Sojourners, Inc. We should all be proud of Companion and Sir Knight Drenkhahn, as he ascends to the National Presidency in June 2003. The National Sojourners Convention will be held in Fayetteville, North Carolina in June 2004, with Andy presiding. His biography is listed below:

MASONIC HISTORY

Past Master of Clifford Duell Lodge #756,(1999) Fayetteville, NC. Raised in Fort Campbell Lodge #946 (1955).

Member of the York Rite Masons of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No 2,; Council No. 27, and Palestine Commandery: #20. Member of Sudan Temple, New Bern, NC

Other Masonic Bodies: Light from the East Philalethes Research Council, Past Sovereign Master of Valley of Cape Fear #24 (2001) Allied Masons Degrees, Knight Masons of the United States in Shamrock, Thistle & Rose Council No. 2 Past President of Chapter #97 National Sojourners (1993,1994)

Past Commander of Corelius Harnett Camp Heroes of 76, (1995,1996).

Military Service: Enlisted Service: 2 March 1946 to September. 1947. Pfc., 82nd Air Division, Ft Bragg, NC.

Commissioned Service: United States Army Officer from 2/Lt to LTC. Combat as Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Commander July 1951 to August 1952.

31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Inf Div, Korea. Service in 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. Served as Company Commander and Regimental Assistant Operations Officer. Transferred to Finance Branch 1956. Finance Disbursing Officer, Budget, Comptrollership, Special Forces Officer Vietnam during year 1968. Service in Lebanon, Europe, Thailand, and Newfoundland.

Awards and Decorations: Combat Infantrymen Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Five Bronze Stars, Four ARCOMS, Nine Battle Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit. Occupation: Real Estate Company and President. Property Management. Other Organizations:

Deacon and Elder, Peace Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, NC. Cape Fear Kiwanis Club, North Carolina Retired Officers Association, Lafayette Neighborhood Watch



YORK RITE
ASK ME ABOUT IT

When some folks agree with my opinions I begin to suspect I'm wrong.
Kin Hubbard

Aim at nothing and you'll succeed.<<Anonymous>>

American Creed: Patriotism which leaps over the fence of party prejudice.
Religion which jumps over the wall of intolerance. Brotherhood which climbs
over the mountain of national separations.
<<Jo Petty's Apple A Day>>