

# St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.

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## FROM THE EAST

Seann Maria, Master



Brethren,

What a month. For many of us a bit of snow is something I think we all look forward to with a bit of novel excitement. I don't think any of us were prepared for that. At my farmhouse we had over 2 feet and to say it caused problems would be an understatement. Not only was I unable to drive my car off the property for almost 3 weeks, but my water pipes froze leaving me without water for 5 days, and my oil pipes froze leaving me without central heat for 17 days! To add salt in the wound, it appears that my car took more wear and tear from the attempts to get out than I expected. My engine blew an O-ring and I'm faced with the decision to completely replace it or move on to another vehicle purchase. All of this came on the eve of my 40th birthday and although I thoroughly enjoyed the celebration put together by Alicia on my behalf, I managed to come down sick and miss our February stated meeting this year. I'm sure many of you have your own stories, and I can say that I appreciate what effort everyone put into getting around during these conditions.



It is serendipitous that we also initiated two men into our Lodge this past month as well. Both Sylvain and Louis have provided ample feedback on their experience and it's comforting to hear how much they appreciated the small adjustments we made to raise the level of special attention an EA degree deserves. Among those changes they claimed to recognize the most were the moments of reflection prior to the ritual, the lighting effects introduced, and the dinner that followed their degree where the brothers presented toasts as we sat around an extended squared table. I can also say that among the attendees it was good to hear many brothers say it was the best degree they've seen in more than a decade. I can also say that I was incredibly impressed with the amount of attention paid towards the practice and performance. I was anxious at the start of the degree and beaming with pride by the end.

In the next few months more annual programming changes will be occurring, beginning with Andrew Hammer on March 14th, Adam Kendall on April 13th, and Piers Vaughan on July 25th. I hope all the brethren seriously consider the value of attending these events featuring some of Freemasonry's strongest contemporary voices.

### MASONIC CURIOSITIES: ORIGIN OF THE WORD 'FREEMASONS'

The first-known use of the word **Freemasons** - in the form **Free Masons** - occurs in City of London Letter-book H of 9 August 1376, though the word is in fact deleted in favor of Mason. Masons and Freemasons were interchangeable during the 15th and 16th centuries and Freemasons were generally meant to denote hewers or setters of freestone, Masons being used to embrace all stoneworkers. Ashmole in his diary wrote that he was made a Free Mason and referred in 1686 to the "Fellowship of Free Masons". James Anderson, when writing his 1723 Constitutions, did not use the single word - Freemasons - once. Whatever the reasons, the 1723 Constitutions contain approximately 126 references to Masons, 12 to Free Masons, 10 to Free and Accepted Masons, 9 to Free-Masons, one to Accepted Free Masons and none to Freemasons.

## CALENDAR



- March 9 (10am-4:30pm): Grand Masonic Day *Vancouver BC*
- March 14 (6:15pm): Evening with author Andrew Hammer
- March 15 – 17 Lodge Leadership Retreat (*Pasco*)
- March 20 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated Table Lodge moved to June 19
- March 26 (7pm): Master Masons Study Group
- March 27 (6:30pm): District 5 Assoc. meeting (*Razzis Pizza*) *election of officers*
- April 11 (7pm): Officers meeting
- April 13 (6pm?): Evening with Adam Kendall, Curator of Library & Museum of GL of CA
- April 17 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated
- April 21: *Easter Sunday*
- April 27(10am): Quarterly meeting Masonic Service Bureau
- April 27 (10am): Past Masters Brunch *Jimmy's on Broadway*
- April 30 (7pm): Master Masons Study Group
- May 5 (10am): FABulous Family Brunch *Columbia Tower*
- May 8 (6pm): Board of Trustees
- May 9 (7pm): Officers meeting
- May 12 – *Mother's Day*
- May 15 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated
- May 27: *Memorial Day*
- May 28 (7pm): Master Masons Study Group
- June 14 – 15: 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication Grand Lodge (*Kitsap Convention Center*)
- June 17 (6pm): King Solomon Lodge No. 60 Annual Strawberry Feed
- June 15-16: Fremont Fair (*Masonic information booth*)
- June 19 (6:15pm): St. John's 9 Stated Table Lodge *Masons only*
- June 24: *Feast Day of St. John the Baptist*

## **ANDREW HAMMER MARCH 14 – FIRST OF A SPEAKERS SERIES**



**Andrew Hammer speaks  
Thursday, March 14**

St. John's Lodge No. 9 invites brothers of all degrees and Lodges to join us for an evening with Andrew Hammer, Thursday, March 14th, at 7pm at the Greenwood Masonic Center. We will provide refreshments and hors d'oeuvres 45 minutes prior to his presentation and following the event, but we suggest those needing a full meal to make other necessary arrangements.

