



# The Lebanon Light

## Your Grandmother is *How Old?*

Lebanon Masonic Lodge #26.

You have heard it said countless times. You have said it numerous times. In 1815, Lebanon Lodge was founded and issued the number 26 as it was the 26<sup>th</sup> lodge established under the Ohio Grand Lodge (itself founded in 1803). Do you realize that 26 holds a much deeper meaning in Masonry than simply being the 26<sup>th</sup> lodge established in Ohio back in 1815?

In masonry, symbols and numbers are extremely prevalent. They have certain meanings behind them, some of which are more obvious than others.

According to Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 26 is the number considered by the Cabalists as the most sacred of mystical numbers, because it is equal to the numerical value of the letters of the Tetragrammaton, thus:  $5+6+5+10=26$ .

Sounds important, but what is the Tetragrammaton? (Pictured here) > יהוה

The Tetragrammaton consists of the four Hebrew letters (Yod, He, Waw and He). These four characters are the four Hebrew letters that correspond to YHWH and are transcribed into the English alphabet as IAUE or Yahweh. Yehweh is the name of the Almighty Father in Heaven who we often simply call "God." The Tetragrammaton is not simply an invention by Albert Mackey, a medical doctor and author from the 1880s, who wrote many articles and books about Freemasonry. The Tetragrammaton has been found in the 2000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls and in ancient copies of the Septuagint. (The Septuagint being the earliest translation of the Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek during the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.)

So, not only is your grandmother an impressive 26, she is also absolutely divine.



Hello Sisters and Brothers,

We made it through the month of May! The week of May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> was hectic. On the beautiful morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, we held our AREME project, Dare to Run. We had over 20 runners participating in our 5k. The Student Resource Officer, Dustin Kurilko, was there to start the race and was pictured with each participant. Not only did everyone there seem to have a good time, it appears that we will have approximately \$1675 to donate to the local Dare program.

We barely had time to change from our running shoes to our chapter dress for our inspection on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Our inspection went well and a big “thank you” to everyone who came out to support us. We had over seventy in attendance and plenty of good food afterward.

The next night was the inspection at Hillsboro where Nancy and Heshel Ledford are dual members and officers. Nancy did a wonderful job as conductress especially since the air conditioning was not working.

The night following the inspection at Hillsboro was the inspection at Cary Chapter. Their air conditioner wasn't working either! Lebanon Chapter also showed its support as Cindy Fugate was a “candidate” and Sheila Kitchens and Joyce Horner did a nice job of pro temming Ruth and Esther respectively.

Three short days later was our Appreciation Dinner for our Masons. After we enjoyed some wonderful food, we retired to the library where Ron Vance presented his Bible Sticks which he hand carves. They were amazing to see. Even the children were impressed. Don't be surprised if we have another opportunity to see Ron Vance and his Bible Sticks. They are truly something to see.

Our last EOP is coming up on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Miami Chapter. There is a Line Officers' meeting at 2:00 with the EOP starting at 3:30. Light snacks will be following.

We have our Harmony Circle June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will probably have much to discuss since our annual business meeting will be the following week on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Since we will have elections and other business to discuss, we will be opening in short form which will be a nice change after all the inspections from the past two months.

We will also be distributing two 60-year pins; one locally to Geneva Strunk and one in Florida to Pat Russell.

Remember - we will “go dark” for July and August and will have our next Harmony Circle September 11<sup>th</sup> and our next stated meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful summer!

Always yours in Star,

*Cindy Fugate*. WM

# Memorial Day Parade

May 28<sup>th</sup> marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Decoration Day. The first Decoration Day was May 30, 1868 when mourners honored the Civil War dead by decorating their graves with flowers.

One hundred years later, in 1968, Congress passed The Uniform Monday Holiday Act, establishing the last Monday in May as Memorial Day.

To honor this Sesquicentennial anniversary, Worshipful Master Patrick W. Dugan, invited all the Lebanon Masonic Bodies to participate, including Rainbow Girls.

