



Trestle Board for the Craft
Rob Morris Lodge #92, est. 1892
Antient Free & Accepted Masons
DENVER, COLORADO
July through September 6009 A.L.



Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 07:00 PM;
Refreshments During

Dark July and August 2008

Lodge Physical and Mailing

Address:

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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

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

October 13, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM.

October 27, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM. Falconer and his Falcon

Demonstration

November 01, 6009: Widows outing at the playhouse in Golden. See below for Details

November 10, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM **Chili Cook-Off. Bring and appetite and bring some chili to share!!!!**

November 13, 6009: 25th Degree Exemplified by your all Rob Morris Lodge Cast at the Scottish Rite Reunion. Degree begins at 3:20.

November 24, 6009: Stated Communication. Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM.

December 08, 6009 Stated Communication. Annual Communication and Election of Officers Lodge Opens at 7:00 PM.

December 12, 6009: Dual Installation of Officers for the 6010 Year for Rob Morris and Schiller Lodges. Reception and Refreshments to Follow. Installation Ceremony begins at 2:00 PM

From the East

Greetings Brethren!!

At this time the lodge is focusing on the Fellow Craft Degree. In one sense the Fellow Craft Degree symbolizes the stage of adulthood and responsibility during a man's life on earth following youth and preceding old age. In this stage a man's task is to acquire knowledge and apply it to the building of his character and improving the society in which he lives. A Fellow Craft is urged to advance his studies in the fields of liberal arts and sciences during these rituals. During the ritual we ascend up a flight of winding stairs consisting of 3, 5 and 7 steps leading to the middle chamber of King Salomon's Temple.

The 3 steps represent the 3 great lights, 3 columns, 3 Grand Masters, 3 principal tenants and 3 theological virtues: faith, hope and charity.

The 5 steps refer to the 5 orders of architecture: Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. The geometric symbol for 5 is the pentagram; a 5 pointed star.


The 7 steps refer to the 7 liberal arts and sciences: Grammar, Rhetoric, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, Logic and Astrology. In 12th century France, Christian schools adopted the 7 liberal arts and sciences that had been formulated as early as C.E. 330, the study of these principles was considered a means to the knowledge of God.

In the Fellow Craft Degree, the Senior Deacon leads the brother up the winding staircase, showing him, first hand, the path by which the lower passions are transcended. Once he has mastered his intellectual facilities represented by the 7 arts and sciences he arrives at the middle chamber of temple, finally prepared to move from the outer to the inner, to his own inner spiritual center, his heart.

Corn, wine and oil are the symbolic wages earned by the Fellow Craft Mason who arrives at the middle chamber. Corn represents nourishment and is a symbol of plenty. Wine represents refreshment, health, spirituality and peace. Oil represents joy, gladness and happiness.

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

Your Secretary made a grievous error that I earnestly and sincerely apologize for. As a result you r Lodge inadvertently suspended Worshipful Brother Dan Theisen. Worshipful Brother please accept my humblest apologies

Fraternally, Rick Haskell, PM, Secretary

Educational Series in Lodge

The schedule of your Lodge's educational discussions and debates is as follows:

- 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

Widows Afternoon

Your Senior Warden has planned a beautiful event at the Heritage Square Music Hall in Golden Colorado on Sunday, November 01, 2009. The day will begin with brunch at 12:00 followed by the show The Villain Arsva Her at 2:00. Your Lodger will be providing this outing for all of our Widows and we urge as many fellow Masons and their wives to attend. The cost is \$38.50 per person; \$34.50 for seniors and \$33.50 for children. Please contact the Senior Warden Travis Idler at travis@720boardshop.com or (303) 929-4662 to confirm or with questions by Monday, October 19 or as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Open Challenge from the Junior Warden

Brethren,

I am writing this article not to offend but to inspire. My Masonic career is in its infancy as it has been a mere 6 years since I was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. I entered Rob Morris by way of a dual membership with Centurion Daylight Lodge. I was excited to become a member of such a storied and tradition rich Lodge. I have nothing but the greatest respect for our past masters and in fact all members of our Lodge. We have multiple 33 degree Scottish Rite members, we have Brothers that have devoted more than 60 years of their life to Masonry and continue to participate, we have members that are so learned one could spend hours upon hours just listening to them discuss and share their knowledge. There is so much that our collective Lodge has to offer and my question is why are we not making the most out of what we have?

