

The Corner Post



Worshipful Master: Matt Hedrick, PM

Marion McDaniel Lodge # 56

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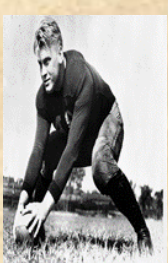
Gerald R. Ford, Jr. (1913-2006) 38th President, 1974–1977. Initiated Sept. 30, 1949, in Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan, passed April 20, 1951 and raised on May 18 in Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C. Received the 33rd Degree on September 26, 1962. He later said in 1975, "When I took my obligation as a master mason—incidentally, with my three younger brothers—I recalled the value my own father attached to that order. But I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order who also served as Presidents of the United States.



Ford was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. on July 14, 1913, to Dorothy Ayer Gardner and Leslie Lynch King Sr. Gardner separated from King just sixteen days after her son's birth (after Lynch threatened to kill them) and moved to the home of her parents. February 1, 1917, Gardner married Gerald Rudolff Ford. M Though never formally adopted, he was referred to as Gerald Rudolff Ford Jr. from then on; the name change was formalized on December 3, 1935.



Ford attended the University of Michigan, where he played center, linebacker, and long snapper winning national titles in 1932 and 1933 and in 1934 he played in the Shriner's East–West Shrine Game. Ford graduated from Michigan in 1935 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He turned down offers from the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers instead taking a job as boxing coach and assistant varsity football coach at Yale University and applied to its law school. He worked with the John Robert Powers agency before investing in Harry Conover's agency, with whom he modelled until 1941. Ford served in the U.S. Navy (1942-1946) aboard the USS Monterey. Returning to Grand Rapids in 1946, he became active in local Republican politics and later winning a seat in the U.S. Congress where he served for 25 years. On October 10, 1973, Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned.



Ford was nominated on October 12, the first time the V.P. vacancy provision of the 25th Amendment had been implemented. The United States Senate voted 92 to 3 to confirm Ford on November 27. On December 6, 1973, the House confirmed Ford by a vote of 387 to 35. It was a tenure largely notable for its modesty. Ford described his philosophy as "a moderate in domestic affairs, an internationalist in foreign affairs, and a conservative in fiscal policy



(See more pictures of Brother Ford at the end of this Trestle Board.)

Marion McDaniel Lodge #56 2023 Officers



2023 Officers: (L to R) Henry Spomer, Tyler; Pat Zech, Treasurer; WMB Randy Jager, PGM (Installing Master); Matt Hedrick, WM; Sam Talvy, SD; Josh Stich, SW; Jim Wild, Chaplain;;David Brown, Secretary; Joe Santistaban, JD; Joe Felix, JS. Not shown are Carl Warren, JW; & Gordon Beatty SS.



Passing the Gavel. WM Joe Felix (outgoing) and WM Matt Hedrick (incoming).



Pat Zech receiving "Mason of the Year" award

Upcoming Events February 2023

February 6th – Dinner 6:30pm and meeting at 7:30pm. Pat and Cindy will be making homemade heavy meat Chili, baked potatoes with all the fixings, green salad & dessert.



Lodge School of Instruction February 18, 2023 Starting at 2PM
Master masons only, At the Lodge, 3959 E. Mabel, Tucson, AZ.

Reminder

From the Secretary and Treasurer: Brothers, please check your dues card. May we all take care of our annual dues. If you or if you know of a Brother in need of help please let the Worshipful Master or the Secretary know.

In need of a hand? *Brothers, some of us are healthier and in better shape than others and some may need some help. If you are in need of some minor help, please reach out to your brothers, maybe we can give you a hand.*

If you or you know of one of our Lodge Brothers who has fallen on hard times and needs help with his dues or help in general, please let WM Matt Hedrick or Secretary Dave Brown know. The lodge and Brothers are there to help you. Please let someone know so we can help.

If you would like to participate in a degree, please contact our Senior Warden Josh Sticht at joshsticht@gmail.com. He will also work to schedule practices.

