



## Gerald Rudolph Ford

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD(1913-2006 )  
Thirty-eighth President (1974-1977)



### MASONIC RECORD

Initiated: September 30, 1949, Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan, along with his half-brothers Thomas Gardner Ford (1918-1995), Richard Addison Ford (1924-) and James Francis Ford (1927- ). The Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees were Conferred by Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., on April 20 and May 18, 1951, as a courtesy to Malta Lodge. Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar (Representative) for his Class. Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, April 6-9, 1975; Brother Ford held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master, receiving his Collar and Jewel on October 24, 1978 in Topeka, Kansas, from the Hon. Thomas C. Raum, Jr., Grand Master, Order of DeMolay.

## SIMPLE TRUTHS

by Brian House

Many times we are led to believe that profound thoughts are complex in nature. There have been a couple of recent movies where the "brilliance" of the characters portrayed is demonstrated by their ability to fill three blackboards with a mathematical equation. Personally, I think the profound truths are simple and elegant. "E=mc squared" is a good example. Even non-mathematicians can understand this concept.

While reading Albert Pike's "Lecture on Masonic Symbolism" recently I was presented with one of these profound, and yet simple truths. I'd like to share that with you. It is from Timaeus of Locri, a follower of Pythagoras. He described Diety as "a Circle, the center of which is everywhere, and the circumference nowhere."

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## 2007 Denver Consistory Schedule

### March

#### **Mon. – March 19th                      Stated Meeting**

Mezzanine business meeting    5:30PM  
Dinner                                    6:00PM

Salmon with Lemon butter sauce  
Twice Baked Potato  
Fresh Asparagus  
Tossed Green Salad  
Chocolate Cream Pie  
Rolls-Coffee-Tea-etc.

#### **RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**

**at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

Parking garage available

### April

#### **Sat. – April 14<sup>th</sup>                      Stated Meeting**

Dinner                                    12:00PM

#### **Special Price - \$10.00**

Swedish Meatballs with Fettuccini  
Mixed Vegetable  
Mixed Green Salad  
Banana Cream Pie  
Rolls - Coffee--Tea--etc.

#### **RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**

**at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., TUESday, April 10, 2007**

Parking garage available

### **Calendar of Events**

At all Consistory functions, children 12 and under are complimentary.

Vegetarian plates available at all functions upon request with reservations.

All lunches are \$10.00 donation per plate

All Dinners are \$15.00 donation per plate

**LUNCH SERVED EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON  
WITH THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY RESERVED FOR FRIED  
CHICKEN**

***The next meeting of the Scottish Rite  
Research Society will be held at 7:00 pm  
on Wednesday, May 30, in the library at the  
Consistory.***

## In Memoriam

### **Brother**

Jerome Irwin Aronoff, 32°  
Harold Blitt, 32°  
Ralph Wayne Brenaman, 32°  
Harold Robert Brenneis, 33°  
Eldon Arthur Brown, 32°  
Malcolm C. Chandler, 32°  
Grover Glen Crowley, 32°  
Weldin Charles Gale, 32°  
James Birch Glaskin, 32°  
Stephen Lee Goodwin, 32°  
Jackson Theodore Gould, 32°  
Waymon Griffin, 32°  
Clarence Robert Grimes, 32°  
Thomas Seymour Hall, 32°  
Benjamin Burke Harris, 32°  
Sidney Hyman Helper, 32°  
Forey Hutchinson, 32°  
Richard Murphy Kellogg, 32°  
Frank Clare Lowe, 32°  
Tommy Leon Mathews, 32°  
Philip Walz Mumaw, 32°  
Pat Harry Munroe, 32°  
Donald Edward Myerson, 32°  
Harry K. Narcisian, 32°  
Ronald Harold O'Kane, 32°  
Emanuel George Pavlakis, 32°  
John Deltion Pharr, 32°  
Monroe George Redcay, 32°  
Robert Wilson Rhea, 32°  
William Albert Sanderson, 32°  
Ralph Amon Smith, 32°  
Richard Irvin Smith, 32°  
Edward Arthur Solze, 32°  
Robert Donald Susman, 32°  
Thomas Oliver Van Tuyl, 32°  
Dennie Parker Wise, 32°

