

Past Masters

(Last 15)

Worshipful Brother Mitchell V. Hertzberger 1997
Worshipful Brother Edward J. Domenico 1998
Worshipful Brother Joseph G. Connelly 1999
Worshipful Brother Don L. Klaus 2000
Most Worshipful Brother U. Dean Mathena 2001-2004
Worshipful Brother Randy Crask 2005
Worshipful Brother Lawrence Fritz, Jr. 2006,
Worshipful Brother Randy Crask 2007
Worshipful Brother Winston W. Scott Jr. 2008
Worshipful Brother Lawrence Fritz Jr., 2009
Worshipful Brother Michael Carlock 2010
Worshipful Brother Jaymie Vaughn 2011
Worshipful Brother Mark Mitzman 2012
Worshipful Brother Mike Roberts 2013
Worshipful Brother Christopher Matthews 2014



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Greetings Brethren!

While our Masonic Year is winding down, we still have lots of work to do. Lafayette Masonic Family BBQ at my home on Saturday September 19 from 1-4pm (1164 Par Road, Broomfield Co, 80020) please bring a side dish and interested persons. Master Mason Degree on Saturday October 10 with breakfast at 8am and Degree work beginning at 9am. Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Drew Schrupp on Wednesday October 28.

For our Lodge charity work this year, we are kicking off a children's "Coat Drive" for either Sister Carmen or another local charity beginning October 1 thru December 1 as well as a Thanksgiving/Christmas canned food drive for Sister Carmen beginning immediately thru December 1 as well.

I am calling a "No-Quorum" for Wednesday September 23 as this is Miners Night at Garfield Lodge. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and witness the silent Master Mason Degree. If you need a ride to Garfield Lodge, let me know.

Those of you who need to secure your funeral proficiency, please do so ASAP, as time is running out. Please contact WB David Williams our DL to schedule your proficiency, and let me know the date and time.

S&F,

Bruce Lawlor
Worshipful Master
Lafayette Lodge #91



LAFAYETTE LODGE

No. 91

A.F. & A.M



October 2015

Making Good Men Better

Stated Meetings

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Every Month

Except June-August

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CANDIDATE UPDATES

Entered Apprentices Working on Proficiencies

Ted Montanye, Ryan Knott, Sean Trusty, Scott Kronberg
Fellowcrafts Working on Proficiencies

Osbert Chang

Master Masons Working on Proficiencies

Jeffrey Lohse



Regular Stated Meetings

September 23rd

No Quorum

October 14th @ 7pm

October 28th @ 7pm

Special Meetings

**Visit to Garfield #50
Miner's Night
September 23rd**



Discount for Early Registration for the 2nd Annual Colorado Masonic Symposium

Dear Brother,

The GL Education Committee is organizing this event again this year.

As a heads-up we are offering you a 20% discount to sign up in September for this year's Symposium (which is taking place the weekend of November 21st and 22nd in Golden, Colorado at Golden City Lodge No. 1). This means that for \$60 you can attend both days of excellent speakers, as well as breakfast and lunch both days and a festive board meal and program Saturday evening.

We are going to have a great line-up of speakers again this year brethren. I urge you to sign up now and take advantage of this discount and show your support for Masonic Education in Colorado! The discount is only good until September 30, after which the price to register will go back to normal at \$75 for the weekend. Click on www.coloradomasonicsymposium.org to register now! If you know other brethren that may want to come too make sure to tell them about this early registration discount.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to email us at the address below, or call me at [303-541-1925](tel:303-541-1925).

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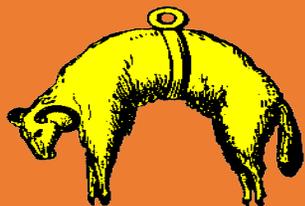
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Symbol of the Month
Masonic or not?

Last month was the Red Triangle Badge, worn in Nazi concentration camps by Communists, anarchists, Social Democrats and **Freemasons**. It is a symbol of political opposition to the Nazi party.



**2nd Annual Colorado
Masonic Symposium**
Nov. 21 & 22 Golden City Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.

Arturo De Hoyos Rex Hutchens
AWAKENING THE CRAFT!
Matt Nelson Kevin Townley Bradley Pollard

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www.coloradomasonicsymposium.org

 Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado

Masonic Recipes From: Themasonslady.com

BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP



Do not double the recipe. You will eat it all. (As you can see, it is easily doubled)

Ingredients:

2-3 10 oz canned chicken breast (yes. canned chicken exists, it's by the tuna)

1 packages cream cheese

1/2-1 cup buffalo sauce- depending on how hot you like it

1/2 cup blue cheese salad dressing, or 1/2 cup ranch

1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese, or 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Bag of tortilla chips

Directions:

1. Throw everything into the crockpot.
2. Turn on high, stirring often until warm and melted, about 45 minutes.
3. Serve, directly out of crockpot, on warm, with chips.

