



October 2018

Fort Collins Masonic Trestle Board Fidelity Lodge #192 AF&AM

<http://www.ftcfreemasonry.org/fidelity192-wp/>

The Mission of Freemasonry in Colorado is to create an observable way of life through Education, Moral Standards, and Community Involvement.

<p>Collins #19 AF&AM 1st and 3rd Wed, 7:30 PM Except June, July, August Jack Shepard</p>
<p>Fidelity #192 AF&AM 2nd and 4th Thu, 7:30 PM Except June, July, August Larry D. Moline</p>
<p>York Rite Bodies 1st and 3rd Tue, 7:30 PM Except June, July, August See page 2 for details</p>
<p>Collins #26 Eastern Star 2nd and 4th Tue, 7:30 PM Except July, August Ellie Brooks</p>
<p>Job's Daughters 2nd and 4th Mon, 7:00 PM Stefanie McDaniel</p>
<p>Order of DeMolay 1st and 3rd Mon, 7:00 PM Carl Hartman</p>
<p>Coffee Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the small dining room</p>

Should anyone know someone who is interested in becoming a Mason or would like to receive information regarding Freemasonry, he may contact the Fidelity Lodge Secretary at info@ftcfreemasonry.org



Building Manager
Matthew Shamburger
www.frontnet.com/temple

Brothers of Fidelity Lodge #192,

Congratulations to Brothers Gene French and Greg Golyanski on passing their proficiencies to be advanced to the sublime degree of a Master Mason! Greg's degree is scheduled for October 25th, with a preceding practice on October 18th. Gene's degree is tentatively set for November 15th. We have 2 scheduled Entered Apprentice degrees on October 11th, with a preceding practice on October 4th. For those participating in the degrees, please attend the practices and be on time.

The meeting on September 27th is a western dress-down themed meeting. I would like to see flannel shirts, cowboy hats, cowboy boots, big belt buckles, blue jeans, and so on that night. Please wear something with a collar (i.e., no T-shirts or tank tops) and please do not come in shorts. It is western casual, but let's keep it reasonable. My intent is to have a more relaxed meeting before we truly get back to the grind of knocking out at least 4 more degrees prior to the end of the year.

The plans for a table lodge on November 3rd (a Saturday) are coming together. Mark your calendars! It will begin at 6PM and go until approximately 9PM. There will be at least 11 toasts, most of which are traditional and with an emphasis on patriotism. One of the toasts will be done with Madeira wine. Brother Paul Stutzman is coordinating a catered meal and dessert. There will be presenters and entertainment, and everyone attending will leave with their own commemorative glass. At this time, the expected cost per person is \$20. A lot of work is going into this event, so please come and enjoy an evening out with your Brothers!



As a reminder, elections this year will be on December 13th. Again, to be eligible for the positions of Junior Warden, Senior Warden, or Worshipful Master, you must become certified in advance. You must demonstrate to the district lecturer that you can open and close the lodge, as well as move up and down between degrees. Please work on your parts so that you may be considered. We will schedule a practice before Step-up Night, which is November 8th, for anyone interested in attending.

Respectfully yours,

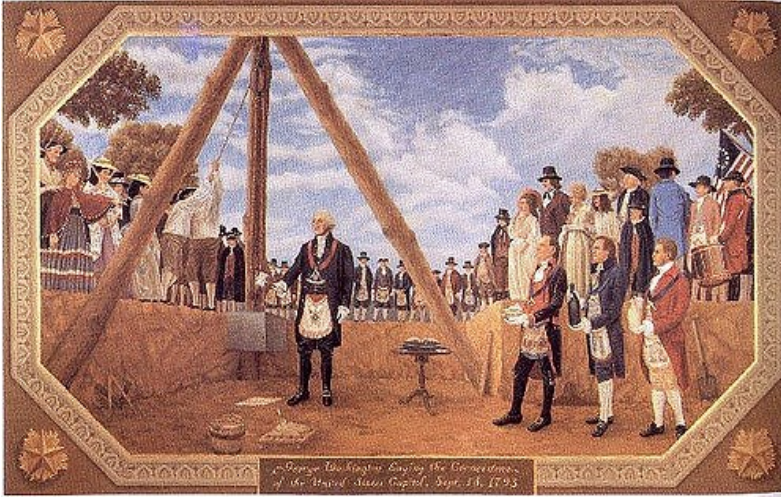
Greg Beaumont, Worshipful Master Fidelity Lodge #192

Worshipful Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Secretary
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Chaplain
Marshal
Tiler

Greg Beaumont, PM
Matthew Shamburger
Paul Stutzman
Scott Goering
Larry Moline, PM
Patrick Blanchard
Andrew Wright
Ian Greenwood

Larry Wilson
Ken Brokamp
Gary Malara, PM

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Stated Meetings of York Rite Bodies

Chapter and Council (Dark June, July, August)
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM each month
Larry Wilson, High Priest
Paul Stutzman, Illustrious Master,

Commandery (Dark June, July, August)
1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM each Month
Paul Stutzman, Commander

Attire for 3rd Tuesdays

Chapter attire Odd numbered Months
Council attire Even numbered Months

September and October include two important anniversary dates that occurred in Washington DC. The White House in Washington DC, also known as the Executive Mansion, was built between 1792 and 1800. On October 13, 1792, Brother George Washington laid the first cornerstone of the White House in a Masonic ceremony. The architect was James Hoban, who designed the Executive Mansion after the Leicester House in Dublin, Ireland, and Scottish Masons were brought in to do the stone work. The Capitol of the United States was designed by William Thornton and its cornerstone was laid on September 18, 1793 also in a Masonic ceremony led by Brother George Washington. A print of this cornerstone laying can be seen in the first-floor atrium area next to the Masonic Museum in the Fort Collins Masonic Temple.

