

# Barkley Light

John W. Barkley Lodge No. 621, F & A.M.

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## MASTER'S MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Wow! What a privilege it is for me to be sitting in the East during this extremely exciting time. After months of planning and hoping, all of our plans have come to fruition. North Olmsted Lodge #741 unanimously voted to merge with John W. Barkley Lodge #621, and John W. Barkley Lodge unanimously voted to accept North Olmsted Lodge into membership! By the printing of this edition, the Grand Master should have approved of the merger, and we will all be one. We will be known as John W. Barkley Lodge #621, continue to meet on Wednesday nights (for now), and the building will continue to be known as the North Olmsted Masonic Temple. We are looking forward to our new members becoming active with us, and us incorporating their special events into ours.



Worshipful Master  
Mark J. Bollinger

I have always believed that this would be a win-win situation, and I am glad to see that over 60 members from both lodges unanimously agreed. John W. Barkley now has a permanent home, and with the input from our new members, we can really become a force in North Olmsted, as well as the 22nd Masonic District. I foresee us being more active in the community, which ultimately should increase our membership and help us fulfill Freemasonry's Mission Statement, which is as follows:

Freemasonry provides opportunities for sincere, honest forthright men who want to contribute to the improvement of themselves and their communities. Through our Masonic fraternalism, we reaffirm our dedication and unity to become *involved* citizens who have a strong desire to preserve the values that *have continued* and *will continue*, to make America great.

I wonder how many of us have ever seen this before. I know that I never did in the 18 years that I have been a member. I don't know who wrote this or when it

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## Article VII

Each member shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of thirty dollars into the funds of the Lodge, at or before the stated meeting for the election of officers.

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY

As of this writing, 87% of our members have paid their 2004 dues. Those 44 Brethren remaining were sent a reminder notice in early November. Please send in your check for \$30.00 A.S.A.P., made out to John W. Barkley Lodge #621.

PLEASE NOTE!!! Your 2003 Dues were due on or before your Lodge's Annual Meeting on November 5th, 2003. Effective with this Notice, the last date to avoid suspension is December 31st, 2003. After that date you are subject to "Indefinite Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues." If you have a problem paying your dues, please contact the Secretary or the Worshipful Master A.S.A.P.

Don't let that happen to you.

To our 50+ Year members, thank you for all of your voluntary contributions to your Lodge. Once again the response to my letter has been overwhelming; please keep it up and thank you.

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### BARKLEY LIGHT

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by WB Michael T. Dennis &  
WB Lawrence C. Boyd, Sr.**

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I hope to report no suspensions of our membership in the next issue ... we can only pray.

Please read your Trestle Board, put the dates on your calendar and support Lodge. As your New Year's resolution for 2004, please try to attend at least one Lodge meeting or function monthly.

This is your Lodge, please support it. There are no strangers here, only Friends that you may not have as yet met. This is going to be even truer now that we have accepted the 190 North Olmsted Lodge Brethren to join us as one happy family. Welcome Home, Brethren!

Fraternally,  
Your Secretary  
Bob Hubert, Jr.

### THE VETERAN

It is the VETERAN, not the Preacher,  
who has given us Freedom of  
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who has given us Freedom of the  
Press.

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has given us Freedom of Speech.

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Organizer, who has given us  
Freedom to Assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the Lawyer,  
who has given us the Right to a  
Fair Trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the Politician,  
who has given us the Right to Vote.

It is the VETERAN, who salutes the  
Flag, who serves under the Flag ...

***Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Submitted by  
R.W. Bro. Robert "Bud" Cygan



## GRAND LODGE 194TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Brethren, at the 194th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, held October 17th and 18th, 2003, in Dayton, Ohio, the following elected and appointed officers were installed:

### ELECTED

GRAND MASTER: Steven J. Krekus  
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: Jim S. Deyo  
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN: James M. Williamson  
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN: Michael A. Himes  
GRAND TREASURER: Thomas H. Galyen, P.G.M.  
GRAND SECRETARY: George O. Braatz, P.G.M.

