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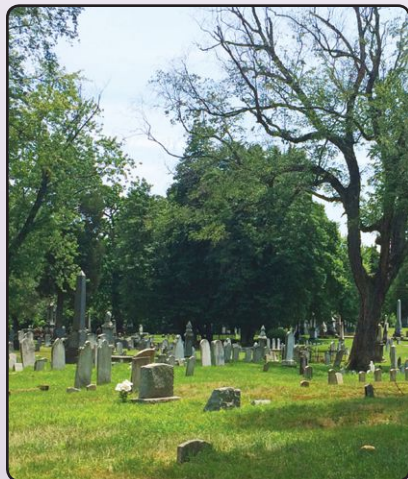
# What's On Your Wall?



Ronald A. Seale, 33°

I WAS IN AN IMPORTANT PERSON'S OFFICE THE OTHER DAY. Perhaps you've been around those places. The quiet efficiency of the office, the hum of the air conditioner, the subdued ringer on the telephone, the barely audible clicks on the computer keyboard as perfectly coiffed and focused people go about their day, undoubtedly doing important things. No dog-eared and months' old wilted magazines discarded from the barbershop here. Only this month's current and freshest magazines summoning one to exotic and distant places with the best food and wines as the sailing yacht rests gently in the swells at anchor. Rich mahogany, overstuffed leather chairs, and the subdued lighting added to the ambiance and created a distinct impression of achievement. And indeed so I found myself suitably impressed—and probably envious.

But what attracted my attention most were the walls. Rather, what adorned the walls. Plaques, certificates, awards, photographs of my host with innumerable people—some easily recognized, others not. A nearby case, tastefully done of course, proudly bore trophies of accomplishments great and



small. Golf tournaments where the ball flew straight and true, game fishes conquered in epic battles befitting Hemingway's *The Old Man and The Sea*, and a myriad of other challenges met and surpassed. You get the idea.

It occurred to me that you learn a lot about someone from what they display and look back upon with pride and a sense of accomplishment. And what they want to show you. These walls show a life lived—or being lived—and in some respects what is valued. Now, don't get me wrong. I don't intend to come off here as judgmental or critical of a life filled with accomplishments and dedicated hard work. There's nothing intended here to demean those achievements, and a few back slaps and "attaboys" are probably in order. Taking pride in the mileposts of our lives is healthy and encouraged. But let's be aware of the danger of losing our focus along the way.

Bear with me here for just a moment as we remove one plaque or photo and make room for just one more. This one's not big or exciting—let's put it down there in the corner just by the electrical outlet. Probably won't get noticed although it will be around for a long time. It's blank right now but won't be forever. A grave marker.

What might you wish to have inscribed thereon? For what do you wish to be remembered? What did you stand for or fall for as the saying goes? What was important—really important? And how will you be recalled in the eyes and hearts of your children and your children's children? Or your extended family and friends? These are the questions that are central to any individual's life and are the questions that Masonry asks its votaries over and over again. Perhaps they are questions that we should be asking ourselves over and again throughout our lives. Not in some maudlin anticipation of our demise but as an ever-present reminder that some things are more important than others and that the worth of our days are measured not in the external but the internal qualities and achievements.

May we all choose wisely with our eyes upon the hour glass—so swiftly flows the sand.

Our Masonic symbols and degrees reinforce the call to self-evaluation and in living lives in pursuit of those things that matter. There are so many, but from the Craft lodge, the Hour Glass and the Scythe quickly come to mind as does the Twenty-

Four Inch Gauge, all serving to admonish us that life is fleeting and the wise use of time is always a summons to the higher call.

The Scottish Rite in so many degrees beckons us to consider our legacies and to live not with regrets but looking upon a life well lived in service to higher natures and in service to humankind. Consider the Fifth Degree, Perfect Master, one of my favorites. We are reminded, soberly, that "while we think a thought, we may die. The clock strikes, and reckons our portion of Eternity. We form words with our breath; and have less time to live with every word we speak." Thus we are summoned to live a wise and virtuous life befitting the example and character of our Masonic legendary exemplars so that upon our death such honors can be paid unto us as we pay unto them each and every time we reenact the story of their lives and deaths.

This is the story not of dying but of living. Living well. And making your days count. Each day we get to decide what we hope to put up on our walls. May we all choose wisely with our eyes upon the hour glass—so swiftly flows the sand. #



# AN *Eclectic* COLLECTION

## *The Gavels of Grand Commander John Henry Cowles*



By Joshua Aaron Poole, 32°, Museum Curator

**I**F YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE, you know that we have tons of artifacts housed within the building (*many of which are unfortunately not on display because of limited space*). Deciding what to write about for the *Journal* is always a challenge for me because there is so much to choose from. At times, however, my trestleboard clearly indicates that I need to write about a specific artifact. A water leakage in early June laid out the plans on said trestle board and guided my decision on writing about the gavel collection of John

#1 Henry Cowles. ▶▶

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« John Henry Cowles served as Sovereign Grand Commander for 31 years (1921–1952), the second longest serving Grand Commander. During his term as the Grand Commander, Cowles actually lived in the House of the Temple. One of the more interesting aspects of Cowles is that he traveled extensively throughout the 1920s. During these travels, Cowles was gifted with gavels upon gavels; some of which are very interesting.

In the John Henry Cowles Gavel Collection, located in the basement of the Temple, there are 36 gavels of varying sizes. While each is interesting and has its own story, here are six of the more unique ones:

**1** The first gavel (*previous page*) was given to Cowles by the Grand Lodge of Egypt during his travels there. The gavel is made entirely from ivory of either an African elephant or hippopotamus. Cowles traveled in Egypt in 1926, so there were no laws in place prohibiting the sale/trade of animal ivory.



**2** Another one is a miniature gavel that was made in Alaska. The length is about three inches and is made of ivory from the tusk of a walrus. This gavel would not be very beneficial in lodge, but it is adorable!

**3** One of the more extravagant gavels is a wooden gavel that is detailed (gilded) with gold paint and gold metal. On one side of the head is the double headed eagle. On the other side is the 33° sign. The handle has a gold flower metal design.

**4** One of these gavels is made from material taken out of the ancient subterranean quarry, which extends below old Jerusalem and is known as King Solomon's Quarries. The head of the gavel is made of sandstone upon which is carved the square and compasses. The handle is made of genuine biblical Olivewood!

**5** There is a gavel that is made from the materials taken from the House of the Temple Kimball organ that was installed in 1915.

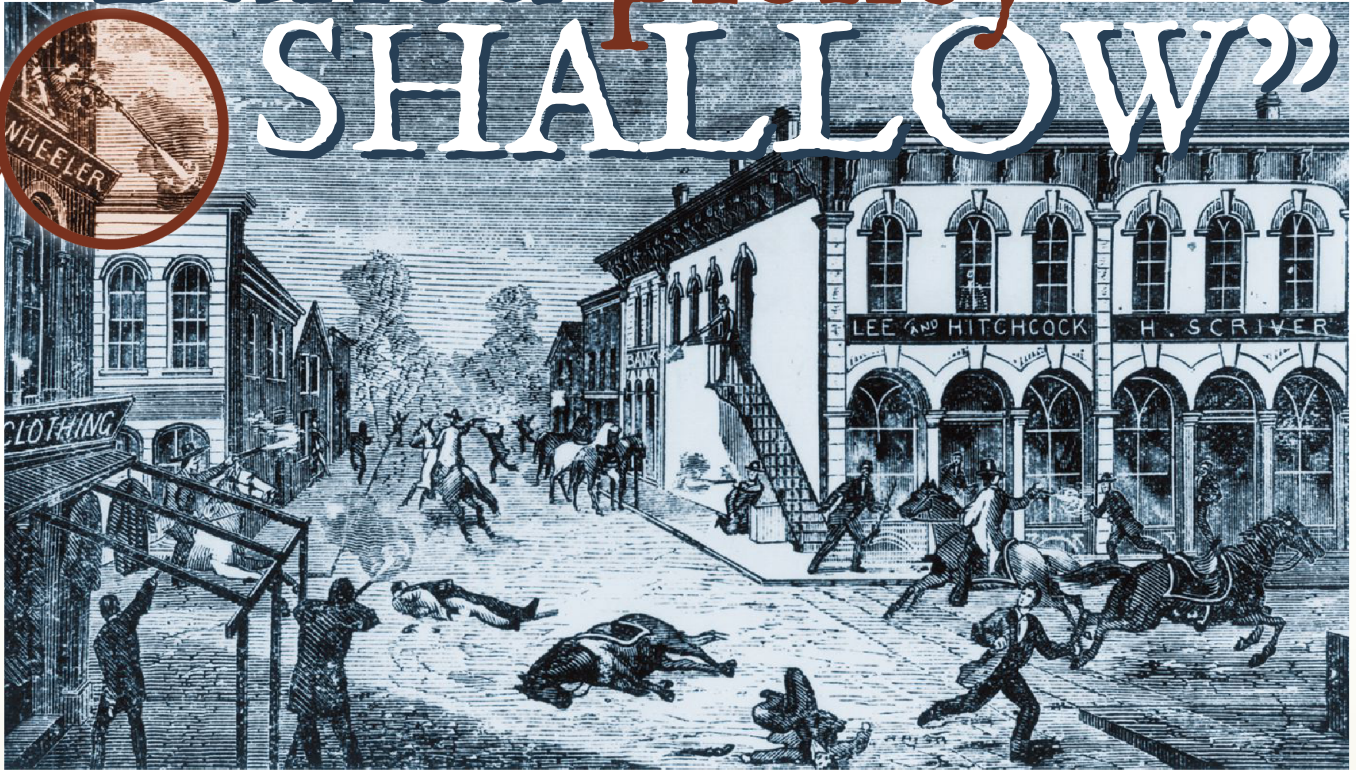
**6** Not surprising, there is a gavel that was made from wood of Shepheard's Tavern (the birthplace of the Supreme Council). The Citizens and Southern Company of Savannah, Georgia, presented Cowles with this gavel.

See "GAVELS," p. 28.





# “Buried plenty SHALLOW”



Engraving: Courtesy the Northfield Historical Society Collection

## The Story of HENRY M. WHEELER *Frontiersman, Doctor, & Grand Master Freemason*

Gregory S. Kearse, 33°, Staff Writer and Editor

**H**AVE YOU EVER HEARD OF JESSE JAMES? Of course you have. On the other hand, have you ever heard of Dr. Henry Wheeler? It is not likely that you have. So, this astounding saga just might prove that the bad guys leave a historic legacy that is remembered far longer than the good guys!

### HIS EARLY YEARS

Henry Mason Wheeler was born in Newport, New Hampshire, in 1853. When he was two years old, the family moved to the town of Northfield in Minnesota Territory, then still a frontier area. We don't know much about young Henry Wheeler's life. His father was originally a stock drover [*sic*], but at some point be-

came the owner of a drug store in Northfield. As a young man, Wheeler acquired a love of hunting and a skill and comfort level with firearms that would remain with him throughout his life and figure prominently in this story. Being a good student, Henry took advantage of the fact that a college education was available in his hometown and attended Car-

leton College, then in its first decade of existence. His next academic stop was at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where in 1875, he was enrolled in the University of Michigan Medical School.

### THE FATEFUL DAY

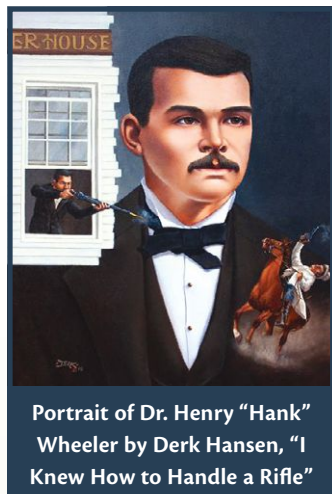
His life might have remained ordinary until the events of September 7, 1876, intruded and thrust Henry Wheeler into celebrity status for the rest of his life. On that date, the Jesse James gang rode into Northfield, Minnesota. The James gang, based in Missouri, had an astonishing string of successful bank and train robberies dating back to the Civil War! ▶▶

The above illustration from Joseph H. Hanson, *The Northfield Tragedy* (St. Paul, MN: John Jay Lemmon, 1877), depicts Dr. Henry "Hank" Wheeler (upper left) firing at Jesse James and his gang on September 7, 1876.