This evening with WBro. Hammer will be the first of a series of speakers hosted by St. John's this year. Next month California Grand Lodge Library & Museum curator Adam Kendall will speak (April 13). July 25 we bring Worshipful Brother Piers Vaughan, who has one of the most diverse and fascinating backgrounds for the study and understanding (and explanation) of Masonic, appendant, and other esoteric orders you will ever encounter.

The format for the March 14 evening with WBro. Andrew Hammer will involve an introduction to the subject of *The Pursuit of Excellence* within a Lodge, before we move into a question and answer format where brothers will be invited to raise topics relevant to Freemasonry within their lives. This is a Mason-only event and the suggested attire is business casual such as suits and ties. This event is free, but there is limited space. **Reservations should have been made**

**with WBro. Russ Johnson prior to March 8th.** You can check to see if there were cancellations at [rajco20@me.com](mailto:rajco20@me.com)

St. John's will hold its March stated communication on Wednesday, March 20. Masons of any degree are cordially invited to attend and share in the evening's agenda which will include dinner, business and another opportunity for fellowship mixed with further Masonic enlightenment.

**Please make your dinner reservations with the secretary at 206 623-0261 by Friday, March 15,** prior to the meeting. If you need a ride, the secretary will be happy to find one for you. Do you know of a brother who has not attended Lodge in a while? Call him and ask if you can pick him up and bring him to Lodge.

## **District 4&5 Annual Meeting**

The District 4&5 Annual Meeting was held Saturday, March 2. A goodly number of Masons throughout the two districts enjoyed the dinner and remarks made by all elected members of the Grand Lodge team and activity reports from most of the Lodges comprising the two districts. St. John's was well-represented, led by our Master with thirteen brothers in attendance. Also, one of the most prestigious awards, the Grand Master's Achievement Award, was presented to a member of our Lodge (who prefers to remain anonymous in any published news media). We'll give him special recognition and Grand Honors at our next communication.

**Worshipful Master Seann Maria tells about St. John's Lodge programs to District meeting participants**



## **CALIFORNIA LIBRARY & MUSEUM CURATOR TO SPEAK IN APRIL**

Following the visit by WBro. Andrew Hammer, St. John's brings another prominent Masonic Speaker to Seattle in April. This time we'll be hosting WBro. Adam G. Kendall.

WBro. Kendall is the editor of *The Plumblin* for the Scottish Rite Research Society and a member of their governing board, a Past President of the Masonic Library & Museum Association, and the former Collections Manager and Curator of Exhibits for the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California. WBro. Kendall is a Past Master of San Francisco's Phoenix Lodge No. 144 and the Northern California Research Lodge, and is a founding member of Academia Lodge No. 847 in Oakland, CA.



**April speaker Adam  
Kendall**

He is a member of both the San Francisco and Oakland Valleys of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, holding the rank of 32°, K.C.C.H. He is also a member of all of three York Rite bodies in San Francisco.

In addition to his many public presentations, historical video scripts and exhibits, he has published several essays and reviews in notable publications of Masonic interest.

This is a Mason-only event and the suggested attire is business casual such as suits and ties. This event is free, but there is limited space. **Reservations must be made with WBro. Russ Johnson prior to April 7<sup>th</sup>.** You can reach him for reservations and other questions at [rajco20@me.com](mailto:rajco20@me.com)

If you know of anyone who is ill, in a nursing home or hospital please contact me as soon as possible so we can send them a card or pay them a visit. I can be reached either by phone at 206 623-0261 or email me at: [jimrussell58@frontier.com](mailto:jimrussell58@frontier.com).





