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From the Desk of the Grand Master

What is the purpose of a Masonic Lodge?

FROM A BLOG NAMED:
noblescienceroyalart.wordpress.com

Just like every other Mason with a blog, I've been putting together my own little set of "Lodge Improvement" posts. My plan was to start releasing them soon, but I was caught off guard by a question posed by one of our Past Masters. There were several of us sitting around a table waiting for our practice meeting to begin. The question was this: "What is the purpose of a Lodge?"

Of course, we all *know* the answer. It's obvious.

One Brother stated, "The purpose of a Lodge is to give back to the community. It's charity."

"No."

Another Brother chimed in. "Well, it's to build a brotherhood, then."

"No."

Many different answers were offered up, but all fell short of the response that the Past Master was looking for. After several moments of this, the Past Master shared the answer: "The purpose of a Lodge is to make Master Masons."

It almost sounds like the punchline to a bad Masonic joke; the answer is so plain and simple. While it's a response you can take at face value, there's a surprising amount of depth there, too.

So then, what makes a man a *Master Mason*?

Is it the Obligations that he took? The "South Chair" exercise would imply that no, it's not just the Obligation.

Is it the completion of the Third Degree in its entirety? If the purpose of a Lodge is to make

Master Masons, then yes. But just as there is depth behind the Lodge's purpose, there is complexity behind what a Master Mason is.



From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

In the same spirit as *Old Tiler Talks* by Bro. Carl Claudy, here is [Are You a Master Mason?](#) from [Phoenixmasonry](#):

“I have been a Mason for a year now,” remarked the Young Brother to the Old Past Master. “While I find a great deal in Masonry to enjoy and like the fellows and all that, I am more or less in the dark as to what good Masonry really is in the world. I don’t mean I can’t appreciate its charity or its fellowship, but it seems to me that I don’t get much out of it. I can’t really see why it has any function outside of the relationship we enjoy in the Lodge and the charitable acts we do.”

“I think I could win an argument about you,” smiled the Past Master.

“An argument about me?”

“Yes. You say you have been a Master Mason for a year. I think I could prove to the satisfaction of a jury of your peers, who would not need to be Master Masons, that

while you are a Lodge member in good standing, you are not a Master Mason.”

“I don’t think I quite understand,” puzzled the Young Mason. “I was quite surely initiated, passed, and raised. I have my certificate and my good standing card. I attend Lodge regularly. I do what work I am assigned. If that isn’t being a Master Mason, what is?”

“You have the body but not the spirit,” retorted the Old Past Master. “You eat the husks and disregard the kernel. You know the ritual and fail to understand its meaning. You carry the documents, but for you they attest but an empty form. You do not understand the first underlying principle, which makes Masonry the great force she is. And yet, in spite of it, you enjoy her blessings, which is one of her miracles. A man may love and profit by what he does not comprehend.”

From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

“I just don’t understand you at all.
I am sure I am a good Mason.”

“No man is a good Mason who thinks the Fraternity has no function beyond pleasant association in the Lodge and charity. There are thousands of Masons who seldom see the inside of a Lodge and, therefore, miss the fellowship. There are thousands who never need or support her charity and so never come in contact with one of its many features. Yet these may take freely and largely from the treasure house which is Masonry.

“Masonry, my young friend, is an opportunity. It gives a man a chance to do and to be, among the world of men, something he otherwise could not attain. No man kneels at the altar of Masonry and rises again the same man. At the altar something is taken from him never to returned, his feelings of living for himself alone. Be he ever so selfish, ever so self-centered, ever so much an individualist, at

the altar he leaves behind him some of the dross of his purely profane make-up.

“No man kneels at the altar of Masonry and rises the same man because, in the place where the dross and selfish were, is put a little of the most Divine spark which men may see. Where was the self-interest is put an interest in others. Where was the egotism is put love for one’s fellow man. You say that the ‘Fraternity has no function.’ Man, the Fraternity performs the greatest function of any institution at work among men in that it provides a common meeting ground where all of us be our creed, our social position, our wealth, our ideas, our station in life what they may, may meet and understand one another.

