



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



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 07:00 PM

Officer Meeting and Ritual Practice:

1st Tuesday of each month

Dark July

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

Denver Consistory
1370 Grant Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

<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

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

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

January 22, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

January 25 and 26: Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs

January To Be Determined: Entered Apprentice Degree Initiating 4 New Brothers

February 12, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

February 26, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

March 11, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

March 25, 6008: Stated Communication, Dinner 6:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM

From the East

Greetings Brethren!!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is off to a great 2008 (6008 A.L.). Well 2007 saw many changes in your Lodge from relocating to the Denver Consistory, several by-law amendments and a proper increase in the annual dues. We also initiated, passed and raised a number of Brothers. The annual meeting held December 11, resulted in my being elected to a second term as Master of Rob Morris Lodge #92, a responsibility that I accept with due reverence for the Lodge and the work thus begun.

We have much work to do this year including a growing number of new candidates to be initiated and Brothers standing on various degrees to progress. 2007 saw many tenured Brothers of this Lodge take a step back and "wait and see". The long term viability of your Lodge coupled with your ability to influence that future rests squarely on each Brother's willingness to assist in your Lodge's activities and rituals. We are moving forward with many additional activities of both an educational and social nature and pray that each of you will engage with your Lodge 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 all of the support and assistance that the many members and Past Masters of Rob Morris Lodge # 92 have given your officers, the Lodge and me personally.

Fraternally,

Rick Haskell, Master 

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Secretary's Corner

Dues are due. As you were notified, your Lodge Dues for 2008 are \$137.00 and are due to your Lodge on January 01, 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.

Lodge Installation and Recognition

On Saturday December 15 your Lodge held its annual Installation and Recognition ceremony. This was supervised by Right Worshipful Brother John H. Buchanan, Grand Lecturer Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado as Installing Master by the Aid of Worshipful Brother Bill Klatil as the Installing Marshal. All officers with the exception of Andrew Dameron, Tyler and Worshipful Brother Norm O'Kelly, Marshal were installed in due form. In addition, several important awards were presented as follows:

1. Esoteric and Ritual Excellence: Brother Ji Brumley, Senior Deacon
2. Honourary Life Member of Rob Morris Lodge: Right Worshipful Brother John H. Buchanan
3. Rob Morris Lodge Custom Past Master Apron: Worshipful Brothers Mark Foss and Linc Soule (These Custom Made Bullion Aprons may be purchased and worn by any Past Master of Rob Morris Lodge #92)

We had representatives from Prince Hall Masonry, guests and family and several Past Masters in attendance.

Opinings of a Past Master

The following was written and submitted by Worshipful Brother Linc Soule and I feel that is important for all Brothers to appreciate this:

ROB MORRIS LODGE # 92

Past, Present, & Future

Lincoln C. Soule, PM

Much has been said about where Rob Morris Lodge is today and what the newer, young officers want to do with Masonry within the Lodge. Some of this has been in the form of criticism of where the Lodge now meets, how the officers dress, and some innovations being undertaken. Other comments are about the fact that the membership isn't following some of the Lodge traditions, that there has been too much change, there is an "us versus them" feeling, and some of the older members feel they are not being asked to do things – especially degree work.

As the Junior Past Master, let me review some of the recent history and what might have happened to the Lodge. When I faced installation in December of 2005, I was looking at a Lodge that was going to have a total of 6 officers in the progressive line – not all of whom wanted to progress. I put out a call to the entire membership to see if anyone would take on an officer's role for a year or two until we could rebuild the Lodge – and I received no responses. I was facing the real possibility of either merging Rob Morris Lodge with another or surrendering the charter of the Lodge altogether.

Then I had lunch with Brother Jerry Brumley and, during our conversation, the subject of the condition of the Lodge came up. Within 48 hours, I had in my hand a proposal that I felt could help rebuild the Lodge with the infusion of plural members who would also fill officer chairs. These are the young officers now elected and operating Rob Morris. Had they not come on board, Rob Morris Lodge would not exist today – at least not as an independent Lodge. At best, we would have merged, and had we done that we would have had to merge our culture and traditions with another Lodge. At worst, we would have surrendered our charter and there would have been no chance at preserving any of our traditions.

That is what the immediate past of Rob Morris Lodge looks like. The present is what the active members are opting for. The active members are Rob Morris members, some of whom used to belong to another Lodge, some were raised in Rob Morris, and the new members now being raised. We are receiving many petitions and doing a great deal of degree work. This year I would like to put on a Master Mason degree using all Past Masters but that will require the Past Masters to volunteer to do the work. When we tried this in 2007, very few responded but one Past Master came to Lodge for the first time in a dozen years – so it wasn't all in vain.