In spite of the sweltering temperatures, approximately 40 people come to commemorate the event. In addition to various vehicles (convertible, pick-up with trailer, and golf carts), we had a CJ Jeep and a 1933 Cadillac transporting many of members; while the Knights Templar marched. The masonic bodies certainly made themselves known that day.

After the parade, the Eastern Star provided a nice lunch for the hot and hungry participants.



Pictured at left are some members of the Blue Lodge and Commandery posing for a quick picture before the start of the parade. Two members of Mason Rainbow assisted carrying the banner for the Knights Templar.

Pictured at right are a few Eastern Star members relaxing on the trailer prior to the start of the parade.

Pictured behind the Eastern Star are representatives of Mason Rainbow, of which a few passed out flags to some of the children along the parade route.





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Remember there will be an Installation of Officers at the stated meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



The founding of our Nation was more than a political event; it was an act of faith, a promise to Americans and to the entire world. The Declaration of Independence declared that people can govern themselves, that they can live in freedom with equal rights, that they can respect the rights of others. In the two centuries that have passed since 1776, millions upon millions of Americans have worked and taken up arms when necessary to make that dream a reality. We can be extremely proud of what they have accomplished. Today, we are the world's oldest republic. We are at peace. Our Nation and our way of life endure. We are free.

GERALD FORD

July 14, 1913, Omaha, Nebraska - December 26, 2006, Rancho Mirage, California,

## Schedule - Upcoming Dates



Blue Lodge meets on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

Upcoming Blue Lodge Meeting - **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Next Blue Lodge Meeting - **September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Eastern Star has Harmony Circle on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner is at 6. Meeting starts at 7.

Upcoming Harmony Circle Meeting - **June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Next Harmony Circle Meeting - **September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Eastern Star has their stated meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

Upcoming Eastern Star Meeting – **June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Next Eastern Star Meeting - **September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Royal Arch meets on second Monday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Chapter Meeting – **June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Next Chapter Meeting - **September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Council meeting on the third Monday of every month. Dinner is at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

Upcoming Council Meeting – **June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Next Council Meeting - **September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Commandery has their meeting on the fourth Friday of each month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Commandery Meeting – **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Next Commandery Meeting - **September 28<sup>th</sup>**



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## *Did you know?*

### **Famous Mason Birthdays in June & July**

**James VI of Scotland** (June 19, 1566 - March 27, 1625)

King of Scotland (1567-1625), and the first Stuart King of England (1603-25), English historians have tended to portray him as a coward and a fussy and foolish pedant: 'The wisest fool in Christendom'. In fact, he was reasonably successful in his main goals, increasing national prosperity, maintaining peace with Europe and settling the church. Today, he is remembered for commissioning the so-called King James' Bible.

**Dave Thomas** (July 2, 1932 - January 7, 2002)

American businessman and founder of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Rex David Thomas, was born in Atlantic City and adopted at six weeks. As founder of the Wendy's restaurant chain, his appearances as spokesperson have made their advertising campaign the longest running in history.

**Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.** (born Leslie Lynch King Jr; July 14, 1913 – December 26, 2006) was an American politician who served as the 38th President of the United States from August 1974 to January 1977. Before his accession to the presidency, he served as the 40th Vice President of the United States from December 1973 to August 1974. Ford is the only person to have served as both vice president and president without being elected to either office. His 895 day-long presidency is the shortest in U.S. history for any president who did not die in office.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Grand Rapids in 1957 and created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary 33rd degrees, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in 1962. This is the highest honor that can come to an honorary member of the Northern Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R.

**Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton** (July 18, 1913 - September 17, 1997)

"Good night, and may God bless."

The son of a former circus clown vaudevillian, comedian Red Skelton left home at ten to travel with a medicine show through the Midwest and joined the vaudeville circuit at fifteen. He debuted on Broadway and radio in 1937 and on film in 1938. "The Red Skelton Show" premiered on NBC in 1951. For two decades, until 1971, his show consistently stayed in the top twenty, both on NBC and CBS. One stand-up comedy routine, "A wee dog", is reputed to be of especial interest to freemasons.

Skelton was a major supporter of children's charities, including the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital and the Red Skelton Foundation in Vincennes, Indiana.