



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

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

January 13, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
January 27, 6009: Stated Communication: Fellow Craft Degree. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
February 10, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
February 24, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
March 10, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow
March 24, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow

From the East


Greetings Brethren!!

Ok, so we got past our first stated communication of the year with a new Master, new Officers in place and with a fair number of Brothers from Schiller Lodge in attendance, who, I might add, found great humor in our first night's learning curve. This year we are going to take a few minutes out of each meeting to do our degree and floor work practice and try to keep the extra meetings to a minimum. We are also going to beef up our mentor program due to the fact that the Officers have jumped two chairs several years in a row. Each Officer will have a Past Master as a mentor and will be asked to communicate with him once a month and tap into his many years of experience as an Officer of Rob Morris Lodge. We will also be having guest speakers from time to time to speak on different subjects of particular interest of the day.

I would like to bring something to our attention: The number 1 reason a new Brother drops from Masonry is: We failed to offer him good fellowship. Why do we call ourselves a Fraternity, particularly one based on Brotherly Love? Making Men feel at home in Lodge should be the first step in making him a Mason. The number 1 reason a man joins a Fraternal Organization is fellowship. I feel it is very important, especially with the Brothers from Schiller now sitting in with us and all the new Brothers standing on the different Degrees, to spend an extra few minutes getting to know them and making them feel welcome and have them see just what has made Rob Morris Lodge the truly great Lodge that it is.

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

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.

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. Ay 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

Do We Understand Masonry

Do we even understand what masonry is and what we are doing?

Freemasonry as we know it today evolved from 18th century European enlightened thinking. Both in Europe and North America Masonic values consistently influenced peoples daily lives by encouraging the right to question existing dogma and by upholding ones own thoughts and ideas. These values promote the toleration of all religious and philosophical views. During Colonial times, Masonry provided leadership throughout the American Revolution. In early America the fraternity inspired authors such as Benjamin Franklin and Mark Twain to offer satiric views. In the late 1800's, Victorian values influenced Masonic priorities here and in Europe by placing emphasis on heightened social awareness and stressing social idealism. Today Masonry is shaped by the 19th century concept of social benevolence and the 20th century emphasis on ritual as the completion of a Mason's education about the fraternity. Recently Masonry has found a place in popular culture with the book: *The DaVinci Code* and the movie: *National Treasure*. Now the public places Masonry in the context of historical fiction. We owe the public more than that; we owe them our best performance each and every day. Today the public views Freemasonry somewhat confused: Are Masons a fraternity, a religious organization or an alternative religion? They think only grandfathers can belong to an old-fashioned organization. And obviously many people are not even aware that Masonry still exists. Masons are just not visible on the daily lives of our communities. Their identity is frequently misunderstood and misrepresented in the press and by religious critics.

The model Masonic fraternity would be one that defines itself in terms of thoughts, energy and action. Ideally Masons would be described as members of a fraternity that is a serious men's organization dedicated to self-improvement coupled with community involvement. Masonry is a provider of camaraderie, trust in each other, instant fellowship and brotherhood. Masonry offers a way of life with values such as: Integrity, Diversity, Inquiry, Community and Vitality. Masons are men that build communities through a brotherhood that is based on a principled lifestyle. A Mason's life is deeply rooted in a system of values, Masonry cannot be kept inside an individual, it is a philosophy that must be shared in action and through numerous experiences which are lodge based, personal and professional. The men we want to attract to Masonry seek fulfillment through multiple levels of experiences including body, mind and spirit. They enjoy brotherhood, they desire a community enriched by participation, dialogue and inquiry. They are principled, disciplined and compassionate. Freemasonry wants to attract fellow journeymen who are seeking enlightenment in body, mind and spirit through participation in a brotherhood committed to good works and personal growth. Masonry makes good men better.

By Worshipful Brother Otis Hilbun

2009 Officer Installation

Your Lodge was very excited to hold a Joint Officer's Installation on December 13, 2008 with Schiller Lodge # 41. The Installing Master was Right Worshipful Brother John H. Buchanan, Past Grand Lecturer and the installing Marshals were Worshipful Brother Verne Ingraham of Rob Morris Lodge and Worshipful Brother Richard Mitchell of Schiller Lodge. This joint installation begins a new chapter of cooperative and joint work to be undertaken by Rob Morris and Schiller Lodges as we collectively have initiated some very exciting plans that will create plural membership in both Lodges for many existing members and all future petitioners of either Lodge. This is a very exiting opportunity to continue the good works and Ritual proficiency begun by both Lodges and accelerate those efforts into a very unique and exclusive ritually exceptional pair of Lodges and restore Schiller Lodge's long and honoured tradition of German Ritual. Worshipful Brother Otis Hilbun was honoured as 2008's 3rd annual recipient of the Ralph D. Larrance Mason of the Year by Rob Morris Lodge.

Tribute to Masonic Dedication

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Right Worshipful Brother Gerald A. Ford, Grand Secretary, tendered his resignation before the 148th Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A. M.. In recognition of Right Worshipful Brother Jerry's commitment and tireless service to this Grand Lodge and Masonry in total, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Crossno, Past Grand Master brought before the Grand Lodge, the motion to bestow the Honourarium of Honourary Past Grand Master and all of the rights and privileges thereof upon Right Worshipful Brother Jerry Ford. This motion was seconded by the Past Masters there present and UNANIMOUSLY adopted by Grand Lodge. This Honour could not be bestowed upon a more worthy and deserving Brother.

Congratulations, Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Ford.

Christmas for DDRC

Once again, your Lodge engaged in assisting Developmental Disabilities Resource Center in providing their clients with some sort of Holiday that may have otherwise not existed. Rob Morris Brethren generously provided gifts for 25 of our DDRC "kids", the Lodge gave \$500 in gift cards to King Soopers and Walmart, and some of your brethren sent them monetary gifts for use as DDRC saw best.

Your Lodge has been involved with DDRC since the holiday season of 1996 and through this involvement, we have provided many hundreds of dollars in gifts and gift cards and have made a real difference in the lives of their clients, many of whom would have nothing but for your sharing. Please contact Lincoln Soule PM should you wish to help during the year or participate in next year's holiday program for DDRC.

Masonic Words of Wisdom

*Life is too short to wake up with regrets.
So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the one's who don't.
Believe everything happens for a reason.
If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.
If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.*

Posting Report

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

- 1 Entered Apprentices Initiated delivered his proficiency and voted in the affirmative for the advancement to the Degree of a Fellow Craft by the Brothers there present
- 1 Fellow of the Craft delivered his proficiency and voted in the affirmative for the advancement to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the Brothers there present
- 1 Fellow Craft was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason
- 2 Petitions 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
- 1 petition for Plural Membership by affiliation was received and hearing no objections, the petition was accepted

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.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:

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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