◀ Ordinarily, the James gang was not challenged because of their fierce reputation with gunplay. This was not to be the case in Northfield, Minnesota. On that date, young Henry Wheeler was relaxing in front of his father's drug store, enjoying a vacation from medical school. He noticed three strangers ride up to the bank across the street, tie up their horses, and then sit down on some boxes outside the bank. (Later, these three were identified as Charlie Pitts, Bob Younger, and one of the James brothers.) Two more strangers, Cole Younger and Clell Miller, arrived on horseback. The first three entered the bank, Clell Miller closing the door and Cole Younger remaining in the street. The owner of the hardware store came along, wanting to make a routine

Portrait: Courtesy the Northfield Historical Society Collection



bank transaction. When he met with resistance at the door, he was struck down by Clell Miller and thrown into the street. At this point, Hank Wheeler shouted, "Robbery, they are robbing the bank." Clell Miller fired at him, the bullet going over his head.

Hank ducked into the drugstore to find a weapon. Finding none there, he ran out the back door of the drug store, down the alley to a hotel. There he found an army carbine and raced upstairs to a window overlooking the street. By this time, downtown Northfield was a combat zone.

The rest of the James gang had arrived, several local people had secured weapons, and the two sides were blazing away at each other. Hank Wheeler took aim from the upstairs window and, with his second shot, hit and instantly killed the outlaw Clell Miller. He also shot and wounded Bob Younger, although that outlaw escaped. At the conclusion of the action, which lasted about seven minutes, two outlaws and two local people were dead. After the gun battle, the net effect was that although Jesse James escaped and lived, the reputation, success

and very existence of this outlaw band had ended. When Henry Wheeler died, 54 years later, he was the last surviving of those who played a major role in the Northfield bank robbery of 1876.

While it is sometimes difficult to separate historical fact from legend, one of the legends about Wheeler is that he approached the sheriff after the

completed, he returned to this hometown of Northfield to set up practice.

His wife, Adeline died in 1881 during a difficult childbirth. The infant daughter also died. So it was that Dr. Henry Wheeler left his hometown of Northfield in 1881, possibly to put his wife's untimely death behind him, and moved to the town of Grand Forks in Dakota Territory. A year after arriving to Grand Forks,

**"The rest of the JAMES gang had arrived, several local people had secured weapons, and the two sides were blazing away at each other. HANK WHEELER took aim from the upstairs window and, with his second shot, hit and instantly killed the outlaw CLELL MILLER."**

gun battle was over with an in-

triguing question. As a medical student, he needed a cadaver for anatomy class. He needed to either provide one or pay for one! But after the Northfield raid there were fresh bodies all over the street, so Hank sensed an opportunity. He asked the sheriff if he might have one of the outlaw's bodies for his use at medical school. The sheriff winked and nodded and said, "Hank, it would be against the law for me to turn the bodies over to you, but I'll tell you what, I'll see that the outlaws are 'buried plenty shallow.'" The legend says that a day or two later, Henry Wheeler shipped a box or a barrel by railway express in care of his roommate at the University of Michigan. The container was labeled "pickles" and smelled heavily of formaldehyde!

### A LIFE OF SERVICE

Henry Wheeler graduated from medical school in 1877. His next studies would be at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. There he completed what we would call a residency today. During this time, Henry married his first wife in 1878, Miss Adeline Murray of Northfield. In 1880, his medical training finally

he was appointed surgeon for the Great Northern Railway. Later he held the same position of railway surgeon for the Northern Pacific Railway. Wheeler was in partnership with various physicians over the years, but from 1896 he was a partner in Wheeler, Campbell & Williamson, in those days the largest medical practice in the city, which years later evolved into the Valley Medical Clinic. In 1894, he became secretary of the state medical examining board, serving several years in that capacity. He also was a member of the U.S. Pension Board and served as President of the North Dakota State Medical Association.

It was said that Dr. Wheeler had a gruff exterior and a rather brusque manner, but in reality these masked a heart of gold. The story goes that Dr. Wheeler was called by a poor widow to attend to her stricken child. The home was clean, but bore the hallmarks of poverty, and malnutrition was evidenced in the faces of the mother and children. As the Doctor put on his overcoat, the mother apologized for the fact that she did not have any money to pay for his visit, but she assured him that she would pay his as soon as she could. A smile flickered for a mo-



ment round the corners of the doctor's mouth. He held out his hand to say good-bye, assured her that the child would get well and promised to call again the next day. The other hand dug down into his pocket and when he left there was a ten-dollar bill on the table.

In 1883, he married second wife, Miss Josephine Connell of Grand Forks. They built a new home in the Central Park area in 1885, which still stands today bearing the plaque of the National Register of Historic Places.

Henry Wheeler was an active citizen in the civic life of his community. Always a sportsman, he appears in 1897 as the president of the Grand Forks Gun Club. The city directory of 1898 states that he was president of the whist club at the prestigious Pioneer Club on the top floor of the St. Johns block. He acted as district campaign manager for President William McKinley. In the early years of the twentieth century, Wheeler is shown as a vice president of the Commercial Club, the forerunner of the present Chamber of Commerce. His political career started at about the same time and in 1909 we find Dr. Wheeler seated on the Grand Forks City Council. In 1917, he was elected to the highest office of the city and became "His Honor, Mayor Henry M. Wheeler." He was re-elected once, but when the city changed to the city commission form of government in 1920, he chose to retire from public office and active politics.

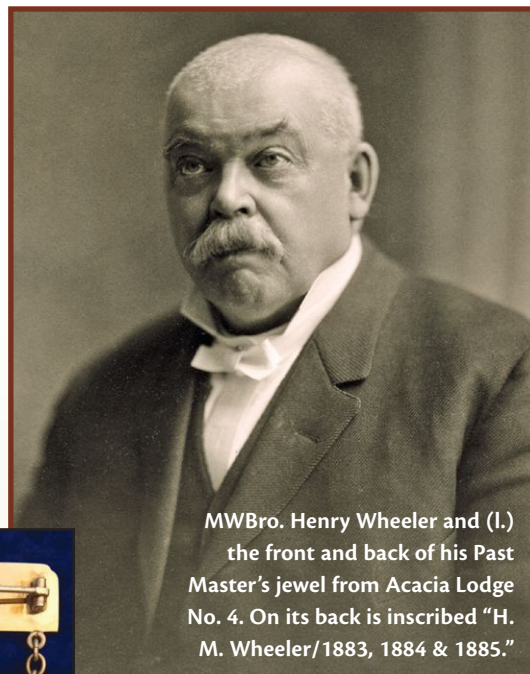
It is not known what induced Henry Wheeler to become a Freemason. He was made a Master Mason on September 25, 1879 in Social Lodge No. 48 of Northfield, Minnesota. He was twenty-five years old, and received the three Blue Lodge degrees within the space of eight days. When Brother Wheeler made the move to Grand Forks, he demitted from Social Lodge and on November 11, 1881 was elected to membership in Acacia Lodge No. 15 of the Grand Lodge of

Dakota Territory. Today it is known as Acacia Lodge No. 4. He apparently made an impact as a Mason, because only one year after his arrival, he is listed as the senior deacon of Acacia Lodge. He served as worshipful master of that lodge for three terms, starting in 1883. Not only was Brother Wheeler active in Blue lodge, he was also a member of the York Rite and Shrine. Outside of the Masonic family, he held membership in the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Elks.

In 1884, Worshipful Brother Wheeler represented his lodge at the Dakota Territory Grand Lodge session in Aberdeen. Again, he must have made an immediate impression, because he was elected grand junior warden at this session, when he had been a Master Mason for a little less than five years. He was twice elected deputy grand master, in 1885 and 1886. Then in 1887, at the ripe old age of thirty-three, he became "Most

4051 Master Masons, with a net increase of 512 during the year. In his prepared remarks, Grand Master Wheeler commented on the grand lodge treasury balance of \$5164.40, stating, "This will be amply sufficient to discharge all the accrued indebtedness and leave a neat balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer."

On April 13, 1930, his trestle board was complete and after only a couple of days of feeling ill, he died of heart complica-



M.W.Bro. Henry Wheeler and (l.) the front and back of his Past Master's jewel from Acacia Lodge No. 4. On its back is inscribed "H. M. Wheeler/1883, 1884 & 1885."



Worshipful Henry M. Wheeler, Grand Master of Masons in Dakota Territory." The grand lodge session over which Most Worshipful Brother Wheeler presided was that of 1888 and was held in Deadwood. There were 100 constituent lodges, of which 8 were still under dispensation. The membership of the grand lodge stood at

tions. His services were held and his body lay in state, with a Knight Templar honor guard. Many of the Masonic brotherhood sat together for the service. Also many non-Masons attended. The entire medical community of Grand Forks sat together as a body with many physicians from out of town. The flags in Grand Forks flew at half-mast that day! Immediately after the service, his casket was placed on a train, and Henry Wheeler commenced the final journey to his hometown of Northfield, Minnesota. On the next day he was buried in Oaklawn Cemetery with Masonic honors by Social Lodge No. 48, which had given him his first introduction to Masonry over 50 years earlier. There he rests today with his parents, a brother, a sister, his wives, and one of the little ones that died in infancy. ✚



# THE GREEK RITE

## *A Survey of Undergraduate Fraternities Founded by Masons*

Jace S. Gentil, MM, Scottish Rite Intern

IT WOULD PROBABLY SURPRISE many to know that quite a few Greek-letter fraternities had their founding by Freemasons! This is worth exploring if only because of the vast mystery and societal misconceptions that surround these fraternal organizations.

The idea of a college fraternity had been established in 1750 with the formation of the Flat Hat Club (FHC), a secret society which was literary and social in nature, but not Greek. The FHC was the forerunner to fraternity life at the College of William and Mary, the second oldest college in the United States. FHC was founded on November 11, 1750, at the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> The society was active from 1750 through the early 1770s, when membership dwindled. The first collegiate fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, had all the characteristics of today's fraternities: a motto, a ritual, a badge, principals of high idealism, a bond of friendship, and camaraderie, and an urge to share the organization's values through expansion to other campuses. These are also specific Masonic ideals and goals.

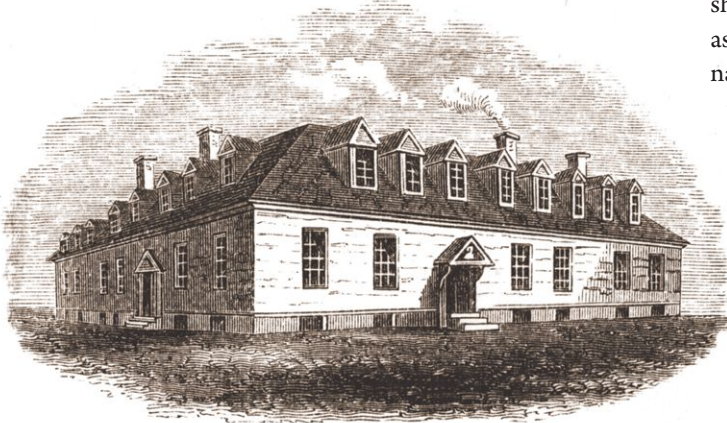
Freemasonry traces its formal founding back to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. By 1776, the

same year as the independence of the United States, the founding of a different fraternal organization with Masonic beginnings would ignite a fire that would spread throughout hundreds of college campuses across the United States as well as campuses beyond our borders. We know them today as "Greek-letter fraternities." What follows is a brief survey of the impact of Freemasonry on the founding of Greek-letter fraternities on college campuses.

### PHI BETA KAPPA (ΦΒΚ)

On December 5, 1776, a group of undergraduate students attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, met informally in the Raleigh Tavern. They had decided to establish an organization that was unlike any other fraternal group on campus—their organization would be dedicated to the promotion of "friendship as its basis and benevolence and literature as its pillars."<sup>2</sup> This group eventually would be named the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a fraternity that many credit with the tradition of naming American college societies after initials of "secret" Greek mottos, hence "Greek-letter fraternities." What many do not know, however, is that Phi Beta Kappa's origin had a strong Masonic influence.

While the principal founder John Heath himself was not a Mason (as he was only 15 at the time), another co-founder, Thomas Smith was a Mason. Smith belonged to Williamsburg Masonic Lodge before he joined Heath as a founding member of Phi Beta Kappa. Within the next year, nine of the founding members would be raised as Master Masons, and over a dozen of the subsequent 50 members would be associated with both organizations in the years



Wood engraving of Raleigh Tavern (1880)

Engraving: The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Print Collection, The New York Public Library. "Raleigh Tavern ; The Apollo Room." New York Public Library Digital Collections. Accessed July 27, 2016. <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47da-fbd0-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99>







Greek plate illustration:  
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McCarthy

day it has almost 40 strong and active undergraduate chapters throughout North America.