“What caused the Civil War?
Failure of one people to understand another and an inequality of men which this country could not endure. What caused the Great

From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

War? Class hatred. What is the greatest leveler of class in the world? Masonry. Where is the only place in which a capitalist and laborer, socialist and democrat, fundamentalist and modernist, Jew and Gentile, sophisticated and simple alike meet and forget their differences? In a Masonic Lodge, through the influence of Masonry. "Masonry, which opens her portals to men because they are men, not because they are wealthy or wise or foolish or great or small but because they seek the brotherhood which only she can give.

"Masonry has no function? Why, son, the function of charity, great as it is, is the least of the things Masonry does. The fellowship in the Lodge, beautiful as it is, is at best not much more than one can get in any good club, association, or organization. These are the beauties of Masonry, but they are also beauties of other organizations. The great fundamental beauty of Masonry is all her own. She, and only she,

stretches a kindly and loving hand around the world, uniting millions in a bond too strong for breaking. Time has demonstrated that Masonry is too strong for war, too strong for hate, too strong for jealousy and fear. The worst of men have used the strongest of means and have but pushed Masonry to one side for the moment; not all their efforts have broken her, or ever will!

"Masonry gives us all a chance to do and to be; to do a little, however humble the part, in making the world better; to be a little larger, a little fuller in our lives, a little nearer to the G.A.O.T.U. And unless a man understands this, believes it, takes it to his heart, and lives it in his daily life, and strives to show it forth to others in his every act unless he live and love and labor in his Masonry. I say he is no Master Mason; aye, though he belong to all Rites and carry all cards, though he be

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hung as a Christmas tree with jewels and pins, though he be an officer in all Bodies. But the man who has it in his heart and sees in Masonry the chance to be in reality what he has sworn he would be, a brother to his fellow Masons, is a Master Mason though he be raised but tonight, belongs to no body but his Blue Lodge, and be too poor to buy and wear a single pin.”

The Young Brother, looking down, unfastened the emblem from his coat lapel and handed it to the Old Past Master. “Of course, you are right,” he said, lowly. “Here is my pin. Don’t give it back to me until you think I am worthy to wear it.”

The Old Past Master smiled. “I think you would better put it back now,” he answered gently. “None are more fit to wear the Square and Compasses than those who know themselves unworthy, for they are those who strive to be real Masons.

My view is that, *technically speaking*, the purpose of a Lodge *is* to make Master Masons. And *technically speaking*, a man may call himself a Master Mason once the lessons of the Third Degree have been imparted. But at the end of the day, if we have done our jobs *correctly*, a Lodge will make **Master** Masons instead of Master Masons.

What is the difference?

A **Master** Mason shouldn’t stop learning or growing after the Degrees are over, and he *isn’t* content with his Lodge simply being a vehicle for degree conferral. Just as the **Master** Mason is focused on being better than he *was*, he will expect the same from his Lodge. And thus, the Lodge will become something **more**. While it may have one intended purpose that we should never lose sight of — the making of **Master** Masons — it can grow alongside of us and develop into something better.

A Masonic Lodge is a place that a man goes to when he is ready to take a solemn set of vows in order to improve himself. What that improvement ultimately looks like on the other side of being Raised is for each Master Mason to determine (or discover).

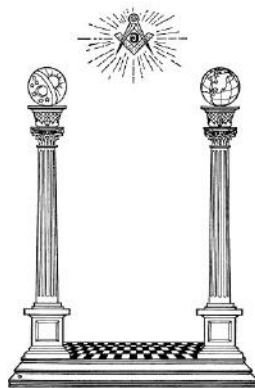
From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

A Master Mason is many different things, and each Master Mason is different; no two are quite alike. We each join the Craft with a different set of expectations, and in that respect, we each also bring a different set of skills, passions, or motivations to our Lodges. Let us put those differences to use to better ourselves, our Lodges, and the lives of all of those around us.

So, because of that seemingly benign question, “*what is the purpose of a Lodge?*” I need to re-evaluate my “Lodge Improvement” posts. Extra care and attention needs to be devoted to how the first two (formative) Degrees are handled and how we guide our Brethren through them. But again, those are posts for another day.

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.