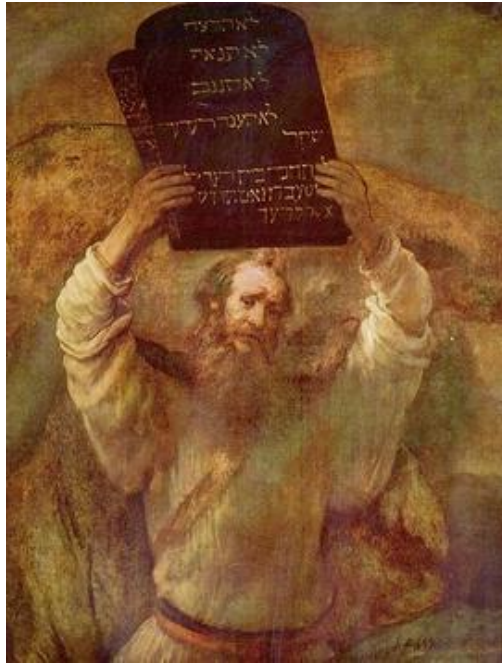
How many of you remember the first few words that you declared before you were prepared to be initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason?

Answer: "Do you seriously declare upon your honor..."

Educationally:

Masonry Respects Those Who Seek To Elevate Mankind.

By Hank Kraychir August 11, 2015



I find the below words from Pike most comforting; in short, he is telling us that Masonry respects those who seek to elevate mankind. Yes, it makes sense and aligns with our Masonic instruction:

It reverences all the great reformers. It sees in Moses, the Lawgiver of the Jews, in Confucius and Zoroaster, in Jesus of Nazareth, and in the Arabian Iconoclast, Great Teachers of Morality, and Eminent Reformers, if no more: and allows every brother of the Order to assign to each such higher and even Divine Character as his Creed and Truth require.

Thus Masonry disbelieves no truth, and teaches unbelief in no creed, except so far as such creed may lower its lofty estimate of the Deity, degrade Him to the level of the passions of humanity, deny the high destiny of man, impugn the goodness and benevolence of the Supreme God, strike at those great columns of Masonry, Faith, Hope, and Charity, or inculcate immorality, and disregard of the active duties of the Order.

Masonry is a worship; but one in which all civilized men can unite; for it does not undertake to explain or dogmatically to settle those great mysteries, that are above the feeble comprehension of our human intellect. It trusts in God, and HOPES; it BELIEVES, like a child, and is humble. It draws no sword to compel others to adopt its belief, or to be happy with its hopes. And it WAITS with patience to understand the mysteries of Nature and Nature's God hereafter (Albert Pike, [Morals and Dogma](#), 1871, p. 525-526).

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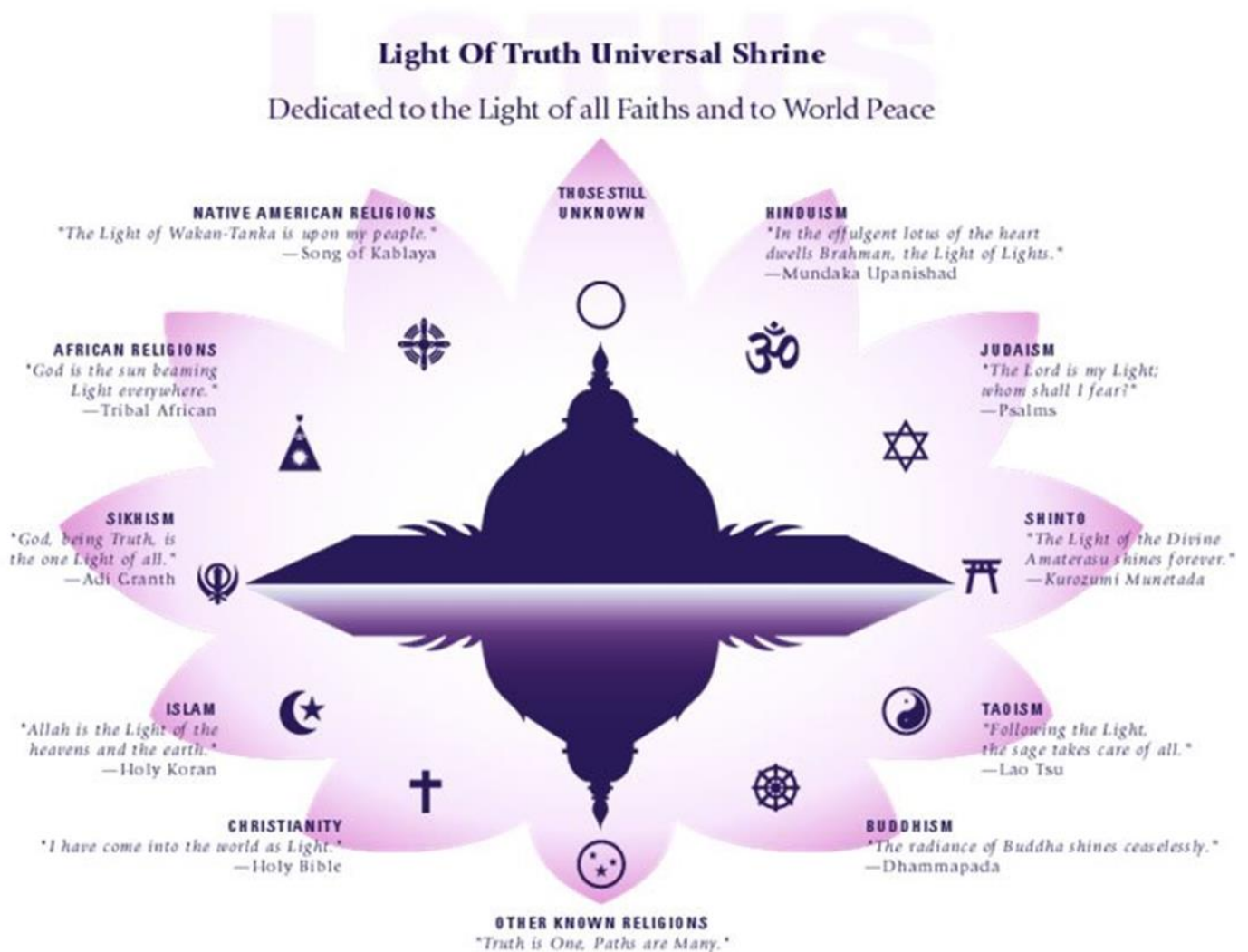
Pike wrote that Masonry finds its roots in no one religion, but in all religions:

