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Tidings from the East by way of the West

Hiram, King of Tyre



Every reader of the Old Testament is familiar with the story of how King Solomon, King Hiram of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff came together to build Solomon's Temple in 966 BC. That temple became an integral part of Freemasonry, providing everything from the layout of the lodge room with its pillars of Jachin and Boaz, to the rituals of craft

Masonry, Royal Arch, and higher degrees. Hiram provides not only many of the essential materials but also some of the laborers and, in particular, a Master-Craftsman who is skilled in forging brass. This craftsman is also skilled in the planning, designed and overseeing of the entire work. This craftsman's name is Hiram Abiff.

during the time of Kings David and Solomon as pointed out in the Jewish Tanakh and the Old Testament of the Bible.

Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king of the room of his father; for Hiram was ever a [great admirer] of David. And Solomon sent unto Hiram saying ... "I purpose to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God ... therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon ..." 1 Kings, 5:1-6

Plenty has been written about the life of the great King Solomon, and much has been told and speculated about the elusiveness of Hiram Abiff, but Hiram King of Tyre occupies very little space in the minds of most Freemasons today. Mentioned by name only in Masonic folklore, the King of Tyre disappears as quickly as he is mentioned in our ceremonies. What isn't as widely known is that he was also an ally of King David, Solomon's father. Hiram assisted David in the building of his palace in Jerusalem.

Since some people do not believe everything in the Bible is historical fact, it was reassuring to find a confirmation of Hiram's historical existence in the writings of Josephus.



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Upon the death of Abibalus, his son Hirom took the kingdom. This king . . . joined the temple of Jupiter Olympius, which stood before in an island by itself, to the city, by raising a causeway between them. . . . They say further, that Solomon, when he was king of Jerusalem, sent problems to Hirom to be solved, and desired he would send others back for him to solve. . . .

Josephus, *Contra Apionem* 1:17

Not only was he a great character who played a significant role in the building of Solomon's Temple, but he also ruled over one of the most wealthiest and influential kingdoms in the Middle East. His many years of friendship with King Solomon and his father King David proved that he was worthy of our order of placing him of second Grand Master, symbolic of the Doric Column in that he was a true, generous, practical friend, represented by a plain and stocky strength.

Scholars believe that his name or variations of it meant "Exalted One", which in and around his lifetime (which would have been approximately 1000BC) was probably a fitting name for someone who was held in such high regard by his people. Unfortunately, more is known about his kingdom than of the man himself, but from the knowledge we have, it is possible to determine that a great deal of wealth, stature and power surrounded him.



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His kingdom consisted, for the most part, two islands, one being the tiny island of Melkart and the other Tyre. Although Tyre was the larger of the two, it, in itself measured only approximately one mile long by three quarters of a mile wide, with both lying less than a mile from the shores of Lebanon, and due to them being virtually impregnable, they remained resistant to assaults and sieges for more than a thousand years.

Although his name is known to Freemasons as the King of Tyre, he was in fact the King of the Phoenicians whose ships spread their culture, knowledge and wealth far throughout the ancient world and established cities such as Cartage and Utica on the north coast of Africa. There are even stories of the Phoenicians sailing to England and extracting tin (a component of bronze), from various places including Cornwall. With the Phoenicians being skilled in the art of metal working, woven products, woodworking, stone working

and various other trades, it stands to reason that Solomon would choose such a king and his people to help him in achieving his goal of building a temple to the Lord God of the Hebrew nation.

Hiram's association with King David and his son Solomon was believed to be dictated by mutual need. Both the kings of Israel required skilled workmen and materials. David for his palace and Solomon for the temple to house the Arc of the Covenant, while Hiram required food, such as corn, wheat and oil for his people; therefore it seems logical that a deal was struck in order to exchange help from one another. The term of the agreement with King Solomon and his father can be found in the Book of Chronicles. Solomon paid Hiram 20,000 cors of crushed wheat, 20,000 cors of barley, 20,000 baths of wine and 20,000 baths of oil each year. Although today it is difficult to explain just how much was given to Hiram it is generally believed that it was in the region of between 880,000 and 1,720,000 gallons of wine and oil and about the same number of bushels of wheat and barley.

