



Trestle Board for the Craft
Rob Morris Lodge #92, est. 1892
Antient Free & Accepted Masons
DENVER, COLORADO
April through June 6009 A.L.



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 07:00 PM;
Refreshments after

Officer Meeting and Ritual Practice:

1st Tuesday of each month

Dark July and August 2008

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

Denver Consistory
1370 Grant Street
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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

Worshipful 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, 2006, 1996

Worshipful Brother Ricky J. Haskell, 2008, 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 14, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
April 28, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow.
Tentative Master Mason Degree.
May 12, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow.
Review and Action of Delinquent Brothers.
May 26, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
June 09, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
June 23, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow

From the East

Greetings Brethren!!

It is no secret that our membership is diminishing, aging, and overall, less involved. To be sure there are a few bright spots where Masonry is healthy at lodge, Valley and Shrine levels. But for the most part, it is a struggle at all levels to acquire new members, and for that matter, simply keep what we've got. With dues on the rise and other costs going up, things will not, by themselves get better.

Ours is a society that has spent the last 40 plus years tearing itself apart. We have seen our traditions; morality, spirituality, patriotism and the fabric of life questioned, trampled and shattered our pride of self and country all but destroyed. But one bulwark remains, one thing has managed to come through intact, bruised somewhat, but unsullied.

Where prayers or pledges of allegiance have been changed or eliminated totally, what words are the same now as they were 20, 50, 100 years ago? In an ocean of so called free expressions, immorality, filth, pornography, lewdness and bad taste, what island of discipline remains if not to inhabit, then at least to admire?

Masonry, it may be all we have, and if so, then the time has come to merchandise it that way. To sell the patriotism, the religious faith, the belief in self that Masonry offers. And to sell it as not just another club membership, but as we know it—A WAY OF LIFE. Given the society of today, a way of life just might be a most saleable it.

How best to accomplish this? That's the overriding question and prompts the following consideration.

It should be remembered that Masonry is a family, a family of building blocks, each aligned by a degree, each step to "more light in Masonry," each a greater understanding of a way of life.

It should be remembered that you don't "lose" a man to another body, contrary to a widely held view, Masons remain Masons no matter how or where they choose to participate and contribute.

It should be remembered that Masonry is not "just another club" in which a man holds a membership and pays dues. It is vastly more rewarding than that, for indeed it does guide a man's life.

It should be remembered that blue lodges across the state and nation are going out of business, that debt is increasing in all bodies and that we are at fault. Our action, or inaction, is the cause. The resolution rests with us.


We have plenty to talk about, and we're only starting to do so! There is no reason large segments of the population should be ignorant of what Freemasonry is, what it stands for and what it does. Too many only Shrine Masonry is recognized, you know why? EXPOSURE! Because of its colorful parades, fezzes and philanthropies for crippled and burned children, the Shrine is known and publicly accepted. But what about the stabilizing influence of the Blue Lodges to our communities throughout the land? Our dedication to youth groups, the loyalty and contributions of Masonically-oriented women's groups, the patriotic dedication of so many more Masonic organizations?

It is time for our candles to be brought out from under the blankets, it is time for our lodges and appendant bodies

to emerge from the role of mutual admiration societies and begin communicating to the people and the press. We spend a lot of time talking to ourselves, let's talk to the world, with all of its troubles, it could us a little help, let's make ourselves known. Let's tell others what we believe in, let's show ourselves for what we are: upright free Masons.

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

Fraternally,

Otis Hilbun, Master 

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Treasurer's Accounting

This Treasurer's Report has less to do with our current financial condition than most reports we have had in the past – as always, the books of your Lodge are always open and available during any Lodge meeting or by request. This report will focus on recent decisions made by your Financial Management Committee, which have been approved by the Lodge, and the impact these have had on our financial standing.

Your Lodge has three accounts; the Benevolent (Operating) Account, the St. Johns' (Benevolent) Account, and a checking account through which flow the disbursements from the other two. The first two accounts are invested through Wells Fargo and their money managers. It will come as no surprise that these accounts are not doing well in today's market conditions.

The by-laws of your Lodge allow the Lodge to use current income from dues, degree fees, and donations (not otherwise directed) along with the income generated in the prior fiscal year from the investments in the Operating Account to pay for current Lodge operations and in prior years it was generally necessary to use investment monies to pay for certain operating expenses, especially the Grand Lodge Per Capita.

In 2007, Rob Morris Lodge raised dues from a Lodge base of \$40 to a base of \$105 plus the Grand Lodge Per Capita. As a reminder, the by-laws also allow for all those who have been members of Rob Morris for 30 years to pay ½ of the base dues plus per capita and all 50 year members to pay no dues to the Lodge, just the Grand Lodge Per Capita. While this was viewed with some trepidation, the end result was very positive. For the first time in recent history, we have not had to liquidate investments to pay for the Grand Lodge Per Capita.