While you were veiled in darkness, you heard repeated by the Voice of the Great Past its most ancient doctrines. None has the right to object, if the Christian Mason sees foreshadowed in Krishna and Sosiosch, in Mithras and Osiris, the Divine WORD that, as he believes, became Man, and died upon the cross to redeem a fallen race. Nor can he object if others see

reproduced, in the WORD of the beloved Disciple, that was in the beginning with God, and that was God, and by Whom everything was made, only the LOGOS of Plato, and the WORD or Uttered THOUGHT or first Emanation of LIGHT, Or the Perfect REASON of the Great, Silent, Supreme, Uncreated Deity, believed in and adored by all.

We do not undervalue the importance of any Truth. We utter no word that can be deemed irreverent by any one of any faith. We do not tell the Moslem that it is only important for him to believe that there is but one God, and wholly unessential whether Mahomet was His prophet.

We do not tell the Hebrew that the Messiah whom he expects was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago; and that he is a heretic because he will not so believe. And as little do we tell the sincere Christian that Jesus of Nazareth was but a man like us, or His history but the unreal revival of an older legend. To do either is beyond our jurisdiction. Masonry, of no one age, belongs to all time; of no one religion, it finds its great truths in all (Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma*, 1871, p. 524).



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Thus the scientific theories of the ancients, expounded in the Mysteries, as to the origin of the soul, its descent, its sojourn here below, and its return, were not a mere barren contemplation of the nature of the world, and of the intelligent beings existing there. They were not an idle speculation as to the order of the world, and about the soul, but a study of the means for arriving at the great object proposed, the perfecting of the soul; and, as a necessary consequence, that of morals and society. This Earth, to them, was not the Soul's home, but its place of exile. Heaven was its home, and there was its birth-place. To it, it ought incessantly to turn its eyes. Man was not a terrestrial plant. His roots were in Heaven. The soul had lost its wings, clogged by the viscosity of matter. It would recover them when it extricated itself from matter and commenced its upward flight (Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma*, 1871, p. 520).

Wisdom



Mithras Is Not Only Light, But Intelligence; That Luminary Which, Though Born In Obscurity, Will Not Only Dispel Darkness But Conquer Death.

