



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



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 07:00 PM; Dinner
at 6:00 PM

Officer Meeting and Ritual Practice:

1st Tuesday of each month

Dark July and August 2008

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

[Denver Consistory](#)
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<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

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, 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

October 14, 6008: Stated Communication: Master Mason Degree. Only Master Masons Please. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM

October 28, 6008: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM

November 11, 6008: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM

November 25, 6008: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM

December 09, 6008: Stated Communication. Annual Meeting and Election of 2009 Officers. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM

December 13, 6008: Officer Installation and Dinner. Installation begins at 2:00 PM with meal to follow.

From the East

Greetings Brethren!!

As we have returned from darkness, it is a revelation to me that the year is coming to an end. As such, we will be undertaking several degrees and moving towards the conclusion of this Masonic year and with it, the reading of our annual reports, the election of NEW Officers for the coming Masonic year and our annual December celebration.

This being my final Trestle Board as Master of Rob Morris Lodge #92, I thought I would take just a moment and share some thoughts with you.

It has truly been humbling yet extremely rewarding opportunity to serve you as Master of the Lodge for the last 2 years. In that time we have had some very heated debates and discussions, made many changes to the Lodge that have been both scorned and welcomed, re-instituted Antient customs of Freemasonry and the reverence that we should all feel towards our beloved Order, welcomed new Brothers into our Antient Fraternity and made some new friends along the way. Much has been done to put Rob Morris back on the path of vibrancy and growth but much lies before us to firmly re-build that foundation for the next 100 plus years.

I would like to sincerely express my deep appreciation for all Brothers of the Lodge who have supported not only this Lodge but over the last 2 years and wish all of the best fortune to the Officers to follow. Thank you!

I look very much forward to taking my place as a Past Master of this Lodge, to “**whisper** good council in the ear of the coming Masters,” but to allow those future Masters to run this Lodge as they see fit and with the consent of all of us, the Brothers of Rob Morris Lodge #92.

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

Fraternally,

Rick Haskell, Master 

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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.

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.

Saint John the Evangelist

December 27th is Saint John the Evangelist's feast day, which is the 2nd feast day of the year which celebrate the Holy Saints John. The placement of the holiday also marks the winter solstice, which is directly opposite Saint John the Baptist's day at the summer solstice in June making a notable completion in the cycle of the solar year. The actual dates are slightly off, but you get the symbolism. But why John the Evangelist and what about him represents the counter balance of John the Baptist, the opposite pillar of the point within the circle? For those who forget, the point within the circle is the Masonic symbol that all men are said to endeavor to emulate in their physical and spiritual being. It essentially is the balancing ones desires and passions in the pursuit of knowledge.

Some months back I published a piece on the Holy Saints John, the two paired saints representing zeal and equilibrium on the sides of the circle:

Saint John the Baptist, represented as the inverted pyramid, the Alchemical sign for water, representing the spiritual and emotional love. St. John the Evangelist represented as the pyramid pointing up symbolizing fire that is the drive and will of action. When placed together, they symbolize the perfect balance of darkness and light, life and death, passion and constraint, will and emotion, winter and summer. Together both represent the interlocked star of Solomon, or the Square and Compass.

So who was John the Evangelist? Known for several things he was most notably as the only disciple of Christ to not to forsake the him in the hour of His Passion at the foot of the cross and he was the first to reach the tomb; when he met the risen Lord at the lake of Tiberius, where he was the first to recognize Him. Also, he is also attributed as the writer of the Epistles of John, and the book of Revelation. His feast day is said to have first been mentioned in the Sacramentary of Pope Adrian I near 772 A.D.

The Evangelist is also called the Apostle of Charity, which may be in part, his connection to Freemasonry. Or perhaps it is his unwavering resolve and purity for his love of the divine. The message to take from John the Evangelist is to "Apply thyself, therefore, to purity of heart, and thou shalt be like Saint John, a beloved disciple of Jesus, and shalt be filled with heavenly wisdom." The feast is little remembered today, except in passing by a few lodges that gather together to celebrate it. It was once a high feast day for Freemasonry because of its proximity to the holidays and the presence of lodge members being close to home. It gave them a festival to meet under to punctuate the closing of the year. Meeting like this though is something not so convenient in this modern day as everyone travels abroad for the holiday. I belong to just one such club who is actually meeting the night before the feast, where we will definitely venerate the meeting and its symbolic importance.

So the days following Christmas, pause for a moment to reflect and remember the feast day of Saint John the Evangelist, that pillar on the opposite side of John the Baptist balancing that circumscribed point within a circle.

