

## From the Master :

Brethren,

We have another busy month ahead of us. Starting with the Eastern Star's Bazaar on May Second, Stated Meeting on the May 7th - with 50 year celebration for Worshipful Brother Maxwell. May's SM will also be the Official visit of our District Inspector.

During the same Stated Meeting we will be voting on the Resolution to move our Stated Meeting from the First to the Second Thursday of the month making our Lodge unique in the area thus allowing for increased visitations by us to other Lodges and vice versa.

This month, on Saturday May 16th at 7.00p.m. we will have an opportunity to be present at the Installation of Officers of the Kimball Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay at the Southwest Lodge in National City.

Our phone Committee is still not up and running but I do expect that to happen soon.



God Bless,  
*Mihailo O'Zdravkovic, P.M.*  
Master 2009



## SPECIAL NOTES:

• **WARDENS' LEADERSHIP RETREAT** ~ The retreats are designed to develop the leadership skills of senior wardens in programs tailored to the office. Training programs include developing a lodge plan and vision, providing resources to meet those goals, and implementing benchmarks to measure lodge success. The retreats are two and a half days, conducted over a weekend. The date and location for our lodge is: Senior Wardens Retreat South: May 29-31 ~ Ontario Airport Marriott.

• **NEW LEADERSHIP COURSE ONLINE** ~ The Program Planning course, part of the five-course Lodge Management Certification Program, is now available online. This is the fourth program course available for online completion. Access leadership courses by clicking on the Member Center pull-down menu at the top of freemason.org, then selecting Leadership Development.

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# EVENTS Calendar

<b>May 2009</b>	2 - Estrella Spring bazaar & Widows Luncheon [11:00am - 1:00pm] 7 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 7 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 16 - Visit to DeMolay Chapter (Southwest #283) [7:00pm] 21 - Officers Practice 3° [7:00pm - 9:00pm]	<b>MENU</b> CHEESE ENCHILADAS, ROAST PORK, RICE PILAF, REFRIED BEANS, FRESH FRUIT CUP, COBBLER, TORTILLAS CORN/FLOUR COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH
<b>June 2009</b>	4 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 4 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	<b>MENU</b> ROAST TRI-TIP BEEF, MAHI MAHI, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, TOSSED GREEN CEASAR SALAD, APPLE PIE, COFFEE, [REG & DECAF], PUNCH, ASSORTED BREADS
<b>July 2009</b>	2 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 2 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 12 - Annual Ed Denton Bar-B-Que [11:am - 3:00pm]	<b>MENU</b> STUFFED BELL PEPPERS, CHEESE ENCILADAS, RICE PILAF, BUTTERED CORN, SPRING MIX SALAD, BLEU CHEESE, ETC., ASSORTED JUMBO COOKIES, COFFEE, REG & DECAF, PUNCH, FLOUR TORTILLAS

## MASONIC EDUCATION

*A* **CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY: (...Continued)** *Legend: The Ancient Scientific Perspective* - Certain present day Masonic words and meanings seem rooted from the time of the early Egyptians of this era: The virtues of truth and justice were said by them to be "on the square". Confucius in 500BC referred to the squareness of actions; even Aristotle in 350 BC associates square actions with honest dealings. The square and its symbolism is very old and has maintained a remarkable consistency of meaning over the centuries. However, it does not necessarily follow that Freemasonry began in those eras any more than trying to assert that Euclid was a Freemason because his 47th Proposition (as shown on the WMs jewel) has relevance in modern Freemasonry!

Legend next informs us that Athelstan, having subjugated most of the minor kingdoms of England, gathered together many skilled masons and established York Rite Masonry in 926 AD by granting them a Royal Charter. The charter enabled the stonemasons to meet in general assembly once a year and seems to have been a catalyst for a host of construction projects including numerous abbeys, castles and fortresses. Athelsans importance to Stonemasons is mentioned in both the Regius and Cooke Manuscripts. The Scottish Rite, by contrast, was established many centuries later by Chevalier Andrew Ramsay (Ramsays Oration of 1737) and other exiled Stuart Scots in France who were plotting the restoration of James II. This has led to a diversity of subsequent Orders following the three basic Craft Degrees.

*The Medieval Operative Masonic Guilds* - We have evidence that Operative Masonic guilds (or guilds) existed in Scotland as early as 1057 and possibly in England from 1220 when we know the Masons Livery Company was in existence. Those guilds, associations or Compagnonnage as they were known in France and mainland Europe, were conscripted to produce sufficient masons of all qualities to satisfy the aspirations of Kings and the Church in their respective building programmes.

In days where travel and communication for all but King and Church was highly restricted, the guilds are believed to have developed their own methods of introduction and secret modes of recognition when working on various programmes around the country. These were essential in order to distinguish a skilled master from the aspiring apprentice. This was important because they were no written credentials in those days because only top Master Masons could read, let alone write letters of introduction on expensive parchment. However, some historians (chief among them John J Robinson) argue it is difficult to prove English stone masons guilds (unlike Scottish guilds) existed at all given the relative lack of evidence available to corroborate them.

*This is a "NO MYTHS ALLOWED" section (FORUM). The topics covered in this forum are to facilitate a better understanding of the history, obligations and responsibilities of and for every Master Mason. If there's a Masonic Educational message you believe serves this intent, please submit the information, in writing, to the **ESD Trestleboard** for listing consideration.*



**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

# RECEIPE OF THE MONTH

## SNOW KNOEDLES

**Equipment:** Large, covered skillet 10 or more inches, food processor or old fashioned meat grinder, mixing and serving bowls. 10-12 inch serving bowl, deep skillet and egg-white beating bowl/beater.

**Ingredients:** 6-8 large eggs, 5-7 smaller soup spoons of sugar, 1 teaspoon of corn starch or 1 spoon of flour, one quart regular milk and one small spoon of vanilla flavoring.

**Work:** Separate egg-whites into a bowl, add a spoon of sugar after you start beating, beat into a firm foam. In skillet pour milk add three spoons of sugar and bring to slow boil. Take spoon and fill with egg-white and put in milk, cook about 15-20 seconds on each side drain and lay into serving bowl, after all egg-whites are used, drain excess milk into skillet and mix egg-yolks in a large cup with remaining sugar add flour/starch, vanilla and mix well and pour into milk mixing continuously for about five minutes or until it gets creamy, pour over egg-whites let cool and serve. You can use small serving bowls and fill each while you are cooking and you can also grate over some chocolate or garnish with cinnamon sugar before serving. With practice this should not take more than 15-20 minutes.

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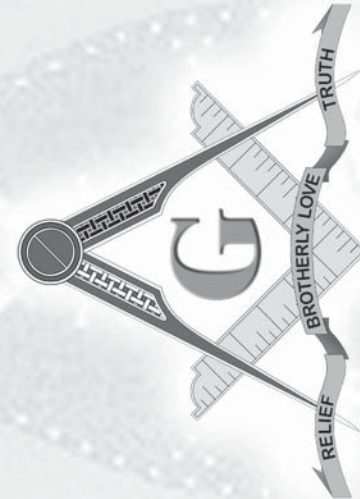
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