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Pike now discusses one of my favorite historical figures, the Persian and Roman god Mithras (Zoroaster), who said, "Mithras is not only light, but intelligence; that luminary which, though born in obscurity, will not only dispel darkness but conquer death." Replace the word Mithras with the word Jesus and one can see how some see Mithras as Jesus; the similarities are striking:

Mithras is not only light, but intelligence; that luminary which, though born in obscurity, will not only dispel darkness but conquer death. The warfare through which this consummation is to be reached, is mainly carried on through the instrumentality of the "Word," that "ever-living emanation of the Deity, by virtue of which the world exists," and of which the revealed formulas incessantly repeated in the liturgies of the Magi are but the expression. "What shall I do," cried Zoroaster, "O Ormuzd, steeped in brightness, in order to battle with Daroodj-Ahriman, father of the Evil Law; how shall I make men pure and holy?" Ormuzd answered and said: "Invoke, O Zoroaster, the pure law of the Servants of Ormuzd; invoke the Amschaspands who shed abundance throughout the seven Keshwars; invoke the Heaven, Zeruana-Akarana, the birds travelling on high, the swift wind, the Earth; invoke my Spirit, me who am Ahura-Mazda, the purest, strongest, wisest, best of beings; me who have the most majestic body, who through purity am Supreme, whose Soul is the Excellent Word; and ye, all people, invoke me as I have commanded Zoroaster."

Ahura-Mazda himself is the living WORD; he is called "First-born of all things, express image of the Eternal, very light of very light, the Creator, who by power of the Word which he never ceases to pronounce, made in 365 days the Heaven and the Earth." The Word is said in the Yashna to have existed before all, and to be itself a Yazata, a personified object of prayer. It was revealed in Serosch, in Homa, and again, under Gushtasp, was manifested in Zoroaster.

Between life and death, between sunshine and shade, Mithras is the present exemplification of the Primal Unity from which all things arose, and into which, through his mediation, all contrarieties will ultimately be absorbed. His annual sacrifice is the Passover of the Magi, a symbolical atonement or pledge of moral and physical regeneration. He created the world in the beginning; and as at the close of each successive year he sets free the current of life to invigorate a fresh circle of being, so in the end of all things he will bring the weary sum of ages as a hecatomb before God, releasing by a final sacrifice the Soul of Nature from her perishable frame, to commence a brighter and purer existence (Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma*, 1871, p. 613-614).



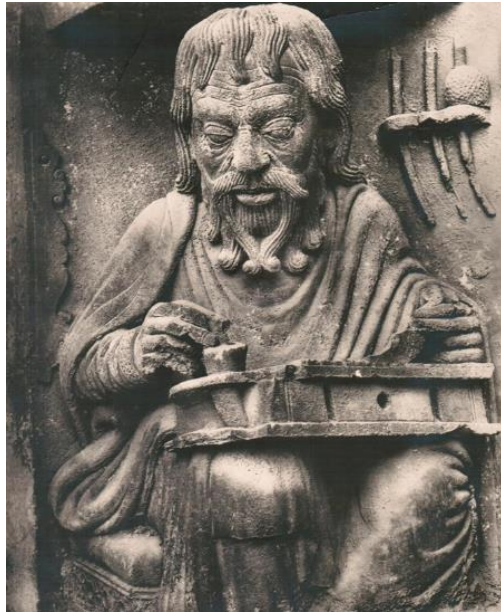
Pike mentioned several revealing facts about our past, like “The Arabians never possessed a poetical, high-wrought, and scientifically arranged system of Polytheism;” Within the Hebrews “a select body among them preserved a knowledge, in regard to the Deity, which was wholly unknown to the mass of the people;” “The Greeks... revealing a belief in a Supreme Being, Almighty Creator of the Universe, and Common Father of Mankind;” and “Much of the primitive Truth was taught to Pythagoras by Zoroaster, who himself received it from the Indians.” It’s a lengthy read, but well worth ones time; I hope you enjoy it:

The Arabians never possessed a poetical, high-wrought, and scientifically arranged system of Polytheism. Their historical traditions had much analogy with those of the Hebrews, and coincided with them in a variety of points. The tradition of a purer faith and the simple Patriarchal worship of the Deity; appear never to have been totally extinguished among them; nor did idolatry gain much foothold until near the time of Mahomet; who, adopting the old primeval faith, taught again the doctrine of one God, adding to it that he was His Prophet.

To the mass of Hebrews, as well as to other nations, seem to have come fragments only of the primitive revelation: nor do they seem, until after their captivity among the Persians, to have concerned themselves about metaphysical speculations in regard to the Divine Nature and essence; although it is evident, from the Psalms of David, that a select body among them preserved a knowledge, in regard to the Deity, which was wholly unknown to the mass of the people; and those chosen few were made the medium of transition for certain truths, to later ages.