## SIGMA MU SIGMA (ΣΜΣ) & TAU KAPPA EPSILON (ΤΚΕ)

Much like the Acacia fraternity, Sigma Mu Sigma (indicia, right) was also founded as an undergraduate Masonic organization. In March of 1935, three Knights Templar Freemasons in Angola, Indiana, founded the Sigma Mu Sigma fraternity on Tri-State University's campus. Originally, like Acacia, the organization was only open to undergraduate Master Masons in good standing. However, the Great Depression also forced the organization to drop the Master Mason requirement and eventually caused most of the Sigma Mu Sigma chapters to be absorbed into the larger fraternity of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the early 1930s. Coincidentally, Tau Kappa Epsilon (indicia, left) also was founded by a Freemason, C. Roy Atkinson. Today, Tau Kappa Epsilon has 268,000 members on 251 active college campuses.



In 1940, Brother Clyde E. Shaw attempted to revive Sigma Mu Sigma. This iteration lasted until 1952 when the organization merged with Sigma Alpha Chi or the "Square and Compass" Fraternity. Only one ΣΜΣ chapter remains active today as a co-ed service organization on the campus of the College of William and Mary.

## SIGMA ALPHA CHI (ΣΑΧ) & KAPPA SIGMA (ΚΣ)

Originally called the Square and Compass Fraternity, the organization was incorporated at Lexington, Virginia, in 1817 by the members of the Washington and Lee University Masonic Club. Since many of its original members were also members of other Greek-letter organizations, the group could not affiliate with other Masonic fraternities such as Acacia. During that year, however, World War I broke out, and all its founding members either joined the Army or the Navy. Those who returned to Washington and Lee's campus would reactivate the fraternity in 1919, and the fraternity underwent a vigorous expansion program in 1920. Throughout the next decade, the organization would charter 57 chapters and initiate over 5,000 members. Unfortunately, the Great Depression and World War II caused the fraternity to lose chapters and eventually reduce them to only existing on paper. Master Mason Dr. William Moseley Brown, however, kept the charter and official documents.

Eventually, the organization reemerged without the Master Mason requirement in the late 1940s. In 1952, Sigma Alpha Chi (no indicia available) and Sigma Mu Sigma would

to come. Today, Phi Beta Kappa has 284 active chapters across the United States. Since its founding, over 150 similar organizations would emerge on college campuses across the country, with several of them being established by Brother Masons.

### ACACIA

The Acacia fraternity (indicia, right) was founded at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on May 12, 1904, by a group of 14 Freemasons. In the beginning, membership of the fraternity required the student to be a Master Mason in good standing. However, due to the decline of undergraduate Masons at the end of the 1920s, the fraternity began to drop the Master Mason requirement in 1931 and completely removed it by 1933.

The fraternity continues to use several Masonic symbols throughout its operation today, namely the acacia sprig which reminds Masons of that part of man that survives the grave. To-





merge into the organization known today as Sigma Mu Sigma-Square and Compass. The exception was the Lambda chapter at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, which would be incorporated and become the Lambda-Lambda chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity (indicia, right) in 1973. Interestingly enough, the Kappa Sigma fraternity's ritual was written by one of their founders in the 1870s, Stephen Alonzo Jackson, who was also a Freemason from Virginia.



### SIGMA NU (ΣΝ)

The Sigma Nu fraternity was established after James Frank Hopkins was raised a Master Mason in 1868 at the Mountain City Lodge No. 67 in Lexington, VA, during his third year at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). After witnessing the hazing incidents of other fraternities on VMI's campus the following year, his Masonic teaching inspired him to create a similar organization that would be a better representation of fraternity life than what was present on his campus. On January 1, 1869, Hopkins along with fellow undergrads and Confederate American Civil War veterans Greenfield Quarles and James Riley established The Legion of Honor, which would become Sigma Nu. Today, Sigma Nu continues to impart the teaching of Freemasonry into its undergraduates across 184 active chapters on college campuses throughout the United States. Total membership is 230,000.



### KAPPA ALPHA (KA)

Known as the Kappa Alpha Order, the fraternity was established at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, on December 21, 1865. James Woods and three other students originally established the fraternity as Phi Kappa Chi. However, the local chapter of Phi Kappa Psi protested the new fraternity's name was too similar to theirs. During their lives, all four original founders were Master Masons, with Wood belonging to the Moorefield Lodge in Moorefield, West Virginia. In 1866, the ritual was rewritten by Samuel Z. Ammen, who had been raised at Friendship Lodge No. 66 in Fincastle, Virginia, making him the practical founder of the Kappa Alpha Order. Ammen later stated, "I drew heavily upon my experience as a Master Mason in crafting the new ritual."<sup>3</sup>



Their ceremony utilizes various symbolism of the York Rite's Knights Templar organization as well as symbolism from Craft

Masonry. Today, the Kappa Alpha Order has 133 active chapters with approximately 150,000 members throughout the country.

### LAMBDA CHI ALPHA (ΛΧΑ)

Founded on the campus of Boston University by Warren A. Cole and a group of fellow undergraduates in November of 1909, the fourth largest fraternity in North America with 280,000 members spread across 218 university campuses internationally. Founder Cole was a 50-year member of Pioneer Lodge in Somers- set, Massachusetts.



More significantly, the fraternity's ritual was written by a Freemason named Jack Mason of Philadelphia Lodge No. 51 in Pennsylvania. His goal was to improve the organization's ritual practices, while instilling various Masonic lessons throughout their ceremony, including familiar symbols like the compass, light, and a similar degree structure to that of traditional Masonic Blue Lodges.

### ALPHA PHI ALPHA (ΑΦΑ)

Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity that was established solely for African-American men on the campus of Cornell University. In December 1905, principal founder Charles Poindexter met with 15 students, which included Vertner Tandy, a Prince Hall Mason from Lexington, Kentucky, and George B. Kelley who was also active in Masonic circles and also an employee of Beta Theta Pi, in order to form an organization that developed leaders and promoted brotherhood, along with advocacy for social issues throughout their communities. In fact, the organization held its first initiation in a Masonic lodge in Ithaca, New York. The legend has it that while in the Masonic lodge, they opened up the lockers and used the various Masonic regalia that was found inside in order to enhance their own ritual. The fraternity also uses many Egyptian themes, such as the Great Sphinx of Giza, in their regalia and symbols. Today, the fraternity has over 400 chartered collegiate chapters with more than 250,000 members. One prominent member of Alpha Phi Alpha was Charles H. Wesley, Prince Hall Freemason and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, PHA. Wesley, a prolific writer and scholar, was their 14th president. Wesley was the President of Wilberforce College from 1942 to 1946.



### PHI BETA SIGMA (ΦΒΣ)

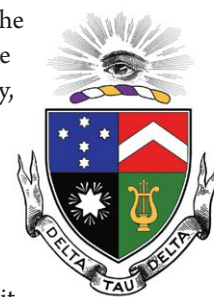
Phi Beta Kappa is another Black Greek-letter Organization. It was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC, on January 9, 1914, by three young African-American

male students. Although it is unclear as to whether the organization was directly started by a Freemason. (Founder A. Langston Taylor was an active Mason, but it is not known whether or not he was a Mason during his undergraduate career.) The organization states that its “Practices are based upon Masonic influence.”<sup>4</sup>



## DELTA TAU DELTA (ΔΤΔ)

The fraternity was founded through the usurpation of a literary society on the campus of Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, known as the Neotrophan Society. According to founder Jacob S. Lowe, a group of students met in Lowe’s room in 1858 as a means to return control of the organization to the students. On March 5, 1858, the literary society was reorganized and a constitution, name, badge, ritual, and motto were settled upon, and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity was established. Among these eight men was Brother William R. Cunningham who was influential in the development of the ritual and constitution, which contain Masonic language and symbolism. Today, the fraternity has almost 140 chapters on campuses across the United States.



## ALPHA PHI OMEGA (ΑΦΩ)

This national co-ed service organization, also known as APO, was founded on the principles of fellowship derived from Freemasonry and from Scout Law of the Boy Scouts of America. Founder Frank Reed Horton and 14 other undergrads founded the fraternity in 1925 at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Horton was raised a Master Mason on June 18, 1918, at Western Star Lodge No. 37 in Norfolk, Connecticut. His Masonic light along with a desire to continue participating in the ideals of Scouting led him to establish Alpha Phi Omega. Since its founding, the organization has become one of the largest fraternities in the United States with 350 chapters and 400,000 members.



## PI KAPPA PHI (ΠΚΦ)

Founder Lawrence Harry Mixson of Masonic Lodge No. 73 in Charleston, South Carolina, aided in the founding of Pi Kappa Phi and also wrote the organization’s ritual, which was influenced by his Masonic background. Mixson, along with two fellow undergrads founded Pi Kappa Phi on December 10, 1904, at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Originally, the fraternity was known as Nu Phi, which stood for “non-fraternity.” Today the organization has more than 170 chapters with more than 113,000 lifetime members.



## OMEGA PSI PHI (ΩΨΦ)

The principal founder of this fraternity was Edgar Amos Love, a Prince Hall Freemason who was also a founding member of Corinthian Lodge No. 68 in Washington, DC. The organization was established on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, DC. Omega Psi Phi is another predominately African-American fraternity and the first to be founded on the campus of a historically black university. Today it has over 250 active chapters across the United States. Some notable members of Omega Psi Phi include Bill Cosby, Langston Hughes, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Shaquille O’Neal, and Michael Jordan.



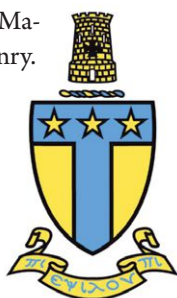
## PHI OMEGA PI (ΦΩΠ) & DELTA ZETA (ΔΖ)

Men’s fraternities were not the only undergraduate organizations founded by those who had received Masonic inspiration. The 15 founding women of Phi Omega Pi (no indicia available) were all members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Founded in 1922 on the campus of the University of Nebraska, the organization was originally known as Aethoth, which means “sister” in Hebrew and was exclusive to undergraduate Eastern Star members. In 1933, the organization dropped the Masonic requirement and was granted membership into the National Panhellenic Council of North America. Later that same year, the organization absorbed two other sororities, Sigma Phi Beta and Sigma Sigma Omicron. In 1946, the



## ALPHA TAU OMEGA (ΑΤΩ)

While the organization was not founded by a Mason, it was heavily influenced by Freemasonry. Founder Otis Allan Glazebrook was often intrigued by “medieval mysteries and Masonic lore.”<sup>5</sup> Like Sigma Nu, the fraternity also was founded on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute in 1865. Today, the organization has 250 chartered chapters with over 250,000 members across the United States.