After many decades and many renovations and changes, it was found that the walls, ceilings and floors were literally falling in. To remedy the various problems that were evident, a comprehensive reconstruction of the interior of the White House took place from 1947 to 1952, known as the "Truman Reconstruction". During the reconstruction and prior to the new construction, workmen inspecting the foundations of the White House noticed stones with strange markings on them. President Truman, Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, was informed of this discovery, and it is reported that Brother Truman actually crawled under the White House with the workers to inspect the stones they had discovered. He immediately recognized the marks on the stones as Masons' marks. At the direction of President Truman, many stones recovered during the reconstruction were set aside and then presented to the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions throughout the United States. The museum at the Grand Lodge of Colorado contains one of these stones from that reconstruction.

Calendar of Fidelity Lodge #192

Thursday, September 27	Stated Communication with Educational Presentation — western themed meeting
Thursday, October 11	Stated Communication with Entered Apprentice Degrees — 7:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday October 13-14	Colorado Masonic Symposium at Highlands Lodge #86 in Denver
Thursday, October 25	Stated Communication with Master Mason Degree — 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 3	Fidelity Lodge Table Lodge — 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 8	Stated Communication with Step Up Night for line officers — 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving - No meeting
Thursday, December 13	Stated Communication with Committee Reports and Election of Officers — 7:00 pm



Jacob's Ladder

The ladder is, of course, an implement familiar to the builder. It was in constant use by our ancient operative brethren. In a system where working tools are made to symbolize moral properties, it could scarcely happen otherwise than that the ladder would be made to typify the power or means by which man is lifted or attains to a higher state of existence. It was employed always with the same meaning in the Ancient Mysteries and was a familiar symbol of salvation long before Jacob in his vision saw it extending from earth to heaven. We, as did the ancients, ascribe to it seven rungs, symbolical with us of the four cardinal and the three theological virtues by which, it was supposed, a man was prepared for and elevated to the higher state.

(Jacob's Ladder, circa 1925, European Christian Illustration)



Masonic Anniversaries

Sidney Waldrop	67 years
Jack Tharp	26 years
Gary Malara	25 years
Douglas Keller	23 years
Andre Volosov	15 years
Kenneth Brokamp	11 years
Christopher Pitcher	2 years

October Birthdays

Andrew Thorne
Mathew Ullom
Douglas Keller
Matthew Shamburger
Roger Cornett
Andrew Wright
Lee Blooding

The earliest official English documents to refer to masons are written in Latin or Anglo-Norman French. Thus we have "SCULPTORES LAPIDUM LIBERORUM" (London, 1212), "MAGISTER LATHOMUS LIBERARUM PETRARUM" (Oxford, 1391), and "Mestre Mason de Franche Peer" (Statue of Labourers, 1351). These all signify a worker in freestone, a grainless sandstone or limestone suitable for ornamental masonry. In the 17th century building accounts of Wadham College, the terms freemason and freestone mason are used interchangeably. Freemason also contrasts with "Rough Mason" or "Layer", as a more skilled worker who worked or laid dressed stone.

The adjective "free" in this context may also be taken to infer that the mason is not enslaved, indentured or feudally bound. While this is difficult to reconcile with medieval English masons, it apparently became important to Scottish operative lodges.



Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1790



The Back to Work Dinner on September 13, 2018



Mistakes

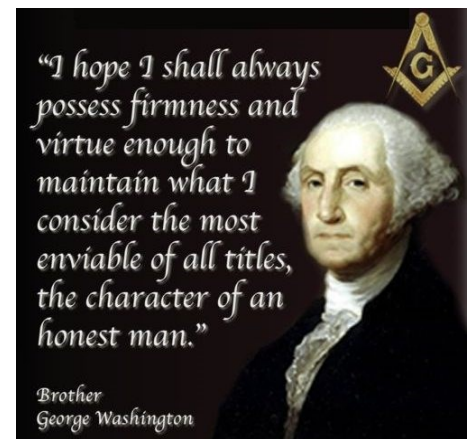
The six mistakes of man, according to Cicero, the Roman philosopher (106-43 B.C.), were:

- I. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others.
- II. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
- III. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
- IV. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
- V. Refusing to set aside trivial preference.
- VI. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

I have always been of the opinion that unpopularity earn by doing what is right is not unpopularity at all, but glory.
Marcus Tullius Cicero

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

The Farmers Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass



Elevator's replacement will take at maximum 3 weeks.

Thank you everyone for your patience as I know this has affected many of our members and our tenants.

**Kind Regards,
 Matthew Shamburger**

Brothers and Ladies,

This is a call for your contributions to the Trestle Board of Fidelity Lodge #192. Before now, the trend has been to solicit contributions from the officers of Masonic organizations. Their articles have allowed us to become a better publication that attracted not only the attention of members of Fidelity Lodge but also of other Masonic groups. I thank all the contributors for that from the bottom of my heart, and I hope that they will continue sending me their articles. At the same time, I encourage the rest of our Masonic community to become a part of our writers' league. Any subject related to Masonry will be welcome. To start with, please consider two possible topics that will be valuable for our present and especially for our future strength as Masonic organizations – the history of your Masonic group and stories about or biographies of the current members of your organization. The latter is not less important than the former. Tomorrow, what happens today will be a matter of the past. Let's record it now. Your contributions do not need to be large. A few lines of text could make wonderful reading for us now and for the future generations of Masons. Please consider my request and do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or questions. Thank you very much in advance.

Andre Volosov, Technical Editor of the Trestle Board of Fidelity Lodge #192