Thu Mar 16, 2023

6:30pm - 9:30pm OV @ Cortez Lodge No. 133

Where: 304 E 1st St, Cortez, CO 81321, USA

Description: Dinner before Lodge OV @ Cortez Lodge No. 133

Sat Mar 18, 2023

8:30am Masonic Funeral Service Workshop by Memorial #2

Where: 317 E Boulder St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, USA

Description: Memorial Lodge #2 will be conducting a workshop on Masonic Funeral Services. The workshop will provide instruction on where we can give a Masonic funeral, who can receive it, how to work with the family and funeral director, and much more. Come hear stories from Brethren with first hand experience on how their service went well, not so well, and get tips on how to conduct a successful, reverent and memorable service. At the end of the Workshop, you will be afforded the opportunity to meet with a District Lecture and get your proficiency card for conducting a Masonic Funeral Service. The Workshop will be conducted on 18 March 2023 at Manitou Lodge #68 from 0900~1200 (Coffee/snacks 0830). Casual/Comfortable attire. For more information Contact WB Mike Mabbit, Memorial #2, mike.afam.colorado@gmail.com, DL WB William Twyman, twyman55@gmail.com DL WB Dick Stewart, secfvl191@gmail.com DL WB Jeremy DeBard, debard@me.com

Tue, Mar 21, 2023

7:00 pm Special Agape Event and Educational Presentation at Boulder #14

Where: The event will be held at 7077 Harvest Road, Boulder, CO 80301

Description: It will feature an educational presentation on the Lakota Degrees by Brother Lance Whitehorse of Longs Peak Lodge #197. This event is an opportunity for education and fellowship among lodges and we therefore extend the invitation to any of our brethren that would like to join. Please note that registration is required by March 7th for catering purposes and can be done by sending an email to ChristianLeeBorden@gmail.com.

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

Thu Mar 23, 2023

1pm - 2pm Pueblo Library Cornerstone Rededication

Where: 100 E Abriendo Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004, USA

Description: Hosting Lodge is Silver State Lodge No. 95. Pueblo Main Library Cornerstone Rededication . Refreshments at the Library - Snacks, Cookies Etc.

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: 8:30am - 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

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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

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

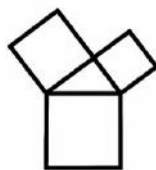
Where: 1150 Panorama Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, USA

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



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

Lumen Artis Lodge No. 199 is making plans to move from a shared temple in Loveland to our own location in Windsor. We are in need of items to outfit the new location, e.g. furniture, paraphernalia, clothing, etc. If you have any such items please contact Bro. Dwight Andersen, SW, at (719) 440-3975 mobile or DwightAndersEn@gmail.com.

To The Brethren of Colorado Masonry,

It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to a Special Agape Event and Educational Presentation hosted by Boulder #14, home lodge of our Grand Lecturer Kevin Townley. The event will take place on March 21st at 7pm and will feature an educational presentation on The Lakota Degrees by Brother Lance Whitehorse of Longs Peak Lodge #197. This event is an opportunity for education and fellowship among lodges and we therefore extend the invitation to any of our brethren that would like to join. Please see the below information from Bro Christian Borden of Boulder #14.

AGAPE DINNER & PRESENTATION ONLY

Please join Boulder Lodge #14 for an Agape Dinner and Special Presentation given by Brother Lance White Horse titled "The Lakota Degrees".

RSVP Deadline: March 7th

- o RSVP to ChristianLeeBorden@gmail.com
- o *(If you are interested in attending the event and have not RSVP'd by March 7th, please contact ChristianLeeBorden@gmail.com and we will see what we can do.)*

Agape Dinner & Presentation Event Location: 7077 Harvest Rd, Boulder, CO 80301
(Shepherd of the Hills - Entrance to the parking lot is off Lookout Road.)

Time: 7:00pm MST

Suggested Donation: \$20 per person.

Suggested Attire: Suit & Tie

(Open to Brothers of all degrees as long as they have a MM vouching for them.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

IF YOUR LODGE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL VISITATION

Please feel free to join us for a very short Stated Meeting where we will do a quick 4-man-opening at 6:00pm and immediately close Lodge to head over to the location of the Agape Dinner & Special Presentation 1.9 miles away.

