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### OUT OF THE HUMDRUM

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- 1** Sedated only by brandy, Bro. James Polk, the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, survived gall bladder surgery at age 17.
- 2** Probably “The Most Masonic Beer in the World,” King Solomon’s Beer is brewed in British Columbia and sold widely in Japan.
- 3** During the 1950’s, the Seagram Company founded by Bro. Joseph E. Seagram conducted extensive research into all aspects of whiskey making process. One experiment was conducted with barrels that were continually rocked to imitate the motion of a boat. Some observant drinkers noted that whiskey tasted smoother after it spent months crossing the Atlantic in oak barrels. The cost of rocking thousands of barrels ruled out any chance of implementation.
- 4** During World War II “reduction of consumption” activists argued that soldiers should not be permitted to drink alcohol; however, Bro. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, insisted that such prohibition would be “harmful for the men in service.”
- 5** The body of Bro. Horacio Nelson, Britain’s Greatest Naval Hero was preserved prior to burial in a cask of his favorite rum when he died aboard a ship during the famous battle of Trafalgar.
- 6** Bro. Francis Scott Key used a popular British drinking song called “Anacreon” as the basis for the tune of the Star Spangled Banner.
- 7** Frederick The Great, a Freemason, once banned coffee to bolster sagging beer sales of Prussia.
- 8** The Egyptian pyramids were built over beer; stonemasons, slaves and public officials were paid in a type of beer called KASH, whence the word “Cash” originated.
- 9** The first Six Pack of beer was produced by Pabst Brewery in the 1940’s. The brewery founded by Bro. Frederick Pabst conducted numerous studies, which found six pack cans were the ideal weight for an average housewife to carry home from the store.
- 10** Brewed using a time-honored recipe, Rolling Rock Beer has baffled beer lovers for generations. Since the beer emerged in 1939, patrons have contemplated the mysterious meaning of “33” provided on the back of its bottles. One of the many theories is that it refers to the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. Though it might not be true, the beer is advertised as “best served at about 33 degrees Fahrenheit”.