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QUEEN OF SHEBA VISITS KING SOLOMON

by Ronald Gale *(edited for size)*

Solomon's kingdom was a strategic bonanza to whoever controlled it. It was at the virtual crossroads of the world. This ribbon of land, with the sea on one side and the desert on the other, provided the single viable land route for both trade and conquest between the vastly more powerful states that bordered it.

One must realize that the kingdom over which Solomon ruled was far more extensive than the Israel we think of in today's world. King David, Solomon's father, had won from the Edomites a strategic port and a great tract of surrounding land where the desert stopped at the narrow waterway leading to Arabia and Africa.

This area had been the nexus of civilized trade for over a thousand years. For that reason, the prize for every empire and pseudo-empire of the age. Century after century, millennium upon millennium, processions trekked across it ~ the chariots of the Pharaohs, caravans from Arabia, armies from Assyria and horsemen from Babylonia, the Persians, the Macedonians, Greeks, Parthians and later the Romans.

As head of state of a kingdom whose chief export trade could only be with and through Israel, the Queen of Sheba would certainly have had good reason for trade talks [with] King Solomon, and it is very likely that her real mission was for the purposes of such discussions, and the gifts exchanged were to open trade relations.

Recorded in the Bible as simply a Queen of the East, modern scholars believe she came from the Kingdom of Axum in Ethiopia, the Kingdom of Saba (Sheba) in Yemen or both. The Jewish historian Josephus identified her as a Queen of Egypt and Ethiopia.

Spices were popular commodities in the near East, and the spice trade was a particularly active one. From both the Bible and other classical sources, it appears that the valuable plants, from which the coveted aromatic resins, incense, spices, and medicinal potions were produced, were grown mainly in the kingdoms of southern Arabia. From this area, major land and sea trade routes branched out to all the great trading centers of the ancient World.

Sheba was then the 'Land of Spices,' one vast fairy-like scented garden of the costliest spices in the World. For 1,500 years, this garden of spices bloomed around the capital, Marib.

We are told that when the temple at Jerusalem had been completed, by the wisdom of King Solomon and assisted by the strength of Hiram, King of Tyre and the beautifying skill of Hiram Abiff, the monarchs of the neighboring countries sent their ambassadors bearing precious gifts to King Solomon to congratulate him upon the completion of his great and holy work.

But the sovereign of a more distant country—the Queen of Sheba—was not to be content to send an embassy. She, herself, would go up to Jerusalem, so that her own eyes might see the magnificent Temple, and her own ears might hear the wisdom of King Solomon, whose fame was spread abroad throughout the then known world.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. I Kings 10:1-2.

The Queen of Sheba's desire to encounter Solomon was ardent enough for her to embark on this momentous journey, across the desert sands of Arabia, along the coast of the Red Sea, up into Moab, and over the Jordan River to Jerusalem. There are 1,500 miles of desert and mountain between Sheba and Jerusalem. Such a journey required at least six months time each way, since camels could rarely travel more than 20 miles per day. Arabian camels were tall and hardy, able to store water and fat for three weeks while living only on desert roughage.

Although there is no direct evidence of their well publicized meeting, it is noted in the Bible (Kings I, 10), The Holy Koran, The Jewish Talmud (Oral Law) as well as by the noted Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, and also recorded in the Ethiopian narrative (Glory of Kings - the Kebra Negast). It is even referred to in the ceremonies of Freemasonry and several of its allied Masonic Orders.

The relationship between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba has been the subject of 7 films, 16 books, 1 operatic musical, 1 television program, 1 ballet feature, 3 poems, 21 songs, and about 70 paintings.

EVENTS AT UNION LODGE

August 16-17, 2013 - Union Lodge No. 38 Cave Degree

Stated Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Meal at 6 pm. Meeting at 7 pm.

We practice ritual each week on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.

OTHER EVENTS

2013 – Grand Lodge of Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration. Honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee Free and Accepted Masons. (1813-2013). For more information, go to: www.celebrate2013.org OR scan with your smart phone:



AUGUST 5 , 2013 STATED MEETING

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due and ancient form by the following officers after prayer by Brother Walker:

Worshipful Master--James Tucker
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Junior Warden--Eric Windhausen
Treasurer--Lloyd Cook
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The Secretary made the following announcements:

The Bicentennial edition of the TENNESSEE CRAFTSMAN is now available for purchase. In addition to the usual text, it has a brief history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and a list of all Past Grand Masters. The cost is \$13.00.

The Secretary reported for the Cave Degree Committee. Cave cleanup will be done on Saturday August 10 at 10 AM.

The treasurer's report was given and filed for future audit.

Brother Devillon reported on volunteers needed by Brother Christopher Harris for cooking during the Cave Degree. He also mentioned Union Lodge's library which is growing.

10 Past Masters, 4 fifty year members and 13 twenty five year members were recognized.

Brother Lee announced upcoming degree work at several local Lodges.

