

**Why has Symbolic Masonry three degrees only and not four or seven or a larger number, as have other branches of the Fraternity?**

Three is the numerical symbol of the equilateral triangle, which is man's earliest symbol for God. It was the "most sacred number at the dawn of civilization. Masonry emphasizes it: three degrees, three circumambulations in the Third Degree, three Great Lights, three Lesser Lights, three steps on the Master's Carpet, three Fellows who stood at the gates of the Temple, three who discovered the Master Workman, three principle rounds, three Grand Columns, etc.

Evidently the ritual makers of an early age believed that there should be a symbolism of number as well as of object in the teaching of Masonry regarding the fatherhood of God, to instruct that He is present at all times in every ceremony and meeting.

**What is a Cowan? What is an Eavesdropper?**

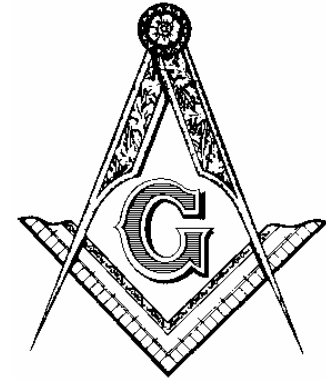
"Cowan" is an old Scotch word, meaning an ignorant Mason who puts stones together without mortar, or piled rough stones from the field into a wall without working them square and true. He is a Mason without the Word: the Apprentice who tries to masquerade as a Master.

The Eavesdropper in ancient times was that would-be thief of secrets who listened under the eaves of houses (there was often a space between wall and roof, for the purpose of ventilation). Because to hear he had to get close to the wall under the eaves, he received the droppings from the roof if it rained – hence; eavesdropper. In modern times the eavesdropper is that bold man who forges a good standing card, or finds one and masquerades as its owner and tries to get into a Lodge, in order to ask for charity or help. He is very rare, and few tillers have ever met him!



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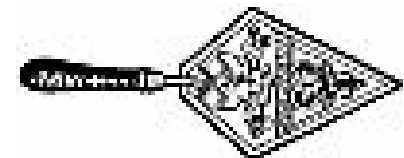
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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

The November regular communication at Shiloh as always will be a very important meeting. We will be electing our Officers for the 2008 year. This event alone warrants a big turnout. Added to this, another important piece of business to be handled at this meeting will be the balloting on a proposed amendment to the Lodge Bylaws. It has been proposed to increase our initiation fee from \$100 to \$125, and that this new fee will include the first year dues. With this increase fee we will no longer have to collect dues immediately after a Brother has been raised.

Please come and weigh in on these critical decisions. We have raised a number of new Masons this past year and I especially want to encourage each of them to attend and start contributing to the future direction of "our" Lodge!!

Sincerely,

Andrew Winslow  
Worshipful Master

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment:**

As mentioned above: it has been proposed that the initiation fee be raised from \$100 to \$125 and include the new Brothers' first year dues. We will vote on this at the November 7<sup>th</sup> regular communication.

## **ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS**

November Regular Communication

Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Special Event Announcement: Job Daughter Box Social Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Job Daughters will be preparing Boxed meals to be auctioned off to the highest bidders. This is a great traditional, unique event and good opportunity to support and get to know a group of special young people.

### **Grand Masters Breakfast Friday, October 19, from 7:30 to 9:00 am Omaha Home for Boys Dining Hall Featuring Most Worshipful Grand Master Dean Skokan**

Tickets are \$9 each or a block of 5 for \$40

*This is a Shiloh hosted event, so let's make a special effort to have to big turnout – I'm confident you will enjoy the Fellowship!!*

### **Masonic Education Symposium**

Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 pm  
Papillion Lodge, S. 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Rd  
**"So you're a Mason – now what?"**

**Come and join in on, or learn from a game of Masonic Jeopardy.**

*Please feel free to use the contact information on the front to find out more about any of these events.*

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER 2007**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
3	Builders Club	8:30 am
3	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
10	EA	7:00 pm
17	Builders Club	8:30 am
17	EA Degree	7:00 pm
24	Master Degree	7:00 pm
	<i>(Dinner prior to Degree)</i>	

### **NOVEMBER 2007**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
7	Builders Club	8:30 am
7	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
	<i>(Job Daughters box social prior to mtg) (Elections at meeting)</i>	
14	EA Degree	7:00 pm
21	Dark (night before Thanksgiving)	
28	FC Degree	7:00 pm

### **DECEMBER 2007**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
5	Builders Club	8:30 am
5	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
	<i>Oyster Stew Dinner prior to meeting</i>	
6	Christmas Dinner @ Caniglia's	
	Social Hour	6:00 pm
	Dinner	7:00 pm