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From the Desk of the Grand Master

THE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY

Of the various modes of communicating instruction to the uninformed, the masonic student is particularly interested in two; namely, the instruction by legends and that by symbols. It is to these two, almost exclusively, that he is indebted for all that he knows, and for all that he can know, of the philosophic system which is taught in the institution. All its mysteries and its dogmas, which constitute its philosophy, are entrusted for communication to the neophyte, sometimes to one, sometimes to the other of these two methods of instruction, and sometimes to both combined. The Freemason has no way of reaching any of the esoteric teachings of the Order except through the medium of a legend or a symbol.



A legend differs from a historical narrative only in this.....that it is without documentary evidence of authenticity. It is the offspring solely of tradition. Its details may be true in part or in whole. There may be no internal evidence to the contrary, or there may be internal evidence that they are altogether false.

But neither the possibility of truth in the one case, nor the certainty of falsehood in the other, can remove the traditional narrative from the class of legends. It is a legend simply because it rests on no written foundation. It is oral, and therefore legendary.

In grave problems of history, such as the establishment of empires, the discovery and settlement of countries, or the rise and



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fall of dynasties, the knowledge of the truth or falsity of the legendary narrative will be of importance, because the value of history is impaired by the imputation of doubt. But it is not so in Freemasonry. Here there need be no absolute question of the truth or falsity of the legend. The object of the masonic legend is not to establish historical facts, but to convey philosophical doctrines. They are a method by which esoteric instruction is communicated, and the student accepts them with reference to nothing else except their positive use and meaning as developing masonic dogmas. Take for instance, the Hiram legend of the third degree. Of what importance is it to the disciple of masonry whether it be true or false: All that he wants to know is its internal signification, and when he learns that it is intended to illustrate the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, he is content with that interpretation, and he does not deem it necessary, except as a matter of curios or antiquarian inquiry, to investigate its historical accuracy, or to reconcile any of its apparent contradictions. So of the lost

keystone, so of the second temple, so of the hidden ark: these are to him legendary narratives, which, like the casket, would be of no value were it not for the precious jewel contained within. Each of these legends is the expression of a philosophical idea.

But there is another method of masonic instruction, and that is by symbols. No science is more ancient than that of symbolism. At one time nearly all the learning of the world was conveyed in symbols. And although modern philosophy now deals only in abstract propositions, Freemasonry still cleaves to the ancient method, and has preserved it in its primitive importance as a means of communicating knowledge.

According to the derivation of the word from the Greek, "to symbolize" signifies "to compare one thing with another." Hence a symbol is the expression

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of an idea that has been derived from the comparison or contrast of some object with a moral conception of attribute. Thus, we say that the plumb is a symbol of rectitude of conduct. The physical qualities of the plumb are here compared or contrasted with the moral conception of virtue, or rectitude. Then to the Speculative Mason it becomes, after he has been taught its symbolic meaning, the visible expression of the idea of moral uprightness.

But although there are these two modes of instruction in Freemasonry, by legends and by symbols, there really is no radical difference between the two methods. The symbol is a visible, and the legend an audible representation of some contrasted idea, of some moral conception produced from a comparison. Both the legend and the symbol relate to dogmas of a deep religious character, both convey moral sentiments in the same peculiar method, and both of them are designed by this method to illustrate the philosophy of

Speculative Masonry.

To investigate the difficult meaning of these legends and symbols, and to extract from them the moral and philosophical lessons which they were intended to teach, is to withdraw the veil with which ignorance and indifference seek to conceal the true philosophy of Freemasonry.

To study the symbolism of Masonry is the only way to investigate its philosophy. This is the door of its temple, through which alone we can gain access to the secret chamber where its hidden mysteries are concealed.

Its philosophy is engaged in the consideration of propositions relating to God and man, to the present and the future life. Its science is the symbolism by which these propositions are presented to the mind.

