



Trestle Board

Rob Morris Lodge #92, est. 1892

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

DENVER COLORADO

April through June, 2007 A.D., 6007 A.L.



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 06:30 PM

Dark July and August

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

Masonic Temple

1614 Welton Street

Denver, Colorado 80202

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Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master:

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Vacant

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Vacant

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All Master Masons

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Living Past Masters

Worshipful Brother William S. Lewis, PM 1955

Worshipful Brother Delbert E. England, PM 1968

Worshipful Brother Terry O. McDonald, PM 1975

Worshipful Brother F. James Dyer, PM 1977

Worshipful Brother Larry L. Larson., PM 1981

Worshipful Brother Leland B. Jaycox, PM 1983

Worshipful Brother Daniel P. Thiesen., PM 1984

Worshipful Brother Christian D. Bickler, PM 1985

Worshipful Brother Del Militaire, PM 1987

Worshipful Brother William A. McLain, PM 1988

Worshipful Brother Randall G. Drake, PM 1989

Worshipful Brother Timothy C. McGuire, PM 1991

Worshipful Brother James T. Preston Sr., PM 1992

Worshipful Brother Vernon B. Ingraham, PM 1993

Worshipful Brother Steven S. Larson, PM 1994

Worshipful Brother Charles L. Fletcher, PM 1995

Worshipful Brother Donald J. Wood, PM 1997

Worshipful Brother Norman L. O'Kelly, PM 1998

Worshipful Brother Grant M. Sanders, PM 1999

Worshipful Brother Stephen M. Kennedy, PM 2000

Worshipful Brother Christopher W. Carroll, PM 2001

Worshipful Brother James Preston Jr., PM 2003

Worshipful Brother Mark C. Foss, PM 1990/2004

Worshipful Brother Ric Dena, PM 2005

Worshipful Brother Lincoln Soule, Junior PM 2006, 1996

Honorariums:

Honorary Member: Most Worshipful John L. Harper, Past Grand Master 1993

Honorary Past Master: Dean K. Corbin 2002

Honorary Past Master: Worshipful Brother Chester M Johnson Jr., PM 2005

Coming Events at YOUR Lodge:

Apr 03: Officer meeting and ritual practice 6:30

Apr 10: Stated Communication, 7:00 Open, Dinner 6:30

Apr 10: Vote re: Permanent Move to the Denver Consistory

Apr 24: Stated Communication 6:30 Open, Dinner 7:00

May 01: Officer meeting and ritual practice 6:30

May 08: Stated Communication 7:00 Open, Dinner 6:30

May 22: Stated Communication 6:30 Open, Dinner 7:00

June 05: Officer meeting and ritual practice **6:30**

June 12: Stated Communication 7:00 Open, Dinner 6:30

June 26: Stated Communication 6:30 Open, Dinner 7:00

From The East

Greetings Brethren!!

We have had a very busy first 3 months of 2007. We have voted on many Amendments to the By Laws and approved three of them including the increase of Degree Fees to \$250.00. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge has objected to the reference contained in the By Law Amendment regarding the Degree Fees referencing an annual budgetary review. As a result this By Law Amendment will be re-read in Lodge on April 10, 2007 and voted on at the April 24, 2007 Stated Communication with the required language modifications. We have initiated 2 Entered Apprentices and Passed 1 Fellow Craft. We currently have 5 Brothers standing on the Entered Apprentice Degree and 1 Brother standing on the Fellow Craft Degree. 1 of these Brothers is proficient and ready to be passed and 2 others will be delivering their proficiency on April 10 at our stated communication. As a result we expect to be putting on a Fellowcraft Degree in April and another in May and a Master Mason Degree in May. We hope you will be able to come join us and support our newest Brother Masons in their Masonic Journey.

Your Lodge also co-sponsored a Rusty Nail degree with the Denver Consistory which was held at the Denver Consistory on March 24. This was well attended with Brother Master Masons from 7 Lodges including one Prince Hall F. & A.M. Lodge. There was great discussion and learning regarding the Esoteric Floor Work of Masonry particularly the difference in the two bodies of Masonry. Immediately following the Rusty Nail Degree, your Lodge put on a Fellow Craft Degree, also at the Denver Consistory and your Junior Deacon, Ji Brumley recited the Stair Lecture exceptionally. Great job Ji!!! We would love to have any Brother interested in actively participating in the upcoming degrees to contact any officer and get involved. There are many parts of the ritual which allow you to "ease" into the ritual and grow Masonically.

I would like any Brother interested in improving their Esoteric Floor Work or learning the floor work to join your officers the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM for practice.

We have a busy next 3 months with many degrees and Brothers performing proficiencies, several family events and much more to come. Please visit the web site at <http://robmorris92.coloradofreemasons.org> and keep apprised of all the goings on.
Fraternally,

Rick Haskell, Master
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Secretary's Corner

A reading of all members who are past due in the payment of their dues shall be conducted on April 10, 2007. After the reading, the matter will be tabled for at least 2 communications to afford Brothers the opportunity to contact these delinquent Brothers and ascertain their situations.

Treasurer's Accounting

Your Financial Reports are provided regularly during the stated communications and discussed at that time. Please join us in Lodge for the latest financial updates.

Proper Decorum of Discussions

Brethren, in accordance with Robert Macoy's 1874, "General History, Cyclopedia, and Dictionary of Freemasonry":

"No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless he shall be wandering from the point, or the Master shall think it fit to call him to order; but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum."