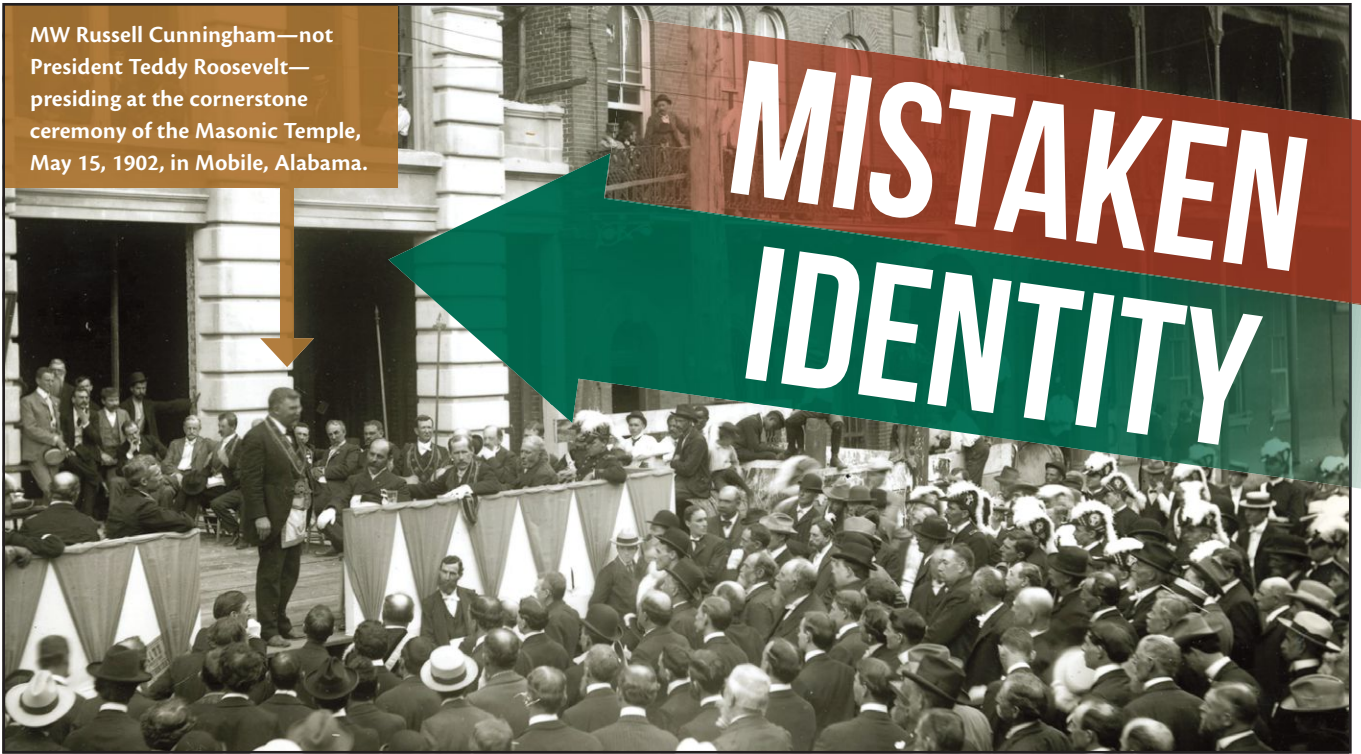
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MW Russell Cunningham—not President Teddy Roosevelt—presiding at the cornerstone ceremony of the Masonic Temple, May 15, 1902, in Mobile, Alabama.

# MISTAKEN IDENTITY



**N**ON-MASONS OFTEN MISIDENTIFY OBJECTS AND PEOPLE as Masonic when they're not and similarly fail to recognize Masonic items for what they are. Masons are also guilty of such misidentification, but it's usually well-intentioned members of the general public who are at fault. This article looks at several such cases, including the confusion of the grand master of Alabama for President Teddy Roosevelt! —EDITOR

Wayne E. Sirmon, 33°, Valley of Mobile, Alabama

## PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH OR CORNERSTONE CEREMONY?

At noon on a recent warm spring day, Dr. David Alsbrook, began a “Learning Lunch” lecture on a courageous young U.S. Attorney who served lower Alabama during the early days of the twentieth century. Historians strive to tie local events into the larger scope of national and international events. Thus we heard this attorney was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt who visited Mobile in 1905 where he gave a significant speech concerning the construction of a canal that would connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

To illustrate the talk, the image of an outdoor speech was projected on the

screen. Based on the archive file information, it was described as the one and only such visit made by Teddy Roosevelt in this southern port city. This meant the photograph was taken in front of Mobile’s U.S. Customs House. However, I recognized the image as the 1902 cornerstone ceremony of the Masonic temple constructed by the three downtown lodges and the area York Rite bodies. The two buildings were on the same block but face different streets and the two events were separated by three and a half years. When I mentioned this confusion about the temple to the museum’s curator of history and the archive’s director, they spoke with confidence that the photograph definitely marked the first



(Above) Scottish Rite 32° patent case misidentified as a “Double Headed Eagle German Wallet” and (right) the York Rite Order of Malta medal often is confused with a GAR funeral badge.

Photography: Wayne E. Sirmon, 33°

occasion where a sitting president would visit Mobile.

## A COMMON CONFUSION

It is not uncommon for the general public to label anything fraternal as “Ma-

sonic.” Sellers on eBay regularly confuse Freemasonry with the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Independent Order of Good Templars, Knights of the Golden Eagle, or the always baffling Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Perhaps the most common mistaken identity is when the Knights Templar Order of Malta Jewel is labeled the Funeral Badge of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). In the aftermath of the 1960s Civil War Centennial there was an increased interest in collecting a wide range of items related to America’s deadliest war. A well-meaning medal collector published a small booklet outlining memorabilia related to the GAR. Included was a photograph of a Maltese cross suspended from a plain black ribbon. The caption identified it as a “Death Medal.” A year later a second collector made a similar claim. Despite corrections by the authors and a number of articles pointing out the true nature of the medal, the confusion persists. (Just search for “Masonic Funeral Medal” on eBay.) The definitive article that busts this myth was published by George G. Kane in the July-September, 2006 issue of *The Veteran*, a quarterly publication of

**The Junior Order of United American Mechanics badge (right) often is misidentified as being Masonic.**

The Civil War Veterans Historical Society.

We should be slow to demonize those who misidentify Masonic badges. There is nothing on the Templar’s Malta or Red Cross jewels that suggest their Masonic nature. Beyond a Past Master’s jewel, virtually none of the various honor awards overtly suggest their connection to freemasonry. The 32° jewel—no; KCCH jewel—no; and the 33° jewel contains a square and compasses that measures 1/16th of an inch high.

A different case of mistaken identity is associated with the badges of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The emblem of this, like the parent O. of U. A. M., features a square and compasses arranged as in the Masonic emblem. Where we expect to find the letter “G,” however, is an arm holding a hammer. The ribbon is a representation of an American flag with thirteen stars and stripes. Formed as a nativist secret society in 1845, membership peaked at over 250,000 during the 1920s. Because of the long history and the size of its membership there are many examples of this organization’s memorabilia to be found on line and in antique stores.

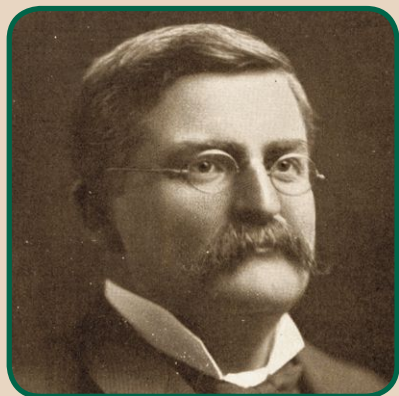


Photography: Wayne E. Sirmion, 33°

Other items also find their way on to antique shop shelves where they are mislabeled. One example was located in Savannah, Georgia, where a familiar Scottish Rite patent holder was marked “Double Headed Eagle German Wallet—\$30.” To add insult to injury, the Austrian and Russian Empires, along with several Balkan countries are associated with the double-headed eagle; but not Germany.

## A Presidential Mustache

*Looking at them together, one can see how these two men might be confused!*



**Dr. Russell M. Cunningham**

*Grand Master of Alabama, 1900–1902*



**Bro. Theodore Roosevelt**

*26th US President, 1901–1909*

Photographs: (Cunningham) *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alabama, 1902*; (Roosevelt) Library of Congress

## IDENTIFYING THE TRUTH

It is difficult and at times impossible to correct the misinformation attached to items such as those described here. However, when armed with the facts, it is possible to make a correction. Gathering the data surrounding Theodore Roosevelt’s 1905 visit to Mobile required a trip to the microfilm newspaper collection at the University of South Alabama. The

“**MISTAKEN IDENTITY**” is continued on p. 28 of this issue.

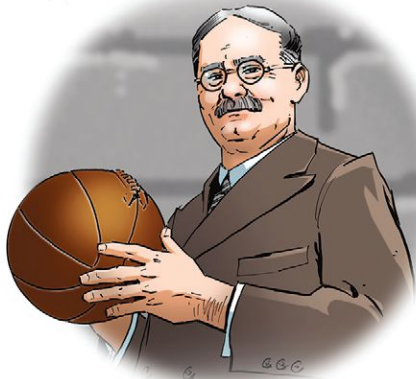




# CHIPS FROM THE QUARRY



**FRESHLY FASHIONED FROM THE QUARRY:  
SPORTS FOUNDERS, INNOVATORS, AND PERFECTERS**



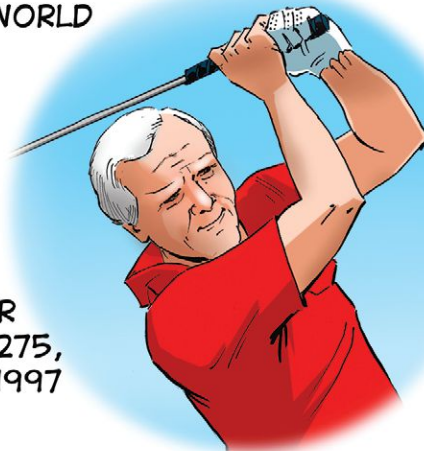
**DR. JAMES NAISMITH** INVENTED THE GAME OF BASKETBALL IN 1891. HE WAS INITIATED 1894, AT ROSWELL LEE LODGE IN SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. BROTHER NAISMITH SERVED AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF LAWRENCE LODGE NO. 6, KANSAS. HE WAS BORN IN ONTARIO, CANADA, AND STUDIED AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

**WILLIAM ST. CLAIR**, THE FIRST GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND, WAS AN AVID GOLFER. IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT MODERN GOLF DEVELOPED IN THE NETHERLANDS DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. THE GAME DID NOT FIND INTERNATIONAL POPULARITY UNTIL THE LATE 19TH CENTURY WHEN IT SPREAD INTO THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THEN TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE UNITED STATES.



**BROTHER SHAQUILLE O'NEAL** WAS A DOMINANT BASKETBALL PLAYER AND ALL-STAR, MOST NOTABLY AS A LOS ANGELES LAKER. BROTHER O'NEAL WAS RAISED IN WIDOW'S SON LODGE NO. 28 IN BOSTON IN 2011. HE IS LIKELY THE TALLEST FREEMASON IN THE WORLD AT 7'1 INCHES.

**ILL. ARNOLD PALMER, 33°**, WON THE PGA TOUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 1998 AND IN 1974 WAS INDUCTED INTO THE WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST THREE PLAYERS OF ALL TIME. BROTHER PALMER IS A MEMBER OF LOYALHANNA LODGE NO. 275, LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA. HE RECEIVED THE 33° IN 1997 FROM THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION.



ILLUSTRATED BY BRO. TED BASTIEN, 32°, AND WRITTEN BY ILL. GREGORY S. KEARSE, 33°



## Letters From Home Duo Rocks It In Greensboro, NC

**A**T A BUSINESS after-hours networking social gathering I met Erinn Diaz, the executive director of First in Flight Entertainment, and one of the performing stars of the Letters from Home Singers. A follow-up conversation revealed a Masonic connection through the CEO of First in Flight Entertainment, Bro. Nelson Diaz.

Bro. Nelson offered the Letters from Home Singers an opportunity to perform at the North Carolina Whitestone Masonic & Easter Star Community for retirees on July 6th. The bombshell duo performed to a packed house of Whitestone residents, veterans, and other North Carolina Triad Area Masonic veterans. The

Greensboro Valley satisfied VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) area 8 (Public Image) by participating in a public service project at the Masonic Retirement Center. Over 100 people showed up at the Wednesday afternoon performance with standing room being at a premium.

The duo, consisting of Erinn Diaz and Amanda Newman, dazzled the crowd with show tunes and popular songs from the 1940s and 1950s! Their mission is to travel the country, honoring our nation's veterans, active military heroes, and their families by reviving patriotism through music. You



**Pictured (l. to r.): Bro. Jay Callaham; Erinn Diaz; Ill. Edwin L. Becton, 33°, Valley of Charlotte, NC (seated); Bro. Roy Smith; and Amanda Newman.**

can learn more about "Letters from Home" on their website <http://www.lettersfrom-homesingers.com/index.html>.

While it can be true that food is the way to a man's heart, we now know that music is also a way to the soul!

—Submitted by Steve Pendergrass, 33°



## Missing Malaysian Travel Gavel

**T**WELVE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELING gavels have journeyed around the world to promote and unite Freemasons. The program is the brainchild of VW Rick Howes of Australia.

The distinctive "Malaysian Travel Gavel" has been visiting lodges with 1995 without incident. However, in 2015 after visiting Escorial Lodge No. 7, Virginia City, NV, the unique gavel went astray. If you see this gavel or know where it is located, please email WBro. Shawn P. Mahan at [knowyourself@yahoo.com](mailto:knowyourself@yahoo.com), or VW Rick Howes, [ricks gavels@gmail.com](mailto:ricks gavels@gmail.com).

