



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.: Nick Christoff, Worshipful Master*

Brothers,

As we continue to regain some semblance of normalcy it has been a great pleasure to sit with some of you in lodge once again. I am sure it has been a relief to those who have been waiting to receive degree work as well as to any prospects who can finally begin attending dinners and petitioning to receive the first degree. With that being said it is hard to believe that it is already the start of May and the traditionally dark months of summer are already upon us once again. While we might still have some meetings to finish up any outstanding degrees, I am also hoping to organize a few events outside of these regular meetings for those who are interested. There have been a few ideas already brought forward from picnicks and table lodges to discussion and cigar nights so be on the lookout for more information on these if you would like to attend. I highly recommend becoming active (and RSVPing) on *Our Lodge Page* to make sure you are getting up to date information on these events. As a side quest I would also like us to try and reclaim the Traveling Gavel if it is close enough at some point over the summer. Hopefully for more than twenty-two hours this time around!

As always please reach out to me if you have any other ideas, questions, or concerns and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in lodge,

W.: Bro.: Nick Christoff

Worshipful Master



Please feel free to share this eTrestleboard!

From the West *Bro.: Nick Miller, Sr.: Warden*

Brethren,

It's hard to believe it is already almost May! This means we are close to going dark for the summer. It has been wonderful seeing all of you in lodge again. I'm hoping to help get some events outside of lodge planned for the summer. It was exciting to have the traveling gavel in our lodge, even if it was only for 24 hours, however we are working on a plan to get it back. I'm glad to be moving to a sense of normalcy and I'm sure many of you are as well. I'm looking forward to our next two meetings and I hope to see you all there. If not, then I hope to see as many of you as I can when we get our summer events planned. We will keep you all posted as these events are worked out.

Fraternally,

Bro.: Nick Miller

Senior Warden

Secretary's Desk *WB.: Bro.: Lee Miller, Secretary*

Brothers,

You may have heard the term "Masonic Family" tossed around without knowing what that actually means.

On Page 4, you can read "More Light in Masonry", with descriptions of Masonic bodies outside the Blue Lodge. Those are merely the three main "appendant bodies" that are open to any Master Mason who wants to further his Masonic journey. Each of those bodies have even more bodies, some open once the degrees of that body have been conferred, and others that are invitational-only.

Outside those for the Master Mason's family include: Order of DeMolay for boys, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters for girls, and Order of the Eastern Star for women. There are also more bodies for women in the appendant bodies.

You see, the Masonic family really does exist!

For more information or for a petition, just ask me.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

secretary@mdl41.com

From the South

*Bro.: Johann Ortner,
Jr.: Warden*

Spring is the season that signifies the arrival of more light and more life. It appears on a Masonic level spring time has arrived for MdL #41 in sync with mother natures schedule.

We started opening the lodge to in person meetings in March and had Bro Bryan Kemper passed as FC on that memorable day. We then demonstrated that the 13th of April (although not a Friday) was a day to remember for Lakewood Lodge # 170 as we visited them, 10 brothers strong, to fetch the Travel Gavel. Truly a great visit and a great success, although short lived because unfortunately the timing was not in our favor - we had our regular stated meeting the following day and Lakewood #170 wasted no time visiting us to take the Travel Gavel back. However, all in good spirits and it was truly energizing and refreshing to meet a lot of new brothers and see them again in less than 24 hours. We all had a great time - the Travel Gavel is a great tool to facilitate visits at other lodges, meet new brothers, form new bonds.

In addition we got to enjoy a lot of education in lodge from Bro Harry about floor work (that he demonstrated with astounding precision), to WB Dean and Randy who talked about Public Speaking, and Bro Erick who enlightened us about the sunken city Atlantis. Last but not least we also had the chance to meet with three new prospects in person for the first time this year and welcome them for dinner at our lodge

In all it is obvious that more light and more life has arrived, with lots of activities on the board. It seems the darker days of Winter and Covid induced restrictions are slowly becoming a memory of the past.