### APPOINTED

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Curtis A. Miller  
GRAND ORATOR: Ronald L. Winnett  
GRAND MARSHALL: Charles R. Murphy  
SENIOR GRAND DEACON: Terry W. Posey  
JUNIOR GRAND DEACON: Bradford A. Goebel  
GRAND TYLER: Donald C. Scherer

### NEW LEGISLATION ADOPTED:

Proposed Legislation 2003-C: Code Section 21.02

Allows business of Lodge to take place in the Entered Apprentice or Master Mason Degree, at discretion of the Worshipful Master.

### STATISTICS

Membership	July 31, 2003 – 131,557	2002 – 129,628	
Total Lodges	2003 – 551	2002 – 559	
	2001 – 571	2000 – 581	
Average Age of Members	63.52	John W. Barkley	67.8 (01/01/03)
Average No. Members/ Lodge	235.50	John W. Barkley	348
Average Annual Dues	\$44.34	John W. Barkley	\$30.00

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*Stated Meetings, 7:30 PM first and third Wednesdays, September-June  
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## **JANUARY 2004**

- Saturday 3 . . . . . CCBLA Installation at 3615 Euclid Ave., 7:30 PM
- Wednesday 7 . . . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 14 . . . . . Special Meeting – Youth Night or Degree Work
- Wednesday 21 . . . . . Stated Meeting  
(and the day before the WM's birthday)
- Monday 26 . . . . . Typewritten Ritual at Lakewood Lodge, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday 28 . . . . . Table Lodge, 6:30 PM – Get your reservations (\$8)  
in to JD Dave Yancey

## **FEBRUARY 2004**

- Wednesday 4 . . . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 11 . . . . . Past Masters' Night w/dinner – free to all PMs;  
\$8 to everyone else. Paid reservations to  
SD "Bubba" Laurie
- Wednesday 18 . . . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 25 . . . . . Special Meeting

We are planning a Bus Trip in February. WB Dale Cashin will have all the details – please contact him, and see notice on page 7 in this issue.

## **APRONS AND BADGES**

A few more of the Past Masters of our Lodge have been caught displaying their award, or reward, for their many years of dedication to our fraternity, wearing their Past Masters Apron to demonstrate their belief in the teachings of the lessons of Freemasonry, and the time they devoted to perpetuate those teachings. I encourage ALL Past Masters to bring their Apron out of hiding and join US displaying them at our meetings, and all other Masonic meetings. You've worked hard to earn it, some more than once; let's be proud of it.

And wearing your name badge to our meetings and other functions enables new members and visitors to recognize your affiliation with the fraternity. It may also prompt some non-Masons to ask questions, like "How can I become a member?" This is even more important now with two families of Brethren and their ladies coming together as one big, happy family. Let's get the badges out of the drawers and onto our jackets. Many do already – let's increase that number.



## AND AWAY WE GO!!! – AGAIN!!!

Some say “three strikes and you’re out,” but I prefer “the third time is the charm.” We are now planning our third February trip to Greektown in Detroit. We will leave North Olmsted Masonic Temple at 7:00 a.m., promptly, on Thursday, February 26, 2004. The cost will again be only \$25 per person, and should return at least \$30 in bonuses (Casino choice) (the rest is up to your enjoyment factor).

Our trip up and back will include W.B. Hubert’s favorite movies from his private collection (it’s mixed company, Hubbie, so choose wisely). Sign up early and guarantee your seat on what will AGAIN be a full bus.

We will be making the usual obligatory rest stops both to and fro. After about five hours of fun and games and a good lunch, we will arrive back at the North Olmsted Masonic Temple about 8:30 p.m.

So if you supply your best game face, we will supply the wheelbarrow. See you bright and early for a great day on the Great Day Tour Bus. See W.B. Dale Cashin at Lodge or call 440-331-2548 for info and reservations.