## ***Emerald Downs Family Summer Event***

VWBro. Ashley Brinkley has tentatively arranged for an outing at Emerald Downs in Auburn on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. For approximately \$50 per person, this would include admission, buffet meal, official program, tip sheet, and reserved seating. On that date, there will be an additional fun attraction with a race of Corky dogs. The track opens at 9am, the room at 1pm, horse racing start at 2pm, and the buffet opens at 2:30pm.

As a summer Lodge event *each member will be asked to contribute \$10 and the Lodge will pick up the balance* (about \$40 each). This will replace the 2019 family picnic traditionally held at the Nile Shrine.

## **162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington will convene in Bremerton, WA at the Kitsap Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave., June 14-15. The Hampton Inn and Suites attached to the Conference Center no longer has any rooms available – neither the block for Grand Lodge or any other rooms.

The Fairfield Inn and Suites is only .2 miles from the Conference center – a short walk. At the moment they have rooms available but are filling quickly. They are located at 239 – 4th Street in Bremerton and phone number is 360-377-2111. Their rate is \$169 plus tax, or a senior rate of \$148 plus tax and the room has 2 queen beds. They have a \$10 per day parking fee.

Pre-registration for the Annual Communication opens April 1<sup>st</sup>, and can be made through the [Grand Lodge website](#).

## ***Resolution to Adjust the 2019 Budget***

Per recommendation by Lodge officers, the following resolution was presented last month for action at the March stated communication:

**Whereas** in the course of adopting our 2019 budget certain priorities were then unknown and

**Whereas** it becomes clear that to proceed with desired activities and programs, several budgetary line items would otherwise be exceeded,

**Therefore be it resolved** to make the following adjustments in the 2019 budget:

- Increase 80207 Degree Refreshment amount \$1,000 (to \$1,400)
- Increase 80303 Masonic Supplies \$400 (to \$650)
- Increase 80515 Summer Events (picnic Emerald Downs) \$1,600 (to \$3,700)
- Increase 80603 Website amount \$3,355 (to \$9,855)
- Decrease 80950 Lodge operating expense reserves \$6,355 (to \$8,645)

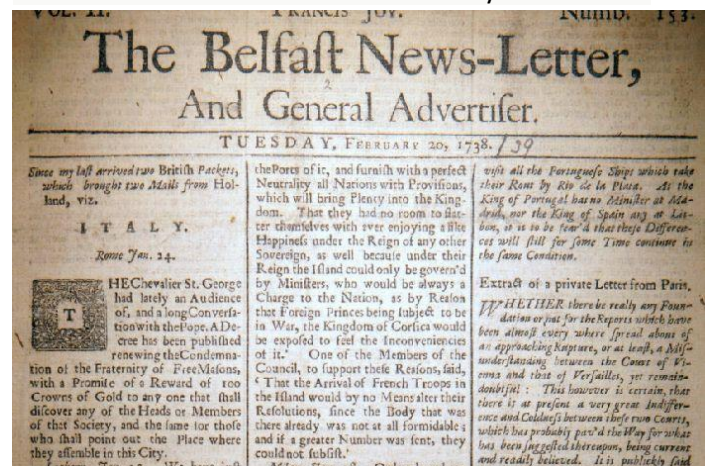


St. John's will host its annual Table Lodge on June 19 this year. The ceremony will in part pay recognition to St. John the Baptist as one of our patron saints.



Our Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington has mixed results in its attempt to communicate. It does its best with the limited resources – both financial and staff. One of its methods is to try to get out a quarterly publication, the Masonic Tribune. You can catch the latest issue by clicking here: [Masonic Tribune Winter 2019](#). I found several articles of interest. One that I would particularly draw to your attention (because that's how I found myself drawn into Freemasonry), can be found on page 4 entitled *Our Heritage*. – VWBro. Jim Russell

From the Belfast News Letter of Tuesday Feb 20 1738



(March 3 1739 in modern calendar) *"Since my last arrived two British Packets, which brought two Mails from Holland, viz. ITALY Rome Jan. 24. THE Chevalier St. George had lately an Audience of, and a long Conversation with the Pope. A Decree has been published renewing the Condemnation of the Fraternity of FreeMasons, with a Promise of a Reward of 100 Crowns of Gold to any one that shall discover any of the Heads or Members of that Society, and the same for those who point out the Place where they assemble in this City."*

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL 77**, which meets in Bothell, sends news that 4 of its members are included in the 5 members and 2 alternates on the State Ritual Team. They will be traveling to Kansas City, KS, this summer for Supreme Session and participate in the ritual competition.