For more information about the traveling gavels project, visit <http://www.travellingavels.com/>.

## Lux Libertas Lodge at UNC

**T**HE NATION'S FIRST public university, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was created by Freemasons. To honor the founder of UNC, MW William Richardson Davie, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has formed Lux Libertas Lodge. Lux Libertas Lodge is committed to extending Davie's vision of liberal learning and enlightened thought, and celebrating light and liberty as essential conditions for human development and progress.

The first meeting took place on the campus of UNC. "This is truly a historical occasion for Freemasonry and the University of North Carolina, to institute Lux Libertas Lodge on the 260th birthday of William Richardson Davie, the fourth grand master of Masons in North Carolina and the founder of the University," stated Gene Jernigan, first master of the new lodge.

Provost James W. Dean Jr. was in attendance and stated,



"It's an honor for me to join you on this historic occasion for the founding of a new lodge, a lodge dedicated to renewing the historic ties between the world's oldest fraternity and the nation's first public university." ▶▶



◀◀ Lux Libertas is made up of UNC alumni and friends of the university. Members include two living fraternal connections to UNC’s history—Andy Hicklin, the great-great-great-great-great grandson of William R. Davie, grand master and father of UNC, and Charles Barrett, the great-great-great-great-great grandson of Hinton James, UNC’s first student. For more information, please email luxlibertaslodge@gmail.com.

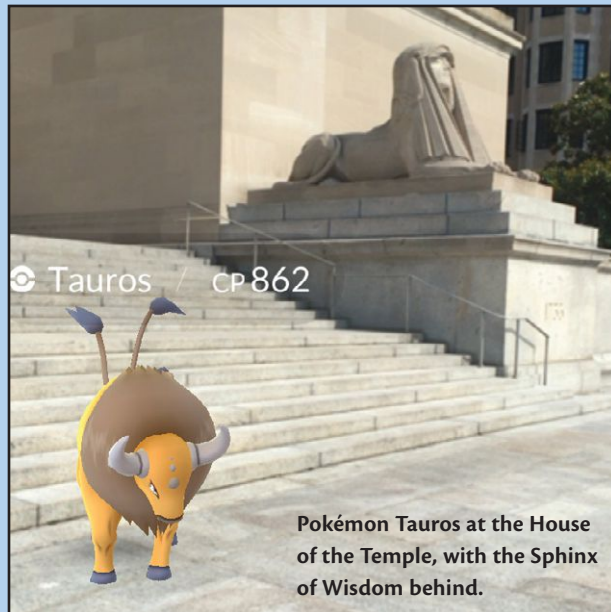
About the Grand Lodge of North Carolina  
Chartered in 1771 and reorganized in 1787, the Freemasons of North Carolina have a rich heritage, with former members presiding over the formation of the State and the adoption of the Bill of Rights. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is comprised of more than 40,000 Freemasons in more than 370 lodges, with the mission to raise the moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, which are expressed outwardly through service to God, family, country, and self under the Fatherhood of God within the Brotherhood of Man. For more information about The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, visit [www.grandlodge-nc.org](http://www.grandlodge-nc.org).

### Help Is on the Way ... from Valley of Martinsburg, WV



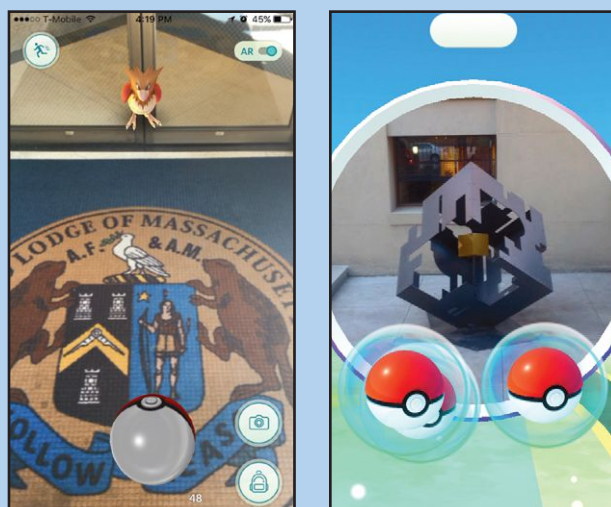
Left to right with the Martinsburg mobile donation trailer: Bros. Steve Cramer, 32°, Ray Hedrick, 32°, Wade Hampton, 32°, Larry Gerber, KCCH, and Ill. Louie Youngblood, 33°

THE VALLEY OF Martinsburg, West Virginia, took an active role in helping victims of the recent flooding in West Virginia. They accepted donations at the Masonic Hall in Martinsburg and sent out a mobile collection trailer. All items collected were redistributed to flood victims. What a great way to help their fellow citizens (and to get a little publicity for Masonry)!



### Pokémon Found at Various Masonic Sites!

SINCE EARLY JULY 2016, Pokémon Go has been a wildly successful smart phone app/game with players searching for various virtual Pokémon characters. The House of the Temple is pleased to announce that Pokémon have been spotted and captured on our steps. Sightings and captures have also occurred at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Omaha, NE, Scottish Rite Center. The Omaha Scottish Rite has left out information material for their unexpected guests. We don’t know how long this will continue, but we’re enjoying our extra visitors—both real and virtual!



(L. to r.) Pokémon “Spearcrow” at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Boston. A photo of the Ashlars sculpture at the Omaha Scottish Rite gains Pokémon points.

Photography: (Temple) Jessica Neri, Accounts Payable, Supreme Council, 33°, 5J; (Massachusetts) Robert Huik, GL Massachusetts; (Omaha) Micah Evans, 33°, S.R. Foundations of Nebraska.

## Lubbock Scottish Rite: Helping Children Read

ON JULY 1, 2016, the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas (SRLCWT), Valley of Lubbock, celebrated the graduation of 10 level-two certified teachers in training. The SRLCWT has been active in education for students with dyslexia and teacher training for over 20 years. In the early 1980s, the Scottish Rite Masons of West Texas addressed the need to train regional educators to specialize in the treatment of dyslexia. In cooperation with the Lubbock Independent School District, Texas Tech University, and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Dyslexia Therapist Training Course was established. Since the inception of the program, the SRLCWT has been a regional leader in training for teachers of students with dyslexia. Under the leadership of Sue Rogers, Director of Administration, the guidance of Olive Hester, Director of Therapist Training, and stewardship of Debbi Casteel, Administrative Assistant, the program has continued to grow and thrive.

Currently, the SRLCWT is expanding service area and population to include the San Angelo and Amarillo regions. Under the leadership of the chairman of the SRLCWT, Doug Maxey, 33°, and High Plains Ancillary Lodge of Perfection, the center hopes to establish a satellite campus in Amarillo with the full capacities of the Lubbock center.

The SRLCWT currently maintains three full-time and part-time staff, provides a day and evening program, and has twenty-four children enrolled for the upcoming 2016–2017 school year. The center has also established a master's level scholarship with Lubbock Christian University to assist in the recruitment/retention of certified dyslexia educators.

—Submitted by Jared Whittington, 32°



Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, graduating teachers, and Lubbock Scottish Rite members.

## Knoxville Valley Helps with Voter Registration

AMERICANISM, LIKE CHARITY, lies at the heart of who we are as Scottish Rite Masons. When Ill. Robert Beam, 33°, secretary of the Knoxville Valley, received a request from Fulton High School to help register voters during graduation practice, he decided to engage the Scottish Rite. Ill. Beam contacted Bro. David Needham, 32°, who worked as an assistant band director there.

Over a dozen students took advantage of the opportunity to register, and Bros. Beam and Needham also assisted young men in registering for Selective Service. Afterwards, they delivered the forms to the county election commission.

Ill. Beam said, "Americanism and support of public education are such a large part of what Scottish Rite is about; what could be more appropriate than registering high school students to vote?"

Located next to the University of Tennessee, the Valley keeps a supply of voter registration forms on hand and voters guides published by the Election Commission as a public service.

—Submitted by Robert B. Beam, 33°

## McAlester, OK Run for RiteCare!

ON MAY 7, 2016, the McAlester RiteCare Clinic held their fifth annual RiteCare Spaghetti Run.

The 5k race attracted 298 runners and also hosted a Kids Fun Run. The McAlester Rite Care Clinic was honored to have the race kicked off and led by the Public Services of Oklahoma and the McAlester Police Department. Following the race, runners were treated to a delicious spaghetti meal donated by Pete's Place, a local Italian restaurant.

Overall, the clinic was able to raise \$10,640 for their nonprofit speech therapy clinic! McAlester RiteCare Clinic Director, Ashley Monks, MS, CCC-SLP, said, "The weather was perfect and we had a great community event."

What could be better than raising money for the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program while spending a day outdoors and sharing a great Italian meal? Congratulations to the clinic on their success and a special thank you to the 40 volunteers who helped make this great event possible! —Submitted by Ashley Monks, MS, CCC-SLP



In front of RiteCare SRCLP van are (l. to r.): Randy Manry, Josh Yates, Brandon Wright, Jeff Martin, Todd Monks, 32°, Bryan Young, and Glenn Smith, 32°.

Photography: Ashley Monks, MS, CCC-SLP



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## The Museum & Library at your Fingertips!

In early 2011, curatorial staff at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in Lexington, MA, began an ambitious project to digitize its historic photograph collection by scanning each photo and making the image and its basic descriptive information accessible via its website, [srmmml.org](http://srmmml.org).

The scanning project was started with the help of undergraduate and graduate student volunteers who worked during their internships to gain practical experience. It began with modest goals – having a digital image for each photo and putting together some very basic identifying and descriptive information about the images. Now there are more than 2,500 photographs accessible via the website, available for studying, searching and enjoying. When people around the globe search for Masonic, fraternal and American photos, objects from the museum pop up in their search results. The staff is happy for each research inquiry, donation and photo request received. Now that photo digitization is completed the museum is moving forward with other projects. The digitizing of its collection of Masonic and fraternal badges, ribbons and jewels is next on the list. More than 100 of these objects are accessible online, with many more to follow. Prints and engravings will be tackled in the coming months, including the notable Dr. William L. and Mary B. Guyton Collection of more than 600 images of George Washington.

## Sam Allen:

### LOBSTERMAN AND FREEMASON

A year ago Bro. Sam Allen lost his livelihood when his boat, the 28-foot “Dawn Breaker,” caught fire and sank. While hauling traps, Sam saw flames in the wheelhouse.



He radioed a mayday to the Coast Guard, put on a survival suit, grabbed a portable radio and emergency beacon, and jumped into the Atlantic.

He was pulled to safety by nearby fishermen, but the sinking of the “Dawn Breaker” meant the complete loss of his livelihood. Due to mounting medical bills of a family member he was forced to make many cuts, including much of his insurance on the vessel. The policy would not replace the boat.

“We had to help get Sam back on the water,” said Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts. “This private, hardworking, caring man is always willing to give but is not the kind to ask for help. We heard from members of his lodge that the fire took everything. His only remaining possessions were his truck and what little gear was not on the vessel. Yet, even in the face of this tragedy, Sam continues to give – volunteering, as he often does – at a community meals program run from his lodge.”

With help from the Scottish Rite’s Grand Almoner’s Fund, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the John T. Heard Lodge, and members of the community, Sam is getting back on his feet. He has replaced the “Dawn Breaker” with a 35-foot Novi he named “Gerty,” in honor of his mother. The Masonic square and compasses entwined with her name is Sam’s way of paying public tribute to the help he received from the Masonic fraternity. After some maintenance and repairs to the new boat, Sam will soon be fishing again.



# BECOME A SCOTTISH RITE MUNZEE MASTER!

Susan Kelley

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, the air has been buzzing with Pokémon Go but did you know that *Munzee is an exciting geo-location game that has been around since 2011?* Developed in Texas, Munzee has over 275,000 players worldwide with over 4 million Munzees deployed in over 200 countries!