– Dale A Cashin, P.M.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH HAPPY NEW YEAR

Brethren, as we start a New Year (2004), it is my prayer for all that you have a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to this upcoming year at John W. Barkley Lodge. Our membership is increasing due to the potential merger of North Olmsted Lodge #741 and our Lodge, and I look forward to greeting our new members and fellow brethren, and getting to know them as well as making them feel at home in their new lodge surroundings.

I look forward to taking some of the events and programs of North Olmsted Lodge and incorporating them with our events calendar as we have had in the past. We will truly have a full calendar of events in the coming years. Hang on to your hats because it is going to be a fun time.

Brethren, might I challenge each of you to consider joining another body of our Masonic circle this year. As I travel to other Lodges, and go through the other degrees that I am taking now, it makes me wonder why more brethren are not getting involved with our other Masonic Orders. The cost is so small and the rewards are so large. I have learned so much by going through the York Rites and Scottish Rite Degrees. Brethren, it is truly by our hands that these orders, and the Masonic Fraternity, survives.

We also cannot forget our youth organizations. They love and need the donations that we give to them, but would really like to see us at their events. They are our leaders of tomorrow, and need our backing and support today.



### I LOVE AMERICA BECAUSE ...

She is a land rich in resources. Agriculture and rural America are the backbone of this country. Farmers and livestock owners work from dawn to dusk to provide for millions. Visit rural America and you'll find tradition and family values ranking high among the residents. In rural America, you'll walk down the street where people wave and call each other by name. There is a true sense of community where people look out for each other and are always there in time of crisis.

"Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits."

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

### MASONS IN HISTORY ...

#### ERNEST BORGNINE (1917- )

Stage and screen actor, who in 1956 won an Oscar for his performance in *Marty*. Borgnine served ten years in the U.S. Navy during WW II and studied acting under the GI bill.

He hit legitimate stage with the Barber Theater in Virginia and later in New York. He played the lead in *Born Yesterday* and that led him to Broadway in *Mrs. McThing* with Helen Hayes. He also did some 200 radio and TV shows.

In Hollywood, his big break came when he was cast in *From Here to Eternity*, opposite Frank Sinatra, Deborah Kerr and Burt Lancaster.

He is a member of Abingdon (Virginia) Lodge No. 48 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles, California. He received the 33 degree from the Southern Jurisdiction in 1983.



## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE WEST

On November 18th, I, with several other J.W. Barkley officers and members, attended North Olmsted Lodge #741 and witnessed their vote regarding the proposed merger with John W. Barkley Lodge. We were very honored and pleased to see a 100% vote in favor of the proposal.

This marriage (or merger) has all the necessary ingredients of a very successful relationship in that all parties come to the table with something to offer.

Each of these bodies will gain by the increased membership, which will ultimately add to the choice for officer material. The Temple Board will gain by the combining of Tuesday and Wednesday night into one night, thereby opening one night for another body to meet, increasing the rental income of the building.

In 1994, Laurel Lodge #657 and O.N. Steele Lodge #621 united to form John W. Barkley Lodge #621. The #621 was the number of O.N. Steele Lodge. As a member of the former Laurel Lodge, I had always considered Laurel as one of the better Lodges with a strong officer base, but with the combining of forces, I see John W. Barkley as an even better and stronger Lodge than either before. Our attendance is usually 10% and better, which today is a strong sign in any organization. We've had a steady stream of candidates which keeps our officers in practice. The old adage that nothing succeeds like success has proven to be true. All this enables us to have many fine programs and activities. When we can employ the activities of N. Olmsted Lodge merged with those of John W. Barkley's, we shall continue to develop into an even finer Lodge.

This year's Grand Master has requested that all Lodges at inspection will put on the degree work with only members from that Lodge. This means that the weaker Lodges, and particularly those required to perform the M.M. Degree, will have a serious problem and possibly face an "incomplete," which would equal a "redo" or failure. This only provides one more argument for a stronger Lodge, and is an aspect we hadn't anticipated at the inception of our merger talks and proceedings.