By Br. Gregory Stewart; masonictraveler@gmail.com; Los Angeles, California, USA; "A Traveler in Freemasonry"

Historical View of St. John's Day from Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

Why did the Masons hold special celebrations on December 27? December 27 is the feast of Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist. Saint John is one of the two patron saints of the Masonic order (along with Saint John the Baptist). Throughout Europe and the English colonies members of the Masonic order celebrated Saint John's Day with special activities in towns and villages. In Virginia, it was customary for the Masons (dressed in full Masonic regalia) to hold a procession from their lodge building to the local parish church on Saint John's Day. The Anglican liturgy for Saint John's Day was observed at church but the Masons usually heard a special sermon that invoked the blessings of love, unity, fraternity, wisdom, and brotherhood. These are the qualities associated with Saint John. The sermons were often delivered by Anglican clergymen who were themselves members of the Masonic order. After the service the Masons continued to celebrate Saint John's Day by attending a special ball and supper with their wives and friends. A fellow brother was assigned to organize the evening celebrations that were often held in local taverns or in private homes. In 1778, the preparation for Saint John's Day came early as indicated by the minutes of the Williamsburg Lodge: (note the reverence for the Sabbath--Sunday after Christmas Day).

December 1, 1778

- On a motion made respecting the ensuing Saint John the Evangelist it was after mature consideration resolved that as that Feast falls on Sunday the usual Ceremonies be postponed until Monday.
- Resolved: That this Lodge meet on Monday after the ensuing Saint John and go in procession to Church and that the Reverend Brother Madison (James) be requested to preach a sermon on the occasion.
- Resolved: That this Lodge meet on Monday Afternoon to spend the Evening together and that a Ball be given to the Ladies and that Brother Charlton (Edward) be desired to provide accordingly.

Visiting Fredericksburg on December 27, 1774, John Harrower, a Scottish tutor, noted in his journal: "St Johns Day. This Day a Grand Lodge in Town, And the whole went to Church in their Clothing & heard Sermon."



GEORGE WASHINGTON AND BRETHREN IN SAINT JOHN'S DAY OBSERVANCE, CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 28, 1778

Christmas for DDRC

In keeping with your Lodge's long-standing tradition of helping the kids residing at the DDRC, we will again this year be participating in the DDRC Christmas Gift program. We expect to have the list of children and young adults who have little or no family so that we can provide these disabled persons gifts for Christmas. I strongly encourage ALL brothers to help in this very worthwhile endeavour to see that these disabled persons can enjoy the Christmas season. Please contact Worshipful Brother Linc Soule to lend your support and Thank you in advance for your participation.

Masonic Words of Wisdom

"History has to judge every man who served. I don't know how they're going to treat me. I may be the worst S.O.B. that ever came down the pike. But I won't lose any sleep over it. I just like to be remembered as an honest person who tried."

- Bro. Barry Goldwater
Former U.S. Senator & Presidential Candidate
Arizona Lodge No. 2 F.& A.M., Phoenix, AZ, USA

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty'."

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the United States
Matinecock Lodge No. 806 F.& A.M., Oyster Bay, NY, USA

"I learned that good judgment comes from experience and that experience grows out of mistakes."

- Bro. Omar N. Bradley
General, U.S. Army; "The Soldier's General"
West Point Lodge No. 877 F.& A.M., Highland Falls, NY, USA

"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

- Bro. Rudyard Kipling
British (Indian-born) author (1865-1936)
Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782. E.C., Lahore, India

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails Daring Greatly so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the United States
Matinecock Lodge No. 806 F.& A.M., Oyster Bay, NY, USA

"I've always followed my father's advice: he told me, first to always keep my word and, second, to never insult anybody unintentionally. If I insult you, you can be goddamn sure I intend to. And, third, he told me not to go around looking for trouble."

- Bro. John Wayne
US movie actor and director (1907-1979)
Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 F.& A.M., Arizona, USA

"I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done."

"The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

- Bro. Henry Ford
Pioneer Automobile Manufacturer
Palestine Lodge No. 357 F.& A.M., Detroit, MI, USA

"Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window."

- Bro. Steve Wozniak
Cofounder Apple Computer
Charity Lodge No. 362 F.& A.M., Campbell, CA, USA

"I have always felt that a politician is to be judged by the animosities he excites among his opponents."

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

- Bro. Winston S. Churchill
Former Prime Minister of Great Britain
Rosemary Lodge 2851 and Studholme Lodge No. 1591, UK

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself..."

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session."

"It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly American criminal class except Congress."

- Bro. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain)
Writer
Polar Star Lodge No. 79 A.F.& A.M., St. Louis, MO, USA

"If the government is big enough to give you everything you want, it is big enough to take away everything you have."

- Bro. Gerald R. Ford
38th President of the United States
Malta Lodge No. 465 F.& A.M., Grand Rapids, MI, USA

Posting Report

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

2 Entered Apprentices Initiated

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

3 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

Expectations for the fourth Quarter of 2008:

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 5 Entered Apprentices and Affirmative votes for the advancement of each of these Brothers

Passing of 5 Brothers to the Degree of a Fellow Craft

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 2 Master Masons

Delivery of and Declaration of Proficiency of 1 Fellow Crafts

Receipt of at least 3 Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry

Initiation of 3 new Brothers

Receipt and Acceptance of 1 Petition for Dual Membership

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.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:

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
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Entered Apprentice: Otis Hilbun, JW

***Denotes the Chairman**

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

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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

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Ryuji Brumley, SD*; Jeff Horvath, JS*

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