## Senior Warden Message

Bro. Blair Neumann



St. John's is doing good work! We've initiated two worthy Brother EAs in due form, and have an upcoming guest speaker series that should provide excellent education for the Brethren.

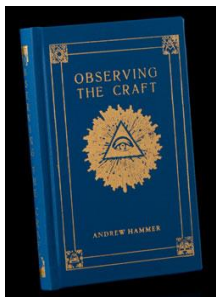
It's been a real pleasure initiating our two newest Entered Apprentices: Brother Sylvain Niles was initiated on January 25 and Brother Louis Turner on February 22. The Worshipful Master gave us good instructions to improve our labors, and I believe we put on great degrees that our newly obligated Brothers may cherish among life's fondest memories. I appreciate the hard work that so many Brothers have put into their ritual for these degrees and I look forward to working together toward at least three Fellowcraft degrees coming up.

Our new speaker series kicks off soon with WBro. Andrew Hammer, author of *Observing the Craft*, Thursday, March 14. Brother Hammer spoke at last year's Lodge Leadership Retreat and it was a real treat! He has strong ideas about Masonry and it should be well worth your labor to attend. WBro. Adam Kendall is the Curator of Collections for the Henry Wilson Coil Library & Museum of Freemasonry for the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California and will be joining us Saturday, April 13. And we will be joined on Friday, July 26, by RWBro. Piers Vaughan 33° who has twice served as Master of St. John's Lodge #1 in New York among many High Masonic honors. Please RSVP with WB Russ Johnson for each of these events: [rajco20@me.com](mailto:rajco20@me.com)



### **Observing The Craft Book Review**

Andrew Hammer's new book *Observing The Craft – The Pursuit of Excellence In Masonic Labor and Observance* is a celebration of the preeminence of Craft Masonry. This book describes the elements of an Observant Lodge and



how implementing those elements yield a transformer experience for each of its members. Observant Masonry has its distractions and Brother Hammer points out that Freemasonry is diminished when emphasis is focused away from its mission of promoting self-awareness and self-improvement. *Observing The Craft* is a must read for those men who value Craft Masonry and are seeking a method to restore its greatness. —M.: W.: John 'Bo' Cline, Past Grand Master of Alaska; Past President, The Masonic Society

## Junior Warden Message

VWBro. Ashley Brinkley



We had a great stated meeting in February. The Worshipful Master would have been pleased with the officers' work and great job done by our Senior Warden as acting Worshipful Master.

To many, including your Junior Warden, the Junior Warden's dress that night was definitely not up to St. John's standards. Unfortunately his tuxedo was left in his other car. It was absolutely not the Junior Warden's fault this happened. Not to place blame on any one person .... BUT ... someone in the Junior Warden's car, who he was cheerfully giving a ride to Lodge that night, should have seen that the tuxedo was not in the car. The Junior Warden took it upon himself to not eat HIS dessert that evening to make sure the tuxedo will not be forgotten in the future. The Junior Warden did, however, eat Miranda's dessert, but she did not notice the difference.

The snow affected meetings and work schedules for many people. One Facebook friend of mine went to put chains on his car so he and his wife could go to a meeting. He was splashed by passing cars. So being an easy going guy, he moved the car over on the sidewalk. It did not work. He got splashed again. The third time it happened he got upset. I thought long and hard about what advice and words of wisdom I could offer him. Please let me know if this was the right thing to say to encourage him and make him feel better. I replied to his post that if this happens again, go back into his warm house after the first splash, have another cup of coffee, and send his wife out to put on the tire chains. My friend was okay with my response, but somehow others were not impressed with my advice. 😊

Moving on.

