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## SIMILLIMUM

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In Germany on a lecture tour in 1985, I sought relief at a pharmacy for an allergic reaction to acres of cut grass surrounding the hotel. The prescription for a homoeopathic remedy quickly cleared up the watery eyes and sneezing. Thirty years ago I had received instruction from a specialist in the use of the homoeopathic remedies for personal use and had acquired all of the professional reference books. The first homoeopathic pharmacy west of the Mississippi, Luyties Pharmacal Company, established by Herman Luyties, M.D., has been in St. Louis since 1853.

Homoeopathy was widely practiced in Germany, Great Britain, and the United States throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It has been used by the Royal Family in Great Britain since the 1830's.

At the turn of the century there were over 100 hospitals, 143 societies, and over 15,000 practitioners in the U.S. Homoeopathy sought to treat the whole person and provided the impetus for conventional medicine to develop rational and scientific approaches to the practice of medicine. The focus on the physical body eventually led to a single

model eventually edged out homoeopathy, although it is still highly regarded in many countries.

Two of Germany's most outstanding intellectuals of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century figure prominently in the history of homoeopathy. Goethe became one of the world's greatest Western literary figures and most recognizable names as a poet, novelist, playwright, diplomat, and natural philosopher. At age 8, he was proficient in Greek, Latin, French, and Italian. He was educated at Leipzig, where Hahnemann practiced medicine for six years. Hahnemann was famous in the field of medicine. While preparing for graduation, he extended his studies to jurisprudence, numismatics, and ancient literature, while cataloguing the immense library of books and rare manuscripts of Baron Samuel von Bruckenthal, governor of Transylvania. At the age of 22 he was master of Greek, Latin, English, Italian, Hebrew, Syriac, Arabic, Spanish, German, and "some smattering of Chaldaic."

Both Goethe and Hahnemann were friends and Freemasons, along with Friedrich von Schiller, who was also a German scholar, poet, and playwright.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (August 28, 1749 - March 22, 1832) is best known for *Faust* with its lead character, Mephistopheles, a dramatic poem not meant for the stage. Its writing took some 57 years, during which he published many other works and served as manager of the Court Theater for Duke Karl August at Weimar. The first part was published in 1808 and the second only two years before his death. The same legend was treated in *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*, by the Elizabethan tragedian Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593), who emphasized the morality angle, punishment for sin, while Goethe's was a drama of redemption. He is one of the most quoted poets, e.g., "When an idea is wanting a word can always be found to take its place." — "One ought, every day, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words." — "Mozart is the human incarnation of the divine force of creation." (The Austrian composer Mozart was was a dedicated Freemason.) Goethe not only supported the efficacy of homoeopathy

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# Grand Master's Message

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Brethren, this year has flown by and I haven't gotten to accomplish nearly what I wanted to.

By the time you read this, the MoCHIP program at the Missouri State Fair will be history. No matter how that comes out I want to thank you, the Brethren of this state, for making a dream come true. By the end of this year we will have identified nearly 90,000 children. That is an accomplishment we can all be proud of.

By Grand Lodge in September, every district in this state will have seen me at least once. To all of the lodges of this state, I thank you. Without your dedication and caring for the communities you live in there would be a huge hole in the relief of the needs of your community and our state. It was impossible for me to get into every lodge in this state, but I have made it into as many of them as was humanly possible. To you the Brethren of those lodges, I want to thank you for your warm receptions and all the great meals. I also want to thank all the Brethren who took me to see the homebound and hospitalized brethren in your communities. I am



sorry I couldn't get everywhere. I wanted to but time just ran out.

Freemasonry is not today what we want it to be because we have settled for less than it should be. The world is run today by unreasonable people because they refuse to settle for less. Maybe we could be more like what we want if we were also unwilling to settle for less. The world needs what we have to offer. Hopefully we won't

have to go through a Depression to re-establish those values we all should cherish. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could accept a man's handshake as his word and rely on it. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our most pressing concern in Masonry was how we could best meet the needs of our communities?

This year has come and gone and what I have gained the most is wonderful friends all across this state. No matter what else happens in my life that can't be taken away. It has been my Honor and Privilege to serve you this year and I thank you for the opportunity given a poor ole country boy to rise higher than he ever could have ever imagined.

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On May 2nd, 2009, a luncheon was given by Meridian Lodge #2 to pay tribute to the members of the lodge who have served Masonry for sixty or more years. There were twenty three brothers who have achieved this honor ranging in years of service from sixty to seventy. Eight of the brothers reside throughout the continental United States, six were unable to attend due to prior commitments or ill health, but we were fortunate to have nine brothers in attendance. All received or were sent their service pins and an afternoon of Masonic sociability was had by all.



Ingomar Lodge #536 AF&AM of Willow Springs Missouri proudly announces the 50 years of service of Brother Hershel Reaves of Cabool, Missouri. Brother Reaves is seen with Brother John Bailey of Ingomar. Brother Reaves was raised on March 17, 1959. He was presented his pin and his Masonic history was read to him on May 6, 2009 in Willow Springs. Brother Reaves is 88 years young. We wish him many more years of membership in the greatest fraternity in the world.



WB Gerald Dueringer, WB Billy Thaxton, RWB Dale Newcomer, Marion Reed, WB Gerald Kim, WB James Joyce and WB Marvin Bess gathered at the home of Bro. Marion Reed in order to present him with his 50 year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Missouri.



Brother Benny D. Surritte received his 50-year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Missouri June 4th 2009 from Mt. Zion Lodge #327 at West Plains. Right Worshipful Brother David Frealy and Brother Jerry Marsh made the presentation and Mrs. Surritte presented the pin.



RWB James Spencer conducted the ceremony as RWB Walter Schneider of Grandview Masonic Lodge #618 received his 60-year jewel and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. RWB Schneider's wife Jo Ann presented him with his jewel.



The Grand Lodge of Missouri Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Masonic Fraternity for these past 50 years issued Brother Jerry Wayne Kreft, (left) a Certificate of Service and a 50-Year pin. WB Buzz Barrows, Secretary of Union Masonic Lodge #593, Union, Missouri, made the presentation.