



Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 41



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TRESTLEBOARD

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**"I read, I study, I examine,
I listen, I reflect."**

- Marquis de Lafayette



From the East *W.:B.: Harry Sanders, Worshipful Master*

Greetings from the East!

Brethren, what a Historical year this is and will be. We have had the last ever Passing (Brother Johann Ortner) and Raising (Brother Brandon Rockwell) in Albert Pike Lodge No. 117. I will never forget our last AP117 meeting and the Brethren that attended it. After a 113 year reign, a Raising was the conclusion of this Lodge. We received a very nice compliment about the work from Right Worshipful Brother Kevin Townley who was in attendance. This was echoed by many when we attended Grand Lodge.

At our first meeting ever as MdL No. 41 we did a Fellow Craft Proficiency and had a Lecture given by Worshipful Brother Jay Allen, a Tribute to Albert Pike. This being our first ever meeting as MdL41, I will also never forget the Brothers that were in attendance: an official visit from Nevada No. 4, many Brothers from Denver No. 5 and Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warren of the Colorado Grand Line, Mike Moore. We finished up February with a first EA Initiation under our new lodge name. In March, we will be doing our first Raising. In the second meeting we will have a lecture by Worshipful Brother Van-Troi Perozo. In April, I have planned for a Passing and for a Lecture by Kevin Townley.

We had an official visit to Paul Revere Lodge No. 130 on Feb 20th, with myself, Bro John Davis, Bro Johann Ortner, WM Curt Robinson, and WB Randy Penn.

This year we have been or will be doing so many Initiations, Passings and Raisings, I would personally like to thank all of the Officers involved with the Degree work and the Brothers in attendance. I believe all of this hard work brings our newly formed Lodge closer together. Our new Brothers from P41 are mostly Past Masters and can contribute greatly to our newly Lodge. I am both honored and proud to be part of our newly formed Lodge and believe we can achieve great successes together. So from the East, much love to all the Brothers of Marquis de La Fayette Lodge No. 41!

W.: Bro.: Harry Sanders

Worshipful Master



From the West *Bro.: John Davis, Sr.: Warden*

Greetings from the West,

Brothers, the year has begun with a Fellowcraft passing as well as the last Mason to be raised in Albert Pike Lodge No. 117.

On January 25th, 2019, the merger of two Lodges became one, Marquis du Lafayette No. 41! This is a new start to our Lodge's history. May it be blessed and have a long Masonic life! Bro. Miguel Galvez-Estesez, has become a new father to a son, Rio. Both, Mom and son are doing great!

We will be busy in March with the raising of another Master Mason, the first for Marquis du Lafayette Lodge.

We have also been asked to join in a bowling fundraiser with Denver 5 for the St. Francis Center on Saturday, March 23rd at the Denver Athletic Club.

In closing, we welcome our Brothers from Pythagoras. We are proud and excited to move forward with your help and brotherly love!

Bro.: John Davis

Senior Warden

Secretary's Desk

W.: Bro.: Lee Miller, Secretary

Brethren,

Changes have come as promised! Our new website, www.mdl41.com is live. If you try to visit our old website, you're directed to the new one. I want to thank everyone who critiqued it for me. There's still much more content to add but it will come.

This trestleboard should look very, very familiar; I took the template created by our own Secretary Emeritus Christopher Scott, and updated it to reflect our new name. This may change even more in the future.

So many other things that need to change: Getting a new banner is a high on my list. So is creating a new lodge logo for Master Mason coins and for new lapel pins. New name badges and a new lodge seal are on their way. So please bear with me as I labor to get all these things done for you and for our lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

W.: Bro.: Lee Miller, PM - Secretary

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From the South

*Bro.: Nick Christoff,
Jr.: Warden*

Brothers,

With our recent identity change we should be reminded by both the name and the relic we possess, of the man himself and the sacrifices he made. A mere teenager who abandoned a comfortable life and position at the court of Versailles to support a cause that aligned with his moral ideals. With this example in mind we should remember that every day we too have the ability to contribute to causes and ideals of our own. Whether it's simply speaking up when you see someone being treated unfairly, volunteering, or donating to a charity that is close to your heart, we should remember the importance that such small gestures can have on the lives of those affected by them. With this in mind I hope we can all continue to smooth not only our own rough ashlar, but those of others as well, such is the importance we can play in the lives of those we touch.