As time went on with the building of the temple Hiram lent Solomon vast amounts of money due to the increasing costs of the building work and, in exchange, Solomon gave Hiram 20 cities in the Province of Galilee. Unfortunately, when Hiram took a look at the cities that he was given he was not a very happy man. 1st Kings 9:10-14 states that Hiram quizzed Solomon "what kind of cities are these which you have given me my brother".

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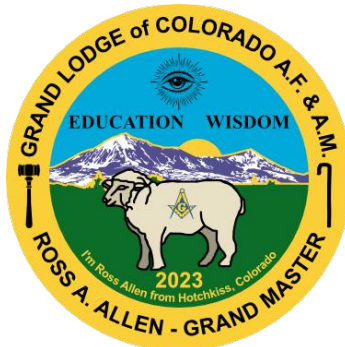
Perhaps Hiram had a right to complain as he did. In fact, he lent Solomon 120 talents of gold which in today's monetary value is roughly between 12 and 25 million pounds (using modern rate conversions that would be approximately between \$16.5 and \$34.39 million). Probably the greatest assistance Hiram gave Solomon was in fact the numerous skilled workmen who built the temple AND especially the famous Masonic master craftsman Hiram Abiff.

Nothing more is known about the great King except that his kingdom was to grow, flourish and influence other nations for about another six to seven hundred years until it was invaded by Alexander the Great in about 400BC. Needless to say, if it was not for the assistance and aid given by the king of Tyre to King Solomon then the King of Israel may not have been as important as he was.

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AMATEUR RADIO EVENT, "MASONIC LODGES ON THE AIR", September 23, 2023

On Saturday morning, September 23, Mike Moore PGM, Bill Hutchison, PM, and Brother Dave Schudel, all licensed Amateur Radio (HAM) Operators, assembled at the Estes Park Masonic Center for the third annual "Masonic Lodges On The Air" event. We contacted two other Lodges, Alpine No. 766 in Texas, and Chetek No. 277 in Wisconsin. During the event we made contacts with non-masonic radio stations on all four coasts, stations in Maine, Alberta, Canada, and Saskatchewan, Canada, and California. We heard stations in Spain and South America, but could not establish two-way contact. In addition, we did contact the Headquarters of the ARRL, American Radio Relay League, in Newington, Connecticut. We made contact on three different radio bands, 40, 20, and 10 meters. We didn't place high in scoring with only two Masonic contacts, but we did enjoy our time on the air. We are already making plans for next year's event.

If you are a licensed HAM operator, or wish to learn more about Amateur Radio, and possibly get involved in next year's event, please contact Mike Moore, PGM, or myself, Bill Hutchison, Secretary, Longs Peak Lodge No. 197.



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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 Nov 2 - Sat Nov 4, 2023

All day Southern Colorado Consistory Reunion Fall

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

Fri Nov 3, 2023

12:30pm Grand Master Address to the Reunion Class

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

6:30pm OV @ Highlands Lodge No. 86

Where: 3550 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80211, USA

Description: 6:30pm - Dinner Lodge to follow

Sat Nov 4, 2023

10am DeMolay Grand Master's Class in honor of MWB Ross A. Allen

Where: 1625 Florence St, Aurora, CO 80010, USA

Description: DeMolay Grand Master's Class in honor of MW Ross A. Allen Nov 4th at 10am Aurora Masonic Lodge, 1625 Florence St, Aurora Colorado

Thu Nov 16 - Sat Nov 18, 2023

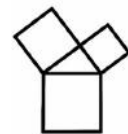
All day Denver Consistory Reunion Fall

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

Fri Nov 17, 2023

12pm Grand Master Address to the Reunion Class

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



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

The Colorado Masonic Family Historical Donations Committee is looking for volunteers to do research. This research is to determine the amount of hours we've donated, the amount of money we've donated, and the number of people we've helped as a Masonic family since our inception in Colorado in 1861. This applies to every branch of the Masonic family. The goal of this research is to shed light on what we've contributed as an organization to our communities. This information will be utilized to educate both to our organizations internally and to the residents of the State of Colorado. This is a daunting task and we are looking for help. If you're interested in working on this project please contact WB Mike Brewer at mike.brewer@allurdata.com.

Colorado Masons, were you in DeMolay, from any state?

Please use the following link address from DeMolay International, and let us know where you are and what you are doing in your Masonic life:

<https://beademolay.org/update-info/>



SALUTE TO SERVICE

This special tribute fundraiser will recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. Our SALUTE to SERVICE campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3' x 5" American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus the week of November 5 through November 12 in honor of Veterans Day.