Given the current financial market trends, we would be ill-advised to turn investments into cash and realize a loss. While the Lodge could not have foreseen these conditions, it was the goal to operate the Lodge on current dues, degree fees, and donations alone, and use investment income as a last resort, thus allowing the corpus to grow and have more ability to give benevolent assistance.

While our accounts have diminished in value on paper, until we liquidate, we have not actually realized any loss of value and any income produced is buying new shares and a very low price. The markets will recover – at least to some reasonable level – and we will again be in a better position, but until then, rest assured your Financial Management Committee is working hard for your Lodge.

Secretary's Corner

2009 Dues are Due! Your Lodge Dues are \$105.00 plus the Grand Lodge per capita of \$40.00 for a total of \$145.00. If you do not hold a Green Dues card you are past due. Please remember that the Lodge can not provide assistance to needy Brother's with out receipt of a written request for assistance. This includes assistance/forgiveness of dues. Any Brother who has not either paid their 2009 dues or properly requested assistance will be brought before the Lodge the first meeting in May with a possible suspension resulting for non-payment o dues.

I wish each of you and your families everyone a healthy and prosperous 2009.

Fraternally, Rick Haskell, PM, Secretary

New Educational Series in Lodge

Your lodge will begin enhancing our Masonic knowledge through regular open discussions on various Masonic topics. The schedule of Masonic discussions is as follows for the coming quarter:

April 28th: Tracing Boards: historical development and uses

May 12th: King Solomon's Temple

May 25th: Fellowcraft degree

June 9th: The number 3

June 23rd –August: Dark

True Stories of Masons

WYOMING GOVERNORS & MASONRY

Between 1890 (when Wyoming became a state) and 1951 every Governor of that state was a Freemason, except one. This single exception was Mrs. William A. Ross, who was the wife of a Mason, and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

Bro. Chad L. Marshall

A Mason Loses a Bet and New York Gains

PAUL BOYNTON, DURING THE 1832 POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, LIVED IN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNTRY OF VERMONT. THOSE WERE DARK DAYS FOR THE CRAFT. ANDREW JACKSON, A PAST GRAND MASTER OF TENNESSEE, WAS THE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY AGAINST WILLIAM WIRT, A MASON RUNNING ON THE ANTI-MASONIC TICKET. BROTHER BOYNTON WAS A DEVOTED FREEMASON AND DID NOT RECAANT OR HIDE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE CRAFT WHILE THE STORM WAS BREWING AND MANY MEMBERS DESERTED. HE MADE AN ELECTION VOW THAT IF VERMONT WENT FOR WIRT HE WOULD MOVE "OUT WEST". IN THOSE DAYS "OUT WEST" MEANT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTRY, NEW YORK, TO NEW ENGLANDERS.

When Wirt won in Vermont (the only state in which he won), Brother Boynton kept his word and moved. At the end of an eighty day journey on horseback, Brother Boynton settled down in Canton New York. He swapped his horse for a watch and a gun shop. He became the best gunsmith in the area and his gun stocks are now collector's items. He invented many things, such as eight day clocks and a pedometer. In 1835 he built what is now known as The Royal Arch House, located at 12 Pine Street, as a constant reminder to friend and foe alike, that he was a mason. Emblems familiar to the Royal Arch Mason are on the front of the building. It is said that he dug his own grave and made his own marker, except for the date. He died on July 13, 1851. Bro. Chad L. Marshall

NON-MASON DISCOVERS RARE MASONIC DOCUMENT

James O. Halliwell-Phillips, an English antiquarian and librarian, was not a Mason. While engaged in his work, he came across a manuscript in the British Museum catalogued as *A Poem of Moral Duty*. It was really a statement of the "Old Charges" in poetic form. It is believed to have been prepared in 1390, thus making it the oldest known Masonic document. Now called the *Regius Poem*, or the *Halliwell Manuscript*, it was published in 1840 in a brochure entitled *On the Introduction of Freemasonry into England*. Bro. Chad L. Marshall

THE HALLIWELL MANUSCRIPT DEFINITELY CONTRADICTS THE PROFESSED HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AS BEING FORMED IN THE 1700'S THROUGH THE CREATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND. FURTHER, THE HALLIWELL ALONG WITH THE COOKE MANUSCRIPTS CLEARLY DEFINE AND ADDRESS THE "ANCIENT ARTS, PARTS AND POINTS." LOOK FOR AN IN DEPTH REVIEW OF THIS IN THE NEXT TRESTLE BOARD

TUBAL-CAIN: THE BLACKSMITH OF MASONRY

Early in his search for more light, which is the goal of a Mason, every candidate was given a word, and that word, Tubal-Cain, was indelibly imprinted upon his mind. Throughout his Masonic journey, that word followed him wherever that journey, in search of more light, took him. But Tubal-Cain is more than a word; it is the name of a person.