We have all heard the adage "sticks and stones can break our bones but words cannot hurt us." My mother told me this when I was young but she also said we need to choose our words carefully. I was at dinner with a Masonic group where a visiting Brother was saying that when he thought about becoming a Mason he would visit Lodges in his area to see which one he might like to join. He was younger and had a family. At one Lodge he visited for dinner, an older member informed him that this is a men's Lodge – they do not cater to families. What a statement to attract new members who want to be involved! He went to another Lodge, also for dinner. He noticed that there were sleeping bags in the Lodge building laid out on the floor. He asked about the sleeping bags. He was told that they sponsor youth groups in their Lodge and it was a sleep-over for them. They come to play games, eat and have fun. Guess what Lodge he wanted to join! The words we use do affect others and we should choose them wisely and with careful consideration before we speak. You never know who's life you might affect.



### Visit Our District Brethren

District 5 Lodges	Next Meeting	Time
St. John's 9	Wednesday, March 20, 2019	7:30pm
Eureka 20	Monday, April 1, 2019	7:30pm
University 141	Monday, April 1, 2019	7:30pm
Daylight 232	Saturday, March 16, 2019	10am
Lafayette 241	Thursday, May 2, 2019	7pm
Queen Anne 242	Thursday, March 14, 2019	7:30pm
Esoterika 316	Tuesday, April 23, 2019	7:30pm

### Start Earning your 2020 Wages Now!

If you haven't paid your 2019 annual dues (\$38 for most members) by now, they've already increased by \$15. **Payments postmarked after December 31 are assessed an additional \$5 per month.**

Members may pay their dues by cash, check, Certificates of Masonic Labor, or a combination of these. Certificates of Labor (valued at \$20 each) are issued at each stated or special communication (degree or officer installation). So – come to Lodge and receive your Certificate of Masonic Labor good toward the payment of *next year's* dues.

### 2019-20 Scholarship Applications Due in April

The St. John's scholarship committee has *sent* applications to current scholarship recipients for renewal. The application form is now available for graduating high school seniors and may be obtained through the Lodge Secretary. Deadline for applications will be April 18, with no date announced yet for interviewing applicants.

### MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Here's a look at what's happening at our March stated communication:

#### Dinner - guests welcome

1 Menu: Potato leek soup; Crab cakes and snap peas salad; Coconut cake dessert

(allergies, vegetarian, vegan? Let us know a week before.)

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Announcements & Good of the Order

#### Stated Meeting – tiled

1. General business – reports and planning

2. Masonic Education – TBA

#### Refreshments

Kick back, visit, and enjoy a beverage and dessert

## Ancient Engraved Signatures of Stone Masons Found in Iran



### Signatures of stone masons dating back to Achaemenid empire discovered in Iran.

Signatures of stone masons have been discovered in a 2500-year-old site in southern Iran, the state-run Iran Labor News Agency (ILNA) cited a prominent archeologist on February 25.

The ancient autographs engraved into blocks of stone date back to the days of Cyrus the Great, ruling over the vast Achaemenid Persian Empire, says the prominent Iranian archaeologist, Afshin Yazdani.

The huge engraved stones were found in an Achaemenid diamond mine in Sivand, in the city of Pasargadae, in Fars province, southern Iran.

“Based on new discoveries, we found three different types of ancient masons’ signatures”, Yazdani asserted, adding, “The most clear-cut of the stones was found at the southern front of ‘Takhtgah’ (where the imperial throne is located).”



### Honor Guard At The Tomb Of Cyrus The Great In 1971

Based on the traditions of the time, Takhtgah was the royal palace of Cyrus’ capital city. He had employed the most skilled architects and masons of his large empire to build Takhtgah’s parapet.

Yazdani assumes that the new discovery will help historians, anthropologists and sociologists among others to better understand the mechanism and system through which the labor force was employed some 2500 years ago.

# LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER

*Freemasonry has always been selective. Sometimes we forget that. We get all wrapped up in bringing in numbers, we forget there is a larger purpose. We're supposed to make good men better. Good men. The Fraternity has always looked for men of good report and well recommended. We're not looking for warm bodies, we're looking for men who want to grow--men who possess certain desirable traits. We want a man that will not only benefit from Freemasonry, but will be a benefit to Freemasonry.*



## The Importance Of A Good Reputation

*by Midnight Freemasons Founder*

**Todd E. Creason 33°**



**"It takes many good deeds to build  
a good reputation,  
and only one bad one to lose it."**

*~Benjamin Franklin*

One thing that was pounded into young men in my generation was the importance of building a good reputation. It's hard work, because your reputation is the public reflection of your character. It is what other people see and come to believe about you. It's based on what you do. It's based on what you say. It's based on how you act. It's based on how you treat other people, and how you make other people feel. There are few things more important than reputation when it comes to our success, or our failure as a person. It can take years to build a reputation – it can take mere seconds to destroy it. It is something we should be very deliberate about building, and very careful about protecting because it is the essence of who we are. And it's very difficult to rebuild a reputation after you've allowed it to become tarnished.

**I don't deserve the reputation I have.**

I hear that a lot. It's very rarely ever true. You see, you can have a few people in your life that have an unfavorable opinion of you. Everyone does. But your reputation is what most people that know you think of you. If you have a reputation of being opinionated and outspoken, chances are you're opinionated and outspoken. If you have a reputation for being undependable, you're probably undependable. Sometimes people don't think that's fair – but reputation is based on a very sound principle. It's based on your past behavior, and any

employer or supervisor will tell you that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior.

**I'm going to say what I want to say, and do what I want to do, and I don't really care what other people think.**

I hear that a lot, too. Sounds very tough and defiant, but actually it's a childish attitude to have. That selfish and narcissistic attitude demonstrates a complete lack of care or concern for other people – most specifically those that love you and care about you. Your reputation reflects on you, sure, but you don't think it also reflects on your spouse? On your kids? Your family? Your community? Your church? **Your fraternity?** Your employer? You've never heard anybody say, "she's a real nice lady, but her husband is a real jerk?" You've never heard somebody say, "I don't know why he hangs around with that guy – he'd steal the shirt right off your back?" Of course you have. Your actions affect everyone around you whether that's your intention or not.

Building a solid reputation is hard, because it requires an amazing amount of self-discipline. It requires us to learn from our mistakes and not continue to repeat them – those are the lessons that mature into wisdom eventually. It requires us to learn when it is important for us to speak, and when it's better to remain silent. It requires us to listen to others, and respect their point of view. It requires us to admit when we are wrong, and to apologize when it's appropriate. It requires us to be truthful and honest in all of our dealings. It requires us to do the things we say we're going to do regardless of how difficult the task may be.

Men of good reputation and solid character used to be more common than they are today. We don't teach the value of it anymore. Our society is so focused inward on ourselves, and our own selfish needs. We are a society of grown children, fighting and arguing on social media just like children used to fight and argue on the playground. We've never grown up and become men, because we haven't had the role models. And just like children, we don't think about what we're saying, and we don't think about what our words and actions are saying about us.

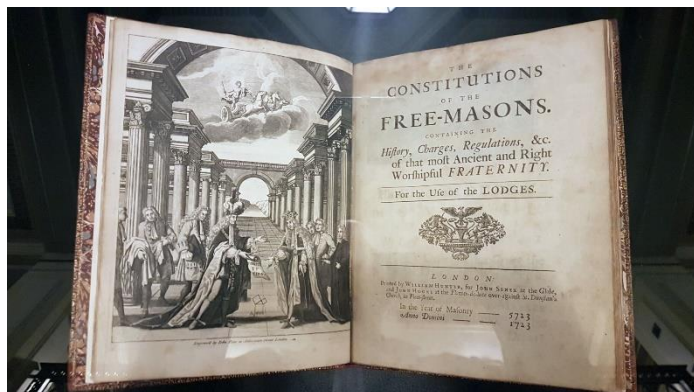
We'd all be better off if we worked a lot harder at building ourselves as decent human beings rather than focusing so intently on satisfying our own needs. And those of us who are able should focus on not only modeling those honorable character traits, but teaching others to be men of good character. Men of good report. Men of unquestioned reputation.