The future of the Lodge is more certain than it has been in a number of years. We have a full officer line, we have a number of brothers standing on various degrees and we will be initiating 4 new candidates early in the year. We would like to have as many members come to Lodge, help us with the work, help us with the history, help us with the traditions, and be a part of the future of the Lodge. It is going to be an exciting ride. And as one who has been a Mason for 20 years and twice a Master, I can tell you, it will also be a learning experience – if you are open to it. As the old adage states, "A mind, like a parachute, functions only when open."

Your Lodge needs and wants your help and input. As long as you participate, it will never be "us versus them", it will be "we moved forward". Let's pull together to rekindle the traditions and start some new ones in our wonderful fraternity and Lodge.

Posting Report

Your Lodge will be initiating 4 new Brothers this month. Brother Otis is coordinating this and will be communicating the date to everyone. We would earnestly solicit all Brothers who are proficient or semi proficient in any of the first degree lectures to aide in this endeavour by contacting Brother Otis.

Chamber of Reflection

Effective with the initiation of our 4 newest Brothers, your Lodge will be reinstating an Antient Custom of Freemasonry not utilized for generations, specifically the Chamber of Reflection. As many Brothers are unaware of the usage and customs associated with the Chamber of Reflection, I encourage you to do some research on our own or feel free to contact an officer for a more meaningful discussion of this. For the purposes of this public document suffice it to say that the Chamber is an essential and wholly esoteric tool to force the candidate and brother prior to embarking upon the Degrees to become extremely contemplative in a proper manner. The Chamber of Reflection is located off the preparation room of the Lodge.

Masonic Education

Effective with your first stated communication of 2008 we will begin a more stringent and formal education series and process which is geared to both educate and invoke discussion and debate in open Lodge. The first topic of this series will be the Lambskin Apron. We look forward to inspiring all Brothers to enhance their existing knowledge and contribute to that enhancement of your Brethren through active participation in these forums. The following will be the topics of discussion in the first quarter of 2008:

January 8, 2008: Lambskin Apron

January 22, 2008: Masonic Ceremonies

February 12, 2008: Masonry: Illustrated by Symbols

February 26, 2008: Ritual Differences

March 11, 2008: The Broken Column, Master Masons only please

March 25, 2008: The Holy Bible

The Lighter Side of Masonry

UP IN THE WORLD

The lodge with the highest meeting place on the globe is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 above sea level. The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 at **Leadville**, Colorado elevation about 10,200 feet.

MOON LODGES

A century ago there were more than 3,000 Masonic lodges which can be described as "Moon Lodges"; in 1954 there were fewer than 500. These lodges meet on the day of the full moon for practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel by at night. There may have been some symbolic meaning also. The advent of electricity, street lights, and the automobile made the reason for meeting on such nights antiquated through unique. Many Grand Lodges now require lodges to meet on fixed days of the week.

Fall Reunion of the Scottish Rite

Your Lodge participated very actively in the Fall Reunion of the Scottish Rite this past fall. Specifically many of your Brothers took roles in the 17th Degree Directed by your Past Master, Worshipful Brother Del Militaire and was performed very well. Additionally, your Brothers and your Lodge put on the 25th Degree with all roles, and Candidates being Brothers of Rob Morris Lodge under the Direction of Worshipful Brother Linc Soule. This was the first time that any of the Brothers participated in this Degree and frankly the first time that many of the participants even saw the Degree. This Degree was as well performed very well. Your Lodge looks forward to continuing in its attention to these Degrees and strengthening its relationship and support of the Denver Consistory and Scottish Rite Masonry.

Recent Visitors

In recent months your Lodge has had a number of visitors from as far away as West Point Lodge in New York to Local Lodges and many Prince Hall Masons. We have also had many dignitaries from the Grand Lodge including the Grand Master and his wife, and interested men of the community prior to meetings or for public events. The most heart warming attendees at our recent events have been Brothers who for varying reasons have not been in Lodge for some time. Several of these Brothers have shared interesting facts, histories and educational materials and we look forward to seeing them more in the future and all of you who have been unable to attend Lodge in recent times.

Rob Morris Lodge Committees 2008:

Financial Management:

Rick Haskell, WM*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer
Jerry Brumley SW, Jeff Horvath, JS (12/09),

Grievance:

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:

Louis Dhority, Secretary*
Travis Idler, SS,

Posting:

Master Mason: Rick Haskell, WM
Fellowcraft: Jerry Brumley, SW
Entered Apprentice: Otis Hilbun, JW

*Denotes the Chairman

Feedback, contributions and articles are always welcomed and appreciated. Worshipful Master Rick Haskell, 720.480.8622, pathwayshsl@comcast.net

Audit Committee:

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

Benevolence Committee:

Rick Haskell, WM*; Linc Soule, PM Treasurer
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