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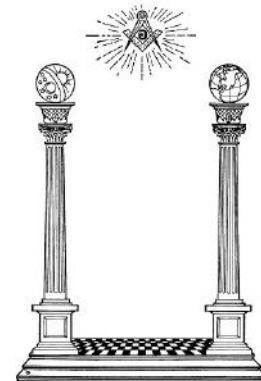
The work now offered to the public is an effort to develop and explain this philosophy and science. It will show that there are in Freemasonry the feelings of profound speculation. If it does not interest the learned, it may instruct the ignorant. If so, I shall not regret the time and effort that have been spent upon this composition.

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Ross A. Allen, Grand Master, 2023

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Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

To help your lodge plan your Official Visits please note that activities may change due to various issues that may arise.

Sat Apr 1, 2023

8:30am OV @ Palisade Lodge No. 125 & Fruita Masonic No. 120

Where: 2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501, USA

Description: 9:00am Breakfast 10:00am joint meeting

Sun Apr 9, 2023

6:30am The Knights Templar Sunrise Service

Where: 1370 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203, USA

Description: The Knights Templar Association of Colorado Presents The Oldest Consecutive Presentation of Easter Sunrise Service in Colorado Sunday, April 9th, 2023 At 6:30 a.m. Doors open at 5:30 A.M. Denver Consistory Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 1370 Grant Street Denver, Colorado Free Parking available The Consistory Garage Credit Union lots At 14th and Logan Breakfast will be available for purchase online at www.coloradokta.org. Any questions may be directed to 303-748-4547 or orronbir@msn.com

Mon Apr 17, 2023

6pm OV @ Monday Night Lodges @ Golden City Lodge No. 1

Where: 400 10th St, Golden, CO 80401, USA

Description: All the Monday Lodges together for OV of the Grand Master. Dinner @ 6:00pm Lodge @ 7:00pm to follow

Sat Apr 22, 2023

All day Steamboat Springs Cornerstone

Where: 25245 Co Rd 42, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487, USA

Description: 12:00pm - lunch 1:00pm - Ceremony after lunch Elk Mountain Lodge No. 118

Tue Apr 25, 2023

6:15pm OV @ Centurion Lodge No. 195

Where: 18275 Furrow Rd, Monument, CO 80132, USA

Description: 6:15pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Lodge Meeting

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Thu Apr 27—Sat Apr 29, 2023

All day Southern Colorado Consistory Reunion Spring

Where: 1150 Panorama Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, USA

Fri Apr 28, 2023

12:30pm Grand Masters Address to the Reunion Class

Where: 1150 Panorama Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, USA

Sat Apr 29, 2023

3pm 300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions with Ric Berman

Where: 4819 Montview Blvd, Denver, CO 80207, USA

Description: Research Lodge of Colorado 300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions with Ric Berman How Freemasons influenced the Constitution of the United States www.rlcolo.org

Thu May 4 - Sat May 6, 2023

All day Grand Junction Consistory Reunion

Where: 2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501, USA

Fri May 5, 2023

12pm Grand Masters Address to the Reunion Class

Where: 2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501, USA

Thu May 11—Sat, May 13, 2023

All day Denver Consistory Reunion Spring

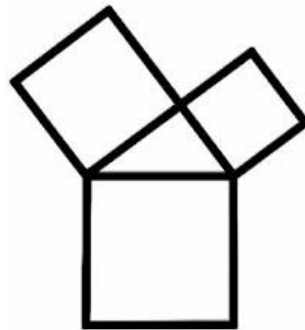
Where: 1370 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203, USA

Fri May 12, 2023

All day Denver Consistory Reunion Spring

Where: 1370 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203, USA

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Submission Deadline

Articles and events that you want included in the newsletter are due to the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, by the 25th of the month prior to the publication month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW FREEMASONRY INFLUENCED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Three-hundred years ago, the Premiere Grand Lodge of England published Anderson's Constitutions, this is the rule book around which much of Freemasonry was organized. Seeds of a representative government were sown in its pages that, seventy-three years later, flourished in the United States.

The impact of this foundational, Masonic text cannot be overstated. Anderson's Constitutions was the first book Ben Franklin published for distribution among the thirteen colonies. Having set the type on his press in Philadelphia, he must have been familiar with its contents because twenty-years after publishing it in 1734, he revisited it, authoring his Albany Plan in attempt to unify the thirteen colonies. Although Franklin's Plan was rejected by the Albany Congress in 1754, parts of it would end up in the Articles of Confederation and then, ultimately, in the Constitution itself.

