

CLEARWATER YORK

Clearwater Chapter No. 45 Royal Arch Masons



Greetings Companions:

The High Priest usually has a message here, but because of the installation coming after the first session in January, There is an interruption here. As you may know our High Priest is also

the Eminent Commander. He is also getting out our add for the Grand York Rite Conference. So he may have words of wisdom by the May/ June issue. He always has words of wisdom when he speaks!

Zealously and Fraternally,

The Editor

This is the beginning of a paper by Edgar W. Fentum PGHP 2003– 2004 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California as published on www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ra_education/raeduc007.htm/ accessed March 4th, 2013. You may view it in its entirety there These are excerpts from it. It is titled Symbolism—Pure and Applied. Albert Pike stated

that symbolism should be considered from a moral, political (sociological), philosophical and spiritual perspective.

The late illustrious Bro. Alex Home 33rd Deg. Wrote that a symbol had greater import and significance than an emblem. 'A symbol is a material thing that is taken to represent something immaterial or abstract'. [Illustrious Rex Hutchens 33rd Deg.].

In Scotland early records show that the Mason's Word may have been communicated which gave the Mason a means of identification.

Most of the men involved in the leadership roles of Freemasonry in the late 16th and 17th Century where Classical scholars well versed in Greek and Roman philosophy. They were conversant with hidden mysteries that had been brought to Scotland and England during the Renaissance of the 14th Century.

Clearwater Council No. 34



Companions,

As we proceed into

2013, I wish to thank our installing officers for their performance in installing our elected and appointed officers

for the Council. They always seem to get it right!

Our second meeting for the year will be held Wednesday, March 6th. As we prepare for this meeting, we are reminded that as members we are a formal organization. It is special to be a Council Mason as we demonstrate our respect for each other by meeting neatly dressing up in this fraternity.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Lawrence H. Ruby, IM

Installing Officers: Carl E. Gilmore, MIPGM, KYGCH

Installing Grand Marshal: Donald Robinson, PIM

Installing Grand Chaplain: Gorgon G. Goodman,

MIPGM, KYGCH

(This is a continuation of Symbolism.)

Before Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, and

Aristotle there is said to have been a philosopher/priest who gave rise to inductive reasoning and was the forerunner and basis of all subsequent. Philosophical and religious thought. He is given the name of Trismegistus Mercurius and is also known by an Egyptian name, Thoth. It may well have been that this was a school of philosophy and not attributable to a single person this philosophy is simply referred to as Hermetic and according to Manly P. Hall is one of the main influence upon the symbolism of Freemasonry. Hermeticism ... It explores Universal Truth and seeks to conceal it in allegory and symbols. In pursuit of this core of Universal Wisdom and Truth we are lead to attain a level of spiritual harmony.

Freemasonry is sometimes expressed 'As a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols'. We see references in the "Sun to rule the day, the moon to govern the night and the Master to rule and govern the Lodge ..."

Pythagoras and his fellows brought the concept of numbers, Mathematics and Geometry to the world. He with Thales and Plato traveled in his search for the hidden mysteries of the Persian Mithras cult and is said to have even gone as far India in his pursuit of understanding the secret teachings.

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Chapter Officers

High Priest: Charles
"Chic" Cicero, PHP
King John Drewett
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Chaplain: G. Gordon
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PMEGHP

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Richard Brooks
Principal Sojourner:
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DDGHP

Royal Arch Captain:
Richard Raguso
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John Wright
Master of the 2nd Veil:
TBA

Master of the 1st Veil:
Leo Lupo, PHP
Sentinel: TBA

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Drewett
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Secretary: Bruce Moir,
KYCH

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Council: John Wright
Steward: : Don Robinson,
PIM

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Springtime Commandery No. 40



Sir Knights,

I am sorry that the Calendar on our website is not working correctly. Brian Campbell is suggesting that we change either the calendar or the website tool which is Joomla. We will analyze this. The remainder of this section is devoted to the article on Symbolism.

Zealously and Fraternally,
The Editor

(This is a continuation of Symbolism.)

Plato philosophies further developed by Plotinus in the 1st Century A.D. formed the basis of classical education with philosophy, literature and a knowledge of Greek and Latin at its core and thus was a contributing influence upon the symbolism of Freemasonry. ...We need to make a jump past the Arab, Caliph Omar in 640 AD to his attempts to discover the transmutation of metals, the Elixir of Life. His experiments with Mercury, Sulfur, and Salt and the use of symbols for the elements, chemicals, constellations, beasts, man, woman and other properties. ...Alchemy evolved to interest the minds of some great 15th and 17th Century scholars like Culpepper, Dee, Newton, Bacon, and Ashmole. It was these and many other European Alchemists who began to write prolifically not only about their experiments but also on the philosophy of how the Universal and human Spirit could be improved. It is this Alchemic philosophy that is concealed in symbolism and interwoven with Hermeticism to give us a Western Mystical Tradition. It is this Alchemical philosophy that drives towards the elevation of human spirit,. ...Numerology studies the arcane significance of numbers, I will just mention that it is derived from Pythagoras and developed into a highly sophisticated system of patterns in the sequence and correspondence of numbers. I mention Tetractys and Tetragrammaton in passing. My purpose has to introduce some, but not all the basic tools by which we may explore the great variety of symbolism in Freemasonry. We then derive an understanding of the layers of meaning and complexities of our degrees.
[The editors reason also and concludes here].

Elected Officers:

Eminent Commander: SK. Charles "Chic" Cicero, REPGC, KTCH, PC

Generalissimo: SK Don Robinson, PC.

Captain General: SK. John Drewett,

Treasurer: SK. Bruce L. Davis, KYCH,

Recorder: SK. Bruce Moir, KYCH

Appointed Officers:

Prelate: SK. G. Gordon Goodman, KYGCH, PC

SW: SK. Richard Brooks,

JW: SK. Richard Raguso,

StB: SK. TBA

SwB: TBA

Warder: SK. John Wright

Sentinel: TBA

Calendar of Events

March. 6th Chapter and Council stated meetings. Open in Chapter first.

March 10th Day Light Savings begins.

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March. 21st Commandery practice. 7:30 PM.

March 24th Palm Sunday.

March. 28th will be the Commandery meeting. Ladies Auxiliary meeting at same time. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 PM.

March 29th Good Friday.

March 31st Easter Sunday.

April 3rd. —Chapter & Council meeting 7:30 PM. Open in Council first.

April. 18th. Commandery practice 7:30.

April 25th. Commandery meeting 7:30 PM. Ladies Auxiliary meeting at same time. Covered dish dinner at 6:30.

May 19th thru 22 — 2013 Grand York Rite Convention
@ Orlando Marriott in Lake Mary

1501 International BLVD Lake Mary ,

Fl phone 1-800-380-7224 Sunday afternoon Prayer session, Evening Banquet—see registration form on

<http://cdn.flgyr.org>

June 7– 8 Southeastern York Rite Conference @ Sheraton Suites Airport Hotel 4400 West Cypress St. Tampa, FL. Deadline for Reservations May 15, 2013 Registration Friday June 7th 2:00—5:00 PM. \$40 for

Registration other info see website:
<http://www.flgyr.org/>