The Scottish Rite strives to engage its members and their families with innovative family-friendly activities, so they have created a Scottish Rite Munzee Master account. This fall we will place Virtual Munzees at strategic Masonic locations for you to capture. **We challenge you to become a Scottish Rite Munzee Master!**

## WHAT EXACTLY IS MUNZEE?

Munzee is a global scavenger hunt game that utilizes both physical “real life” QR codes and virtual “pin” locations in combination with GPS technology. It is as simple as downloading and installing the free app to your smart phone. You then create your player account, a user name, and password. You can do this from either your smart phone or your desktop computer. Go to <http://playMunzee.com> to watch the short video to learn more.

Physical Munzees are hidden in the real world and are QR (Quick Reference) codes you can scan with your smart-

phone using the free Munzee app. A QR code is a matrix bar code (see below) used by industry for inventory, product identification, etc., but the most exciting use is Munzee game play! Players hide Munzees for others to capture. You may have seen one of these Munzee QR codes in your area on the back of a sign or at a place of interest—they are everywhere! To learn more, visit the Munzee website at: <https://www.Munzee.com/types>

## HOW DO I PLAY?

Once you have the app installed on your phone, open it to see the Munzee map to find Munzees in your surrounding area. Once at the location, for physical Munzees, simply scan the QR code or for a virtual Munzee, tap the green Munzee icon on your screen to capture it. As you capture Munzees, players are rewarded with points, badges, and special icons. As you earn points, you gain levels.

Playing and capturing a Munzee is easy and is a fun way to explore your community, your favorite vacation destination, or to get outdoors for health and



Left: Scottish Rite Munzee Master Referral Code—scan this *after* you open your free account. Above: Smartphone map shows virtual Munzees.



fitness. Whether you are a casual player or a hardcore competition enthusiast, Munzee helps you rediscover the world around you—whatever your age!

## LEARN ABOUT MUNZEE AT THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE

The Scottish Rite will host a fun family-friendly Munzee event at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at 9 AM. The event will feature a learning session, Munzee booth with hands-on demos, vendor booth, tours of the Temple, Eventzee photo scavenger hunt, and an opportunity for Munzee players to earn specials points, badges, icons, and more. Stay tuned for more exciting information, and be sure to visit our website, [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org), for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook.

Opening your basic Munzee account is easy and free. Go to <http://playMunzee.com> to watch the short video to learn more and to download the free app. Once you have installed the app, scan the Masonic Munzee Masters Referral code. ✚

## HOW TO PLAY

- 1. DOWNLOAD THE APP**
- 2. CHECKOUT THE MAP**
- 3. GO OUT AND CAP!**



# Could a CGA be right for you?

**Matthew T. Szramoski, 33°**  
Director of Development

**F**REEMASONRY IS AN organization that practices charity; we give because of what we believe. In the Scottish Rite, we practice charity in a variety of ways including supporting our local RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Programs, granting scholarships, and maintaining the history and archives of the fraternity at the House of the Temple.

Ever considered combining our Masonic principal of charity with the common sense principal of maximizing your rate of return on your investments? Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) offer every Scottish Rite Mason a chance to show how much they care and earn a guaranteed fixed rate of return at the same time.

A charitable gift annuity is a way to make a gift to your favorite charity, and still receive an income for yourself or others. It is a contract under which a charity, in return for a transfer of cash or other property, agrees to pay a fixed sum of money for a period measured by one or two lives. The person who contributes an asset for the annuity is called the “donor,” and the person who receives payments is called the “annuitant” or “beneficiary.” Usually, the annuitant is also the donor, but this is not always true. The maximum number of annuitants is two, and payments can be made to them jointly or successively.

Payments from a CGA are fixed from the beginning. They will neither increase nor decrease, whatever happens to interest rates or the stock market. The Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. or the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. are contractually obligated to make the payments.

A portion of the payments is considered to be a partial tax-free return of the

donor’s gift. The contributed property becomes a part of the charity’s assets. The donor has the ability to name a local SR Foundation as the remainder beneficiary of the charitable gift annuity or one of the Supreme Council Foundations.

CGAs therefore provide three huge benefits to brethren:

1. **Partial tax deductibility**
2. **Guaranteed rate of return**

### 3 Ability to practice charity

If you’ve been looking for a way to make a donation to the House of the Temple, consider this! For more information, please contact Matthew Szramoski, 33°, Director of Development at [mszramoski@scottishrite.org](mailto:mszramoski@scottishrite.org) or 202-777-3177 or Jessica Blossfeld, Development Communications and Events Coordinator, at [jblossfeld@scottishrite.org](mailto:jblossfeld@scottishrite.org). ✦

CGA Example\*

Bro. John Mason, 75, decides to give \$10,000 for a Scottish Rite Foundation gift annuity agreement. The payment rate at his age is 5.8%. Thus, he will receive a payment each year of \$580 for life and a tax deduction of \$3,143 for the year for his gift. In addition to the income tax deduction, almost ⅓ of each annual payment will be received free of tax for the first 12 years of his payments.

### Current Rates: Single Life CGA\*

AGE	RATE	AGE	RATE	AGE	RATE	AGE	RATE
5-10	2.0	44-45	3.3	64	4.6	78	6.4
11-15	2.1	46	3.4	65	4.7	79	6.6
16-19	2.2	47	3.5	66-67	4.8	80	6.8
20-23	2.3	48-49	3.6	68	4.9	81	7.0
24-26	2.4	50	3.7	69	5.0	82	7.2
27-29	2.5	51-52	3.8	70	5.1	83	7.4
30-32	2.6	53-54	3.9	71	5.3	84	7.6
33-34	2.7	55	4.0	72	5.4	85	7.8
35-36	2.8	56-57	4.1	73	5.5	86	8.0
37-38	2.9	58	4.2	74	5.7	87	8.2
39-40	3.0	59	4.3	75	5.8	88	8.4
41-42	3.1	60-61	4.4	76	6.0	89	8.7
43	3.2	62-63	4.5	77	6.2	90+	9.0

\*These rates (current as of 8/1/16) are for a single life Gift Annuity. Rates are set annually by the American Council on Gift Annuities and are fixed for life at the time you contract for a Gift Annuity. Gift Annuities are not available in some states. These charts are for illustrative purposes and are not intended as legal advice. Please consult your attorney or financial advisor. A Gift Annuity is an irrevocable gift, not an investment. It is not insured by the federal or any state government, but is backed by the assets of the Scottish Rite.

†Annual payment is based on current, single-life rate.

## Meet Your Orient Chairman



# III. Speed Hallman, 33°

**Jessica E. Blossfeld**

Development Communications & Events Coordinator

**WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU** to Ill. Speed Hallman, 33°. Speed is the Orient Chairman for North Carolina. Ill Hallman is a Past Master of Eagle Lodge No. 19 and currently serves as Junior Grand Warden for the Grand Lodge of NC. He is also a member of the Supreme Council Development Committee.

Speed received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in education from Appalachian State University. Speed is the senior director of development for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He started his career in public higher education at Appalachian State University and returned to UNC Chapel Hill to work with the School of Media and Journalism, the Arts and Sciences Foundation, and the Office of University Development. Speed lives in Hillsborough, NC, with his wife, Susan. Their two sons graduated from college this year, one completing his master's degree and one his bachelor's.

This month, I was able to interview Speed about his involvement with his Orient and what it means to him. Here is some of what I learned from him:

### **Q: Why did you join Freemasonry?**

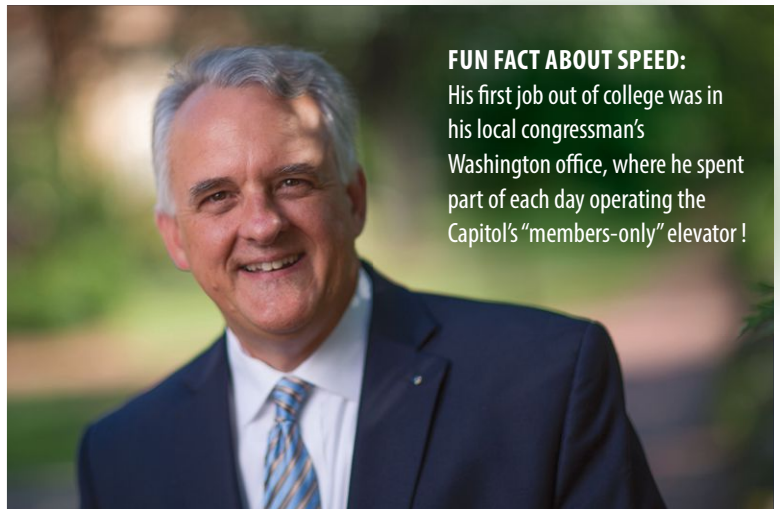
I petitioned the lodge in 1999 for a couple of reasons. By helping a cousin write a history of my mother's side of the family, I learned that several cousins, my uncles, and my grandfather were Masons, and the family Masonic tradition reached to antebellum times. I never knew my grandfather but I admired my uncles and cousins and knew that if they were Masons it had to be a good organization. A few years before that, UNC celebrated its bicentennial and its founding by Masons. I learned that members of Eagle Lodge, in the town where I live, took part in the cornerstone laying that marked the university's launch. That piqued my interest, and the family connection sealed the deal.

### **Q: What are you most involved with right now as a Mason?**

This year my involvement with grand lodge boards and com-

mittees grew substantially. Also, I helped start Lux Libertas, a lodge affiliated with UNC (See page in Current Interest for more on Lux Libertas). I'm active in the Greensboro Valley and in the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign, and I'm enjoying my involvement in a traditional observance lodge, Sophia No. 767 in Salisbury. Eagle No. 19 in Hillsborough remains my home lodge and keeps me centered.

**Q: What do you think is the most important aspect of Masonry?** Masonry unites those who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance, and I treasure my relationships with lodge



### **FUN FACT ABOUT SPEED:**

His first job out of college was in his local congressman's Washington office, where he spent part of each day operating the Capitol's "members-only" elevator!

Photography: Brian Strickland

brothers I would not have known outside of the fraternity. The lodge is a sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, and more so in turbulent political times. And as I get older I appreciate more and more the esoteric dimensions and personal growth aspects.

### **Q: What is your favorite thing about the great state of North Carolina?**

The people and the climate are warm and welcoming and the natural beauty is stunning. The various accents are music to my ears. Best of all, we have the One True Barbecue: Whole hog,\* vinegar, white slaw. Look to the East!

\*EDITOR'S NOTE: Brothers from Texas would argue that the One True Barbecue is beef brisket.

### **Q: Finally, because we are all dying to know, from where did the name Speed come?**

Speed is my middle name and it was my mother's maiden name, so I got it the old-fashioned way. Her family has the line of Masons stretching back to before the Civil War. ✚

### **GET TO KNOW YOUR ORIENT CHAIRMAN!**

Do you know a brother that goes above and beyond? Nominate them for a feature in our next *Scottish Rite Journal*! Please contact Jess Blossfeld at [jblossfeld@scottishrite.org](mailto:jblossfeld@scottishrite.org) or 202-777-3187 for more information.





Larry von Weigel, 32°

**T**HIS RECIPE HOLDS very sentimental feelings for me. When I traveled to Bucks County, PA, to see my baby goddaughter for the very first time, I was welcomed by her older brothers who were running around the back yard which bordered a thick forest. My goddaughter's mother was cooking venison goulash in a cast iron kettle over an open fire. The goulash aromas danced on wisps of sultry smoke beckoning me closer to the fire where I was greeted with strong hugs. The venison was from my goddaughter's father who felled the deer with one shot along the forest edge near where we stood. The anticipation for the dish to finish was almost more than I could stand because the smells were so heavenly. This dish takes loving care and ample time but is well worth the wait.

# Venison Goulash



Photography: Bro. Larry von Weigel, 32°

## Venison Goulash

Serves 30

- 13½ lbs. venison or beef shoulder, cleaned and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1¼ cup canola oil
- 22 medium to large yellow onions, peeled and thinly sliced
- 22 red bell peppers, trimmed, seeded, and roughly chopped
- 4 Tbsp. + 2 tsp. sweet Hungarian paprika
- 2 tsp. hot Hungarian paprika
- 6 qt. water
- 2¾ cup tomato paste
- ½ cup dried marjoram
- 1¾ Tbsp. fresh marjoram, finely chopped
- 2½ Tbsp. fresh thyme, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- ¼ cup fresh garlic, minced
- ½ cup + 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. grated lemon zest
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded & finely diced
- 2 Tbsp. + 2½ tsp. toasted caraway seeds ground

- 5 Tbsp. Cornichon juice
- Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a large heavy bottomed pot (*a cast iron kettle is perfect*) over low to medium heat add the oil and onions. Cook very slowly and stir occasionally until they are very dark brown, about 1½ to 2 hours.

