



Cornerstone



May, Jun, Jul, Aug 2022

Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 41, AF & AM

Denver, CO

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The Marquis de Lafayette

Calendar of Events

May 8th

Officer step-up night, Bro Lawrence Laurent's Master Mason proficiency
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge opens at 7pm on the EA degree

May 25th

Education to be announced
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge opens at 7pm on the EA degree

The Lodge will be dark for June, July and August, but watch for emails about a summer picnic or other family events.



Light From the East

WB Nick Miller, Worshipful Master

It has been great being your Worshipful Master the past few months. I will continue to do my best with me having a new baby at home here soon. However, we have a great lodge with plenty of fantastic officers who can step in when need be in the event of absences. This is a good reminder of the lesson of the twenty-four inch gauge. This quote from Phoenix Masonry sums it up:

"The twenty-four inch gauge is an instrument made use of by operative Masons, to measure and lay out their work; but Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing their time; it being divided into twenty-four equal parts, is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which they are taught to divide into three equal parts; whereby are found eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother; eight hours for their usual avocations; and eight for refreshment and sleep."

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From the South

Bro Erick Benson, JW

As many of us have learned, when it comes to learning and applying the knowledge we have obtained in Masonry, we are always reminded that it is never ending.

However, in the era of vast information, the ability to weed out what can be used, and acquired as knowledge verse what is misleading and disinforming can be very exhausting.

To provide some context -- when attempting to look for a quote for this trestleboard message, I noticed a pattern among a series of quotes that was worded very similarly to others, but of different eras, and by different people.

Again, when attempting to look for the source of the original quote, it can be challenging; as trying to acquire that knowledge can be tedious, and exhausting. When looking through various webpages, books on the shelves, and other source material; attempting to try to determine if these individuals ever

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From the West

Bro Johann Ortner, SW



March and April were activity filled month for our Lodge, with a focus on education and community outreach.

We had a series of educational presentations by Bro Erick who is (along with other Brothers) that raised a lot of interest and started lively discussions in our Lodge. Bro Erick also arranged MdL41's first ever Virtual Meeting where some well-known PMs (Jay Allen and Christopher Scott - both living out of state)

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Light From the East *(continued from page 2)*

This is a reminder to all the Brethren that there must be a balance in our lives. All too often we put too much focus on one of these and not on the rest. Sometimes we work too much and ignore our family. Sometimes we don't attend lodge or an event because we just don't feel like it or don't have the bandwidth to. We joke about those guys who have ignored their responsibilities and say they haven't had a dinner at home since the 1980s. However, we must remember the importance of this lesson. We must prioritize certain aspects of life when they are important.

That's ok as long as we don't forget that balance. For those who haven't been to lodge in a while, it would be great to see you. For those who haven't spent enough time with family or friends then you should go out and see them. And for those who work too hard, remember there is a life outside of your professional vocations. Additionally, for those who are retired, there is always work that could be done such as charitable events, around the house work, or an activity to better yourself.

This balance is important because you need all three in your life. Your work allows you to support your family and worthy distressed brethren. The rest and relaxation is time you need to yourself so you don't burn out, but also to spend time with your loved ones. Your devotions to God and assisting the brethren are part of what being a mason is and should be one of the reasons you are part of this organization. With that, I hope you all take some time to check your balance and correct what's missing in your life. I'm excited for what the next couple of months will bring and to see how it goes.

W.: Bro.: Nick Miller

Worshipful Master

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who gave us some interesting insights into their years as PMs in our Lodge along with great advice for our Brothers.

On the community outreach side, WB Grant is heading up the DDRC efforts. We met DDRC staff and the people they serve, local businesses and Chamber of Commerce members at Showcase to celebrate diversity and inclusion, and meet with the people that are being served by DDRC. In addition, we had two Saturdays in April where members from our Lodge (and some from D5) provided time and muscle to help spruce up one of their properties in Lakewood. A very rewarding experience to meet the people and the staff, provide some help, and also to increase MdL41's name recognition by displaying our Lodge sign for the public to see.