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## Cryptic book illustrations go on display in Freemasons' Hall (London)

An exhibition of old books has gone on display in Covent Garden that seeks to explain the often-cryptic messages hidden within their illustrations.

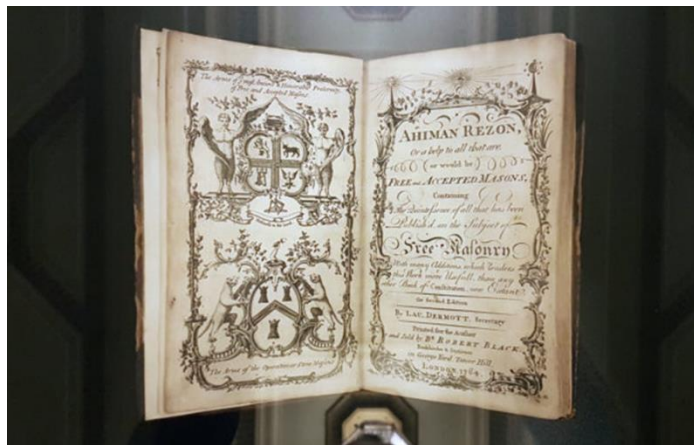


Most illustrations of the time contained messages that people would recognise as providing a second layer of meaning to the educated reader — and Freemasons were no different in how their books were produced.

In times past, books were usually sold without decorative covers, for the illustrations were inside, and if there were illustrations inside, the book was more valuable.

At a time of rivalry between the two Grand Lodges, publications of their rulebooks, known as Constitutions, were high-profile, and contained very detailed illustrations opposite their title pages.

As a result, there were six frontispieces created for the Grand Lodges' Constitutions.



The exhibition, [Decoded: Freemasonry's Illustrated Rulebooks](#) shows how freemasons used the frontispiece to communicate messages. It shows how they were a propaganda tool in the rivalry between the Grand Lodges.

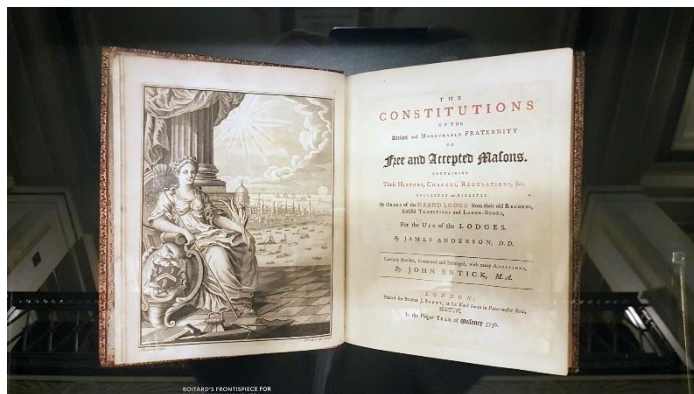
Each of the books on display is accompanied by a series of enlargements that highlight some of the messages within the books.

From images of Freemasonry being represented in female form, or in one case, a flying angel, the decorations are rich in detail — although they note in one case, a scientific instrument is “badly drawn”.

In an early case of schoolboy excuses, one of the books lacked either the frontispiece and the history, as the author claimed that they had been eaten by a neighbour's dog.

One of the rare books on display is the Constitution prepared after the two Grand Lodges merged — and is rare because the illustration wasn't finished by the time the book was published.

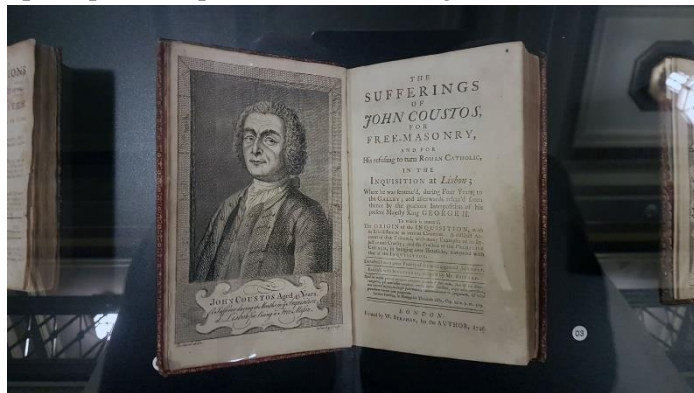
It wasn't until the third edition that the artist, Richard Silvester, delivered his commission, and still demanding payment of £73 for his late work.