While onions are cooking, place the bell peppers in a steamer and steam until very soft, approx. 15 min. Transfer peppers to a blender and blend until smooth.

Add tomato paste to onions and cook for about 5 minutes until dark. Add the hot and sweet paprika and mix well. Add 6 quarts water, vinegar, red pepper puree, dried marjoram, garlic, jalapeno pepper, and ground caraway seeds.

Season the meat with salt and pepper and add it to the mixture in the pot. Bring the liquid to just a simmer. Keep at barely a simmer and stir only occasionally about 4–5 times for about 3 to 3½ hours. Add the fresh thyme, fresh marjoram, lemon zest, and rosemary; and check the doneness of

the meat. It should be very fork tender but not so soft that it shreds apart. Approx. 4 hours. The chunks of meat will all cook at slightly different times so as they are done, remove them individually from the cooking liquid and reserve on a cookie sheet.

*NOTE: If you want the sauce to be more refined and smooth, pass all the cooking liquid through a colander. Be sure to press all the mix through with a rubber spatula. You want all the little bits of onion to add texture to the sauce. It can also be made a day in advance, and the flavors will improve.*

Add meat to sauce, add the cornichon juice. Ladle over mashed potatoes. Enjoy!

## Mashed Potatoes

Serves 30

- 13 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and small diced
- 1 qt. + 5 oz. whole milk

See "GOULASH," p. 28.

Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, GC  
Grand Archivist & Grand Historian

IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR with early forms of the Scottish Rite's rituals you're likely aware that in many of the degrees the principal officer was often called puissant, an antiquated word meaning "greatly influential" or "powerful." Perhaps the first time I encountered it was when I was in college. There's a line in Shakespeare's play *Henry V*, in which the question is asked, "Trail'st thou the puissant pike?" Although the original meaning of the phrase is "Do you carry a powerful spear?" I've since reinterpreted it in a Masonic fashion: "Are you following the powerful Pike?" My answer, of course, would be a resounding YES! As Scottish Rite Masons we

indeed follow Albert Pike's lead. Admirers of Pike's Masonic work recognize him for his unmatched devotion as "that master genius of Masonry," according to Joseph Fort Newton in *The Builder* (January 1914), who "found the Scottish Rite in a log cabin, and left it in a temple." For many years Pike was principally known only as the author/compiler of *Morals and Dogma*, or as the author of the rituals of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ. Few knew about his *Book of the Words* or that he was the editor of the 10-volume *Bulletin of the Supreme Council*, and fewer still realized that he was the author of literally hundreds of other works, catalogued in Ray Baker Harris's *Bibliography of the Writings of Albert Pike* (1957). Almost 30 years ago, after I obtained Harris's *Bibliography*, I became intrigued by its final entry: an unpublished manuscript entitled *The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*. On the manuscript's spine was the word *Esoterika*, curiously spelled with a k. Written in 1888, there

# FOLLOWING OUR "PUISSANT PIKE"

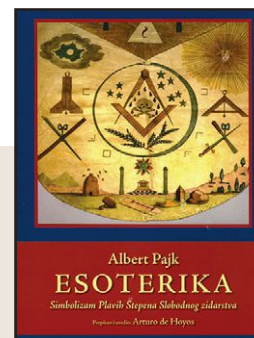
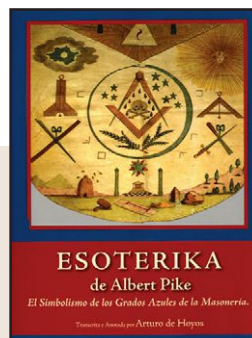
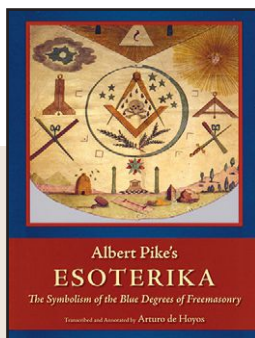


Illustration: Archives of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA

Think these are alike?

Look closer.

Albert Pike's *Esoterika* is now available in three languages!



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ▶	United States	Panama	Serbia
LANGUAGE ▶	English (US)	Spanish	Serbian
ORDERING INFORMATION ▶	scottishritestore.org	glp@granlogiadepanama.org	vojajova@yahoo.com



(L. to r.) MW Carlo Rognoni, Grand Master of Panama, and Bro. Voja Jovanovic, of Belgrade, Serbia, spearheaded efforts to have *Esoterika* translated into their respective country's languages.



were only two manuscript copies in existence: one in the archives of the House of the Temple, the other was sent by Pike to London. From its description I knew I had to read it. So, about 25 years ago, I traveled from my home in McAllen, Texas, to DC to meet with Ill. Reynold J. “Dick” Matthews, 33°, then Grand Archivist. Ill. Matthews had agreed to let me read the

extremely popular among Masonic students, and it is now the textbook for the first component (with accompanying quizzes) of the Supreme Council’s Master Craftsman education courses.

**Through the efforts of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA, the Grand Lodge of Panama, and the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia, *Albert Pike’s Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry* is now available in Spanish and Serbian.**

manuscript—provided I do so sitting in a chair next to him in his office. After the second day, he moved me to the Reading Room of the Supreme Council’s Library.

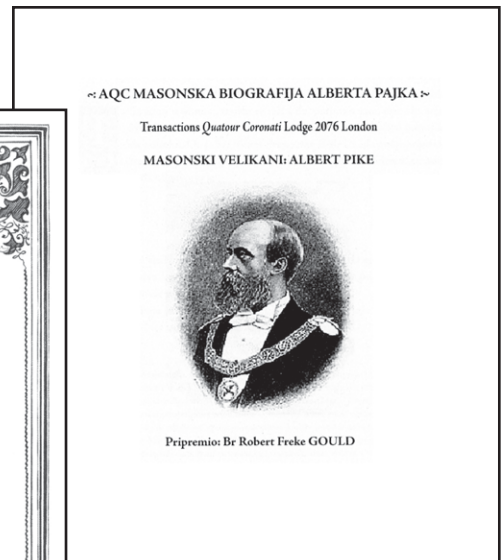
As I read the text I concluded that *Esoterika* was the most cogent and intelligent exposition of Blue Lodge symbolism I had encountered. I wasn’t alone in this opinion. Two of England’s greatest Masonic scholars, Robert F. Gould and George W. Speth (founding members of Quatuor Coronati Lodge 2076 in London, the premiere research lodge) informed Pike that his *Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry* was also the most important work of the kind they had ever studied.

In his introductory remarks Pike discouraged the distribution of copies by “anyone who is not fit and qualified to teach and instruct his Brethren, and who does not propose to use it as their teacher and instructor.” This gave me the idea that with proper preparation, an introduction, annotations, notes, and appendices, the book could be made available. After discussing the matter with Grand Commander Seale, the Scottish Rite Research Society printed the book in 2005. *Esoterika* has since become ex-

But the book was destined for an even larger readership. In the past couple of years Bro. Voja Jovanovic, of Belgrade, and MW Carlo Rognoni, Grand Master of Panama, approached me with the idea of translating *Esoterika* into their native languages. These have now become realities. Bro. Jovanovic translated the work into Serbian, while the Spanish edition was translated by Bro. Marco Cortés Azofeifa, in conjunction with

MW Rognoni and myself. The editions are near perfect copies of the original in looks and layout. The Serbian edition includes an additional biographical section on Pike, written by Robert Freke Gould, while the Spanish version even includes translated chapter title pages which emulate those of the original artwork! This past April, at the Grand Lodge of Panama’s one hundredth anniversary, I was happy to present an address on *Esoterika* as the book was released (it was also a gift to visiting dignitaries) and, this June I was the guest of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia, where I was invited to speak and sign copies. For information on purchasing the Spanish edition write to [glp@granlogiadepanama.org](mailto:glp@granlogiadepanama.org), and for the Serbian edition, write to [vojajova@yahoo.com](mailto:vojajova@yahoo.com).

I have occasionally wondered how Pike would fit into Masonry today, and if his genius still would be recognized. But of course, he does continue to fit in and be appreciated, perhaps even more than in his own time. His works continue to inspire, and they are more widely available now—and in more languages. Today, more Masons than ever are following our “Puissant Pike.” ✚



(Below) A translated chapter title page in the Spanish version emulates *Esoterika’s* original artwork. The Serbian-language edition (right) includes an additional biographical section on Albert Pike by Robert Freke Gould.

## The Masonic Reader's GRAND HAILING SIGN OF

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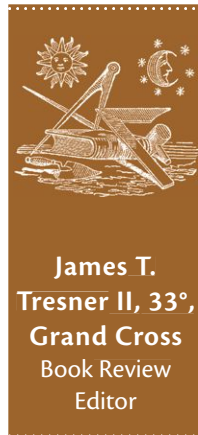
**A**S I HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE, Dr. Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, is wont to remark that the Masonic Reader's Grand Hailing Sign of Distress is made by sharply smiting the palm of the right hand against the forehead while saying "How could I have missed that!"

My own forehead is bruised and bleeding at the moment. In the last column, I mentioned *An Introduction to the Formation of Freemasonry in the United States of America: The Constellation of the Brotherhood*. It is, as I said, a very useful book. But that issue was hardly in your hands before I discovered (by being sent copies) that it is not alone. There are *several* such bibliographies from the Library of the Supreme Council, and I had completely missed the fact. The Great American humorist Robert Benchley once wrote that in

every newspaper photo of a disaster, there is someone in a bowler hat, walking past, who is completely oblivious to the carnage about him. I know how that character feels.

A few words for our newer Brethren who may not know that much about the Library. It is a wonder of the Masonic world. I mean that literally. The nucleus was

Albert Pike's enormous personal library. That has been added to since. The Library was opened to the public early on—a reflection of Masonry's deep commitment to enlightenment. It was, and this is astonishing to me, the very first library open to the public in Washington, D.C. This vast educational hub is directed by Joan Kleinknecht, the Librarian. I can attest from personal experience that she and the staff are very helpful when it comes to assisting you with your research and reading.

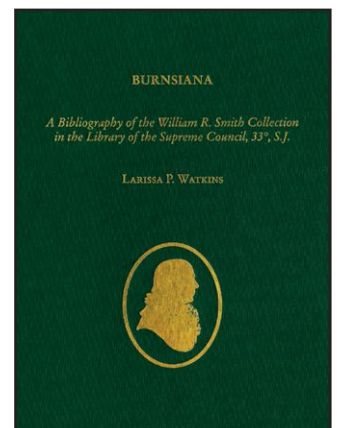
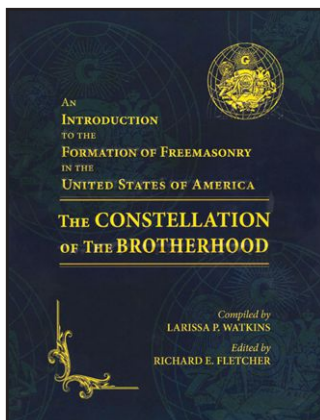


The Assistant Librarian, and author of the bibliographies to follow, is Larissa Watkins.

Let me quote from one of the on-line reviews of her books. "Larissa P. Watkins is Assistant to the Librarian at the Library of the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C. Educated in the Russian Federation as a journalist and librarian, she holds an honors degree in Library Science from the Cultural Sciences Institute of Higher Learning in Ussurisk, Primorskiy Krai, and was Director of Acquisition and Automation at the State Scientific Library in the Maritime Provinces in Vladivostok. In this capacity, she represented the Library administration at annual national conferences in Moscow and Leningrad. In Russia, her book *The Men of Dal'zavod* was written as the official history for the 100th anniversary of the Dal'zavod, the largest shipyard in the Russian Far East."