This coming year, Brethren, should be a very interesting and exciting experience, and the continued growth of one of the stronger Lodges in the 22nd District and the State of Ohio. Please show your support by attending Lodge as often as possible, taking part in the many decisions and programs, and getting acquainted with your fellow Brethren.

Allan H. Warner, S.W.



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## MASTER'S MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

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was written, but examples of this can be found throughout history. Rather than go through the past, I would like to take this opportunity to see how this can apply to us today, and how our Grand Master's theme – "Freemasonry: A Blueprint for Life" – ties into it.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Steven J. Krekus, has detailed a program that focuses on seven basic goals for Lodge success. They are: 1) Ritual Proficiency, 2) Lodge Operations, 3) Family Activities, 4) Youth Groups, 5) Masonic Information, 6) Charitable Giving, and 7) Community Participation. We are very good in several of the areas, but can improve in a few of them. I'll focus on the Community Participation aspect, because it also incorporates the Mission Statement with the Grand Master's Program. The Grand Master's Award requirements for Community Participation are:

1. Each Lodge shall assist a part of the Community (City, Township, and/or School Board) in a project.
2. Assist in or sponsor events such as Relay for Life, Alzheimer's Walk, Community Homecoming, Habitat for Humanity, construction of a new park or playground, Spring cleanup.
3. Brothers are encouraged to serve on Boards of their community (Council, Township Trustees, Commissions, School Boards, etc.)
4. Present a scholarship to a high school senior in the name of the Lodge or a Brother that is or was a leader in the community.
5. Purchase an ad in the school athletic event, chorus, or play program.
6. Conduct a Child Identification Program.
7. Donate stuffed bears to the Police and/or EMS for distribution to children at accident and crime scenes.
8. Raise money and donate bullet-proof vests, defibrillators, smoke vision glasses, or other needed implements to safety forces.
9. Participate in the Ohio Reads Program.

We will already comply with requirement #2 when we have a booth at the North Olmsted Homecoming, which, for years, North Olmsted Lodge has been doing. Similarly, we are in compliance with #4 as both of our lodges have presented scholarships for years, and will continue to do so. We will talk to the city of North

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Olmsted to see what we can do by way of helping on a community project, and to see if anyone is serving on a Board, or is willing to do so. We will certainly purchase an ad in the high school program(s). We will have to look closely at items #8 and #9 to see what we can do in those areas. I have the information that we need to participate in items #6 and #7, and it is as follows: We can provide the Child I.D. Kits to a local school at no cost to them. We merely need to contact the Superintendent or Principal to see how many kits they may need; order them from the Cleveland Masonic Center at a cost of \$ .50 each; and present them to the school. The Ohio "Freemasons Care Bears" can be given to the local police and/or EMS to give to a child at an emergency scene. The "Bear" transfers the child's attention away from the situation they may be in. The cost is little and the rewards are great. The "Bears" only cost \$6.00 each and can be ordered from the Cleveland Masonic Center. I have the order forms for both of these worthwhile projects, and I hope to see us implement them in the very near future.

I think it is very obvious how participating in the Grand Master's blueprint program will help us to become more active in our community, improve our community and ourselves, reaffirming "our dedication and unity to become *involved* citizens who have a strong desire to preserve the values that *have continued* and *will continue*, to make America great." I look forward to working with all of you to achieve these goals, which ultimately will make us even stronger.

Fraternally,  
Mark J. Bollinger, WM

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Edward J. Hallman, *Director*

The sympathy of the Lodge goes to the following, who have recently lost a family member:

- W.B. George Charboneau's family lost a son-in-law.
- Bro. Charles Patterson passed away in September, 2003.
- W.B. Larry Boyd lost his wife Margaret on October 22nd, 2003.
- Bro. James Doran's wife Beverly Dee passed away on November 14th, 2003.

As a result of a successful election, Bro. Jimmy Scott is our new Junior Warden. Please contact him regarding all future Sunshine/Welfare news.

***EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT LIVE,  
I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK!***

- ONE: Don't miss the boat.
- TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX: Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE: When you're stressed, float a while.
- TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

***NOW ... ISN'T THAT NICE?***

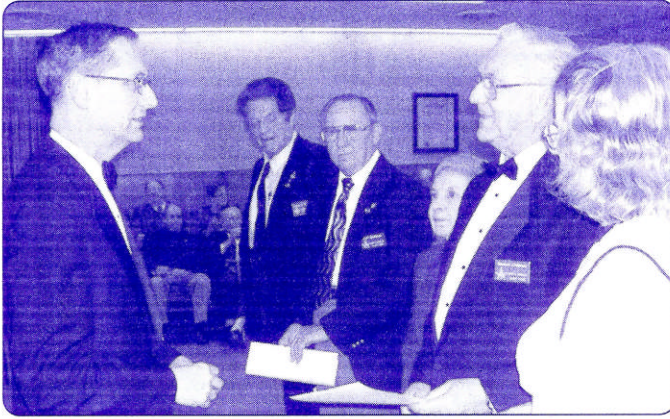
Submitted by W.B. James Schultz

***MARRIAGE ...***

*Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.  
Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience!*



## LONG TIME MEMBERS ARE HONORED



*R.W. Bro Neil Hubbard presents 50 year awards to Brothers George Roscoe, Carl Eschbach and Edward Hallman. Jean Eschbach and Irene Hallman are present to "pin their man."*

*R.W. Bro Neil Hubbard presents a 65 year award to Bro. Virgil LaGorin, with two proud sons, Jay and Alan, and grandson Adam standing by.*



*R.W. Bro. Donald Placko presents 50 year awards to his father, Bro. John Placko, and to Bro. Steve Kriska (right).*



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Kind hearts are the gardens, kind thoughts are the roots,

Kind words are the flowers, kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds,

Fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



## REMEMBER 1957?

I know some of you are not old enough to remember, but the following comments were made in the year 1957! Remember these?

- 1) "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00."
- 2) "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000 will only buy a used one."
- 3) "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- 4) "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- 5) "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- 6) "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- 7) "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- 8) "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying damn in *Gone with the Wind*, it seems every new movie has either Hell or Damn in it."
- 9) "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- 10) "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they will be making more than the President."
- 11) "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- 12) "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- 13) "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- 14) "I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- 15) "Thank goodness I won't live long enough to see the day when the government takes half of our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."
- 16) "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- 17) "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."
- 18) "No one can afford to be sick anymore; \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

Submitted by James Schultz

## **MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2004**

65 Years on February 4th ..... John & Elsie Osadcky  
50 Years on February 6th ..... James & Beverly Doran  
40 Years on February 15th..... Thomas & June Galyen  
20 Years on January 6th ..... Gregory & Sandra McDanel

If any dates or names are wrong, please let the Secretary know.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BRETHREN FROM NORTH OLMSTED LODGE**

Brethren from North Olmsted Lodge, please let the Secretary know your wife's name and the date that you were married, so you could be added to the list for future use.

If you would like a Name Badge for John W. Barkley Lodge, please let the Secretary know and how you want your name on your badge.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE OUT THE INFORMATION**  
and send it to the secretary or hand it to him at our meeting.

Robert Hubert, Jr.  
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### ***SEASONS OF THE HEART***

The heart has many seasons, must as this good old earth,  
And they all combine together, to comprise what we are worth.

There is a childhood innocence, in which we dream and play,  
There is a time for growing up, and making our own way.

There is a time for keeping, and a time for letting go.  
A time for moving swiftly, and a time for walking slow.

There is a time for learning, and a time for teaching, too,  
And there is time for resting, when all the chores are through.

We all know joy and sorrow, 'tis written in the plan,  
But Heaven waits beyond life's gates, for every earnest man.

Each life has many pictures, and all a work of art,  
But what a silver symphony, the Seasons of the Heart.



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