



Trestle Board
Rob Morris Lodge #92, est. 1892
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
DENVER COLORADO
January through March, 2007 A.D., 6007 A.L.

Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 06:30 PM
Dark July and August

Lodge Physical and Mailing

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Masonic Temple
1614 Welton Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

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Worshipful Master:

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Otis Hilbun 720.298.3097

Junior Deacon:

Ryuji Brumley 720-988-8676

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Junior Steward:

Vacant

Tyler:

Vacant

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Director of the Work:

All Master Masons

District Lecturer:

Bill Klatal, PM 303.799.1110

From the East:

Greetings Brethren!

On December 15, 2006, your Lodge installed its new officers for 2007. This was a well attended public installation. Right Worshipful, Illustrious John H. Buchanan, Grand Lecturer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of Colorado was the Installing Master and Worshipful Brother Bill Klatal, District Lecturer was the Installing Marshal. We appreciate their assistance and excellent work for our Lodge. Your new Officers and contact phone numbers are listed to the right for your convenience.

One year ago, Worshipful Master Lincoln Soule shared his thoughts, concerns and excitement about the future of Rob Morris Lodge #92. Since that time, your Lodge has accomplished much, has initiated passed or raised a fair number of new brothers and laboured to improve the ritual and the future of your Lodge. Although much has been accomplished, there remains much labour before us to solidify the ritual, return your Lodge to its vibrant and active history and increase not only the membership but more importantly, the active and committed membership. We remain at a pivotal state in the history and evolution of Rob Morris Lodge # 92 that requires the aid and assistance of all able Brother Master Masons of your Lodge.

Your officers have many events and educational opportunities planned for the coming year and we will discuss these in Lodge, through the Trestle Board and on your lodge' web-site. I will discuss some of these events later in this Trestle Board.

I want to earnestly thank all Brothers and their families who have laboured over the history of your Lodge and look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months for the good of your Lodge.

I hope to see you soon.

Humbly,

WM Rick Haskell, 720.480.8622, rick@pathwaysls.net,
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Coming Events at YOUR Lodge:

Jan. 09: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM

Jan. 23: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM

Feb. 13: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM;

Vote on proposed Amendments to Rob Morris By-Laws followed by an Entered Apprentice Degree for two new candidates

Feb. 27: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM

Mar. 13: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM

Mar. 24: *Rusty Nail Degree and Breakfast: 08:00 AM Breakfast; 09:15 begin Rusty Nail Degree (Tentative)*

Mar. 27: Stated Communication, Bring a friend, 06:30 PM

Trestle Board New Look

Brethren, as you are noticing, your Lodge's Trestle Board has a new look and feel. Your Officers feel it is imperative that we improve the level of education and information that we provide to you not only about your lodge, but about Colorado Masonry in general and Freemasonry, its meanings and histories. While providing much more information and education, we also must be fiscally responsible with your money. Therefore, we will mail Trestle Boards once per quarter; however, we will continually post new information, upcoming events and educational items on your Lodge's web site at <http://robmorris92.coloradofreemasons.org> and provide notices, educational updates and due signs and summonses via e-mail. For this reason, we earnestly request that you contact Brother Louis Dhority at 303-549-2602 or by e-mail at Louis.Dhority@acs-inc.com and provide him with your e-mail address. Although a big change for the Lodge, this simple change will greatly enhance the amount, quality and speed of communication while cutting your Trestle Board expense in half or more.

In conjunction with these changes, a committee has been appointed to work exclusively at improving all forms of electronic communication including the web site, e-mail and phone trees. By mid year this year, your web site will enable Brothers of this Lodge to enter and pose questions of other Brothers, receive answers and debate Masonic philosophy, history or any other relevant item that the Brethren see fit to discuss in a secure but group manner. In addition to these simple facts, the "Electronic Communication Committee" will be working closely with another newly appointed committee, "The History and Archive Committee," to digitally reproduce various and significant historical documents, photos and esoteric assets of your Lodge that can be viewed, studied, printed or generally enjoyed by all Masons at their leisure. As we move forward with these very important communication and archiving projects, your feedback and suggestions are sincerely and regularly requested and appreciated. Lastly, your officers realize that there are a small number of Brothers in this Lodge who do not have access to or use the internet or e-mail. We would like to know who you are so that we can insure that you receive proper notice of upcoming events or so that the Electronic Communications Committee or any other computer proficient Brother may help you to begin using these wonderful tools.

Please see the last page for Committees and Members for the coming year.

