



Trestle Board for the Craft
Rob Morris Lodge #92, est. 1892
Antient Free & Accepted Masons
DENVER, COLORADO
April, 6008 A.L.



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 07:00 PM; Dinner
at 6:00 PM

Officer Meeting and Ritual Practice:

1st Tuesday of each month

Dark July

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

[Denver Consistory](#)
1370 Grant Street
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<http://www.robmorris92.org>

Check the web site for calendars,
coming events and much more

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Perpetual Life Members

Brothers Supporting your Lodge in Perpetuity

Worshipful Brother (Honourary) Ashley "Rollie" Corbin (deceased)

Worshipful Brother Christopher W. Carroll: 2001

Worshipful Brother Randall G Drake: 2002

Worshipful Brother Vernon B. Ingraham: 2002

Worshipful Brother Delbert J. Militaire: 2002

Worshipful Brother James T. Preston, Jr.: 2002

Brother Gary Lee Blevins: 2003

Worshipful Brother (Honourary) Dean K. Corbin: 2003

Brother William Cusick: 2007

Brother Louis Dhority: 2007

Brother John Gay: 2007

Living Past Masters

Worshipful Brother William S. Lewis, 1955

Worshipful Brother Delbert E. England, 1968

Worshipful Brother Terry O. McDonald, 1975

Worshipful Brother F. James Dyer, 1977

Worshipful Brother Larry L. Larson., 1981

Worshipful Brother Leland B. Jaycox, 1983

Worshipful Brother Daniel P. Thiesen., 1984

Worshipful Brother Christian D. Bickler, 1985

Worshipful Brother Del Militaire, 1987

Worshipful Brother William A. McLain, 1988

Worshipful Brother Randall G. Drake, 1989

Worshipful Brother Timothy C. McGuire, 1991

Worshipful Brother James T. Preston Sr., 1992

Worshipful Brother Vernon B. Ingraham, 1993

Worshipful Brother Steven S. Larson, 1994

Worshipful Brother Charles L. Fletcher, 1995

Worshipful Brother Donald J. Wood, 1997

Worshipful Brother Norman L. O'Kelly, 1998

Worshipful Brother Grant M. Sanders, 1999

Worshipful Brother Stephen M. Kennedy, 2000

Worshipful Brother Christopher W. Carroll, 2001

Worshipful Brother James Preston Jr., 2003

Worshipful Brother Mark C. Foss, 1990/2004

Worshipful Brother Ric Dena, 2005

Worshipful Brother Lincoln Soule, Junior, 2006, 1996

Worshipful Brother Ricky J. Haskell, 2007

Honourariums

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

Honourary Past Master: Dean K. Corbin: 2002

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

Honourary Member: Right Worshipful John H. Buchanan, Grand Lecturer: 2007

Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 8, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

April 22, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM: Fellow Craft Degree

April 26, 6008: Fellowcraft Degree Courtesy Work: 08:00 AM Open

May 13, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

May 27, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

May 31, 6008: Master Mason Degree Courtesy Work: 08:00 AM Open

June 10, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

June 24, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM: Final Meeting before Going Dark for the month of July.

From the East

Greetings Brethren!!

Your Lodge continues its growth and expansion is becoming increasingly busy with Degree work and the growth of your Lodge with young men of firm moral character, thirst for knowledge and many and diverse talents. Additionally, we have implemented a new expanded educational and esoteric process for all newly made Brother Masons which will require Brothers at every step to not only deliver proficiency but truly learn and understand the core lessons and philosophies of each Degree before being allowed to proceed to the next level of Masonic Illumination. To provide the proper forum for this we have instituted classes which will be held at 5:00 PM prior to your Lodge's Stated Communications. We are currently conducting Entered Apprentice classes but will be modifying this schedule as we begin to have Brothers standing on the Fellow Craft Degree and subsequently the Master Mason Degree. This, in conjunction with the many re-introductions of Antient ceremonies and tools such as the Chamber of Reflection will add not only to the experience of each newly made Brother, but also to your Lodge through the investment of time, study and thought that each Brother will have to undergo through each step of his initial Masonic journey.

In addition to this, we are undertaking a process of education and Degree exemplification during our Stated Communications to afford our newly made as well as our more "tenure" Brothers the opportunity to observe and discuss various portions of our Degree Rituals which are the most crucial foundations of our Order.

We are looking forward to continuing to properly grow your Lodge with firm and steadfast men of character to lead us into the future for the Good of Masonry.

Please visit the web site at <http://robmorris92.coloradofreemasons.org> and keep apprised of the entire goings on.

I would like to sincerely express my deep appreciation for not only the Past Masters of Rob Morris Lodge #92 but all Brothers of the Lodge to participate and assist your Lodge in the various Degrees. If you would like to assist in even the smallest of parts (One need not learn the Stair Lecture to participate) please contact me at your convenience.

Fraternally,

Rick Haskell, Master 

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Secretary's Corner

Dues are due. As you were notified, your Lodge Dues for 2008 are \$139.00 and were due to your Lodge on January 01, 2008. Any Brother who has not either paid their dues or contacted the Secretary or Benevolent Committee to attempt to arrange alternatives shall be presented to the Lodge for suspension on May 13, 2008.

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.

Significant Historical Acquisition

Through a sheer accidental twist of fate, your Master was approached by an individual who was in possession of an antiquity of significant importance to your Lodge. I will not belabour the details of the peculiar workings of fate in this matter at this time but wish you all to know that based upon much negotiation and with the consent of the Brethren, your Lodge has acquired the Pocket Watch presented to Worshipful Brother James Higson, December 12, **1898**, from a grateful Rob Morris Lodge #92. This pristine piece of not only Lodge but American Antiquity will be proudly displayed under secure conditions at your Lodge in the Denver Consistory in the very near future for all to benefit. I have included several pictures below.