Stated Meeting Location: 4665 Nautilus Ct S STE 100, Boulder, CO 80301 (Spirit Building)

Time: 6:00pm MST

Suggested Attire: Suit & Tie

(Open to Brothers of all degrees as long as they have a MM vouching for them.)

We look forward to your presence at this special event, and the opportunity to share in education and fellowship with you.

Fraternally,

John Piccone

Education Committee

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: Mt Lamborn Lodge #102, 178 East Hotchkiss Ave, Hotchkiss, Colorado. 81419

Meeting Dates: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Master: Greg Allen

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.

MEMORIAL LODGE #2 PRESENTS

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE

WORKSHOP

18 MARCH 2023



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For more information Contact;

WM Mike Mabbitt, Memorial #2
Mike.afam.colorado@gmail.com

DL W.B. William Twyman
twyman55@gmail.com

DL W.B. Dick Stewart
secfv1191@gmail.com

DL W.B. Jeremy DeBard
debard@me.com



317 East Boulder Street,
Colorado Springs CO, 80903

** Prior to attendance it is recommended you become familiar with the funeral service as written in the Clear Text Key.

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COLORADO ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR NIGHT WITH THE DENVER NUGGETS



VS



Milwaukee Bucks vs Denver Nuggets
Saturday, March 25, 2023 · 7:00 pm · Ball Arena

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**For more information, please contact Tia Smith at
303.405.1693 or Tia.Smith@TeamKSE.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

**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.

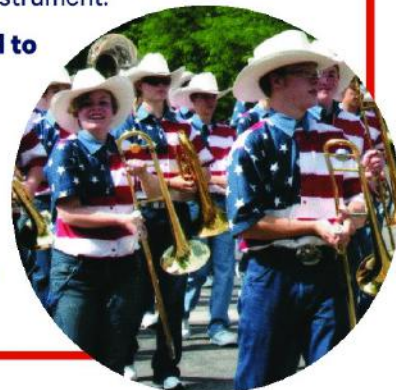
The camp accepts talented 9th, 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in a Colorado high school band program during the 2022-23 school year; capable of performing in the parade, and who play at least one marching band instrument.

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

Research Lodge of Colorado Est'd 1953

300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions with Ric Berman

How Freemasons influenced the Constitution of the United States

29 APR 2023
Park Hill Lodge | Denver


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www.rlcolo.org
3 p.m. | Banquet at 6 p.m.

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LVX IN TENEBRIS ET LUCET ET TENEBRAE EAM NON COMERHENDERUNT

The 1723 Constitutions: ‘Inventing the Future’

Dr Ric Berman

If anyone doubts that Freemasonry as it is practised today was derived from the Grand Lodge of England, let him compare the new Charges with those of an older date. He will find that the severance from any and all pre-existing connections was as fundamental and complete as was the severance of the American colonies from England after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. 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)

Research Lodge—Ric Berman (Continued)

2023 marks the tercentenary of the publication in London of The Constitutions of the Freemasons – the ‘1723 Constitutions’ – whose Enlightenment principles provide the philosophical foundations of modern Freemasonry. Most Masonic history has been concerned with ‘when’ and ‘what’. In this talk, Ric Berman examines ‘why’, and explores some of the consequences.

The 1723 Constitutions is a statement of radical Enlightenment beliefs, a product of its time and of its authors’ values. Key to understanding the context in which it was written (and ‘why it was written’), is an appreciation of the febrile political and religious environment at the turn of the seventeenth century and early decades of the eighteenth. This led to the Grand Lodge of England providing implicit support for the philosophical principles that lay behind the ‘Glorious Revolution’ of 1688 and the 1689 Bill of Rights. Through the influence of the Dukes of Montagu and Richmond, and the endeavours of Dr Jean Theophilus Desaguliers, George Payne and others, Freemasonry was transformed into an organisation that advanced an Enlightenment agenda, championed aspiration and opposed absolutism.

The changes were effected through the introduction of new Masonic ritual and the rewriting of Freemasonry’s Charges and Regulations to advance principles that included constitutional government; religious tolerance; the promotion of education and science – a world interpreted through rational observation rather than religious diktat; personal self-improvement; and meritocracy.

