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INVOKING THE SPIRIT OF ST. PATRICK FOR ORPHANS

By WJW Peter A. Dietrich



From left, WJW Peter A. Dietrich, WSW Rod Rothwell, winner Jacco Zwetsloo, RWM Charles Duerden and JD Charles Kreuter

The world has been made a slightly better place for a group of very deserving children thanks to the efforts of many in the expat community, writes WJW Peter A. Dietrich.

Most residents with an itch to celebrate St. Patrick's Day inevitably find themselves somewhere in Itaewon drinking the obligatory green beer. This year, the owners of 3-Alley Pub and local Freemasons from Lodge Han Yang decided to take advantage of the Irish-flavored

festivities in order to raise money in support of a Korean orphanage for children with disabilities.

3 Alley-Pub, well-known in the expat community for its hot wings and trivia night, invited Lodge Han Yang to use its establishment for the fundraiser. The Masonic lodge purchased 600,000 won worth of gift certificates which were then raffled off to patrons throughout the evening. At the last drawing, one lucky customer won a 300,000 won bar tab when his 5,000 won ticket was randomly selected. By the end of the night, over 1.5 million won had been raised, all of which will directly benefit Give Out Love Orphanage (주사랑 공동체의집).

Charles Duerden, the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Han Yang, remarked "Charity is one of the cornerstones of our fraternal organization. It is incredibly impressive to see so many people helping their fellow creatures. We could not have done any of this without the wonderful support from Al and Bernie of 3-Alley Pub. Thank you to the owners, staff and customers who made this event so successful and helped so many children."

The St. Patrick's Day event marks the second time this year that the two groups have teamed up for

charity. In January, 3-Alley Pub and Lodge Han Yang held a traditional Australian meat raffle which raised over 700,000 won for the youngest victims of the devastating Earthquake in Haiti. The meat raffle was also supported by a generous donation from Meat and Livestock Australia (see below).

3 Alley-Pub is located at the end of the alley behind The Hamilton Hotel. Check out www.3alleypub.com or call 02-719-3336 for information about their weekly specials, operating hours and location. Lodge Han Yang, being constituted in 1908, is the oldest Masonic Lodge in Korea. For more information about the lodge, or Freemasonry in general, go to www.lodgehanyang.com or email hanyangmason@hotmail.com. Details about Give out the Love orphanage can be found at <http://cafe.daum.net/giveoutlove>.

FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI



Han Yang Lodge successfully held a traditional Australian meat raffle at the 3 Alley Pub in Itaewon-dong, Seoul, Sunday, January 31st with some US\$600 eventually being raised for the Save the Children's Haiti appeal. WSW Rod Rothwell and Secretary Robert L. Bates organized the event with RWM C. Duerden in attendance, all of whom were attired in Han Yang-crested shirts to raise the visibility of the Lodge. The sale of raffle tickets began at 4:30 p.m. with the draw being held close to 6 p.m.

Winner of the meat raffle was David Im (second left). RWM Charles Duerden, left, WSW Rod Rothwell, second from right. Photo credit: Sasha G. Duerden

At stake was a tray laden with three kilograms of red meat – kindly donated by Jim Lim of Meat and Livestock Australia – accompanied by a bottle of A1 sauce, a bottle of Bull's Eye sauce and three bottles of Australian beer, namely VB, XXXX, and Coopers Stout.

The lucky winner of the meat tray was Seoul resident Mr. David Im, pictured above. We also thank the management of the Three Alley Pub for making this fundraiser possible.

“Meat trays bring together some of the things that the Australian sense of community is based upon,” said Mr. Rothwell in explanation of the event. “Firstly there is the barbecue, the choice of Sunday evening meals of two-thirds of the nation, so a man who can bring home a meat tray is dearly prized by his family.” Secondly, he continued, a game of chance is never refused. Thirdly, “Australians will respond to a call for help, as most of them realize how fortunate they are to live in God's own back yard.”

“All these elements come together in the meat tray raffle, and this is why the institution is so dearly loved by Australians,” concluded Mr. Rothwell.

CELEBRATING THE SCOT

WSW Rod Rothwell explains his desire to introduce highland regalia into Lodge Han Yang



The MacFarlane Kilt regalia has been a long term project of mine that has been in the later basket till now, writes Bro. Rothwell. Anyone can access our history at www.hanyang-masons.org/documents/lodge-han-yang-history.pdf and learn the link between us and the MacFarlane family.

I believe that being a Scottish mason means celebrating not only the mason, but also the Scot. As with most important things that come from the U.K., Scotland gave us the oldest signs of the craft. Robbie Burns describes quite vividly his love of the craft in many of his poems including “A Man’s a Man for A’ That,” as well as others. There is an inherent intertwining of Masonic beliefs and Scottish history.