**Watkins, Larissa (author) & [Kleinknecht] Sansbury, Joan (editor), *Burnsiana: A Bibliography of the William R. Smith Collection in the Library of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. Oak Knoll Press, 2008, hardbound, 240 pages, illustrations, ISBN-13: 978-1584562467, available on the Internet, new and used, from about \$33.00.***

The Library of the House of the Temple has one of the most complete collections of books by and about the Scottish poet Robert Burns anywhere in the United States. This comprehensive bibliography not only contains the annotated listings of the William R. Smith Collection but also an article about Burns by Robert Cooper, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and an article on Brother Smith (who created the collection) by Kevin Stone Fries. This is an essential resource for those interested in the life and work of Brother Burns. ►►

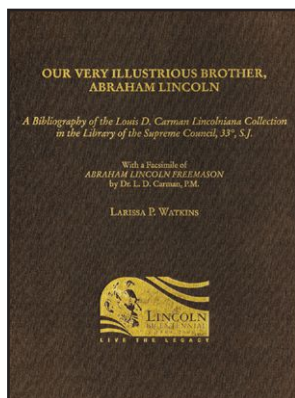




Watkins, Larissa (author) & [Kleinknecht] Sansbury, Joan (editor), *Our Very Illustrious Brother, Abraham Lincoln: A Bibliography of the Louis D. Carman Lincolniana Collection in the Library of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J.* Oak Knoll Press, 2007, hardbound, 157 pages, illustrations, ISBN-13: 978-1584562016, shop the Internet. I saw prices, new and used, from \$65.00 down to \$7.00.

There is great information here! This paragraph from a reviewer on Amazon sums it up very well:

“Our Very Illustrious Brother, Abraham Lincoln” by bibliographer Larissa P. Watkins is co-published by Oak Knoll Press and the Library of the Supreme Council. A work of exhaustive scholarship, “Our Very Illustrious Brother Abraham Lincoln” features some 1,000 entries, including more than 100 images of covers and title pages, as well as brief excerpts about President Lincoln drawn from many of the listed publications. With the inclusion of an informative foreword, an informed introduction, a 26-page facsimile of “Abraham Lincoln Freemason” by Lincoln collector and scholar L. D. Carman, “Our Very Illustrious Brother, Abraham Lincoln” is a very strongly recommended and absolutely core addition to personal, academic, and community library Abraham Lincoln and American History reference collections.



Let me just add that, as one would expect, the indices are well done and very helpful. Of course, Lincoln was not a member of the Fraternity, having put his plan of joining on hold until he left office, so it would not appear he had petitioned the Lodge only for political advantage. But he lived and moved in a world greatly influenced by Freemasonry and Freemasons. There’s lots of interesting material here.

Watkins, Larissa (author) & Morris, Dr. S. Brent, 33°, Grand Cross (editor), *International Masonic Periodicals, 1738–2005: A Bibliography of the Library of the Supreme Council, S.J.*, Oak Knoll Press, 2006, hardbound, illustrations, ISBN-13: 978–1584561729, available on the Internet, new and used, from about \$13.00.

As Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale wrote in the preliminary materials in this book:

Freemasonry at the beginning of the twenty-first century is the inheritor of resources and treasures from the generations of Brothers who have gone before us. They left us our organizational structure, our buildings, and our libraries and archives. The Library of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J., U.S.A., has been

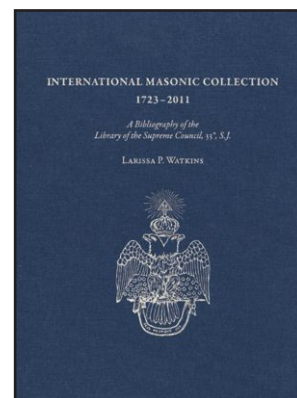
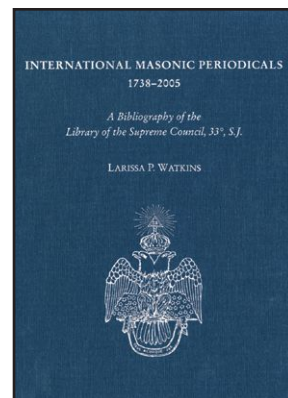
exceptionally blessed in its immense collection of Masonic publications, including an amazing number of periodicals—674 American and 555 foreign. We are but the temporary custodians of these priceless records of the progress of Freemasonry throughout the world, and it is our sacred obligation to preserve them and to pass them on to our successors....

It is poignant that our library has preserved copies of some European volumes destroyed in their homes during World War II. Europe is our Masonic parent, and we are able to repay our birthright as faithful sons preserving our heritage. It is hard to know what the future holds for anyone or anything, but we shall continue building for those who come after us. It is more than our intellectual delight and fraternal duty—it is our sacred obligation.

There is a tendency on the part of some people to treat periodicals less “seriously” than books. We think of a book as more permanent and enduring, and therefore more likely to contain “important” material. But far more ideas are batted around in periodicals. They are more responsive to the daily give and take of scholarship, and to give us more of a “real-time” feeling for the issues and ideas occupying the thinking of the brethren of the time. These periodicals give much the feeling of a conversation with the brethren who created the Masonic experience we have today, and this book helps you to find and capture that conversation.

Watkins, Larissa (author) & Arturo De Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross (editor), *International Masonic Collection 1723–2010: A Bibliography of the Library of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J.*, Oak Knoll Press, 2012, hardbound, 578 pages, illustrations, ISBN-13: 978–1584562924 (You will need to shop around, most of the prices I found on the Internet were about \$100.)

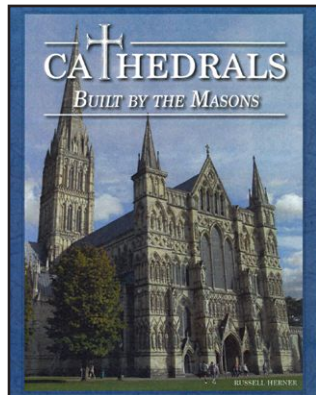
Again, not everyone needs this book, although it would certainly be good if each state’s Grand Lodge Library had a copy. It isn’t for the casual reader, but for the person researching Freemasonry, or the role the Fraternity played in the history of some event, it is invaluable. A thing which is true of all these books is that the illustrations are remarkable for their clarity. So often we have seen the same



classic spot engravings of Masonic materials which have been reproduced and then reproduced from the reproductions until they are very blurred. The illustrations in these books are sharp and well-defined. That had to have been a labor of love in itself. Be very proud, Brethren, of your Library in the House of the Temple. It is a magnificent collection!

**Herner, Russell, 33°, *Cathedrals Built by Masons*, Schiffer Press, 2015, hardbound, 240 pages, hundreds of color illustrations, glossy paper, ISBN-13: 978-0764348402, available on the Internet, new and used, from about \$25.00.**

This is a big, beautiful book, and it would be a great idea to buy one for your Lodge. Brother Herner translated a life-long love of the great cathedrals into an astonishing experience for the reader.



Part 1 includes:

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There are literally hundreds of illustrations, especially of the details of the buildings, likely not even to be noticed unless the visitor has a very sharp eye. A stone flower here, a smiling face there — the reality of life captured forever. It is hard to say just why this book is so compelling. It is well-written, of course. The reproduction of the photographs is excellent. There are touches of humor which arise from our ancient brethren. The information about the builder's tools is helpful and interesting—and it makes you realize that these men knew the meaning of work. But there is something more, something which leads you to close your eyes for a moment and walk through the transept, feeling the stone

under your feet as your fingers brush the polished wood. For a while, you are back in a God-centered world, with everything around you reaching upward, both physically and spiritually; and the ruckus of political and social dissent is faint and distant.

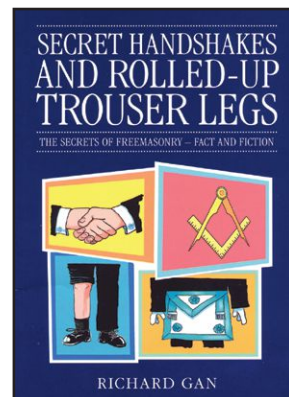
The book is filled with valuable information, well researched and well presented. The discussion of operative and speculative Masonry is very good. But there is more!

**Gan, Richard, *Secret Handshakes and Rolled-Up Trousers Legs: The Secrets of Freemasonry—Fact and Fiction*, Lewis Masonic, 2014, paperbound, 128 pages, illustrations, ISBN-13: 978-0853184410, available on the Internet for about \$21.00.**

As you might guess from the title, this is an entertaining little book. What you might not guess is that it is also filled with good information. First, it would not be easy to find a more knowledgeable Brother. As his bio in the book points out, “[he] is a senior Freemason and a Grand Officer in all the major Orders of Freemasonry. He retired in June 2010 as Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, following which for four years he was the Editor of *The Square*, an independent magazine for Freemasons.” The primary intended audience is the English non-Mason, who hears all these wild things about the Fraternity, and wonders what the facts might be. While the anti-Mason nonsense in America tends to center around the dark arts, in England it tends to center around social or political advantage. Stupidity and ignorance know no borders.

Some of the chapter subheadings in the first part of the book give a clue:

- What goes on in the Lodge Room?
- Do they really wear Aprons in Lodge?
- How do Freemasons get the best jobs?
- How do Freemasons always get their Planning Permissions through?
- How do Freemasons avoid getting caught by the police?
- How do Freemasons manage to beat court cases? [Would, oh would it were true!!]



After dealing with the allegations suggested by the headings above, Brother Gan devotes the majority of the book to information about the Fraternity in topics arranged alphabetically. The writing is clear and concise, pointed to a non-Masonic audience, and heavily illustrated. This is a good little book to read and share. ✚



## GAVELS

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These are only some examples of the many gavels held and displayed in the Cowles Collection. The collection also includes a much larger gavel made from ivory from the tusk of an Alaskan walrus and one made from wood from an oak tree that was grown on the Guilford Battle Ground in North Carolina.

Unfortunately, some of the gavels have no indication of where Cowles got them. So, the next time you get a gavel made for your year or for a VIP, make sure you engrave or attach a metal plaque with the person's name; date; location; and materials used. This way the gavel can be preserved properly for posterity. Who knows, one day your eclectic collection might end up at the House of the Temple! ✦

## GOULASH

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**7½ oz. butter**

**½ cup fresh chives, finely diced**

**22 oz. shredded Parmesan or cheddar cheese**

**Salt & pepper to taste**

Peel and evenly dice potatoes into ¼-inch cubes and place in pot of cold water. Bring to a boil and cook until tender when pierced with a wooden skewer. Drain well in a colander and place potatoes back in the pot.

Just before potatoes are finished cooking heat the milk and butter in a sauce pot until warm, do not boil the milk.

With large potato masher; mash potatoes well then gradually add the milk, butter, cheese, and fresh chives. Season with salt and pepper. ✦

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## THE GREEK RITE (Continued from p. 11)

organization was absorbed into the Delta Zeta Sorority (indicia on p. 11), which has over 160 collegiate chapters and nearly 250,000 members, making it the third largest sorority in the United States.

By no means is this list an exhaustive source of undergraduate fraternities started or influenced by Freemasons, as there are 123 different Greek letter fraternities and sororities nationwide totaling more than nine million members! For the sake of brevity, only 16 fraternities are listed in this survey. ✦

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## MISTAKEN IDENTITY (Continued from p. 13)

details of the 1902 cornerstone ceremony for the Masonic temples were found in the *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama*. The well-informed Mason is quick to recognize the deacons' rods and the Knights Templar chapeaus, but these details mean little to archivists unfamiliar with fraternal organizations. Details that showed a contrast between the two events included the time of day and temperature. The photograph in question was taken in bright sun, but Roosevelt spoke at sundown. Men in straw hats and workmen without coats suggest springtime in the early afternoon. The temperature was in the low 60s during the president's speech. Finally, the description of the dais decorations given in the 1902 *Proceedings* was a perfect match to the photograph. At this point, Bob Peck, the volunteer who supervises the Historic Mobile Preservation Society archives, produced three additional photographs of the event. One of which gave a clear, direct im-

age of the speaker who was not the president but matched the official photograph of Cunningham.

Gracious as Mr. Peck was, it seems there were no surviving photographs to document President Roosevelt's brief 1905 visit to Mobile. The AlabamaMosaic digital archives contains the cornerstone photograph but is labeled as "Theodore Roosevelt speaks to a large crowd at the Masonic Temple cornerstone dedication." The description lists the date as ca. 1900 and 1902. The state archives office was contacted and the description was corrected. Of course the erroneous information is sure to be copied from old print files and internet retrievals, and like a bad penny, this misidentification will persist. But, all is not lost. More and more we find that our Masonic history is being considered a valuable part of our national story and those professionals who are charged with preserving that story appreciate our helping hand. ✦

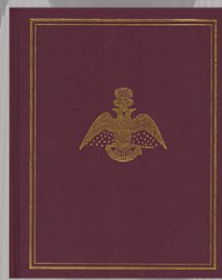
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