The following reports were made:

Scottish Rite by Brothers Joel Crowe and Lou Scherf--Brother Scherf reported that the Worshipful Master, Brother Tucker and Senior Warden, Brother Devillon will be honored with the K.C.C.H. on Sunday November 3.

Shrine by Brother Dennis Myers

Eastern Star by Brother Gene Walker.

Amaranth by Brother Richard Harris.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon by Brother Jerry Brackett. He also reported on the September 14 statewide Lodge open house day in celebration of our Masonic Bicentennial.

The Lodge thanked Brother Windhausen for the steak dinner provided by his mother-in-law prior to the meeting. The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

The Lodge was closed in due and ancient form after prayer by Brother Walker.

PAST MASTERS OF UNION LODGE NO. 38 F&AM

1821-22 John Brown *	1917 John W. Bowman *	1957 H. K. Deatherage *	1991 David M. Bunch
1823-24 R. Richardson *	1918 John G. Harding *	1958 E. E. Smith *	1992 Hoke S. Culbertson
1825 William G. Dunlap *	1919 A. H. Stegall *	1959 William G. Harvey *	1993 W. Dale Brown
1826-28 R.S. Gilliam *	1921 W. T. Ferguson *	1960 W.E. Pierce *	1994 J. Donald Bowers
1829-37,50-52 Lewis W. Jordon *	1923 O. N. McCallum *	1961 Kenneth E. Deal *	1995-96 Thomas Boduch, MD
1838-49 Henry L. Welcker *	1924 William R. Ladd *	1962 William Seaver *	1997 Michael R. Mann
1853,55-56,59 Henry Liggett *	1925 William A. Smith *	1963 John A. Davis *	1998 Jerry L. Brackett
1854 Thomas A. Brown *	1926 John L. Fritts *	1965,71 Victor M. Hovis *	1999 John R. Carter
1857-58 Edward A. Yost *	1927,44 Janes C. Fly *	1965 A.T. Wallace *	2000 Eugene J. LaBounty *
1860-65 N. A. Patterson *	1928 Hugh E. Wyatt *	1966 John B. Arp, Jr *	2001 Ross L. Hickey
1866-67 James W. McNutt *	1929-30,41,43 Robert S. Ladd *	1967 M.E. Wimberly *	2002 Johnnie C. Trivett
1868-69, 72-73 Evan E. Young *	1931 Martin L. Howard *	1968 Fred H. Rasco, Jr. *	2003,05 Terry W. Jones
1870, 78-79 H. Crumbliss, Jr. *	1932 A. SI White *	1969 L.C. Hubbard *	2004 Daniel H. Morgan
1871 James Sevier *	1933, 45 Henry Parker *	1970 Ocee C. Cole	2006 Ronald B. Sales
1874-75,77,86 James M. Melton *	1934 Lewis E. Johnson *	1972 Leon A. Mead *	2007 Louis J. Scherf, Sr.
1876 J. M. Denning *	1935 James R. Heifner *	1973 K. C. Patterson *	2008 Eugene W. Livesay
1880-82,83 Evan E. Young *	1936 Thomas W. Pickel *	1974 Alvin Arthur *	2009 Joel W. Crowe
1881,85,87,91-92 H.Crumbliss Jr *	1937 Jessie R. Johnson *	1975 Fred J. Barger *	2010 Fritz Stevens
1884 W. L. Welcker *	1938 John R. Evans *	1976 C.G. Ruffner *	2011 John M. Parkinson
1888 W. C. Shelly *	1939 Clair W. Liggett *	1977 G.R. jackson *	2012 Christopher Harris
1889 G. W. Henderson *	1940 Paul C. Henry *	1978 Roger L. Guinn *	2013 James Tucker
1890 R. W. Gambill *	1942 John G. Roberts *	1979 Robert L. Sneed *	
1893-95 J. C. DeArmond *	1946 S. L. Bowman *	1980 Charles L. Smiddy *	
1896-97 J. Frank Corman *	1947 Thedor E. Howard *	1981 E.I. "Bill" Leach *	
1898-99 J. B. Goodwin *	1948 H. D. Wattenbarger *	1982 Eddie Parish	
1900-1,3,7 J. G. Crumbliss *	1949 Samuel S. Henley *	1983 E.T. Strunk *	
1902 Geroge L. Burk *	1950 Robt. H. Crowder *	1984 Alvin Pierce	*Deceased
1906 James C. Pope *	1951 Earl L. Loop *	1985 Howard M. Trapp *	
1908-9 W. M. Gambil *	1952 A. G. Spurgeon *	1986 C. C. McPheeters *	
1912 Edward A. Wyatt *	1953 Mack H. Smith *	1987 Russell O. Thornton *	
1913 Jehu C. Pope *	1954 Walton T. Hall *	1988 L. Dow Odum *	
1914 Dr. John Roberts *	1955 William B. Logan *	1989 Marion E. Zeigler	
1915-16,20,22 John S. Parker *	1956 Avery L. Bright *	1990 Evertt Massengill	