

MYTH:

Freemasons do not ride a goat in their lodges. It's a joke, perpetrated by Masons themselves on nervous initiates.

Since at least the Middle Ages, the goat has been symbolic of the devil and stories were circulated of witches who called forth Satan, who rode into town on a goat to take part in their blasphemous orgies. Then, as the Freemasons gained in popularity, detractors accused them of witchcraft, which is probably where the notion of initiates riding a goat came from.

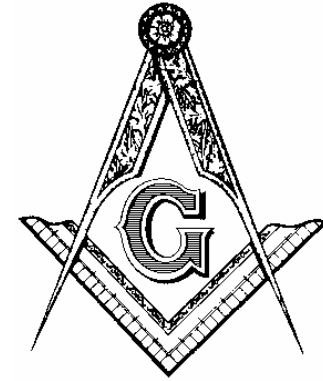
It didn't help that some early ritual books from the fraternity referred to God as "God of All Things" and abbreviated it as G.O.A.T. That was quickly changed and now Masons refer to God by the acronym G.A.O.T.U., meaning the *Grand Architect of the Universe*.

In the late 1800's, catalogs from fraternal supply companies actually offered mechanical goats for use in other fraternal organizations and "fun" degrees. As the golden age of fraternalism resulted in literally hundreds of other groups popping up in competition with the Masons, such items only served to perpetuate the myth that Masons and other fraternities required a goat-ride ritual for their initiations. There is no lodge goat. The degrees of Masonry are serious business to Freemasons.

"Freemasons for Dummies"

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January 2008

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SHI-OMA Masonic Temple

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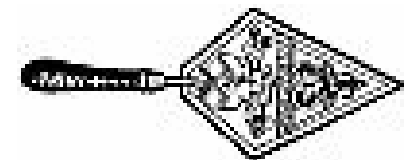
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST...

...well, almost from the East.

I am grateful to have been elected Master of Shiloh Lodge for 2008. I truly believe that our lodge is one of the best in the state.

I have established three goals for the up-coming year. First and foremost, I would like to continue building on the great social events started by and continued through Andy's time as Master. I have a tough act to follow! Second, I would like a total lodge effort in encouraging old and new members alike to return to the activities of Shiloh. Finally, I want to build on the outstanding degree work for which Shiloh Lodge is famous. We must look to the future and start developing new members willing to participate in degree work.

2008 Shiloh Elected Officers

Worship Master	Kevin Orr
Senior Warden	Alan Anderson
Junior Warden	Matt Vandergriff
Treasurer	Jim Gathmann
Secretary	Kenneth W. Walker

Appointed Line

Chaplain	Larry L. Broermann
Senior Deacon	Derek Hunt
Junior Deacon	R. Glen Miller
Senior Steward	Joseph Hodges
Junior Steward	Steven D. Poulson
Marshall	Michael J. Pallas
Tyler	W Russell Mason

Sincerely,

Kevin Orr

Worshipful Master Elect

DUES Reminder

All 2008 dues are due by January 1, 2008.

Please look for your new dues statement.

On-time payment is appreciated.

Shiloh Installation of Officers

Shiloh Lodge No. 327 A F & A M
Cordially invites you and your family to attend
the Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Shi-Oma Masonic Temple
83rd & Maple
Omaha, Nebraska

Installing Officers

MW Charles W. Amidon – Installing Master
MW Phillip A. Lorenzen – Installing Marshall
W John T. Maxell – Installing Secretary
MW Ivan A. Vrtiska – Installing Chaplain

Schedule for the day:

Officers and Installing Officers

9:00 am. – Breakfast at *Village Inn*
Off 90th & Maple

10:00 a.m. – Practice at Shiloh Lodge

1:30 p.m. – Line up at Shiloh Lodge

2:00 p.m. – Installation of Officers

Reception Immediately Following

Questions? Contact Kevin Orr

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Approved Bylaw Amendment:

/ when speaking to potential candidates that, starting in 2008, the initiation fee is now \$125, which includes the new Brothers' first year dues.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2008

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
2	Builders Club	8:30 a.m.
2	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
9	EA Degree	7:00 p.m.
12	Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.
16	Builders Club	8:30 a.m.
16	Fellow Craft Degree	7:00 p.m.
23	Master Degree	7:00 p.m.
	<i>(Dinner prior to Degree)</i>	6:00 p.m.
30	Lodge School of Instruction	7:00 p.m.
31	Grand Lodge – Kearney, NE	

FEBRUARY 2008

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
1, 2	Grand Lodge – Kearney	
6	Builders Club	8:30 a.m.
6	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
8	Sweethearts Dinner	6:00 p.m.
	<i>(Venice Inn, 6920 Pacific St.)</i>	
13	EA Degree	7:00 p.m.
20	Builders Club	8:30 a.m.
20	Fellow Craft Degree	7:00 p.m.
27	Master Degree	7:00 p.m.
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