As an exhibition, it's fairly small, but a visit to Freemasons' Hall is always a delight, and there is still an exhibition of [Freemasonry medals](#) on at the same time.

The exhibition, [Decoded: Freemasonry's Illustrated Rulebooks](#) is open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm until 29th June 2019. Entry is free.

Also, when the Grand Temple is not in use there are up to [5 tours per day](#) of the building, at 11am, 12noon, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. There is no charge.



## The All-seeing Masonic Eye of Providence

The all-seeing eye is an emblem found in every well-furnished Masonic lodge around the world. The representation of which is an allegorical symbol of deity — abstract yet omnipresent. Yet, further explanation is necessary to detail the Eye of Providence. While most Lodges make use of the letter G to stand in as a representation deity, the All Seeing Eye, has that same function, perhaps with a more artistic flare.





## MASTER MASONS RAISED IN MARCH

### Date Raised:

3/28/1953	Howard C. Harris, Sr.
3/31/1956	Gus N. Cooper
3/28/1958	Gilbert N. Hain
3/26/1966	David G. Coghill
3/26/1969	Gerald S. Ostroff
3/31/1977	Michael J. Davis
3/9/1979	Tom H. Sawyer
3/27/1981	David L. Bolson
3/8/1984	Kenneth W. Macarthur
3/29/1986	David C. Campbell
3/8/1995	Boe E. Lindgren
3/5/1998	Robert F. Sluder
3/28/1998	D. Joseph Lund
3/27/1999	Mark A. Gfeller
3/22/2003	Morgan Owain Morgan-Jones
3/22/2003	Vaibhav Vijay (Vince) Kodikal
3/23/2006	Brian J. Downie
3/1/2013	Seann P. Maria
3/1/2013	Felix Ngoussou



## Help Solve the Civility Crisis – Special Urgency of Civility Conference in Alexandria, VA

Incivility in society has reached epidemic levels. The question is: what can be done to stem the tide?

The Urgency of Civility conference is the answer.

This conference is not about simply moving the needle – it will allow us to begin moving mountains.

This important gathering of individuals and organizations engaged in improving civility within our world is intended to open conversations around our various goals, and how we can leverage the strengths of each, while remaining independent.

Located at the historic George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA from April 29 to May 1, 2019, this conference will feature great speakers who will provide ideas and resources for how we can work together more effectively to restore civility in society. Participants will spend time working together to think about their own work and our collective efforts, with the aim to define solid steps to improving civility in our world.

### The Masonic Apron

The apron was a significant part of the working dress of the operative stonemasons. Most of the heavy labor was done manually which exposed stonemason's clothing against the abrasive limestone and sandstone.

... The lambskin leather apron was strong, thick, and long enough to protect their clothing, and it became the traditional badge of an operative mason.

... The leather aprons also had a flap or bib at the top, which overlapped the apron itself and became an additional layer of protection. The apprentices who did most of the heavy manual labor would need this additional protection more than the overseers. .

## MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

### Date

- 1 Paul G. Winter
- 5 John R. Lilyengren
- 5 Jonathon D. Munday
- 10 Douglas L. Knight
- 11 David G. Long
- 12 Myron C. Maxwell
- 13 Karl P. Niedermann
- 14 James A. Wold
- 14 Gus N. Cooper
- 16 Alden F. Adams
- 19 John R. Samudio
- 20 J. Michael Wilderman
- 22 Frederick M. Hutchinson
- 23 Charles C. Hopper
- 23 Gary G. Jentoft
- 23 D. Joseph Lund
- 26 Michael J. Fraser
- 27 Neil P. Quinn
- 27 Daniel C. Wolfenbarger
- 28 David G. Coghill
- 30 Joseph W. Ackermann
- 31 Donald J. Zuck



*Free parking on the asphalt playground at St John Catholic Church after 6pm.*

*Located 1/2 block west of Greenwood Ave. N. on N. 80th St.*