The 1723 Constitutions also provided a legal framework for Freemasonry, a rulebook that would be emulated by many other secular clubs and societies both in Britain and around the world. Masonic practices included the election of Officers subject to democratic accountability, with one lodge member wielding one vote; majority rule; orations by elected officials; a federal national governance structure; and written by-laws and constitutions.

Research Lodge—Ric Berman (Continued)

Freemasonry's tenets were embraced not just in Britain but also, and perhaps most obviously, in America, where the political content of its moral vision and discourse framed many of the tenets contained in the U.S. Constitutions.

About the Speaker

Ric Berman is the author of numerous journal articles, books and academic papers, and has delivered plenary lectures at conferences and symposia globally. He holds a Master's in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Doctorate in History from the University of Exeter, following which he spent two years at the University of Oxford's Modern European History Research Centre. 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.

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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

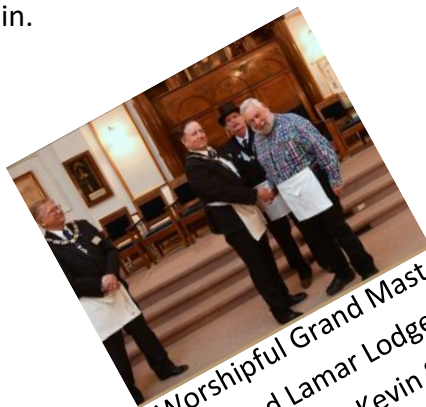
Lamar OV Pictures Courtesy of WB Marty Miller



Most Worshipful
Grand Master Ross
Allen presenting
Brother John DuVall
his 50 year member-
ship pin.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Ross
Allen and Lamar Lodge #90 Worship-
ful Master Kevin Sharrar presenting
brother Ben Shumate his membership
pin



Most Worshipful Grand Master
Ross Allen and Lamar Lodge #90
Worshipful Master Kevin Sharrar
presenting Honorable Garth
Neischberg his membership pin

Lamar OV More Pictures Courtesy of WB Marty Miller



Most Worshipful Grand Master Ross Allen and Lamar Lodge #90 Worshipful Master Kevin Sharrar presenting secretary, Lawrence Brase his membership pin



Members of the Colorado Grand Lodge officer line present at Lamar Lodge Past Master's night: Grand Tyler Worshipful Brother Richard G. Stewart, Junior Grand Warden Right Worshipful Brother Dean A. McConnell, Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother David L. Reynolds, Most Worshipful Brother Ross Allen Grand Master, Kevin Sharrar Worshipful Master of Lamar Lodge #90

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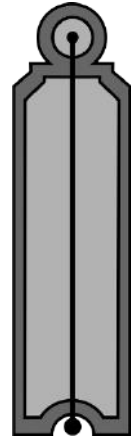
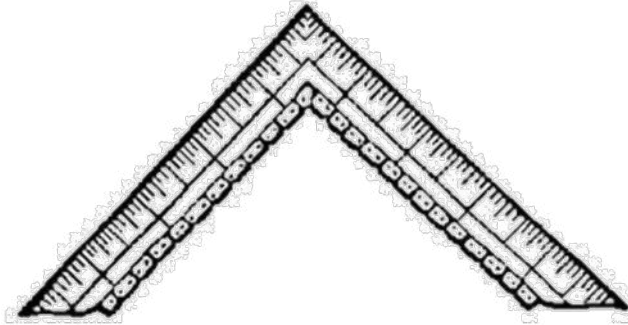
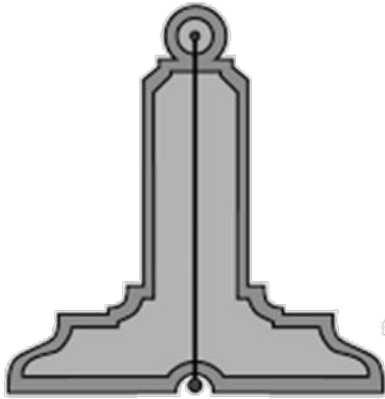
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