### **Died**

1/10/2007  
11/30/2006  
9/14/2006  
12/6/2006  
1/27/2007  
12/4/2006  
12/21/2006  
1/8/2007  
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1/7/2007  
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1/5/2007  
10/15/06  
12/28/2005  
12/11/2006  
12/12/2006  
1/2/2007

The cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1848 by the Grand Master of Washington DC, MW Benjamin B. French. There were more than 20,000 people in attendance. GM French wore the same Masonic apron and blue sash worn by Washington at the cornerstone laying of the U. S. Capital in 1793. GM French had to descend eight feet for the laying of the stone that was part of the foundation. Later work put it deeper. Today it lies more than thirty-six feet under the northeast corner of the Monument.

The stone weighed 24,500 pounds and contained a zinc plated time capsule. The capsule holds statistics on the city of Washington as well as the nation. It also holds coins, currency, a Bible, sixty different newspapers, and the first "Program of Organization of the Smithsonian Institution."

# From the Secretary's Desk

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°



The whole place is abuzz with activity to prepare for the upcoming Scottish Rite Regional Reunion in May. We are seriously involved in every sort of clean up/fix up activity and you'll see a shinier building with each visit you make! We are working to finalize plans for the Women's Activities that will occur during this Reunion and I think we have taken very good care of our "better halves!" Look for announcements in the very near future.

I want to remind all of our members about the April Stated Communication. We are going to host a very special daylight communication on Saturday, April 14, 2007. The afternoon will begin with a nicely prepared lunch followed by an open meeting in our Auditorium. Your families, guests as well as any prospective members are invited to attend.

The meeting will include our own version of a fashion show. We are going to make a presentation of a costume from each of our 29 degrees with a brief narration of what is learned in that degree. You will see each of our committees and musical groups in action and hopefully all of our members who we have not seen in a while can come and enjoy the afternoon. We want to reacquaint all of our members to this great fraternity and its work, once again, particularly those that cannot get out at night! For any of our members who are not able to drive, please call the Consistory Offices and we will arrange transportation for you.

I would like to wish each of you, and your families, a Happy Easter. And may all of you enjoy the promise of spring, and its message of new life, regardless of your particular faith.

## From the East

by Richard L. Rosenbaum, 32° KCCCH

Thank you for electing me to serve the Denver Consistory as Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix for this year. I am deeply grateful and honored by your taking a chance on me, and will do my best to live up to that trust. I wish to welcome to our little band of Rose Croix pilgrims, Bro. Randy Penn. He is a valued and talented addition to an already strong officer line. We will present the Rose Croix Celebration of Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment at our March 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, as well as Ill. Bro. Dick Mitchell's Oration. The Past Presiding Officers of our Consistory will be honored that evening.

Last month's Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Grand Junction brought to mind the growing problem of Masonry's dwindling membership and a general lack of

interest and engagement by the Brethren. Granted, Grand Junction is a ways off, but the attendance was disappointing, even considering the long drive for most of us. The quorum was met, but not by much. Over thirty Lodges still hadn't sent in their end-of-the-year membership reports to the Grand Lodge office. It is incumbent upon our Lodge officers to do their jobs, send in the reports on time, make Lodge meetings/activities interesting, **and stay in touch with our members, particularly our elderly Brothers, and those with special needs.** If we, as Lodge officers, resolve to do this, our Fraternity will prosper and flourish; if not, then we will ere long be nothing more than a memory. Attend the meetings. Participate. There are so many jobs, committee positions, Degree parts, and activities to chose from, you have no excuse not to **engage yourself and be an active member of this Fraternity.**