- 3'x5" Flag on a 6'ft pole cost: \$40.00
- Flags are limited to 200 and will be sold on a first-come basis.
- Flags from each of the five services are also needed. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. Cost: \$40.0

QR link to Eventbrite to reserve your flag:

If you have any, questions please call:

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Save the Date

K.S.A. Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Bag pipes ☒ Silent auction ☒ Burns poetry

Saturday January 20th, 2024 7:00pm



Dinner: 7:00pm

Our own Chef Michael will prepare a great Scottish Dinner.

Price to be determined - Adult (13 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 6:00pm

Price to be determined - Adult (21 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

For reservations:

Advanced prepaid reservations are available online only.

(DO NOT contact the Consistory office).

<http://denverburnssupper.com/>

*Scottish Rite Masonic Center
1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203*

*Proceeds to benefit RiteCare, (<https://scottishritefoundation.org>)
and Scottish Rite Masonic Center*

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THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO PRESENTS

Mozart & Haydn's piano
music as they expected it
to be played... on a
historic **fortepiano**

**DANIEL
ADAM
MALTZ**

APR 27-28, 2024

**The Grand Lodge of Colorado
Denver**



Daniel Adam Maltz is a fortepianist based in Vienna, Austria. He is in demand worldwide with 50+ tour dates per year and hosts *Classical Cake*, the podcast about Viennese classical music and culture.

Daniel specializes in *Wiener Klassik* (Viennese Classicism), especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. He performs on the Viennese fortepianos of their time.

What are Viennese Fortepianos?

Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven wrote their piano music for Viennese fortepianos. These instruments are fundamentally different from modern pianos in that they are smaller, more intimate instruments. The Viennese fortepiano's technical characteristics and expected performance practices bring Classical-era music alive in new ways to modern ears.

Concert Program

Joseph Haydn: Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23

Wolfgang Amadé Mozart: Sonata in F Major, K. 332

J. Haydn: Sonata in Eb Major, Hob. XVI:25

W. A. Mozart: Sonata in C Major, K. 330

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: Fruita #120, 106 N Mulberry Street, Fruita, CO 81521

Meeting Dates: Meets 3rd Tue of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Master: Naaman Moorehouse

Western Slope Gavel

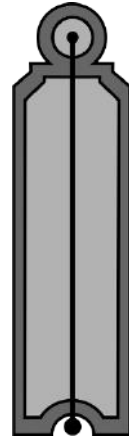
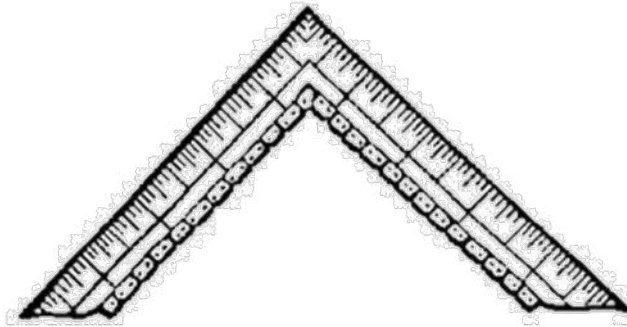
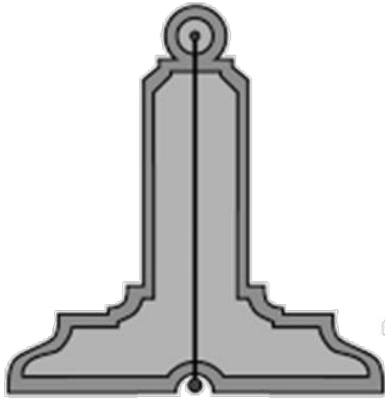
Location: Longs Peak #197, 4350 South County Road 15H, Loveland, CO 80537

Meeting Dates: 1st & 3rd Thu of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Master: Tim Sanks

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

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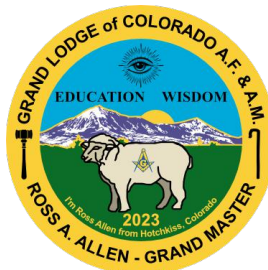
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COLORADO MASONS - SPREAD THE WORD ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ABOUT A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT MASONRY: BEAFREEMASON.ORG

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.