Thank you,

Bro.: Nick Christoff

Junior Warden

Wednesday Mar 13th, 2019

3rd Stated Communication

Open on the EA Degree

Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm

Master Mason Degree for Bro Johann Ortner

Wednesday Mar 27th, 2019

4th Stated Communication

Open on the EA Degree

Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm

Lecture by W. Bro. Van-Troi Perozo on the meaning of Number 40

April 10th, 2019

5th Stated Communication

Open on the EA Degree

Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm

Fellow Craft degree for Bro. Erick Benson

April 24th, 2019

6th Stated Communication

Open on the EA Degree

Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm

Lecture by W. Bro. Ben Williams on Freemasonry and the Founding Fathers

Memorial Roll

Bro. Joseph C. Jaudon, Jr passed in early February. Services will be held on March 14 at 10:30am at St. John's Cathedral near downtown. Family has requested no Masonic service.

"Gone, but not forgotten"



Directors of the Work

John Davis - MM Degree
Nick Christoff – FC Degree
Nick Miller – EA Degree

Posting Mentors

Entered Apprentice Degree W Bro Jay Allen
Bro Nick Miller
Fellow Craft Degree W Bro Lee Miller
Master Mason Degree W Bro Bill Busby



Fee for Degrees

EA: \$150 FC: \$50 MM: \$50 = \$250.00

2019 Yearly Dues

Marquis de Lafayette: \$100.00
2019 Per Capita Dues: \$67.00
Total: \$167.00



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Masonic Trivia

It's now well-known we have taken our lodge name from that famous French soldier who dedicated himself to the cause of freedom and liberty by volunteering his services to the nascent Revolutionary Army. Our decision was based on our possession of an incredibly rare Masonic apron that once belonged to the Marquis de Lafayette himself.

It's also well-known that Lafayette was such a close friend to W. Bro. George Washington that Washington often referred to the much younger man as his son. The two remained close friends after the Revolutionary War, and Lafayette was a frequent visitor to Mount Vernon and was treated as a member of the family.

What is less well known is that our first US President was an avid hunter and a gun aficionado, and collected a number of firearms during his later lifetime. Many of these are still on display at Mount Vernon as well as at the US Military Academy at West Point.



This pair of 18th century flintlock "saddle" pistols was presented to Washington by Lafayette. Made by famed pistolmaker Jacob Walster in France, they were such a precious gift that Washington made a special provision in his will for their care and safekeeping.

Eventually, Washington's descendants made a gift of them to then President Andrew Jackson. In 2002, they sold for over \$2 million at a Christie's auction.

They are currently on display at the museum in Fort Ligonier, PA. Ironically, this Fort was constructed in 1758, after defeats by the French army who held nearby Fort Duquesne at the strategic forks of the Ohio River.

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Past Masters Albert Pike 117

Emerson R. Bails	1959	Christopher Wm. Scott	2011
Herbert E. Akins *	1979	Daniel R. McCune	2012
Robert R Swope *	1984	Jeremiah "Jay" Allen	2013
Samuel L. Wittner	1986	Richard M. Murray	2014
Robert R Swope *	1987	Dean McConnell	2015
James W. Oliver	1988	Bill Busby	2016
James W. Oliver	1989	Lee Miller	2017
David R. McDaniel	1990	Anthony Florez	2018
David R. McDaniel	1991		
Robert R. Swope *	1994		
Stephen T. Parce	1996		
Curtis L. Sorensen	1997		
Douglas K. Parce	1998		
James M. Desmond	2000		
John A. Myers	2001		
Stephen T. Parce	2002		
James W. Oliver	2003		
Robert R. Swope *	2004		
Edward F Charter	2005		
David Parce	2006		
Keene Daiss*	2007		
James Oliver	2008		
Herbert Akins *	2009		
Robert R. Swope *	2010		

(* Deceased)

Active Past Masters 187

Richard L. Charmichel	1977	Kurt P. Larson	1982
Karl F. Biemel Jr.	1984	Herbert A. Krug	1993
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Past Grand Masters

Glenn B. Van Fleet, P.G.M. (1958)
R. Keith Milheim, P.G.M.

Secretary Emeritus

Christopher Wm. Scott, PM (2012 – 2017)
Samuel Wittner, PM, KCCH (1987 – 2011)



The Lafayette Apron