If you have not attended a Scottish Rite function or Stated Meeting in a while, please join us soon. We will do our best to start the meetings on time, conduct them expeditiously, and end them on time. We will also strive to make the meetings/activities interesting. In response to members' suggestions, your Consistory has many activities and new ideas planned for the coming year: Our Stated Meeting for April will be Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> at noon instead of on a Monday night. Our Spring Reunion (May 16 – 19) will feature Degrees presented by Scottish Rite Valleys from five states. The June 18<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting will be "Hawaiian Shirt Night". Last year, the ladies had an impromptu judging of the men (shirts?). We are having a shrimp boil dinner at the Consistory Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our annual picnic has been scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid conflicts with July 4<sup>th</sup> observances. The September 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting will be "Sports Shirt Night", so wear and show off your favorite team/sport shirt that night. Our Fall Reunion will be consecutive weekends (Nov. 9 & 10, and Nov. 16 & 17), featuring all twenty-nine Degrees, in order to better accommodate your busy work schedules. If you didn't see something here that interests you, please, by all means, offer input and suggestions to your Consistory officers! Remember – membership is a **contact sport**, but the lifeblood of this and any other organization is **attendance and participation!** See you at the Consistory.

In lodges of the 1700's the emblems and symbols of the different degrees were drawn on the floor of the lodge with chalk or charcoal. They were obliterated at the end of each meeting because lodges met in rented rooms, and they did not want strangers viewing their secret writings. As this was troublesome and messy they were next painted on cloth or canvas, carried to each meeting and laid on the floor, hence the name 'carpets'. Today, these carpets, or charts as they are now called hang from walls or frames, and are displayed as required for the different degrees.



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**Alan Hatfield, 32° KCCH** now has full-time email in his assisted living facility, and would like to hear from his friends on a regular basis. Please contact Office for the information...*don't worry too much about what people think - they don't do it very often...*Jeanne, wife of **Mel Thompson, 32° KCCH**, stumbled the last part of December, broke a toe, and damaged a ligament. She has since recovered...**Willis Bealmear, 32° KCCH**, attended a Reunion of the 402<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron, USAF, WII, recently held at the Academy at Colorado Springs. It was one of the largest attended Reunions...*bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks...*Mark, son of **Robert Dinkel, 32° KCCH**, and Peggy, has been promoted to Master Sgt, USAF...**Jim Lear, 32° KCCH**, reports he was installed as Commander, Council Knights of Kadosh, North East Kansas Consistory...*my idea of thorough housework is to sweep the room with a glance...***Barry Watson, 32°** (a US marine veteran) is now the Business Manager at El Jebel...Eleanor, wife of **Harry Lindstrom, 33°**(a US Marine veteran) was appointed by the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., as Representative to the state of Maryland...**Marvin Feldman, 33°** celebrated his Birthday in February - *(YOU ask him)...**not one shred of evidence supports the theory that life is serious...**the 2007 Masonic Band Camp is now accepting students, and donations...*from our Masonic Brethren, in The 3 Lights, Masonic Lodge in Hayward, Calif. - a recently initiated Entered Apprentice, when asked by his wife why he spent hours in the bathroom with his little blue book, he answered, "it is the only "TILED" room in the house...**George Frolick, 32°**, and Neva are spending the winter in Arizona, away from our Colorado Winter...**George Frohlick, 32°; Vincent Fisk, 32° KCCH; Marvin Feldman, 33°; and Gerald Baker, 32° KCCH** have all been feeling poorly recently.

# The College of the Consistory

by Sean J. Carey

In our Masonic travels from West to East, we are repeatedly informed of the object of our quest: "Light". When you pass the light of the sun through a prism, it shatters into a rainbow of colors. The definition of that Light that each of us seek can hold many meanings. One aspect of that Light, or color of that rainbow, is Masonic Education. When surveyed, many of the new members of our consistory expressed an interest in further understanding this Light, especially in regards to the degrees found in the Scottish Rite. Likewise, many Scottish Rite masons who have been members for years have also given insightful, thorough and detailed studies and analyses of these degrees.