So, who was Tubal-Cain, and what is known about him? Few references to Tubal-Cain can be found; therefore information about him is scarce. However, one reference in the fourth chapter of Genesis is significant, for it supplies that which is known about him and places him in the context of human history.

Tubal-Cain was the son of Lamech and Zillah, one of two wives of Lamech. His grandfather was Metushael, a name which may mean a man of God. Tracing his ancestry back through Lamech, Metushael, Mehujael, Irad, Enoch, and Cain, one discovers that Adam was the great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather of Tubal-Cain.

There were other members of Tubal-Cain's family. His full sister was Naamah, a name which means pleasant, delightful, and sweet. Through Adah, the other wife of Lamech, he had two half-brothers. They were Jabal, "the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock" (Genesis 4:20, NIV), and Jubal, "the father of those who play the harp and flute" (Genesis 4:21, NIV). Like his half brothers, Jabal and Jubal, Tubal-Cain had a distinguishing occupational characteristic. He "forged all kind of tools out of bronze and iron" (Genesis 4:22, NIV). While the reference does not state, as it does with Jabal and Jubal, it implies that Tubal-Cain was the father, or the originator, of the occupational group that uses the term blacksmith to describe its profession. Tubal-Cain is, therefore, the blacksmith of Masonry.

~~~~~by: Howard Coop; Extracted from the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Vol. 23 – No. 4, winter 2005-06

## *Posting Report*

### **During the First Quarter of 2009 your Lodge reports the following:**

1 Entered Apprentice Initiated

1 Entered Apprentice delivered his proficiency and voted in the affirmative for the advancement to the Degree of a Fellow Craft by the Brothers there present and Subsequently Passed to the Degree of a Fellow of the Craft

1 petition for Dual Membership by affiliation was received and your Lodge is awaiting the Letter of Good Standing from the Arizona Grand Lodge before it may take action.

## *Brothers in Need*

Brothers, as the world is becoming increasingly complex, and as the economic matters continue to worsen, many of us are experiencing difficulties in keeping up with life particularly those of us who are retired and on fixed incomes, have medical issues facing us or employment or business related issues, it is imperative that we

remember our solemn vows as Free Masons, specifically to “aid and assist poor distressed Brother Master Masons,” and to “support him in all of his laudable undertakings.” We have, both as a Lodge and via the Grand Lodge assistance available to Brothers in need, you need only ask. This may be difficult for Masons as proud men, but we are all in this together and all that you need do is ask and your distress will be kept completely confidential. Also, it is imperative to support all of our Masonic Brothers in their individual businesses. If you are seeking a service that a Brother provides it is incumbent upon you to aid that Brother by giving him an opportunity to meet your needs and thereby supporting him at no cost to you but rather great benefit to both Brothers as you will be assured of a fair deal and your Brother will be supported in his laudable undertaking, namely that of his profession. Keep this in mind as we maneuver through the economic crisis facing this world.

## *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.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.anandgholap.net/Hidden_Life_In_Freemasonry-CWL.htm)

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

## *Rob Morris Lodge Committees 2008:*

### **Financial Management:**

Otis Hilbun, WM\*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer  
Rick Haskell, PM, Secretary, Travis Idler, SW,  
Erik Fransen, JD

### **Grievance:**

Travis Idler, Senior Warden\*  
Mark Foss, PM, Norm O'Kelly, PM

### **Education Awards:**

Otis Hilbun, Junior Warden\*;  
Ryuji Brumley, SD; Erik Fransen, JD

### **Masonic Education Committee:**

Ryuji Brumley, SD\*

### **Electronic Communications:**

Louis Dhority \*

### **Posting:**

Master Mason: Travis Idler, SW  
Fellowcraft: Jeff Horvath, JW  
Entered Apprentice: Ji Brumley, SD

### **Audit Committee:**

Jeff Horvath, Junior Warden\*  
Andrew Dameron, SS, Curt Lyle, JS

### **Benevolence Committee:**

Otis Hilbun, WM\*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer  
Rick Haskell, Secretary, Mark Foss, PM,  
Norm O'Kelly, PM

### **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, JW\*

### **Delegate to Eastern Star Masonic Center:**

Otis Hilbun, Junior Warden

\*Denotes the Chairman

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