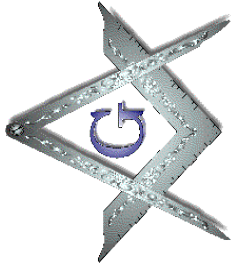


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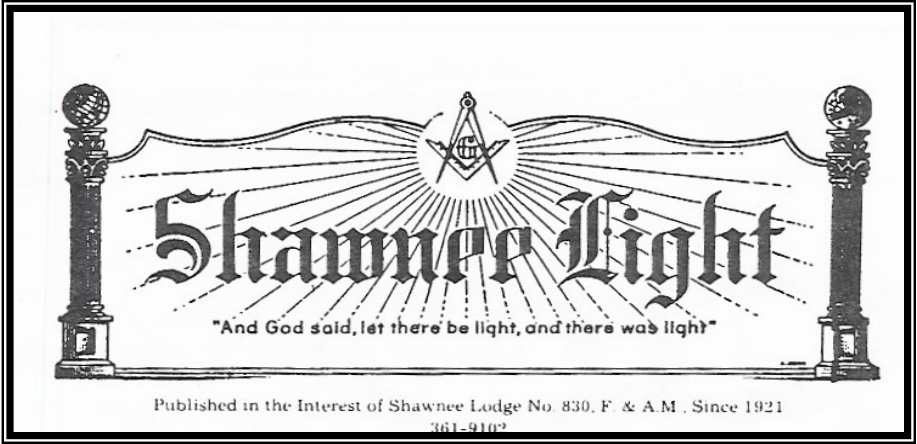
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MASTER
RON HENDRICKS



**MWGM, RW Grand lodge Officers,
MWPGM's. Worshipful Appointed GL Of-
ficers, Worshipful DDGM's, distinguished
guest, family, friends and Brethren all. Good
Evening !**

**It's a pleasure to be here tonight with family,
friends and Brothers who I love admire and
respect. I know of no other place, besides
church, that you will meet the quality of men
gathered in this room and is in our Fraterni-
ty, and I am proud to be associated with each
and every one of you.**

**I would like to take this opportunity to intro-
duce my Family who has always supported
me in all my Masonic endeavors. First, My
wife Terri who has always stood by my side,
every step of the way. Thank you for your
love and support and for keeping things go-
ing at home, when I am in the road. My Dad
and Mom, Carroll and Chris Laird,-- I wish
every child could grow up in a loving and
caring home like I was raised in--. Thank
you for your love and the sacrifices that you
have made for me. My Children, My son
Chad and his fiancé Hanna and my beautiful
Grand Daughter Paisley, my son Brett, and
my daughter Brooke and her Fiancé Les Os-
trander, all of whom, I am extremely proud.**

would like to close with this poem:

***God put people in your life for a reason
Some for a while and some for a season
But with you, I know it's for a lifetime
Because your friendship and love is hard to
find***

***You never judge or look down on me
and you see things in me I would never see
My Masonic friends, that's the way it's sup-
posed to be***

***This poem is to let you know
that I really appreciate you
and to let you know that I love you too
But most of all it's just my way of saying
THANK YOU***

**I've Had a wonderful time, Love you all,
safe travels on your way home and God
Bless You.**

**Sincerely,
Geary F. Laird
Grand Junior Warden
Grand Lodge of Kentucky**

the Divan and Kosair Shrine for all they have done to make this night a success. If you have enjoyed the food and the hospitality of Kosair Shrine, let's give them a big round of applause. THANK YOU SO MUCH !

Thank you to Kenny Holthouser and the Entertainment Committee. Would the entertainment Committee please stand, Let's give them a round of applause.

Amber and Luke Martin thank you so much for the wonderful music you provide for our entertainment. Let's give them a round of applause.

There are many things going on this time of the year, yet, you chose to be here to celebrate with me tonight, A lot of you, drove many miles from all over the state to be here, thank you, it means so much to me.

My Brother, Rick Laird and his fiancé Karen Coates. My Brother Jodie and his Wife Tammy, and their son Michael and his fiancé' Mariah and son Todd. My cousin Pat Cavanaugh from South Carolina and her husband James. Thank you for making the trip to Louisville and being here tonight. My Mother-in Law Sarah Albro, my sister-in Law Sally and her husband Mike Fowler and their Daughter Jennifer. My Brother-in-law Bill Albro and his wife Yvonne. Brother Rick, Jodie and Bill are all Past Masters of Shawnee Lodge. Thank you all for being here and for your love and Support.

There have been many people through the years who have influenced my life and help get me, where I am today. My parents have instilled the morals and values I hold today. My Dad has shown me, by example, how to be a man, and to always do what's right. My Mom, is the most loving and caring person I have ever known. I am truly blessed to have them here with me tonight.