Fraternaly,

Bro.: Johann Ortner

Junior Warden

Calendar

Wednesday May 12th, 2021

Dinner at 6pm
Lodge open at 7pm

**Master Mason Degree for
Bro Ed Arozorena**



Wednesday May 24th, 2021

Dinner at 6pm
Lodge open at 7pm

TBA



**We will be dark during
June, July & August**



Memorial Roll

Bro. Billy E. Murphy

Born 8/15/1928
Raised 6/8/1961
Died 5/14/2020

(The family did not notify us of his death until recently because of Covid. His Masonic service is May 7th, 2021)

"Gone, but not forgotten"



Directors of the Work

Nick Miller - MM Degree
Johann Ortner – FC Degree
Erick Benson – EA Degree

Posting Mentors

Entered Apprentice Degree Bro Nick Miller
W Bro Harry Sanders

Fellow Craft Degree W Bro Lee Miller
Bro Erick Benson

Master Mason Degree W Bro Bill Busby
Bro Richard Heath



Fee for Degrees

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

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| 2021 Yearly Dues | |
| Marquis de Lafayette: | \$100.00 |
| 2021 Per Capita Dues: | \$82.00 |
| Total: | \$182.00 |



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More light in Masonry

The sublime degree of Master Mason is THE HIGHEST degree in all of Masonry. You may have heard of 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons and other important sounding titles, but the Master Mason degree remains the highest degree to be conferred on any Mason.

But there *is* more light available in Masonry. Enter the appendant bodies.

The appendant bodies are open to all proficient Master Masons. As in the Blue Lodge, you must submit a petition but members of those bodies are allowed to solicit you to join. Following is a brief description of the three appendant bodies.



The Scottish Rite is often called the “College of Freemasonry”. It confers the 4th thru the 32nd degrees (the 33rd is an honorary degree) with elaborate stage productions and classroom instruction over a three day period. The three day festivals to confer the degrees are held in the Spring and the Fall. There is one Consistory in Denver, which meets monthly.

Each degree presents Masonic lessons, culminating in the 32nd. Once a Mason receives the 32nd degree, he is eligible to join the Knights of St. Andrews, which also meets monthly.

The Scottish Rite is the largest financial supporter of The Children’s Hospital Audiology program.



The York Rite is where Masons can learn “the rest of the story”, and discover that which was lost in the Master Mason degree. There are three different bodies that compose the York Rite: Chapter, Council and Commandery. There are degrees in the Chapters and Councils, and orders in Christian faith only Commandery (aka the Knights Templar).

Outdoor festivals for each body are held on weekends in June. Like Blue Lodges, there are a number of York Rite bodies in the Denver metro area, and each has its own meeting schedule.

Each York Rite body supports a different, specialized medical program.



The Shrine is “the playground of Masonry”. It is based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. The mock-serious (but with Masonic lessons) degree is conferred periodically on an entire class.

Shriners meet monthly at the Shrine building in Aurora. They may immediately join any of the “inner-bodies” - similar to clubs for all kinds of fun activities that hold their own meetings. This includes the Shrine Pipe Band.

Most importantly, the Shriners founded and support 22 Shriners Children’s Hospitals across the US, Canada and Mexico; no family ever pays for their child’s care.

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W. Bro. Jay Allen, PM

W. Bro. J. Randy Penn, PM

Past Masters

Albert Pike 117

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| Emerson R. Bails | 1959 |
| Herbert E. Akins * | 1979 |
| Robert R Swope * | 1984 |
| Samuel L. Wittner | 1986 |
| Robert R Swope * | 1987 |
| James W. Oliver | 1988 |
| James W. Oliver | 1989 |
| David R. McDaniel | 1990 |
| 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)

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| Christopher Wm. Scott | 2011 |
| Daniel R. McCune | 2012 |
| Jeremiah "Jay" Allen | 2013 |
| Richard M. Murray | 2014 |
| Dean McConnell | 2015 |
| Bill Busby | 2016 |
| Lee Miller | 2017 |
| Anthony Florez | 2018 |

Pythagoras 41

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| Ricky Haskell | 2017 |
| Ricky Haskell | 2018 |

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| Harry Sanders | 2019 |
| John Davis | 2020 |

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)



The Lafayette Apron