The only reason not to give a detailed account of all the other activities our Brothers participated in during the last months is that this message would fill too many pages. However, thanks to all of you for your work inside and outside our Lodge.

Summer is approaching fast, and with it, we are dark for the months of June, July, and August. We do this out of tradition - but rather than going dark my hope is we only 'dim' the light a little bit and have opportunities to meet in person (or virtually) during the summer months to enjoy each others wisdom, friendship and brotherly love.

Bro.: Johann Ortner

Senior Warden



From the Secretary

WB Lee Miller

Are we losing the real history of Masonry?

I am a member of a small appendant body of Masons that meets monthly. Over the years, I've been fascinated by a much older Brother whose body is so bent with kyphosis that he must truly work hard to look up when he walks. His spinal stenosis is so severe that his pain is evident with every one of those steps. Yet he rarely misses a meeting.

What fascinates me is not his medical condition, but his wonderful stories. Some of them are from his time as a young Marine, many of them are about the people he met over the years, but most of them are about Masonry. His body is failing him, but his mind is sharp and I was recently delighted by his eloquent delivery of a long poem on Americanism and Masonry from memory. If he missed a word or a phrase, no one knew it!

He will often speak up in meetings, prefacing his remarks with "I know I talk too much, but..." and launch into a story. When I was in the East in that body, I would allow him freedom to tell his stories. He rarely repeated one, and his recall of detail brought every story to life with exceptional clarity. Sometimes I'd see other members surreptitiously checking their watches so I'd pretend not notice, nor would I make eye contact with them as they tried to signal me to "move things along".

I didn't do that out of politeness for an older generation. I did that because our history is contained in his stories. I've lost far too many men I looked up to in Masonry, men who would take the time to talk to me about Masons *they* had looked up to, funny stories about ritual gone wrong, lodge buildings lost to the wrecking ball, old Grand Master rulings, and so much more.

With each Mason we lost to the Celestial Lodge above, we lose a little more of our history. So the next time an older Brother wants to bend your ear a bit. do more than pay him a courtesy. Really listen to his stories, remember them, and one day pass them along.

Don't let our real history die.

W.: Bro.: Lee Miller

Secretary

From the South

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have said that quote, and when, so that a timeline can be provided as to a point of reference. That would give us a sense of when it may have been first said, or at least first recorded mention that we have uncovered thus far.

Let's see if you can determine who first said the quote:

To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge - Confucius

To know that we know what we know, and to know that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge - Nicolaus Copernicus

To know, is to know that you know nothing. That is the meaning of true knowledge - Socrates

Wisdom is knowing what you don't know - Socrates

The only thing that I know, is that I know nothing - Rene Descartes

The more you know, the more you know you don't know - Aristotle

The wise man is one who knows what he does not know - Lao Tzu

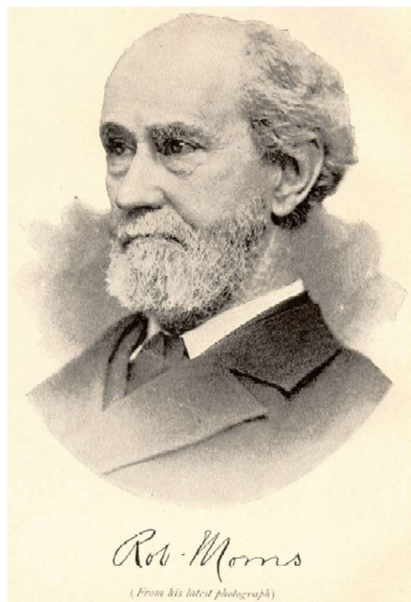
Anyone recognize a pattern? Some of these say the same thing, with maybe different translations of the same statement that was first said. However, with this quick search, knowing when and whom first said it will be an extensive journey through a world of information held in your hand or on a desk. Knowing how to use the technology effectively would allow even a greater ease of

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Masonic Trivia

Dr. Rob Morris - Poet Laureate of Freemasonry



Our Lodge encompasses some of the richest history of Freemasonry in Colorado. Among our legacy is that of Rob Morris Lodge No. 92.

