

## *Others May Care To Know . . .*

**Sonny Shortlegs**

By re-arrangement of the initials of the words "Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine" you may spell the words "A Mason." — The Freemason of Canada.

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Napoleon was thought to have been initiated in Egypt, while First Consul of France, some time between 1795 and 1798 — The New Age.

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LaFayette was made a Mason in an Army Lodge at Valley Forge, by George Washington, and when he returned to visit America in 1825, he had with his son, George Washington LaFayette, who was a member of the Craft. General LaFayette was christened Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier. He was usually known in American circles as "the Marquis", the title having been inherited at his father's death along with a substantial fortune. He was married at the age of 17 into an influential family, but because he was a poor drinker and a worse dancer, shunned court circles and Parisian society. He was an American by virtue of citizenship conferred upon him by act of Congress and although buried in Paris, lies in American soil because his grave is made in a ton of earth carried to France from Bunker Hill. — The Connecticut Square and Compass.

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In Queensland, Australia, the Grand Lodge prohibits the wearing of any Masonic badge, charm or ring outside the Lodge. The use of emblems for business purposes is forbidden under penalty. In South Carolina the annual dues card will hereafter show the blood type of the Master Mason to whom it is issued. — Idem:

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In registering as a visitor at a Craft Lodge, the brother should indicate his proper rank as a Craft Mason. He may be a M.M., a W.M. or P.M., or have some Grand Lodge rank. The senior rank should be indicated. It is not proper to indicate any other Masonic affiliations such as Shrine, K.T., Chapter or Scottish Rite. — The Freemason of Canada.

The greatest and best men of all ages have been encouragers and promoters of the art, and have never deemed it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with fraternity, extend their privileges and patronize its assemblies.—*Ex-President Harry S. Truman, PGM of Missouri, on the occasion of the dedication of Truman Library.*

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The newly organized Eye Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has already begun operation — the first case was a CATHOLIC boy — Daniel O'Donnell Weissert — who, by the way was completely cured.

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DON TANIGUCHI, sgt. first class in Co. B, 100th Battalion of the 442 Regiment Combat Team is tiler of United Services Lodge No. 1118 (N.Y.). His regiment was composed of Japanese, enlisted in Hawaii; the regiment received seven presidential citations.

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Several of our periodicals list Robert E. Lee as a Freemason; this is not true. Lee himself denied it although expressing his appreciation of the fraternity.

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The great Italian liberator, a Freemason, said: Wherever there is a human cause, we are certain to find Freemasonry, for it is the fundamental basis of all true liberal associations. Thank all of my brethren and tell them that I am always with them with all my heart, and that forever I will pride myself upon my Masonic connection.  
— Giuseppe Garibaldi.

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And Theodore Roosevelt said this: Our system of government is the best in the world for a people able to carry it on. Only the highest type of people can carry it on. We believe we can — we know we can, but we can do it only if each of us in his dealings with the outside world carries into them the spirit that makes a man a good Freemason among his brother Freemasons. And Theodore, speaking before the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, said: "Freemasonry should make, and must make, each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations, a fine type of American citizen because Freemasonry teaches him his obligations to his fellow men in a practical fashion. He could see no wrong in the Masonic obligation so often objected to by our enemies."

— *From The Masonic World by R. V. Denslow*