Aide to Brother Masons

With the assistance of the Denver Consistory and potentially several other Lodges in the Denver area including East Denver #160, your Lodge will be holding two Special Communications for the purposes of conferring Degrees. The first of these will be the last Saturday in April, April 26, 2008. We will begin at 08:00 AM and open Lodge at 08:30 AM and Confer the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The second of these will be the last Saturday in May, May 31, 2008. Again, we will begin at 08:00 AM and open Lodge at 08:30 AM and Confer the Degree of a Master Mason. We have invited Lodges in need of assistance in conferring either of these degrees to request courtesy work and/or Dispensation from the Grand Master to move their Charter and hold a joint communication with Rob Morris Lodge #92. Thus far your Lodge has received one request to perform courtesy work on the Fellow Craft Degree. Ultimately, in accordance with the book of Constitutions, we are able to confer Degrees to 5 Brothers for each Lodge open at these Special Communications and hope Lodges needing assistance will contact us to lend assistance. As a precursor and warm up for the Fellow Craft Degree, your Lodge will be Passing Brother Curt Lile to the Degree of a Fellow of the Craft during our Stated Communication on April 22, 2008.

Masonry in the Civil War

Many years after the Civil War had ended, a son of Brother L. J. Williams of Downsville Lodge No.464, N.Y., reported in Lodge of a story his father had told him of a Masonic experience he had.

When the war broke out, the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow-craft degrees had been conferred on him in New York. He went out in defense of his country without having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master mason. It was his misfortune to be taken prisoner of war while at or near Savannah, GA. While he lay in his Southern prison cell, he communicated through some of his friends in the North. His Lodge in New York, through proper officials, got in touch with Zerubbabel Lodge in Savannah, and made the request that as a favor to the Brethren of the North; confer the Master Mason Degree on the Fellow-craft, Brother L. J. Williams.

One night, my father was taken from his prison cell and conducted to a Lodge Room. It was a remarkable occasion. He wore his bedraggled uniform as a token of his sympathy with the cause of the North. All the chairs were filled with Confederate officers. He was surrounded by men who wore the uniform of an army who was on the opposite side of a struggle to the death, but they were Brethren and there he was raised a Master Mason and acclaimed a friend and Brother by his enemies.

But the more significant feature of the story was yet to follow. One night my father escaped from his prison cell and joined up with his company. I have visited Savanna since then and looked up the records of that night in question.

On the same page that records the fact that the degree was then exemplified on my father, there was this brief annotation: "On this night Brother Williams escaped from prison." I have talked with my father about his "escape" and he always smiled peculiarly. You may put it that way he told me, but it wasn't an escape, strictly speaking. For on that night, men came to my prison. They put me in a boat and carried me off some distance and deposited me on some neutral soil between the lines. From there I made it back to my friends.

Who my rescuers were, I have never learned. It is their secret and it has never been disclosed. But in my mind I know exactly to whom I may thank for my "escape." His name is Hiram.

Brought to you courtesy of Worshipful Brother Ed Brown, District Lecturer

Benjamin Franklin on Freemasonry



Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.

Benjamin Franklin *Brought to you courtesy of Worshipful Brother Ed Brown, District Lecturer*

The Mother Lodge by Rudyard Kipling

There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn passin' down; [Cigar-lighter.]
An' the old khansamah snorin' [Butler.]
On the bottle-khana floor, [Pantry.]
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

Posting Report

During the first Quarter of 2008 your Lodge reports the following:

4 Entered Apprentices Initiated

1 Entered Apprentice Declared Proficient and the Brethren Present voted in the affirmative for this Brother's Advancement

1 Petition for the Degrees of Masonry received, the Candidate Investigated and the Brethren Present voted in the affirmative for the conferral of the Degrees of Masonry upon this Candidate

Expectations for the second Quarter of 2008:

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 7 Entered Apprentices and Affirmative votes for the advancement of each of these Brothers

Passing of 8 Brothers to the Degree of a Fellow Craft

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 1 Master Mason

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 3 Fellow Crafts

Receipt of at least 5 Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry

Initiation of 2 new Brothers

Receipt and Acceptance of 1 Petition for Dual Membership

Educational Links of Value

To follow are links of value to Brothers seeking illumination in the more Esoteric and Arcane portions of Masonry:

http://www.anandgholap.net/CWL_Glimpses_Of_Masonic_History.htm

<http://www.internetloge.de/massym/massym.htm>

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/texts/regius.html>

http://www.anandgholap.net/Hidden_Life_In_Freemasonry-CWL.htm

<http://www.kilwinning.org/motherlodge/default.htm>

Rob Morris Lodge Committees 2008:

Financial Management:

Rick Haskell, WM*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer
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Jerry Brumley, Senior Warden*
Kevin McGlothlin, Chaplain, Erik Fransen, JD

Education Awards:

Otis Hilbun, Junior Warden*;
Ryuji Brumley, SD; Travis Idler, SS

Masonic Education Committee:

Ryuji Brumley, SD*

Electronic Communications:

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Travis Idler, SS,

Posting:

Master Mason: Rick Haskell, WM
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Entered Apprentice: Otis Hilbun, JW

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Louis Dhority, Secretary, Ric Dena, PM (12/08)

Community Service Committee:

Linc Soule, PM Treasurer *;

Archive and History Committee:

Linc Soule, PM Treasurer *
Kevin McGlothlin, Chaplain

Candidate Liaison Committee:

Ryuji Brumley, SD*; Jeff Horvath, JS*

Delegate to Eastern Star Masonic Center:

Otis Hilbun, Junior Warden