Secretary's Corner

2007 Dues Are Due!!

Thanks to all those who have promptly submitted their annual dues. It is always better to start out of the black than work your way out of the red!!

For those that still need to submit your dues, the Lodge's annual dues are \$40.00 plus the Grand Lodge per capita of \$32.00. Grand total = \$72.00. If you are a plural member (another Colorado Lodge is your "home" Lodge), then your dues to Rob Morris Lodge are \$40.00.

Please bring payment to the next stated meeting or mail to:

Rob Morris Lodge #92, A.F. & A.M.

Masonic Temple

1614 Welton Street

Denver, Colorado 80202

Your 2007 dues card will be promptly returned! As per our Lodge's By-Laws, dues are past due after the first stated communication in January (this year, that is January 9th).

Also attached are proposed By Law Amendments that will be discussed and voted upon at the Stated Communication on February 13, 2007.

Dues notices have been mailed.

WB Norm O'Kelly, Secretary

Rusty Nail Degree

Tentatively, your Lodge will be sponsoring a *Rusty Nail Degree* on March 24, 2007 at your Lodge. What is a Rusty Nail Degree?-you may be asking yourself? A Rusty Nail Degree is a program designed by your Grand Lodge to provide an enjoyable relaxed event to assist Brothers in polishing up on Masonic Ritual such as signs, grips, tokens and words. In today's fast paced and mobile society, many Masons find it hard to regularly attend Lodge with the demands of family, work and other community commitments. After a period of not being able to attend Lodge, many Masons begin to forget the rituals of Freemasonry and may begin to not attend Lodge for fear of embarrassment or discomfort at not remembering the simplest of items such as "the Pass." This is a great opportunity for everyone to come together enjoy fellowship, meet new Brothers and establish new relationships while reacquainting themselves with the core basis of Freemasonry-the Ritual. This is also a great opportunity for every Brother Master Mason to learn or improve his understanding of the ritual even the Brother who religiously sits in Lodge. This will also be a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with Brothers from other Lodges as there will be no less than 6 other Lodges invited to participate in this great event. Finally, if this doesn't have you excited, we will be whipping up a pancake breakfast and I have yet to meet a Brother Master Mason who would turn down fellowship and free food!

We hope to see all of you there at 08:00 for breakfast and 09:15 to begin the degree and bring new and old friends who have drifted or more probably been pulled away from Masonry and lets have a great day of Masonry.

Memorial Roll

Loss of a Great Man and Past Master

Memorial Roll

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WAYMON GRIFFIN

BornOctober 7, 1926
Initiated an Entered Apprentice..... April 2, 1963
Passed to the Degree of a Fellow CraftMay 21, 1963
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master MasonJune 18, 1963
Master of Rob Morris Lodge # 92..... 1970
Called to the Celestial Lodge aboveDecember 30, 2006
Laid to rest..... January 6, 2007 at Fort Logan in Denver, Colorado



GERALD RUDOLPH FORD (1913-2006)
Thirty-eighth President (1974-1977)

Initiated: September 30, 1949, Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan, along with his half-brothers Thomas Gardner Ford (1918-1995), Richard Addison Ford (1924-) and James Francis Ford (1927-). The Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees were conferred by Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., on April 20 and May 18, 1951, as a courtesy to Malta Lodge. Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar (Representative) for his Class. Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, April 6-9, 1975; Brother Ford held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master, receiving his Collar and Jewel on October 24, 1978 in Topeka, Kansas, from the Hon. Thomas C. Raum, Jr., Grand Master, Order of DeMolay.

*May all your Labours begun in order and conducted in peace, be Closed in
Harmony*

Landmarks of Freemasonry

In 1858, Most Worshipful Brother Albert G. Mackey published his 25 Landmarks of Freemasonry in the American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry, (vol. ii., p.230). These Landmarks are herein contained for your review contemplation and reflection. For a further discussion and review of these Landmarks and their meanings to Freemasons, please visit our website at <http://robmorris92.coloradofreemasons.org>

"The first great duty, not only of every lodge, but of every Mason, is to see that the landmarks of the Order shall never be impaired."

Albert Mackey, The Principles of Masonic Law

In the next Trestle Board we will review the Antient charges of Freemasonry.

CHAUCER AND FREEMASONRY

For some centuries the Kings of England had a general overseer to manage and to supervise their own many and often very large building operations, and to act in the King's name when Royal supervision of any other building enterprise might be called for, such officials being called at times Commissioner, Supervisor, Chief Clerk, etc. Elias de Dereham and William of Wykeham were two of the more famous "surveyors"; as also were, at a later time, Inigo Jones, who introduced the Palladian style from Italy into England, and Christopher Wren.