The Last Chance Halloween by *Midnight Freemason Contributor* Bro. Steven L. Harrison, PM, FMLR

I figured I'd better get upstairs. I didn't want to go to the séance... yes, the séance... and after that the top three floors would be closed – forever. I'd worked in the building three years and never been up there. This was my last chance. With no working elevators, I hoofed it up the stairs and emerged in a dark fourth-floor hallway of the doomed building. My eyes adjusted and I slowly made my way to the rooms in the northwest corner. I opened the door and entered the fabled room. There were no drapes covering the windows and the bright light nearly blinded me. The room was stark and dirty. To my left was a broken wheelchair. A sink jutted out from the far wall. Its basin was stained and dusty. Beneath it was a wastebasket – full. A bed frame with an old mattress was over by the window. All told, the room was disappointing. It just didn't seem... well... as auspicious as it should have, given what had happened there many, many years ago on Halloween.



Halloween and Freemasonry: There are probably many tie-ins what with all the costumes worn in degree work, skulls and other symbols; and that's before the conspiracy theorists weigh in. Occasionally, though, the pairing of the mysterious holiday and Freemasonry brings to mind images of Harry Houdini, a life member of St. Cecile Lodge 568, New York City.

A man of mystery, you could almost say Brother Harry lived Halloween 24/7. Aside from being, arguably, the world's greatest magician and escape artist, Houdini maintained an abiding interest in the paranormal. He did not, however deceitfully promote it as he felt many did. He despised

fraudulent seers and mediums and worked tirelessly to expose their chicanery. He felt everything he couldn't expose as being fake must be real.

He made many attempts to communicate with his mother after she died, but found no evidence of contact. Still, feeling communication with "the other side" was possible, he made a pact with his wife Bessie that the first to die would attempt to contact the other through a coded message. No one knows what the full message was, but part of the pact was that Houdini would open a pair of silver handcuffs they owned. Bessie never received any communication from Houdini after his death, but hundreds of psychics claimed they did.

On Halloween 1936, the 10th anniversary of his death, she held a final séance in which he failed to appear. After that, Bess declared the search over and said she believed he could not come back, "It is finished." Two years later she created a firestorm in the world of spiritualists when, playing herself in the film *Religious Racketeer*, she said she did not believe communication with the dead was possible.

During his life the great Houdini did everything he could to separate the fake aspects of spiritualism from what he thought might be real. Shortly before his death he testified before congress against spiritualists and fortune tellers licensed to practice in Washington, DC. So adamant was he that they were charlatans, the hearing broke out in a shouting match and some of the spectators tried to attack Houdini.



On the other hand, still believing there was something to communication with the spiritual world, he worked with Thomas Edison in an attempt to develop a "delicate psychic detecting instrument." The object of the "ghost machine," as it was called, was to be so sensitive it could

detect the presence or touch of an ethereal being from another world. There is no evidence the machine was ever built.

On October 26, 1926, Houdini received a painful blow to the stomach in a demonstration at McGill University in Montreal. Contrary to popular opinion, most medical experts believe the blow was unrelated to the appendicitis attack that followed; however, Houdini failed to get treatment thinking the pain in his stomach was due to the punch to his abdomen. After his appearance in Montreal, he traveled to Detroit where he collapsed at the end of a performance. Five days later, on Halloween, Harry Houdini died.

I was standing in a nondescript empty room on the fourth floor of old Grace Hospital in Detroit. The building, once considered progressive and modern, had deteriorated to the point that it would be torn down in a few months. I ran the Information Technology department downstairs and once my group moved out, the wrecking ball would move in. I soaked it all in. Somehow it just didn't seem that special, but shortly several people and the news media – this year including Time Magazine – would gather there as they had done for years on Halloween.

This wasn't just any room. This was the very place where, on October 31, 1926, Brother Harry Houdini died. I took a final look and turned to leave. As I walked away, people filed past me to enter the room for Houdini's last séance.

Houdini, as had been the case on every Halloween in Grace Hospital since he died, did not show up.

~SLH

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