Many of us know Rob Morris as the Poet Laureate of Masonry, the second after Robert Burns, who was so honored having written some 400 poems about Masonry. He is also revered for having authored and spread about the country the ritual for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Morris' resume is impressive. He was born in 1818, and at the tender age of 7, his father died and he was placed in foster care. He attended some of the best schools in New York, and was trained as a lawyer where is said he was very successful

He then moved to Mississippi and became President of the Mount Sylvan Academy where he met and married his wife. While in Oxford, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1846. His devotion to his wife as well as his all-consuming passion for Masonry led him to create the ritual for the Order of the Eastern Star so his wife and other women could share in Masonry.

The Morris family later moved to Kentucky, where after passing through all the chairs in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and the Scottish Rite, Morris served as the Grand Master of Kentucky in 1858-59. Throughout the years, Morris traveled extensively in the Holy Land, and composed a number of hymns. He also had the honorary Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Laws conferred upon him later in life. It was in 1883 that WB Robert Macoy suggested Morris be appointed the Poet Laureate of Masonry. Over 1000 Masons were polled, and the response was overwhelming in favor. Morris died in 1888.

On October 1, 1892, several interested Masons with the help of Denver Lodge No.5 requested the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to organize a Lodge Under Dispensation. On October 8, 1892, Most Worshipful Grand Master William D. Wright issued a dispensation to Rob Morris Lodge U. D. with John C. Fulton as Worshipful Master.

It was mainly through the efforts of Brother Fulton that Rob Morris Lodge was organized and it was he who bestowed upon it its name, he having met and been an ardent admirer of Most Worshipful Brother Rob Morris. On September 20, 1893, the Charter was granted, and on October 2, 1893, the Lodge was constituted by Grand Master Jethro C. Sanford, with Edward F. Hoffman, Worshipful Master.

In 2016, Rob Morris No. 92 and Schiller No. 41 demised into Pythagoras No. 41. ••

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navigation when looking for such source material.

As you can tell, the vast era of information at your fingertips can cause a delay in obtaining knowledge if we do not take the time to educate ourselves on the growth of societal advancements occurring on a yearly basis. This would mean we would have to not only have the constant pursuit of knowledge but be able to apply it so we can make sure Masonry survives the next 100 years, but on an individual level as well! What are you doing in your life, personally to make sure you are in the pursuit of knowledge? What is it that your passionate about that you want to learn more of?

I will leave you with this quote:

"The Ability to perceive or think differently is more important than the knowledge gained" - David Bohm

Bro. Erick Benson

Junior Warden



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Past Masters

Albert Pike 117		Christopher Wm. Scott	2011
	Emerson R. Bails	Daniel R. McCune	2012
	Herbert E. Akins *	Jeremiah "Jay" Allen	2013
	Robert R Swope *	Richard M. Murray	2014
	Samuel L. Wittner	Dean McConnell	2015
	Robert R Swope *	Bill Busby	2016
	James W. Oliver	Lee Miller	2017
	James W. Oliver	Anthony Florez	2018
	David R. McDaniel		
	David R. McDaniel	Rob Morris 92	
	Robert R. Swope *	Grant Sanders	1999
	Stephen T. Parce		
	Curtis L. Sorensen	Schiller 41	
	Douglas K. Parce	J. Randy Penn	1996
	James M. Desmond		
	John A. Myers	Pythagoras 41	
	Stephen T. Parce	Ricky Haskell	2017
	James W. Oliver	Ricky Haskell	2018
	Robert R. Swope *		
	Edward F Charter	Marquis de Lafayette 41	
	David Parce	Harry Sanders	2019
	Keene Daiss*	John Davis	2020
	James Oliver	Nick Christoff	2021
	Herbert Akins *		
	Robert R. Swope *		

(* Deceased)

Past Grand Masters

Glenn B. Van Fleet, P.G.M. (1958)
R. Keith Milheim, P.G.M. (1984)

Secretary Emeritus

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

Fee for Degrees

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

2022 Dues

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