

**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)  
Meeting & Breakfast in Columbia  
September 24 & 25, 2007**

**MISSOURI  
Lodge of Research**

**ANNUAL MLR MEETING**

**OFFICERS**

This year's Annual Meeting of the Missouri Lodge of Research will be held at the "Holiday Inn Select", located at the I-70 South Outer Rd on the West side of Stadium Blvd in Columbia, Missouri during the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This Session will be from September the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> when Grand Lodge closes and has its open installation of officers for 2007-2008.

**Worshipful Master** – Elmer E. Revelle  
**Senior Warden** – Jon B. Broyles  
**Junior Warden** - M. Robert Berger  
**Secy-Treas** - Ronald D. Miller  
6033 Masonic Dr Suite B  
COLUMBIA MO 65202-6535

The Lodge of Research Annual Meeting also includes the election of new officers and will be held at 4:15 PM on Monday afternoon in the Windsor IV Room at the Holiday Inn Select. There will undoubtedly be some quite interesting business to come before the MLR members in attendance.

++++  
**MLR RP** **07-03**  
++++

Our Annual Breakfast will be held at 7:00AM in the Windsor III room and tickets will be available for our Secretary RWB Ron Miller or his MLR Assistant Adriene Green at the Lodge of Research table in the hotel lobby on Sunday and Monday. Tickets will be \$15.00 each and our honored guest speaker will be RWB Ron Hartoebban, who will continue this year his history lesson of "Pre-colonial Freemasonry in America". This time, however, it will be titled, "Pre-English Freemasonry in Europe" and should be a real eye opener, as last year, of how much older Freemasonry must be versus what we are told in many instances. Don't miss out. Be there!!!

**"FREEMASONRY"**

**A WAY OF LIFE**

=====  
Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.  
=====

The making of a Freemason consists in a continued course of education, training and character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations, that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer sense, a man is not a Freemason unless he lives up to his obligations.

**A Real Good Deal**

Special during Grand Lodge, if MLR dues are paid at \$15.00, that individual may purchase a Green Tree Tavern key chain to help celebrate the first Masonic Lodge in Missouri. On July 17, 1807, Louisiana Lodge No. 109 received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, thus marking 200 years of Masonry in Missouri. If someone wants to only buy the key chain they are \$10.00 each. Only 1000 key chains will be sold.

Keeping this in mind, you have to realize that as an organization Freemasonry has "Members" and it has "Masons" and the two are not the same.

The Mason goes into deeper research about Freemasonry and the more extensive knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries. The philosophy of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provides simple but profound solutions to the problems of human relationships. Freemasonry is a way of living to the Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

Also, on a one time only, the Missouri Lodge of Research will have available 100 paper weights (limited) to sell for \$20.00 each.

The best-informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies about the Craft. He reads and learns to understand the "Volume of the Sacred Law" of his religion and he also should read and study the "Volume of the Sacred Laws" of other religions. For to be able to have some understanding of what others believe, you have to have some knowledge of what it is that they believe. It is with this knowledge and understanding that a Mason is able to find common grounds to come together with others, in Love, Peace, and Unity for the good of all man kind with any good man of any race, creed, or religion.

(Continued on Page 2, Col 1)

++++

(Continued from Page 1, Col 2)

## **MAKING MASONRY MEANINGFUL**

Freemasonry is not a religion even though it is religious in character. It does not pretend to take the place of religion nor serve as a substitute for the religious beliefs of its Members. Freemasonry accepts men, found to be worthy, regardless of religious convictions. An essential requirement is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial society. It is not organized for profit. However, the charity and services rendered are beyond measure. It teaches the Golden Rule. It seeks to make good men better through its firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul.

The tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles that are acceptable to all good men. It teaches tolerance toward all mankind. It is known throughout the world. Freemasonry proudly proclaims that it consists of men bound together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection. It dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular. It seeks no advantage for its Members through business or politics. Freemasonry is not a forum for discussions on partisan affairs.

At our Altars, without any vanity or pretense, we assemble for work and fellowship and to learn to love and cherish one another. By so doing, we bring light out of darkness, beauty of drabness, exaltation out of despair—to the end that every Brother's life may become more radiant and meaningful.

A Mason believes that Faith is the foundation of justice, the bond of amity, and the chief support of society. He lives by Faith; he walks by Faith; by Faith he has a continued hope in the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being; by Faith he believes he will be justified, accepted and finally saved.

A Mason believes that Hope is the anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and center into that within the veil; let a firm reliance on the Almighty's faithfulness animate his endeavors, and teach him to fix his Hopes within the limits of His promises.

A Mason believes that Charity is the brightest gem that can adorn his Masonic profession. Happy is the man who has sowed in his breast the seeds of benevolence; the produce thereof is love and peace. The objects of true charity among Masons are merit and virtue in distress, persons who are incapable of extricating themselves from misfortunes in their journey through life, industrious men who, from unavoidable accidents, have fallen into ruin. Widows left destitute by lack of husbands' support. Orphans in tender years, needing a father's care. The aged, whose strength is exhausted, and who are thereby rendered unable to procure for themselves that substance necessary to nourish their declining years. This is CHARITY, the keystone of our mystic institution.

## **THE PRINCIPAL TENETS**

The principal tenets of our profession are threefold, including the inculcation and practice of those truly commendable virtues, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

By the exercise of Brotherly Love a Mason learns to regard the whole human race as one family the high, the low, the rich, the poor who, being created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, ought to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principle Masonry unites men of every Country sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might other wise have remained at a perpetual distance.