To wear regalia is to say to those, we are not only masons – we are Scottish masons, descended from a great line of masons not only burns but also Lipton, Flemming, Conan-Doyle, Washington, John Paul Jones and Jack Jones. I think that this should be celebrated at every opportunity.

Regarding investment. The grand lodge shop (www.grandlodgeshop.com/list/full_masonic_outfits.html) begins at 575GBP and goes up to around 800GBP for a full kit. Another site, www.scottishclansman.com/ has kits as well for similar prices or a bit cheaper. I am not too sure that I’d get a kit - just because they look like a set. I think to be Scottish is to be eclectic and therefore I’d suggest getting checking out as many sites as possible and then building your regalia set.

2010 INSTALLATION

RWM Charles Duerden espouses vision of spirituality and education



Bro. Charles Arthur Duerden was installed as the 74th Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Han Yang November 30th in due and ancient form.. At his installation dinner, RWM Duerden stated his vision for the year was one of spirituality based on education plus charitable works. A delegation of newly installed officers traveled to Pyeongtaek the following day to participate in the installation of Bro. Michael Stone as RWM of Harry S. Truman Lodge.

THE TIES THAT BIND

By PM Kris Stevens



The Han Yang Mini-reunion held in Toronto organized by PM Kris Stevens

The term, “mystic tie” is sometimes used to describe the powerful bond between two Brothers in the Masonic fraternity. It is a bond that transcends age, race, religion, culture and politics. This kinship can also transcend space and time drawing together extended families for support and celebration.

For the past three years the Brethren of Han Yang Lodge number 1048 Scottish Constitution along with a number of close friends from the peninsula have congregated in Toronto to hold a mini-reunion drawing attendees from as far away as Germany, France, Korea, Brazil and

Iraq as well as from across the North American continent. The group, which normally numbers a little over 10, comes to re-connect over a weekend traveling incredible distances simply to get a taste of the deep friendship that was kindled in Seoul. Plans are underway again and I hope to see some of you here in the frozen north!

Attending Han Yang brethren included Kris Stevens, PM, Ernst Prystawick, PM Scott Shields, PM, Dave DeForest, PM, George Geddes, PM, Treveor Foesenek, Andre Grey, and former secretary, Ron Stevenson. Visiting spouses included Jina Stevenson and Won-Hee Park.

BOARDS, BEN & ME

From a presentation made by WSW Rod Rothwell



Tracing Boards are a picture on which the emblems of any particular Degree are inscribed. It is so called because formerly it was the custom to inscribe these designs on the floor of the Lodge-room in chalk, and then erased when the Lodge was closed. The symbols were shown by marking out the Lodge with tape and nails or shaping the symbols in wood or metal to be laid upon the floor or table. This developed into designs on a cloth to be spread out on the floor when in use or folded up for storage. This then evolved further into the stereopticon slides of today.

Brother Ben

Benjamin Franklin became a Freemason when he was initiated in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731. Over the next fifty years he held several leadership roles. He served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania. While in Paris Franklin became a member of the Lodge of Nine Sisters (La Loge des Neuf Soeurs), serving as its Venerable Master from 1779 to 1781.



Franklin also published a book of the Constitutions (which was originally published in 1723 in London) because they were not easily available in the British colonies and, businessman that he was, he decided to print a new edition. Franklin's Constitutions was printed when Franklin was only 28 years old, almost exactly at the time that Franklin became Grand Master

Bro Ben had his own take on tracing boards. He decided that living a good life was comprised of living a virtuous.

He then decided to focus on one virtue at a time, then adding another virtue as he 'mastered' each one. He placed each one of the virtues on a separate page in a small book that he kept with him for most of his life. He would evaluate his performance with regard to each of them on a daily basis. He would also select one of the virtues to focus on for a full week.

Through this we have Franklin's thirteen virtues and the specific actions which follow from them.

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin 95

FORM OF THE PAGES

Temperance.

Eat not to Dullness
Drink not to Elevation.

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1. Temperance: Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. Order: Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
3. Resolution: Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.
4. Frugality: Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
5. Moderation: Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
6. Industry: Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
7. Cleanliness: Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habitation.
8. Tranquility: Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
9. Silence: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
10. Sincerity: Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
11. Justice: Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
12. Chastity: Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness, weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.
13. Humility: Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

Franklin's application

Ben Franklin tried to live his life following these virtues, but he often failed. Although Franklin tried to follow the virtues himself, he sometimes strayed from his good intentions. Franklin relished his food, womanized and sometimes dressed to impress people. His food and wine-drinking habits led him to be plagued with the gout for much of his life. But still, the positive intentions were there.



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