The answer is simple: Our members need to reengage in our Lodge. I understand that everyone of us is busy, but I am challenging each of us to reflect on whether or not we are truly constrained by the length of our cable tow and cannot participate in Lodge, or if we are not participating out of apathy. I truly enjoy the company and fraternization with all of the members of the Lodge that I have met. There are many members that I still have yet to meet and I find that troubling. I have been a member of Rob Morris for over 3 years. I see many of our members at the Scottish Rite Reunions, or at York Rite functions but not in Lodge.

In a way I feel cheated. I want the knowledge that many of you possess and I endeavor everyday to study and learn on my own, but if we could just pull together and use the Lodge as a vehicle for furthering our collective knowledge we could really be something. We have traditions in the Lodge that are in danger of falling by the wayside. Lake City is a great example. What better way to spend time with other members of our Lodge and to have family participation. Last year we could not even wrangle up enough people to fill up one car. This year we are going beyond just giving cookies to the widows of our past Brothers but we are taking them to a play and brunch. How many of you will be there? We are moving in the right direction in Lodge but could use some help achieving the goal of being recognized as the preeminent Lodge in Colorado. We have all the parts to make this happen we need to all pull together and utilize our vast resources.

I am issuing this challenge: Let us get 40 members to the first stated communication in November. This is November 10th and it is our Lodges annual chili cook-off. Bring your appetite, bring your knowledge, and bring a friend. I know that we can make this happen and there in the great dining hall in the Consistory we can share friendship, ideas, and food.

I hope to see all of you there. I know the common perception is that our dwindling numbers overall is a result of poor marketing, apathetic youth, whatever else but it is my belief that we are not providing enough incentive for members to join. Recruitment is not our issue retention is. We lose many new Masons because they get lost in the sea of information and quite simply there are not enough mentors active to help everyone. Some of us are mentors to 2 or 3 brothers and still in great need of mentoring ourselves. Please give this some thought. We have an awesome responsibility not just to the past, but the future to ensure that the Craft and the fraternity are not damaged. Just look inside yourself and ask this one simple question, 'am I doing all that I can to add to the Craft?' If your answer is anything less than yes then we have issues, and the Fraternity is in far worse shape than I fear. The great thing about this life that the GAOU has designed for us is that we can change our actions in an instant. I hope that this article does not come across as the usual complaining; it is my hope that it at least gets you, my Brothers thinking, talking and participating.

Fraternally, Jeffrey S. Horvath, Junior Warden

Posting Report

During the Second Quarter of 2009 your Lodge reports the following:

No Activity due to the Lodge Being Dark

Appeal for the DDRC

Brethren, it is that time of year again, when we traditionally assist DDRC in their annual Holiday program. It should go without saying, that with the economy being the way it is, the need is greater than ever. There are more “kids” of every age that have needs, the food bank is depleted, and gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, and King Soopers are always welcome. I put “KIDS” in quotes, because some of these are truly adults, but have no one but DDRC and us to provide something for their holidays.

Please think about what you can do for our charitable partner. If you would like to buy some gift cards – they like them in \$25 amounts. If you would like to take a “kid” or two – just let me know and I will get you the particulars. It takes about \$35 to get a couple of items for one “kid”, so if you want Sherry and me to do the buying – send me a check care of the Lodge and we will handle it in your name.

The Lodge always budgets \$500 for gift cards, but feel free to send those to the Lodge as well. Your help, especially in these times, will be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your participation in the name of Rob Morris Lodge.

Fraternally, Lincoln Soule, PM, Treasurer

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 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:

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Jeff Horvath, JW*

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Louis Dhority *

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*Denotes the Chairman

Feedback, contributions and articles are always welcomed and appreciated. Worshipful Brother Rick Haskell,
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Norm O'Kelly, PM

Community Service Committee:

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Archive and History Committee:

Linc Soule, PM Treasurer *
Kevin McGlothlin, Chaplain

Candidate Liaison Committee:

Jeff Horvath, JW*

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Jeff Horvath, Junior Warden