Among the Greeks, the scholars of the Egyptians, all the higher ideas and severer doctrines on the Divinity, his Sovereign Nature and Infinite Might, the Eternal Wisdom and Providence that conducts and directs all things to their proper end, the Infinite Mind and Supreme Intelligence that created all things, and is raised far above external nature,—all these loftier ideas and nobler doctrines were expounded more or less perfectly by Pythagoras, Anaxagoras, and Socrates, and developed in the most beautiful and luminous manner by Plato, and the philosophers that succeeded him. And even in the popular religion of the Greeks are many things capable of a deeper import and more spiritual signification; though they seem only rare vestiges of ancient truth, vague presentiments, fugitive tones, and momentary flashes, revealing a belief in a Supreme Being, Almighty Creator of the Universe, and Common Father of Mankind.

Much of the primitive Truth was taught to Pythagoras by Zoroaster, who himself received it from the Indians. His disciples rejected the use of Temples, of Altars, and of Statues; and smiled at the folly of those nations who imagined that the Deity sprang from or had any affinity with human nature. The tops of the highest mountains were the places chosen for sacrifices. Hymns and prayers were their principal worship. The Supreme God, who fills the wide circle of Heaven, was the object to Whom they were addressed. Such is the testimony of Herodotus. Light they considered not so much as an object of worship, as rather the most pure and lively emblem of, and first emanation from, the Eternal God; and thought that man required something visible or tangible to exalt his mind to that degree of adoration which is due to the Divine Being (Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma*, 1871, p. 616-617).



Pythagoras in Chartres Cathedral, at home with the Apostles & Saints.

Word Scrambler:

February Scrambled Word is: STVEEIDD

January Scrambled Word is: CTNIULMAMRUBICOA – circumambulation Meaning what?
Circumambulation (from Latin circum around and ambulātus to walk) is the act of moving around a sacred object or idol. Relief of ancient Indian Buddhists (monks ...Christianity · Judaism · Buddhism · Sikhism) Pat Zeck got it right away.

December Scrambled Word is: ROIPTPNROOS – Proportions, 2nd degree lecture - Pat Zeck

Trivia Questions

(Answers and Information on last page)

A. Which NFL team's name was inspired by a famous writer?

1. New England Patriots
2. Baltimore Ravens
3. Pittsburgh Steelers
4. New York Giants

B. What NFL player returned a fumble 66 yards to the wrong end zone?

1. Leon Lett
2. Jason Taylor
3. Howie Long
4. Jim Marshall

C. How old was Joe Montana when he won his first Super Bowl?

1. 22

2. 25
3. 27
4. 29

D. Which NFL Quarterback has been to the most Super Bowls?

1. Joe Montana
2. Terry Bradshaw
3. Tom Brady
4. John Elway

E. Which American city has all three of it's professional sports teams using the same colors?

1. New York
2. Milwaukee
3. Pittsburgh
4. Seattle

Birthdays

Name			DOB	Masonic BD
Jared	Andrew	Erman	2/7/1992	7/18/2016
Jason	Bogart	Stryker	2/2/1979	12/13/2004
Robert	Merton	Hayes	2/19/1947	6/21/1971
Henry	Lee	Spomer	2/19/1944	4/28/1983
Steven	Marshall	Blumrosen	2/11/1954	11/23/1998
Kenneth	Charles	Holbert	2/19/1971	6/28/1993
Tyler	Lee	Rivas	2/20/1987	9/23/2013

Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master—Matt Hedrick, PM	Senior Warden--Josh Sticht	Junior Warden—Carl Warren
Secretary--David Brown PM	Treasurer--Pat Zech PM	Chaplain—Jim Wilds PM
Sr. Deacon— Sam Talvy	Jr. Deacon— Joe Santisteban PM	Tyler— Henry Spomer, PM
Sr. Steward—Gordon Beatty	Jr. Steward—Joe Felix	Marshall--- Jeff Horton, PM
1 yr. Trustee--Jim Wild PM	2 yr. Trustee--Gordon Beatty	3 yr. Trustee-Joe Felix, PM

The Business Meetings are only about an hour in length. Come join us as we move into the future. Let us all come together and take a small job to make our lodge stronger. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