From this point forward, Rob Morris Lodge #92 shall adhere to the above "proper" decorum in regards to discussions and debates which also essentially utilized and followed by your Grand Lodge during its annual communications. Every Brother shall be afforded the opportunity to make ONE cogent succinct address stating his point, perspective and/or position and shall not be recognized for additional debate or discussion unless clarification is required. This will aid in providing the proper opportunity for all Brothers to be heard while respecting the diversity of the Brothers and their time.

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

Brother to Brother

Brethren, your officers, particularly the Electronic Communications Committee have been working on the Brother to Brother program and I am very pleased to present this program to you. The Brother to Brother program is designed for 2 purposes. First, to provide to all Brothers an easy to use guide showing every Brothers areas of expertise, skills and knowledge that Brother may rely upon for simple aid and assistance in time of need. A principal example of this happened to your Master recently. His computer failed and would not connect to the internet. After spending over 8 hours on the telephone with Qwest, Hewlett Packard and Microsoft around the World, your Master called Brother Louis Dhority and in under 40 minutes the problem was corrected. The second purpose is to support our Brother Master Masons "In all of their Laudable pursuits," as we have obligated ourselves to do. Why would we do business with non-Masons, when our Brother Masons have obligated themselves, "to never cheat wrong or defraud a Brother Master Mason?" The Brother to Brother program will initially be contained on the Lodge's website for access by Brother Masons with an annual publication of the Brother to Brother guide occurring in the fall of this year and annually thereafter. To assist in the launch of this, attached is a form that will enable the Electronic Communications Committee to establish the guide on line and we would ask that you please complete this and fax or mail it back to either Rick Haskell, 720.842.4613, Louis Dhority, 303.680.2734 or Travis Idler, 720.274.5486. This will be a great assistance to all Brothers in all aspects and we look forward to expanding the ties of Brotherhood. For any questions please contact any officer.

Proposed Move to the Denver Consistory

As most of you are aware, Brother Junior Warden, Jerry Brumley, has read a proposed By Law Amendment which would move the location of Rob Morris Lodge # 92's Charter from its current location at 1614 Welton Street to the Denver Consistory at 1370 Grant Street. As is always the case when anything new and different is proposed, there are those who are excited, those who are fearful, those who are angry and those who do not know how they feel. There has been much discussion in and out of Lodge and several vital questions rose. To follow are a recapitulation of those questions and the answers:

1. Q: What will the Lodge's Rent be and what is that compared to the current.
 - a. The Lodge's Rent at the Denver Consistory will be \$250.00 per month flat regardless of utilization. The current rent at the Masonic Temple at Welton Street is \$50.00 per communication plus \$10.00 per practice/officer meeting. The actual rents paid over the last 2 years by your Lodge has averaged \$140.00 per month. In 2004, when the Lodge was more active as it is now returning to, the Lodge was paying \$198.00 per month.
2. Q: What are the status, cost and minimums in regards to meals?
 - a. The cost of Meals at the Denver Consistory, if the Lodge chooses to have the Consistory prepare meals is \$12.00 per plate. There are no minimums associated with this cost. Ultimately, the Lodge does not have to rely on the Consistory for the preparation of meals and rather could provide its own meals through one of various methods such as we currently provide 50% of the time at Welton Street. Additionally, unlike Welton Street currently, the Denver Consistory will allow the Lodge to utilize its ovens for the heating, baking etc of food, just not to cook and prepare a full meal.
3. Q: Will there be an additional Tyler's fee payable tot the Consistory for Tying services when we hold communications.
 - a. No. The Denver Consistory will provide agreed upon individuals such as Master, Secretary etc keys and pass codes to the Consistory and like virtually all other Lodges in existence, we will be responsible for opening and closing the Consistory when we utilize it if after hours.
4. Q: What is the storage scenario?
 - a. The Consistory will provide Rob Morris with 3 separate storage areas as follows:
 - i. Costume storage in a secured closet ante to the preparation room
 - ii. Secured costume and props storage ante to the sitting room. Both i and ii to be shared by the Lodges residing at the Consistory.
 - iii. A secured and separate storage room specific for Rob Morris in which filing cabinets and other property may be stored as the Lodge sees fit.

The discussion and vote regarding this matter will be during the April 10, 2007 Stated communication at which time Worshipful, Illustrious Brother Darrell Tygart, Secretary of the Denver Consistory will be on hand to answer any further questions that may arise at that time.

RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the alter representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

Rob Morris Lodge Committees 2007:

Audit Committee:

Jerry Brumley, Junior Warden*

Benevolence Committee:

Rick Haskell, WM*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer;
Norm O'Kelly, PM, Secretary; Mark Foss, PM (12/07)
Ric Dena, PN (12/08)

Community Service Committee:

Linc Soule, PM*

Masonic Education Committee:

Jerry Brumley*

Archive and History Committee:

Del Militaire, PM*; Linc Soule, PM*

Financial Management:

Rick Haskell, WM; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer, Norm O'Kelly, PM
Secretary; Eric Fransen SW, (12-07); Jerry Brumley, JW (12-08)

*Denotes the Chairman

Grievance:

Eric Fransen, Senior Warden*

Education:

Not yet appointed

By-Law Change Committee:

Dissolved

Electronic Communications:

Louis Dhority, Senior Steward*; Travis Idler,
Marshal; Ji Brumley, Junior Deacon

Audit Committee:

Jerry Brumley*

Posting:

Master Mason: Eric Fransen, SW
Fellowcraft: Jerry Brumley, JW
Entered Apprentice: Otis Hilbun, SD

Feedback, contributions and articles are always welcomed and appreciated. Worshipful Master Rick Haskell,
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