Understated and overlooked, Freemasonry runs through this history like a thread. It stitched the fabric of free society, applying these tenets long before they were forged into nationhood.

In a talk on Saturday the 29th of this month, Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, which is one of the premiere research lodges in the world, Ric Berman, explores why Anderson's Constitutions was written and how these influences helped seed what George Washington would term "the last great experiment" in human happiness.

Certainly, Freemasonry's tenets were embraced by the founding fathers – many of whom were Masons. While it is inexact to claim that Masonry formed the Constitution, it yet influenced it.

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Anderson's Constitutions encodes the democratic principles that define our nation. Join Research Lodge of Colorado on April 29 for a special presentation in celebration of the text that typifies, perhaps more than any other, what it means to be a Mason.

The Research Lodge of Colorado meets in Denver at Park Hill Lodge #146 on
4819 Montview Boulevard.

Lodge Opens at 2 p.m. for business meeting (Masons only)

Lodge opens at 3 p.m. for presentation (open to all)

Dinner is at 6 p.m.

Get your tickets at www.rlcolo.org.



Traveling Gavels

In an effort to promote visitations among lodges in the state of Colorado we are going to attempt to provide information in each newsletter about where the travelling gavels are located

There are two gavels that travel around the state. One we are going to call the **Regular Gavel** and one the **Western Slope Gavel**. Check the requirements for claiming the gavel including the number of brethren required to attend the visit.

Regular Gavel

Location: Telluride Lodge #56, 200 East Colorado, Telluride, Colorado, 81435

Meeting Dates: 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m.

Master: Vicko Vidal

Western Slope Gavel

Location: Corinthian Lodge # 35, 619 Harrison Avenue, Leadville, Colorado 80461

Meeting Dates: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7:30 p.m.

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Scottish Rite Ceremony of Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment

On behalf of the Southern Colorado Chapter of Rose Croix of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, you are cordially invited to a Public Ceremony (ALL ARE WELCOME) of Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment.

This is a time when we recall our brothers lost in the past year, and further reflect on the loss of all those who have come into this world simply trying to bring a little more light. We commit ourselves to pressing onward in the great work, picking up where they left off, and carrying the torch forward.

This is a solemn, stunning, and thought provoking ceremony, and it would be an honor to have you and your membership share in the evening.

**DATE: Wednesday 04-05-2023
TIME: 7:30PM**

**Scottish Rite – Southern Colorado Consistory
1150 Panorama Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80904**

For further information please email Wise Master Joseph B. Surek (jb_surek@hotmail.com)



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THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

PRESENTS

THE OLDEST CONSECUTIVE PRESENTATION OF

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN COLORADO

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2023

AT 6:30 A.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 A.M.

DENVER CONSISTORY

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

1370 GRANT STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

Free Parking available

The Consistory Garage

Credit Union lots

At 14th and Logan

Breakfast will be available for purchase online at www.coloradokta.org

Any questions may be directed to 303-748-4547 or ronbir@msn.com

Masonic Ritual Competition

April 29, 2023

1614 Welton Street

Competition

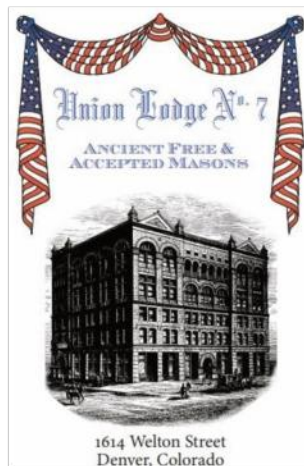
We're running this as a pilot to gauge interest and work out bugs. So our first run at this is limited to:

Entered Apprentice Charge
Fellow Craft Charge
Master Mason Charge

Enter in one, two, or all three
(only Master Masons this time, please)

Source Material:

The Clear Text Key and
Uniform Floor Work 2019
[If you use an older book and there is a
discrepancy, the 2019 version will stand]



[Sign-up
Here](#)

Schedule

9:00—Welcome
9:15—Judges Briefing
9:30—Competitors Briefing
10:00—Competition
Noonish—Awards Ceremony

Prizes:

A \$200 Gift Card and plaque
for the top Two
Competitors

Questions? Please contact Chris Hochmuth S.W. at: DadChrisH@gmail.com or 303.907.9732 after working hours

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Research Lodge of Colorado

Celebrating the Tercentenary of Anderson's Constitutions

April 29, 2023

Business meeting at 2 p.m. • Presentation at 3 p.m. (open)
Park Hill Lodge | 4819 Montview Blvd. Denver

Ric Berman Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 on

How Freemasonry Influenced the Constitution of the United States

Banquet 6 p.m.