In order to assist all of our brothers in obtaining this Light, the Membership Committee of the Denver Consistory is forming a local campus of the "College of the Consistory". The "College of the Consistory" is a free self-study program for Scottish Rite Masons of all Orients and the curriculum is facilitated by the Guthrie Scottish Rite. The local Campus of the College will hold Festive Boards, where papers chosen by either the Board of Adepts of the College or by the local Campus leadership will be presented. If you are interested in pursuing this in-depth study of the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, please contact any member of the Denver Consistory Membership Committee or the Denver Consistory offices for an application.

## COLORADO NIGHT

Saturday April 14th

6:30 PM Denver Consistory-1370 Grant St.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado and Columbine Lodge will confer awards of Excellence to two legendary Colorado sports figures:

Mr. Larry Zimmer      Mr. Irv Brown

Larry Zimmer is an award winning broadcaster, announcer and instructor of sports broadcasting at CU. Irv Brown is a Denver native, a standout athlete, college coach and NCAA referee, talk show host and member of the Colorado Sports hall of Fame.

Colorado Night is a Columbine tradition and the signature event in Colorado Masonry. This is an open program for members and guests.

Dinner tickets are available from:  
 W. Bro. Scott Richardson (720-839-3045;  
[srsushi@aol.com](mailto:srsushi@aol.com))

or

W. Bro. Marvin Feldman (303-771-2889;  
[MAFHORN@comcast.net](mailto:MAFHORN@comcast.net))

# 2006 RiteCare Program in Review

by Vernon B. Ingraham, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Executive Secretary  
Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Last year proved highly successful for the RiteCare Program in many ways. We began partnerships with hospital-based clinics in Sterling and La Junta. The Fort Collins clinic moved to a new facility enabling it to adequately serve its increasing client-base. We served children throughout the state:

- Valley of Denver: 522 (8 locations)
  - Valley of Grand Junction: 331 (8 locations)
  - Valley of Southern Colorado: 161 (3 locations)
- Total Children Served in 2006 1,014

Our 2006 grants for these services totaled \$1.4 million. Since program inception in 1953, more than 12,000 children have been served with total grant expenditures of \$24 million.

Speech therapy and related services are currently offered by nine community-based partners in the following 15 communities: Colorado Springs, Delta, Denver, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Greeley, La Junta, Littleton, Loveland, Montrose, Parker, Pueblo, Ridgway, Sterling, and Westminster. Pre-school reading services are offered by two community-based partners in the following 5 communities: Cortez, Dolores, Grand Junction, Mancos, and Towaoc.

Three selected highlights from the RiteCare Clinics around the state help tell the story of the specialized work the clinics performed in 2006.

1. Denver - The Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services at The Children's Hospital focused efforts on the earliest months of life to optimize long-term health and development of at-risk babies. In addition, the Department increased services to families of deaf and hard-of-hearing youngsters by expanding its "Learn to Talk Around the Clock" family-education program.
2. Pueblo - The Children's Therapy Center conducted an Autism Clinic by bringing together experts in a clinic program to discuss issues with families, teachers, and Pueblo speech-language pathologists of seven children with autism.
3. Montrose – Memorial Hospital conducted its first-ever week long alternative/augmentative summer program. Known as the Montrose Storybook Camp, participants included the children, school teachers, student aides, therapists, and several other professionals. Montrose clinic personnel were assisted by staff from The Children's Hospital in Denver in implementing this camp.

In 2006 the Group Therapy Room fundraising campaign generated \$173,000 from 235 donors. The Foundation satisfied its commitment to The Children's Hospital in December 2006 when a check for \$150,000 was presented to The Children's Hospital Foundation. After the new

hospital opens this fall, the Group Therapy Room will have the name, "Colorado Masons – Scottish Rite Foundation Group Therapy Room." Appropriate donor recognition for major donors to the campaign will be conducted after the hospital opens. The balance of the donations in excess of \$150,000 will be deposited in the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarships in Speech Pathology* fund.