To relieve the Distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good men and true is the first lesson we are taught in Freemasonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us, and the heart and the tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

## **SUMMING IT UP**

In my very short overview of what a Mason is, I hope that I have cleared up some of the misconceptions that are out there about Freemasonry.

Now I will move on to what is a Member. A member is hopefully a future Mason. No one came into this world as an adult and no one comes into Masonry a Mason. It is the hope of every Mason that by his example he will lead the Members around him to also advance in Masonry to become the future Masons of our Order.

If all of us are not what you think we should be, just remember that, "God is not through with us yet", and that someday all of us will be just what, "God wants us to be".

No man can live according to the principles and teachings of Ancient Craft Masonry and do anything, knowingly and willingly, that is contrary to moral and upright principles. Freemasonry frowns on every wrongful act and admonishes the right actions between each of us and the world at large. Freemasonry is and should always be a guide to our actions.

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things but, most of all:

## **FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE.**

by

Byron E. Hams, PM

Prince Hall Lodge #1

The MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
of Missouri and its Jurisdiction

MORE NOTABLE FREEMASONS Solution: 12 Letters

S C E C I L B D E M I L L E N  
 I J L O W O L F G A N G E L O  
 M H B D Y E L N I K C M D T S  
 O N A R I C K E Y N P E D T K  
 N P G O L D W A T E R R I I C  
 B E N F R A N K L I N S E L A  
 O A A Y K C O C N A H N H O J  
 L L M R R O O S E V E L T O W  
 I E U N R U H T R A C A M D E  
 V H R E H H H U M P H R E Y R  
 A R T H U R G O D F R E Y M D  
 R I S A M O H T Y N N A D M N  
 J O H N S O U S A E V A D I A  
 M D E L A F A Y E T T E N J G  
 I N I D U O H F F U C A Y O R

**ROY ACUFF**  
**SIMON BOLIVAR**  
**CECIL B deMILLE**  
**JIMMY DOOLITTLE**  
**HENRY FORD**  
**BEN(JAMIN) FRANKLIN**  
**(CLARK) GABLE**  
**ARTHUR GODFREY**

**(BARRY) GOLDWATER**  
**JOHN HANCOCK**  
**(HARRY) HOUDINI**  
**H(UBERT) H HUMPHREY**  
**ANDREW JACKSON**  
**M(ARQUIS) de LAYETTE**  
**D(UGLAS) MACARTHUR**  
**(WILLIAM) McKINLEY**

**WOLFGANG (A MOZART)**  
**(DR) N(ORMAN V) PEALE**  
**EDDIE (RICKENBACKER)**  
**(BRANCH) RICKEY**  
**(FRANKLIN D) ROOSEVELT**  
**JOHN (PHILIP) SOUSA**  
**DANNY THOMAS**  
**DAVE (THOMAS)**  
**H(ARRY) S TRUMAN**

RULES: Circle each letter of each famous Masonic name below found in the matrix above. The names or parts of names within the parenthesis ( ), will NOT be found in puzzle above. For example, you only look for and circle letters of name "BEN" in Ben(jamin), then you must find "FRANKLIN" immediately after it. You look for the whole name when there are NO parenthesis within the name at all and circle ALL those letters.

Some letters in puzzle may be used in more than one name. When you have completed search for all letters in the non-parenthesized names above, you should have 12 "un-circled letters in the matrix. From this you can write out, from top left to bottom right as you find them, the famous Freemason who is NOT found in the list above ---- but you will certainly recognize it and know you have the right answer!

Last Newsletter Puzzle answer: PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE MO

MISSOURI LODGE OF RESEARCH  
RONALD D. MILLER, Secy  
6033 MASONIC DRIVE SUITE B  
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65202

NON PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
COLUMBIA, MO  
PERMIT #286

-----  
**ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED**



**RP 07-03**

- - - - -  
Brethren,

This has been a good year for the Missouri Lodge of Research. We finally received our status as a 501(c)3 corporation which allows us to receive gifts as a non-profit organization. While we may not realize the full results of this new classification in the near future, it will serve us well in the years to come.

The breakfast at the 2006 Grand Lodge Session was well-attended as we heard from Brother Ronald Hartoebben concerning early Freemasonry among Native Americans. The mid-year breakfast was also well attended in Jefferson City as R.W. Brother Nick Cichiello updated us on the wonderful work being done through the Missouri Child Identification Program. This is a program that is worthy of our full support as Missouri Master Masons.

M.W. Brother M. Robert Berger has appointed a committee to examine what role, if any, the Missouri Lodge of Research may play in the future of the Masonic Library and Museum. It is my hope that we will have a report from our Grand Master by the time we meet at the 2007 Grand Lodge Session.

Plan now to attend the annual meeting of the Lodge of Research on September 24 in Columbia, Missouri. You are also invited to attend the breakfast on Tuesday morning when, as a result of the interest shown last year, Brother Hartoebben will once again be our speaker.

I express my thanks to the Lodge of Research officers, our Editor, R.W. Brother Ronald E. Wood, Jr., and our Newsletter editor, M.W. Brother Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. for the work each one has done during this year.

My brothers, as we approach the end of my year as Worshipful Master, let us continue to give our support to and encourage all our Masonic Brethren to join, our beloved Missouri Lodge of Research.

Fraternally,  
Elmer E. Revelle, Worshipful Master  
Missouri Lodge of Research