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Monthly news letter for MAY 2005 – JUNE 2005



FROM THE EAST

The lodge will hold elections on November 3rd by request of the Grand Master of the State of Louisiana rather than in December. Installation will take place at an open meeting. The meal will be at 6:30 PM on December 1st. Start inviting Guests!

Sunday, June 5th, St James Lodge will be hosting the District 13, Masonic District Lodge meeting at our Lodge.

This is quite an honor and a responsibility. Lunch will be served at 12:30 in the afternoon. Red sausage, Red beans and rice.

We would like as many St James brothers as possible to attend, in order to show our support for OUR district.

The announced trip on Thursday, June 9th to the La. Veterans home in Jackson La. has been cancelled. A group of officers will visit the home and make a contribution in the name of our lodge to the home.

My congratulations and welcome to two new MMs, Bros:
Albert James Meek and John Cawthorn Ozier

Ken Streater, W.M.

RECENT EVENTS

May 5 **Honesty & Integrity (Open/meal 6:30)**
Our special congratulations to honorees Paige Nelson, Ashley Morgan, Triston Colonius and Mandi Ash.
May 12 Special. 2 FC Degrees
May 19 2 MM Degrees

FUTURE EVENTS

(Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees)
Jun. 2 St. John The Baptist Program
Jun. 16 July 4th Program
Jul. 7 TBA
Jul. 21 Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports
Aug. 4 TBA
Aug. 18 TBA

(End Casual Summer Attire)

Other Masonic Events -

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet regularly on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Scottish Rite Baton Rouge Valley meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Acacia Shrine Temple meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Lodge of The Nine Muses, (Under Dispensation), F.&A.M., meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Red Room of St James Lodge. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the officers to find out time, dress code and other details. Ernest Easterly, W.M., Ricks Bowles, S.W., Adib Shala, J.W., Sam Roberts, Treasurer, Larry Moore, Secretary, William Mollere, Chaplain, Nareesh Sharma, Senior Deacon, Danny Smith, Master of Ceremonies, Gerard Ruth, Steward, Robert Zinn, Steward, Kristopher Easterly, Tyler

The following is presented by order of the Worshipful Master:

If you don't know where you have been, you have a hard time knowing where you are going.

If you can know a person by his enemies then you know an organization, such as Free Masonry, by our enemies.

If this is so, you will know, after you read this article, that nothing speaks better for our craft than the very words written by our enemies.

Nazis and Fascists are engaged in a ruthless campaign aimed at The Annihilation of Freemasonry

by Sven G. Lunden (written February, 1941)

There is only one group of men whom the Nazis and the Fascists hate more than the Jews. They are the Freemasons. In Italy, indeed, the anti-Jewish feeling is of recent vintage and largely artificial, whereas the Blackshirts' hatred of Freemasonry is old and deep.

In their own countries Hitler and Mussolini inaugurated their respective reigns with outrages against Masons and Masonic institutions, and they have never relaxed the systematic persecution. Now Nazi conquests of other European nations -- whether by invasion or forcible "persuasion" -- are followed automatically by hostile measures against Freemasons.

From Norway to the Balkans, the progress of the Swastika has brought outlawry, and often vandalism and death in its wake for all Masons.

The anti-Semitic excesses have been widely reported, the anti-Catholic outrages have had considerable publicity, but the merciless totalitarian assaults on Freemasonry have not received a tithe of the world-wide attention they richly merit. They are practically an unknown chapter.

Nazi and Fascist publications leave no doubt of their belief that all evil in the world, from the high mortality rate among the dinner guests of the Borgias down to the Versailles Treaty, has been the work of Freemasons, alone or with the help of Israel. In "Mein Kampf", Hitler merges his twin phobias:

"The general pacifistic paralyzation of the national instinct of self-preservation, introduced into the circles of the so-called 'intelligentsia' by Freemasonry, is transmitted to the great masses, but above all to the bourgeoisie, by the activity of the great press, which today is always Jewish."

It is clear, consequently, why the Nazis and Fascist and Bolsheviks must hate an organization so steeped in humanitarian traditions. They know that Masons, as individuals, have founded a great number of modern democratic states, have drafted the Declaration of Independence and created liberal Constitutions the world over. But the totalitarian hatred for the Order is not merely emotional. It is clearly defined in the fundamental divergence between their creed and the Masonic ideal. In his book to which we have already referred, the Nazi Dr. Rosenberg writes:

"Without doubt the Masonic dogma of Humanity is a relapse into worlds of the most primitive conceptions; everywhere where it is put into practice it is accompanied by decadence, because it conflicts with the aristocratic laws of Nature".

Thus in his own dogmatic terms he indicts Freemasonry for what is its greatest pride, its ideal of equality.