THE
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
FREE-MASONS.
CONTAINING THE

History, Charges, Regulations, &c.
of that most Ancient and Right
Worshipful FRATERNITY.

For the Use of the LODGES.



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of the Brethren in *NORTH-AMERICA*.
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RSVP at RLCOLO.ORG

Ric Berman is an acclaimed Masonic author and historian and has delivered lectures around the world. He holds a Master's in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Doctorate in History from the University of Exeter. He spent two years at the University of Oxford's Modern European History Research Center. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a Life Fellow of the Huguenot Society and a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford Brookes University. A Freemason for more than forty years, Ric Berman holds Grand Rank in the United Grand Lodge of England and is a Past Master of three English Lodges including Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the premier lodge of Masonic research. He is also an American Freemason, a member of Fiat Lux No. 1717 in Washington D.C., and a Fellow of the Philalethes Society.

"Our national history begins with the Declaration. Indeed, the history of the United States is 'merely the story of the working out of the principles set out in the Declaration... Just so the history of Freemasonry begins with a declaration of principles. These are set forth in the New Constitutions promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England and form the basic law of the Fraternity throughout the world. Indeed, the story of Freemasonry is merely the working out of those principles.'"
— Ossian Lang *History of Freemasonry in the State of New York* (1922).



**Camp is
FREE!**

COLORADO MASONIC Band Camp!



This five-day band camp is held June 30 to July 4, 2023 on the University of Northern Colorado campus in Greeley, Colorado. The camp is a rewarding and exciting opportunity for promising band students to attend a first-rate marching band clinic and meet students from around Colorado.

Music activities are directed by the UNC band faculty and staff. Camp culminates with the performance of an evening concert on campus July 3rd, and marching in the Greeley Rocky Mountain Stampede Parade on July 4th.

Camp is FREE. Costs (excluding travel to and from Greeley) are paid in full by Colorado Masons and affiliates. Student housing, social and recreational activities are sponsored by Colorado Masonic Lodges and affiliated organizations.

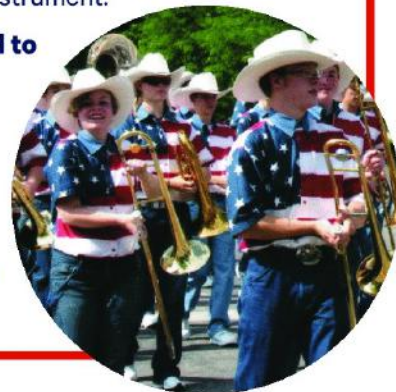
The camp accepts talented 9th, 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in a Colorado high school band program during the 2022-23 school year; capable of performing in the parade, and who play at least one marching band instrument.

Colorado high school band instructors are encouraged to recommend at least three promising band students.

Direct questions to:

**Bill Feldman at bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org
or 303-910-9266**

Registration must be received by April 21, 2023



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COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2023



Mail to:

Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp
c/o Jerry Fenimore, Grand Treasurer
82 Brookhaven Drive, Littleton, CO 80123
email: bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org

Our organization will participate and we are submitting the following:

We would like to make a donation to sponsor _____ student(s) for the 2023 Colorado Masonic Band Camp.

The cost to sponsor a student is \$375. Enclosed is our donation of \$ _____.

*Make checks payable to: **Colorado Masonic Band Camp**

NAME & NUMBER OF SPONSORING LODGE OR MASONIC AFFILIATED BODY:

PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Organization Name _____ No. _____

Organization Mailing Address _____

City _____, CO, (Zip) _____ - _____

Name _____ Title _____
(Officer submitting this form)

email _____

We do not have a student to nominate. Please provide one nominated by the Band Camp ☐

If you have contacted a Band Director and have a student, include the student information here.

