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Chancellor Commander's Chat

Dear Brothers,

This writing is my Chancellor's Chat on the 24th Day of January, with 341 days to follow. With February around the corner, which by the way, is my favorite winter month because it is the shortest, I am thinking back and remember many years ago, when we were all a lot younger, of course, a very fun mystery bus ride that I had planned. We passed out wool caps with tassels for the ladies and plain ones for the men to help keep them warm. It took place on a cold February winter evening, to a Toboggan Run in the Cleveland Metro parks Park in the Strongsville area.

I remember one very quick trip down the toboggan run, and even though we were a lot younger, one trip down the slide was more than enough. It was hard enough at the end of the run just to get up out of the sled, but it was fun. Just thinking of another long trip UP the many steps to get to the top of the run was more than we could imagine.

The remainder of the evening most of us spent cuddled close to the fireplace in the Chalet with plenty of hot cocoa and good conversation and laughs.

So, now what do you think? Do we have any takers this year? Just how will we get up out of the Sled with our new hips and knees? Anyway, enjoy what's left of winter and by all means keep warm!

Fraternally,

Your Chancellor Commander
Eli Mahler

Biographies

Stan Wolski, GT

I am still looking for biographies to publish in the Owatonna. Please submit your story to me in an email to jb4email-2@yahoo.com.

This new feature was suggested in an officer's meeting as a way of getting to know one another better. It does make for interesting reading.

We all have a story to tell so please share yours.

February Birthdays

- 2 Ed Blecher
- 2 Harvey Palchick
- 5 Diane Lewis
- 6 Larry Riga
- 7 Mary Alice Neese
- 7 Lynda Kiner
- 13 Sheila Mahler
- 13 Loren Kiner
- 22 Susan Reiner

February Anniversaries

- 16 (1964) Bob & Lois Lantz

Etymology and Idioms

'Acid Test'

Gold prospectors and dealers need to be able to distinguish gold from base metal. The original acid test was developed in the late 18th century and relied on nitric acid's ability to dissolve other metals more readily than gold. To confirm that a find was gold it was given 'the acid test'. A test sample was used to mark a touchstone and the degree to which it dissolved when the acid was added determined whether it was gold. Various other later tests also used acid and these are all called 'acid tests'.

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Acid Test Continued

The earliest citation I have found of a figurative use of the phrase (that is, one where no actual test is performed) is from the Wisconsin paper The Columbia Reporter, November 1845:

"Twenty-four years of service demonstrates his ability to stand the acid test, as Gibson's Soap Polish has done for over thirty years."

Quotable Quotes

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned in life: It goes on. *Robert Frost*

You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take. *Wayne Gretsky*

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit. *Aristotle*

Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all. *St. Augustine*
Editor's Note St. Augustine was born in November.

What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. *Mother Teresa*

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. *Gandhi*

You can't try to do things. You simply must do things. *Ray Bradbury*

True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about our life, ourselves, and the world around us. *Socrates*

I was really too honest a man to be a politician and live. *Socrates*

There is nothing permanent except change. *Heraclitus*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. *Francis of Assisi*

The only journey is the one within. *Rainer Maria Rilke*

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. *Aesop*

Not all those who wander are lost. *J. R. R. Tolkien*

One Liners

"When I was a boy, I laid in my twin sized bed and wondered where my brother was." – Mitch Hedberg

"I think it's wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly." – *Steven Wright*

"The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades." – *Demetri Martin*

"I tried to change my password to penis but they said it was too short." – *Unknown*

"It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do." – *Unknown*

"I looked up my family tree and found out I was the sap." – *Rodney Dangerfield*

"I don't worry about terrorism. I was married for two years." – *Sam Kinison*

"Honesty may be the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy." *George Carlin*

Eat like no one is watching. or dance, whatever.

"Starbucks says they are going to start putting religious quotes on cups. The very first one will say, 'Jesus! This cup is expensive!'" – *Conan O'Brien*

A Call to Arms, Article 5 in a Series

By Stan Wolski, Grand Trustee

Start thinking about who might make a good brother. Have you zeroed in on someone who might be a potential member yet. It's time to do so.

One new brother has the potential to bring others into our beloved lodge. Think of the possibilities of new members and energy in Owatonna Lodge.

We have one of the best lodges in the Grand Domain of Ohio. Let's keep this great organization alive and prospering.

*Owatonna Lodge Needs Your Help
Time to Give Back*

Aurora Community Theater 2019

Next scheduled play is:

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

May 11, 2019 Date Correction

Light Fast Paced Witty Irreverent
One of the funniest musicals ever written

Adult tickets are still \$14.00, children under 16 are \$11.00.

You are on your own for dinner but we will have an after play party as usual.

Please call Eli Mahler at 216-831-0308 for reservations.

Dinner Dance

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

Europa Restaurant, at Lander Circle

We have selected our menu entrées to be Lamb Chops, Chilean Sea Bass and Russian Schnitzel (made with either Chicken or Pork).

Of course, we will have appetizers before dinner to be followed later in the evening with a great selection of desserts.

For those who have never been to Europa, you will be in for a treat. Just ask those who have been there

Editor's Note – Great food!

Music by The Frank Samson Trio

Lodge Dinner

Monday, February 25 5:30 PM

Fisher's American Tavern

28020 Miles Rd, Solon, OH (Miles at Brainard)

RSVP to Ron Stovsky 440-449-5582

by February 18, 2019

Groaner Puns

The public safety officer came up to a large mob of people outside a department store and asked, "What's happening?"

A mall officer replied, "These people are waiting to get the new Barbie doll."

The public safety officer shook his head and muttered, "Who can resist a Barbie queue?"

Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers? He'd stop at nothing to avoid them.

Someone sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did

So what if I can't spell Armageddon? It's not the end of the world

I just found out I'm colorblind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

Got my girlfriend a "get better soon" card. She's not sick, I just think she could get better.

I hate peer pressure and you should too.

My math teacher called me average. How mean!

Justice is a dish best served cold because if it were served warm, it would be justwater.

I bought a box of condoms earlier today. The cashier asked if I'd like a bag. I said "nah, I'll just turn the lights off."

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Feb 25.....Lodge Dinner, no meeting

May 4.....Dinner Dance

May 11Theater Party, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

Date Corrected