In 1938 Hitler's own publishing house, which puts out both "Mein Kampf" and the official "Volkischer Beobachter", issued a volume on "Freemasonry, Its World View (Weltanschauung), Organization and Policies". The preface is written by Herr Heydrich, second in command of the Gestapo, and hence an expert on oppression and violence, and hints openly at the seizure of libraries and property of German Freemasonry. The book itself, by one Dieter Schwarz, discloses that every new Nazi member must *"confirm by his word of honor that he does not belong to a Masonic lodge."* In outlining the official Nazi thought on the subject, it says in part:

"Nordic is the Nazi conception of the world, Jewish-Oriental that of the Freemasons; in contrast to the anti-racial attitude of the lodges, the Nazi attitude is race conscious...."

"Masonic lodges are... associations of men who, closely bound together in a union employing symbolical usages, represent a supra-national spiritual movement, the idea of Humanity... a general association of mankind, without distinction of races, peoples, religions, social and political convictions."

I have read several hundred books about Freemasonry and scores of original Masonic documents. But never have I seen masonry's basic ideals expressed more clearly than by its mortal enemies in the passage above. Herr Heydrich and Herr Schwarz are right -- the gulf between their "Weltanschauung" (Its World View) and the Masonic Ideals can never be bridged.

The American Mercury , Volume LII, No. 206, published in February 1941.

Masonic History of THE FORGET-ME-NOT in Germany.
DAS VERGESSMICHNICHT

It all started back in the year 1933, when Adolph Hitler declared that all secret organizations were harmful to his criminal plan for world conquest. Not only were the Jews and Catholics to be murdered, but he also ordered a "Hatchet Man" to conduct the bloody purge that was to come.

At the time, there were 85,000 Masons of good standing in Germany. Eichmann secretly issued strict orders that every single one of them would be put to death. Needless to say his orders were carried out as completely as possible and 80,000 Masons met an untimely death.

The other 5,000 German Masons, for some reason had not had their names in the books of the Grand Lodge, and their lives were spared. That was only because Eichmann did not know who they were.

Immediately, the remaining 5,000 went underground. They hid all of their Masonic records and also stopped wearing Masonic rings and pins. They adopted a little flower, the Forget-Me-Not.

Therefore they communicated in this way without the Nazi's ever finding out. Ironically, this was Hitler's favorite flower and he was impressed that men would wear this symbol as a tribute to him!

Eichmann never found out the true meaning of this pretty little flower called the Forget-Me-Not. This symbol of Freemasonry is still used in Germany in memory of those who were murdered trying to live up to the teachings of the Masonic Order. This certainly was a real tragedy, and from all documents and accounts, this story is true.

As early as the year 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became apparent Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Bayreuth (one of

the pre-war German Grand Lodges), realized the imminent problems facing them and elected to wear a little blue flower, the Forget-Me-Not, in lieu of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identity for Masons. It was felt the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some readily recognizable means of identification.

Throughout the entire Nazi era, a little blue flower in the lapel marked a Brother.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little Blue pin, in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first Annual convention of those who survived the bitter years of semi-darkness, bringing the Light of Masonry once again in the Temple.

At the Annual Convent of the United Grand Lodge of Germany, A.F.&AM. In 1948, the pin was adopted work under adverse conditions. At the Grand Master's Conference in the United States, Dr. Theodor Vogel, the Grand Master of the newly-formed UGL, A.F. &AM. presented one of the pins to each of the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions with which the UGL, A.F. &AM. enjoyed Fraternal relations.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a meaningful emblem of the Fraternity and become perhaps the most widely worn pin among Freemasons in Germany,

Most German Lodges present this pin and it's history to their newly raised Master Masons.

From an article published on the newsgroup soc.org.freemasonry by CrimsonGhost@CrimsonGhost.com

Did You Know?

Following Hitler's Occupation of Serbia in 1941, That country issued a number of anti-Masonic stamps, which are now collectors items.

From **Did You Know Vignettes in Masonry from the "Royal Arch Mason" magazine**, edited by Wes Cook

My thanks for the contributions to this issue of the news letter! Send newsletter submissions to Bob Zinn, bz@chem.lsu.edu

Warning to those who have been parking in the 'Pay before park' lots near the Lodge:

For many years, the lot owners and St. James Lodge have had an agreement whereby the lot's rules have not been enforced at night. This has probably proven to be profitable to the lot owners AND to our lodge members.

Recently, the [apparently] new owners of the lots have been ticketing cars in the lots. They have also gone up on the charges for parking in the lots to \$5.00. They are charging a \$25 fee for those who park without paying.

My advice is to AVOID ever parking in one of their lots, or pay in advance.

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