I don't know, that I would have ever become, a mason, if it were not for my wife's uncle, James Albro who was Master of Shawnee Lodge at the time. One day out of the blue, he ask me, if I were a Mason, and I said

no sir I am not, he kind of caught me off guard with his response, he said, why not. He didn't ask me to join, but he did make me stop and think. As I thought about what he said, it dawned on me, that my Dad was a Mason, her Dad was a Mason, and both her Grand Fathers were Masons, all those, whom, I love and respect. I knew then, I wanted to be Mason. I have to admit though, I was twenty-one years old, and was distracted by a very beautiful young lady and she is here with me tonight. Masonry, was the last thing on my mind.

After ascending the chairs and serving as Master, I stopped attending Lodge. It wasn't until, one afternoon when my father-in law, Bill Albro who was a member of Shawnee Lodge said, you know, we need to start going to Lodge again. He said, don't they meet this Tuesday. I said yes, they do, it's the first Tuesday. He didn't ask me if I wanted to go, he looked at me and said, be ready, I'll pick you up, and from that day on, I have been active in the **GREATEST FRATERNITY IN THE WORLD**. He

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NOTICE

SHAWNEE LODGE HAS REFRESHMENTS AT 6:30 P.M.
AND LODGE BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7:30 P.M.
ON MASTER MASON NIGHTS LODGE STARTS
AT 7:00 P.M AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE HELD
DURING THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS.

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Being Secretary of Shawnee Lodge is one of the toughest challenges I have ever faced. Three hundred members and each having to be notified each year. I would like to thank Scott Thornhill and Ron Skipper for their hard work being the Secretary of Shawnee Lodge.

I also would like to thank all the members who have sent their dues in to me on a timely basis. I understand better than anyone that sometimes life happens. If you have not sent your dues please do so as soon as possible. You being a member of our Lodge means so much to all of us.

Again thank you for your faith in me.

Rick Laird, Secretary



Uncle Jim, who I mentioned earlier, was an outstanding Ritualist, I watched him do Masonic Funerals for twenty-eight years. He could confer about ever lecture and degree there is.

I will never forget, one of the many things he had told me, he said, when you go to bed at night, before you say your prayers, go over all you degree work and any other lectures that you know. I thought about what he had just said for a second, and looked him right in the eye, and said, YOU DON'T GET MUCH SLEEP DO YOU. A truly remarkable man and a Mason.

I would like to thank MWPGM Terry Bowman for allowing me, to serve as his DDGM for District 12.

I would also like to thank, MWPGM Wilson Wilder for the opportunity to serve as Grand Chaplain. Thank you both, for having the confidence in me, to be able to serve.

Thanks, to my Dad, My Father-in-law, Uncle Jim, and many others, who were able to keep me grounded and focused on what is most important.

It didn't work out, where my Father-in-



It didn't work out, where my Father-in-Law and Uncle Jim could be with me as I traveled as DDGM and Grand Chaplain, the Lord, called them home. I will forever remember, their advice and lessons they taught me, as I continue, my travels in Masonry. They, are the reason, I'm here today, doing the things I love and enjoy, SERVING YOU THE CRAFT.

I am so grateful to be able to work with Todd, Tim, Gary, Keith, Donnie and all Masons of Kentucky. BROTHERS TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I want to thank all those who made this night possible and memorable.

Brother Joe Conway, can I get you to come to the Podium please. Thank you for being here tonight and giving a wonderful presentation. I hope you will except this gift as a small token of my appreciation. THANK YOU SO MUCH !

Brother Terry, Thank you for being here tonight and emceeing my reception, I hope you too, will except this gift as a small token of my appreciation. THANK YOU SO MUCH !

I want to thank Illustrious Sir, Steve Hueston,

Brothers of Shawnee Lodge, for those of you who don't know me I'd like to introduce myself as your Senior Deacon for 2017, Brother Roger Dowell. As this new year and new office begins I find myself contemplating many things about Masonry and the duties required, and I've surprised even myself at some of the revelations that have resulted. I appeal to the expertise of the Masonic scholars among us to correct any inaccurate observations to which I may have arrived, but I feel confident that good "Masonic sense" and intentions have prevented me from straying too far outside of our common usage.

One interesting point that occurred to me is the SD chair as the "center" of the offices that are routinely changed each year; there are three chairs below it and three above. This perhaps is not noteworthy in and of itself until the nature of the offices above and below are examined and reveal themselves as "on the floor" and "above the floor." The Stewards and JD are involved in the more "grounded" functioning of the lodge (answering the door, attending to the needs of the brothers, etc.) while the offices above the SD are involved in the more "celestial" government of the proceedings, occupying cardinal points of the compass and describing and directing the functioning of the proceedings. The SD thus becomes somewhat of a "liaison" between the upper and lower offices; he answers alarms at doors and conducts visitors around the lodge, but also attends to those things which link the entire Masonic endeavor to the GAOTU. In this fashion, it is my belief, the office is compelled by its very nature to observe and tend to the highest Masonic ideals and bring them into action in the body of the Lodge. And we as Masons know full well that we do not function in the vacuum of only that room; we carry our actions out into the world for the betterment of our community. I will thus pledge to you my intent to be a genuinely active Senior Deacon for the year 2017, and appeal to my Brothers for their consent, support, and inspiration to do so.