The Foundation's investment portfolio at December 31, 2006, was \$25.3 million. In 2006, the Foundation received gifts and donations totaling summarized as follows:

Estates and Trusts	\$289,000
Individual Donations	\$393,000
Non-Masonic Organizations	<u>\$147,000</u>
	<u>\$829,000</u>

While the Board of Trustees is most intent on preserving the corpus of the Foundation, it also strongly desires to provide financial assistance to families of children with language disorders in an era of significant population growth throughout the State. In this regard, on February 12, 2007, the Board adopted a long-term financial goal called "2020 – A Vision for the Future." This goal points the Foundation in the direction of increasing its financial resources to meet the 2020 goal of doubling its net assets. The specific goal is to have a net asset base of \$52 million in the next 14 years.

In 2007 we look forward to more progress on all fronts with the goal of helping more at-risk children in Colorado. Expansion opportunities will be sought in underserved areas of Colorado. The pre-school reading program will be expanded to a new rural community, Dove Creek.



Group Therapy Room Ceremonial Check Presentation (L-R Jim Schmerling, President & CEO, The Children's Hospital; Joy Johnston, President, The Children's Hospital Board of Trustees; Stephen M. Munsinger, 33<sup>rd</sup>, SGIG)

The Board and Executive Secretary are ever mindful of administering an efficient and effective organization with a low overhead rate that rivals that of many other non-profits. Administrative overhead rate consistently falls below 2.5 % with a world class health care team providing good value for our donor partners and for our RiteCare children.

# WASHINGTON MONUMENT

*Laus Deo*: A History lesson you may have forgotten, or were never taught.

One detail that is not mentioned, in DC, is that there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument

With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc. This is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, DC, are displayed two words: *Laus Deo*. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know *Laus Deo*'s history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched &nbsp; top the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

*Laus Deo*! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, *Laus Deo* .....Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday

School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society.

Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy "One Nation, Under God."

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you never read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Laus Deo*!

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of "*Laus Deo*", its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: "Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127: 1)

## Taps

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain

reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of a soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well,  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.

Fading light  
Dims the sight.  
And a star  
Gems the sky,  
Gleaming bright  
From afar,  
Drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise,  
For our days,  
'Neath the sun,  
'Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go,  
This we know,  
God is nigh.

I too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song that I did before.

# The Lamb Skin

Authorship Unknown

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,  
There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,  
Though of all my possessions, there's none can compare,  
With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,  
When Dad hustled around, and so much time was spent,  
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,  
Until Mother would say: "it's the Mason's tonight."

And some winter nights she said: "what makes you go,  
Way up there tonight through the sleet and the snow,  
You see the same things every month of the year."  
Then Dad would reply: "yes, I know, my dear.

Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.  
And although they are old, they always seem new,  
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,  
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."

Years later I stood at that very same door,  
With good men and true who had entered before,  
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught  
that virtue and honor can never be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin all Masons revere  
of worthily worn grows more precious each year,  
That service to others brings blessings untold,  
That man may be poor though surrounded by gold.

I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,  
That enemies fade' neath the compass and square,  
That wealth and position are thrust aside,  
As there on the level men meet and abide.

So, Honor the lambskin, may it always remain  
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain,  
And when we are called to the Great Father's love,  
May we all take place in that Lodge up above.

The humblest object beneath our eye as completely defies our scrutiny as the economy of the most distant star. Every leaf and blade of grass holds within itself secrets which no human penetration will ever fathom.... Wherever we place our hand we lay it on the locked bosom of mystery. Step where we will, we tread upon wonders. The sea-side, the clods of the field, the water worn pebbles on the hills, the rude masses of rock, are traced over and over, in every direction, with a hand-writing older and more significant and sublime than all the ancient ruins and all the overthrown and buried cities that past generations have left upon the earth; for it is the handwriting of the Almighty. (ALBERT PIKE *from Morals and Dogma*)

**ALLEGIANCE**

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and Yield allegiance to the

**Supreme Council**

(Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry For the Southern Jurisdiction of The United States of America

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General of The Supreme Council

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