Name of Student _____ Student email address _____
(Please print clearly, as it will appear on Name Badge and Concert Program)

Address: _____

City: _____, CO, (ZIP) _____ - _____

Guardian/Parent's Name: _____

Guardian/Parent's Home Phone: () _____

Guardian/Parent's Mobile Phone: () _____

Guardian/Parent's email: _____

Name of High School: _____

Band Director's Signature: _____ Phone No _____

Please Print Band Directors Name _____

Marching Band Instrument _____

List music honors received and chair in HS Band. Information in this section is important. Please give all facts and details.

CIRCLE: Male Female

CIRCLE: Class in the 2022-2023 School Year 9th grade 10th grade 11th grade

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Hope Higley

Golden, CO

February 10, 2023

Hello!

I hope this finds you well and in the best spirits. My name is Hope Higley. I am an active Rainbow Girl (Columbine #96) and Jobs Daughter (Bethel #5). I was also Miss Colorado Jobs Daughter 2021-2022.

In February, out of 40 girls in the state of Colorado, I have won the title of Miss Lakewood CO. On July 15 and 16 I am running for Miss Teen Colorado. I am writing to you in hopes of gaining your support as my sponsor as I run for this years title. Miss Teen Colorado is an official preliminary to Miss Teen USA. If I win the crown, I will automatically become a finalist for Miss Teen USA!

I would like to request a donation of either monetary or sponsorship. In my sponsorship package, you will learn about me and the Miss Teen Colorado Pageant, as well as the benefits of your support as my sponsor.

I would like to thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with me in raising funds to run for Miss Teen Colorado. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to speaking with you soon! Thanks so much!

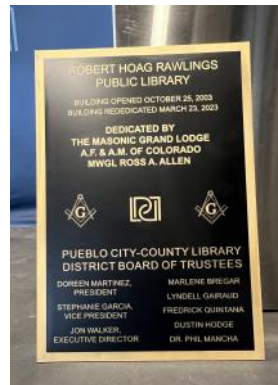
Warmest Regards,

Hope Higley, Miss Lakewood CO

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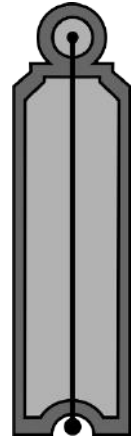
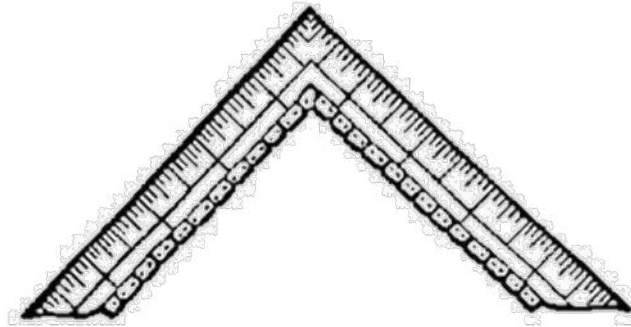
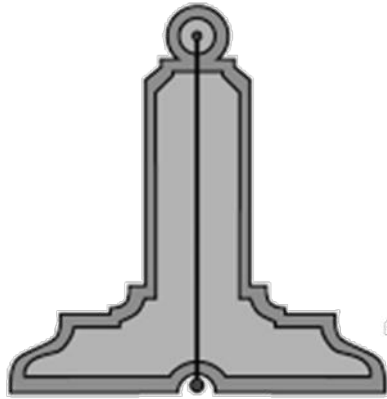
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Pueblo Library Cornerstone



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If your lodge is having special events or activities please send the information to the Grand Master
(grandmaster@coloradofreemasons.org)
and the Grand Secretary
(grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org)
so that it can be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

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COLORADO MASONS - SPREAD THE WORD ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ABOUT A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT MASONRY: BEAFREEMASON.ORG

The Grand Lodge Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome as long as you are not feeling ill. For the front door please ring the door bell for access.

