



*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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 07:00 PM;  
Refreshments after

**Officer Meeting and Ritual Practice:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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*

**September 08, 6009: Officer Meeting and Practice**

**September 22, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow. Tentative Fellowcraft Degree**

**October 13, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow.**

**October 27, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow**

**November 10, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow**

**November 24, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM, refreshments and fellowship to follow**

## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren!!


As you can tell the mornings are getting cooler and the sun is rising a bit later each day, a sure sign that summer is winding down and it's about time to resume our labors. We do have several new brothers preparing for their 2nd and 3rd degree raising; we too will need to prepare our teams for their advancements. The plan is to do the work at our stated meetings and try not to hold special communications for the events. With such a young officers line I am sending out a request to all Rob Morris members and especially our past masters with all their years of experience, to step up and assist on our degree teams.

This fall we have several guests to be scheduled, one a 30 plus year Falconer will explain just what it is we are watching when we see different birds of prey circling a freshly cut hay field or purchased upon a telephone pole on a rural road.

I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in Lodge.

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*

The books and financial reports are always available during Stated Communications.

## *Secretary's Corner*

The recent quarter has been very challenging for your officers due to business, personal and medical reasons. Your Lodge was forced to suspend 13 Brothers due to non payment of dues at the June 09, 6009 Stated Communication. Fraternaly, 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:

September 08, 6009: The Kabala in Free Masonry  
September 22, 6009: Lessons of the Fellow Craft Degree through the exemplification of the Degree  
October 13, 6009: The Five Orders of Architecture  
October 27, 6009: The Rosicrucian Order  
November 10, 6009: The Halliwell Manuscript  
November 24, 6009: The Moon in Free Masonry  
December 08, 6009: Annual Meeting. The Working Tools of an Entered Apprentice

This is intended to be a spirited discussion and NOT a lecture series. Please do some research on your own regarding these topics to liven up the debate.

## *True Stories of Masons*

### Anno Lucis

The Masonic calendar traditionally dated from 4004 BCE; the creation of the universe, *Anno Mundi*, as computed by Archbishop James Ussher in 1650-54 and inserted by Bishop William Lloyd of Winchester as a marginal note in the Great (1701) Edition of the English Bible, where it remained without explanation until 1900 when Cambridge University Press removed it from further editions. By the mid eighteenth century, Masonic usage had shifted to the year of light, Anno Lucis, which dates from 4000 BCE. There is no Masonic significance to either date, other than a desire by early Masonic writers to create as ancient a lineage for Freemasonry as their imaginations would allow. By using the 4000 date, they could claim that their usage predated Usher's promotion of the theory that Jesus had been born four years earlier than claimed by Dionysius Exiguus, the sixth century inventor of the BC-AD time system.

"Bro. John J. Bond, in his *Handy Book of Rules and Tables*, to our mind gives a clue to this difference, which we never remember seeing noted elsewhere, as applicable to the subject. "The birth of our Lord took place in the 28th year of the reign of Augustus; and Dionysius, by reckoning from 727 A.U.C., the year in which the Emperor took the name of Augustus, made the 28th year fall to 754 A.U.C., four years short of the date observed by the early Christians, who reckoning their years of the Emperor from the date of the battle of Actium (723 A.U.C.). to commemorate which the era of the Roman Emperors was founded, made the 28th year of Augustus fall to 750 A.U.C. for the birth of our Lord, or "Anno Christi."

Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia and Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History and Biography*. A.F.A. Woodford, ed. George Kenning, London: 1878. [p. 650].

### FREE AND ACCEPTED by William "Ray" Fischer

The Masons who were selected to build the temple of Solomon were declared free. These Free Masons were allowed to gather with their families and were exempt from paying taxes. They also had the privilege to bear arms. Thus, they were accepted as free men.

At the destruction of the Temple by Ne-buch-a-nezzar, these Free Masons were taken to Babylon and put into captivity with the Jews. Cyrus, after taking control of Babylon, gave these Masons permission to return to Jerusalem to erect a second Temple, freeing them to do so.

To be free they had to be accepted as free, hence the term Free and Accepted. Not all men in all cases are accepted as free, they are held by the restraints of doctrine and power. To be free in mind and body one must work at it. So if you are asked:

*Are you a Free Man?* Yes

*How do you know you are a free man?* Because I am free to follow my dreams.

*What makes you a free man?* The people around me, for I am accepted as a free man.

If you can answer these questions in this manner you are truly a Freemason.

### ANCIENT MASONS by William "Ray" Fischer

"Ancient Masons," was the name assumed by a body of Masons who, in 1738 seceded from the regular or legal Grand Lodge of England. They did this because of changes the Institution made on the ritual work.

The Ancients called themselves "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" and were the new Lodges. They practiced the old ritual work and condemned the Moderns, as they called them, for changes made in that work. The Moderns, were called "Free and accepted Masons" and were the old Lodges of England. They adopted the new style of ritual work formed by Anderson, Preston, and others.

These differences kept the two bodies apart to the extreme, that there would be both in the same community and sometimes, side by side. They would claim the same jurisdiction and argue over who was right and who was clandestine.

In 1813 the two bodies resolved their differences and joined hands, but the Lodges were spread through out the world, and particularly in America. They turned out to be impossible to align. Both are recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and both have the same rights and benefits which are accorded a legal Lodge of Master Masons. Although you will find the different Lodges in United States their jurisdictions are limited to each state. This is why we have:

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Ancient Free Masons  
Free and Accepted Masons  
and on and on.

## Posting Report

### During the Second 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

1 Fellow Craft Passing

1 Fellow 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 Master Mason Raising

1 Master Mason delivered his proficiency and voted in the affirmative to be declared a Proficient Master Mason

## 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. Keeps 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 2009:*

### **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, 720.257.2366, [pathwaysl@comcast.net](mailto:pathwaysl@comcast.net)**