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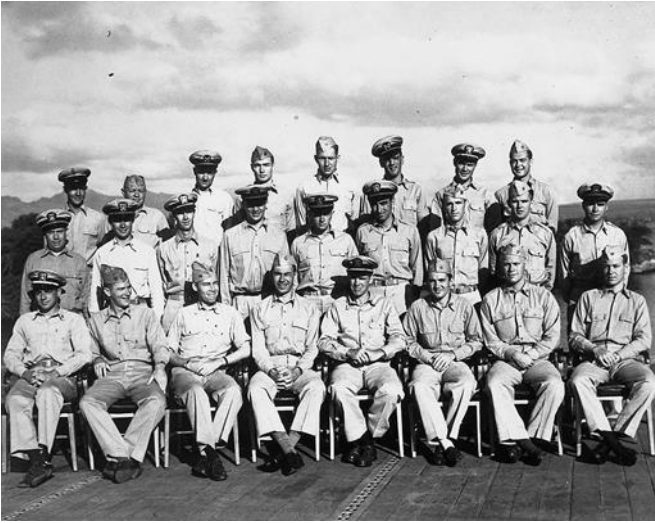
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Per: Need to Know Facts

- A. The Baltimore Ravens are named after famous writer Edgar Allen Poe and his classic poem 'The Raven'. Edgar Allen Poe lived and wrote in Baltimore, where he created many of his famous works of literature. The Baltimore Ravens actually named their 3 different mascots (all of which are ravens) 'Edgar', 'Allen', and 'Poe', as a sign of respect to the author. Poe's oldest house in Baltimore has been turned into the Edgar Allen Poe House and Museum, where fans can learn about his history and works. He was believed to have lived in the house at age 23.
- B. Jim Marshall is famous for having the "wrong-way run", a play where he recovered a fumble - where the opposing team lost the ball - and got confused about which way he was supposed to run in order to score a touchdown. He ended up running the wrong way for 66 yards and into his own team's end zone. He then threw the ball out of bounds, which resulted in a safety and gave the opposing team, the San Francisco 49ers, two points and the ball. Marshall played for the Minnesota Vikings at the time.
- C. Joe Montana was 25 years and 227 days old in a win in Super Bowl XVI against the Bengals on January 24, 1982 and was one day older than Namath was at the time of his first Super Bowl, making him the second-youngest quarterback to start a Super Bowl up to that time.
- D. It should come as no surprise that the quarterback of one of the greatest and longest-lasting sports dynasties of all time has been to the most Super bowls. In fact, not only has Tom Brady led the New England Patriots to the most Super bowls for any starting quarterback, he has also won the most Super bowls too. Brady's record in Super bowl's is 6-3, having won 2 more Super bowls than the next two quarterbacks with the most Super bowl wins, John Elway and Terry Bradshaw. Although both Elway and Bradshaw were a perfect 4-0 in Super bowls they played in. Brady's high-level success, championships, and longevity are big reasons as to why so many fans, writers, players, and analysts believe him to be the greatest NFL quarterback of all time, otherwise known as the GOAT.
- E. It's hard to believe more cities are not doing this. Pittsburgh has three professional sports teams. The Steelers play in the National Football League (NFL), the Pirates play in Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Penguins play in the National Hockey League (NHL). All three teams share the same color scheme of yellow and black, which represent the colors on Pittsburgh's flag. There are other major sports teams whose colors represent their city's flag, such as the New York Mets, but Pittsburgh happens to be the only city where all of its major sports teams have adopted their flag's colors

See more pictures of events about Ford



The Gunnery officers of USS Monterey, 1943. Ford is second from the right, in the front row. Retired as Lt. Commander.



Gerald Ford is sworn in as president by Chief Justice Warren Burger in the White House East Room, while Betty Ford looks on.



Congressman Gerald Ford, MSFC director Wernher von Braun, Congressman George H. Mahon, and NASA Administrator James E. Webb visit the Marshall Space Flight Center for a briefing on the Saturn program, 1964.



Gerald and Betty Ford with the President and First Lady Pat Nixon after President Nixon nominated Ford to be vice president, October 13, 1973.



Ford and his golden retriever, Liberty, in the Oval Office, 1974



Governor Ronald Reagan congratulates President Ford after the president successfully wins the 1976 Republican nomination, while Bob Dole, Nancy Reagan, and Nelson Rockefeller look on.



Ford at his 90th birthday with Laura Bush, President George W. Bush, and Betty Ford in the White House State Dining Room in 2003.



The Fords on their wedding day, October 15, 1948



Ford meets with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to sign a joint communiqué on the SALT treaty during the Vladivostok Summit, November 1974.