Geoffrey Chaucer, the poet, held the office late in the Fourteenth Century. On page 67, of the Transactions of the Manchester Association for Masonic Research, Vol. 19-21 (for 1928-31) was quoted a document which Chaucer issued and signed:

(3) Bill of Geodffrey Chaucer, Clerk of the King's Works, to be Chancellor, for the issue of a commission under the Great Seal to Hugh Swayn to purvey stone, timber, tiles, shingles, &c. and to take masons, carpenters, and others for the works at Westminster, Sheen, Kennington, Charing Mews, Byfleet, Coldkennington, Clarendon and Hathebergh Lodge; and of similar commissions to three others for the works of the Tower of London, Berkhamstead, Childeme Langley, and Eltham. (A.D.1389. French. Probably holograph.) Signed :- Par GeoEray Chaucer, clerck des cevereines du roy nostre seignur.

Traces of signet. (Chancery Warrants 1. 1660 a No. 26)

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales also establish a link, though a less obvious one, between the poet and the Craft of Masons. The Masons' Company in London, with which Chaucer had official connections, sustained the St. Thomas

Hospital there, left it many bequests, and often visited it in livery. Masons' Companies in two, and possibly three, other cities also helped to support local hospitals of their own named for St. Thomas and it is possible that they looked on St. Thomas as their Patron Saint. This Saint Thomas was the martyred Archbishop of Canterbury, St. Thomas Becket, who was murdered in his own cathedral in 1170. The fact that three knights, described at the time as "the three ruffians," murdered the fifty-three year old prelate by beating him over the head after demanding that he "give them his word," threatened to bury him in the rubbish, and that his body was buried in a spot between a memorial to John the Baptist on one side and John the Evangelist on the other, the two forming parallel lines, must have held a peculiar interest to men in the Masons' Companies, and may account for their support of St. Thomas Hospitals; and it is possible that Chaucer, connected with the Mason Company in London as he was, may from that association have had his interest in Canterbury first aroused, and as a result of which he wrote in rhyme the Canterbury (St. Thomas' church) Tales.

It belongs to the in curable romanticism of Medieval England 'that this St. Thomas, England's "favorite saint," her most "glorious martyr," "the most English of the Saints," was by blood only half English, and half Christian. Gilbert Becket was a member of the Mercers Company, or gild, but as a young man went off on one of the Crusades to war on the infidel Saracens, was captured, was released by "a fair Saracen," a Mohammedan lady ; they fell in love, she followed him to London, professed conversion, and Thomas was their son.

Thomas learned reading and writing, went to work in the Sheriff's office, and then was employed by the King, upon whose wish, and against Thomas' own desires, he took Holy Orders expressly in order to be named Archbishop of Canterbury, where the King purposed to have a friend and supporter in that highest of ecclesiastical offices, but discovered to his chagrin, and too late, that "he had a Tartar there."

The Mercers Company afterwards was given the land which had belonged to the senior Becket; and in the Charter given it by Henry IV in 1406 its members were named "Brothers of St. Thomas à Becket." St. Thomas was for centuries a favorite Patron Saint among the gilds and companies.

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The Lighter Side of Masonry

If a Secretary writes a letter, it's too long.
If he sends a postal, it's too short.
If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.
If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.
If he stays away, he is a shirker.
If he duns the members for dues, he is insulting.
If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.
If he asks for advice, he is incompetent.
If he does not, he is bull-headed.
If he writes his reports complete, they are too long.
If he condenses them, they are incomplete.
If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things.
If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the meeting.

>.....Ashes to Ashes..... >.....Dust to Dust..... >
>.....If others won't do it--- >.....The Secretary must!!!!

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**

Please note all above committees are subject to change upon voting in regards to proposed amendments to the by-laws on February 13, 2007

Living Past Masters

Worshipful William S. Lewis, PM 1955
Worshipful Delbert E. England, PM 1968
Worshipful Terry O. McDonald, PM 1975
Worshipful F. James Dyer, PM 1977
Worshipful Larry L. Larson., PM 1981
Worshipful Leland B. Jaycox, PM 1983
Worshipful Daniel P. Thiesen., PM 1984
Worshipful Christian D. Bickler, PM 1985
Worshipful Del Militaire, PM 1987
Worshipful William A. McLain, PM 1988
Worshipful Randall G. Drake, PM 1989
Worshipful Timothy C. McGuire, PM 1991
Worshipful James T. Preston Sr., PM 1992

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:

Posting:

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

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

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