



MISSOURI Lodge of Research

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**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)
 Meeting & Breakfast in Columbia
 September 22 & 23, 2008**

ANNUAL MLR MEETING

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 21st through the 23rd when Grand Lodge closes and has its open installation of officers for 2008-2009.

The Lodge of Research Annual Meeting also includes the election of 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.

Our Annual Breakfast will be held Tuesday morning 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 \$14.00 each and our honored guest speaker will be RWB Doug Reece, a Board Member of the MO Masonic Library and Museum, who will continue from the talk which was given at the May MLR Breakfast by MWB Means; with a current status and some future hopes for the Library & Museum in our Masonic Complex. Don't miss out. Be there!!!

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"The Character of a FREEMASON"

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

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From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823, Andover, Massachusetts

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Please Note: The announcement in the last newsletter about the approval of the FLAG SALUTE by veterans, was premature. Although passed by the Senate, it **HAS NOT** been passed by the Representatives as yet! Sorry.

WOMEN IN MASONRY

According to Coil, there are two categories of 'women in Masonry': (a) those women initiated into Masonry who were caught spying, e.g., Elizabeth St. Leger, later Mrs. Richard Aldworth; (b) those women initiated into Masonry by design and with a deliberate purpose to androgynies Masonry. Co-Masonry, a product of the latter, and may be mixed or all female. Thus females in Masonry includes mixed lodges (male and female) and all female lodges (co-masonry). Except for a few historical aberrations, e.g., Elizabeth St. Leger, any female involvement in Masonry is clandestine.

The story begins:

Brother George Martin, a feminist, a French Senator and General Councilor of Paris, was convinced of the role women ought to play in society and he fought for their admission to Freemasonry. The factual record is mixed, but after ten years of vain effort trying to open up Freemasonry to women, George Martin and Maria Deraismes with others started the first lodge in the world to have both men and women members. The movement began with the initiation of Maria Deraismes into the Loge Le Droit Humain (Human Rights). In the words of Coil, Loge Le Droit Humain became so notorious that the term "Droit Humain" has become descriptive of female masonry.

Georges Martin, age 48, Maria Deraismes age 64, Anne Feresse, age 72, and Martin's wife, Marie, age 45 created the first Mixed Scottish Symbolic Grand Lodge of the Human Right. In 1899, the Droit Humain became the International Mixed Masonic Order of the Human Right. Generally, Droit Humain lodges are governed by a Supreme Council Thirty-third and similar in structure to the AASR. Currently, about two thirds of its members are women and the other third are men. Although there is no specific rule, men and women tend to alternate in the East. Like most European Grand Lodges the Droit Humain lodges have a slow progression through the degrees and demand quite an in-depth knowledge of a degree, its symbolism, its philosophy and so on before a Brother or Sister may advance to the next degrees.

Le Droit Human lodges spread rapidly throughout Europe. From England, Dr. Anne Besant, a well-known feminist and colleague of Gandhi's took it out to India. Then in 1907, Antoine

Mozzarelli introduced it into the USA and others took it to South America and Oceania. Today, in *La Respectable Loge Le Droit Humain, Maconerrie Mixte* is the mother lodge of Le Droit Human lodges, including the *co-masonry* lodges in the United States.

In the United States Droit Human lodges are under the umbrella of the *American Federation of Human Rights based* in Larkspur, Colorado. Presumably, Droit Humain lodges practice a ritual similar to those of regular Masonic Lodges and subject to the same confidential prohibitions. At the very least, they profess the same principles and morality common to our male fraternity. The degrees are based upon the concept of philosophy, self instruction, and circumspection of life.

The working tools in the Entered Apprentice Degree are the Common Gavel, the Twenty-four inch gauge and the Chisel. In the Fellowcraft Degree they are the Plumb, Rule, Level and Square. In the Master Mason Degree they are the Skirret (a parsnip shaped plant used like incense), the Pencil and the Compasses.

Some of the more notable features are: each local group is called an Obedience; membership is by invitation only; everyone is eligible regardless of race, creed, ethnic background or sex; all members are expected to be active or resign; all gatherings are formal and there is no sociability. There is no "G" in the Masonic symbol of Droit Human lodges, rather there is a star. (Sometimes a star with a "G").

Ed. Note: The article has been copied from the Southern California Research Lodge newsletter from July 2008. Their influence for this article came from William G. Bryce, Manchester, CT. Any errors are your editors.

For those interested in further study of "Women in Freemasonry", take a look at the following web sites:

American Co-masonry - www.co-masonry.org

The International Order of Co-masonry - www.comasonic.org

Freemasonry for Women - www.luckymojo.com

The Eastern Order of International Co-freemasonry - <http://masonic.net>

Try a Google search

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RULES FOR PLAY:

You must **circle the names of Officers ONLY**, LETTER BY LETTER, in the puzzle above then line through or check the name off the list. **DO NOT black or blot out the letters** in the puzzle as some of the same letters are still used in another name. The name, or part of a name, must be in **CAPS** and **BOLD** or else it will NOT be found in the puzzle. When you have found ALL of the above names in the puzzle, you should have several letters **NOT circled**. Writing down each of these letters from the top left to the bottom right, will sequentially spell out the name of the Grand Lodge Officer missing from the list. Who is it? Call a member friend who may have worked this puzzle and see if you got the same answer they did. Last quarter answer was: Franklin **PIERCE** (#14, 1853-1857) (You MAY have to read the "Rules" for that puzzle!)

MWB BRUCE R. AUSTIN BELONGS TO THE UNIQUE "TRUMAN LINE"

Harry S Truman was a man of many accomplishments. He was, of course, thirty-third President of the United States, V-P, US Senator and World War I Captain, to name a few. However when asked which honor he valued the most, Truman always responded, "the greatest honor that has ever come to me was to become Grand Master of Masons in Missouri." This is quite a testimonial to the office of Grand Master from a man who once was the most powerful person in the world.

Truman became Grand Master in 1940, while still serving as a Senator. At the start of his year as Grand Master, MWB Truman appointed James M. Bradford to the advancing line. With that appointment, the Truman Line was born. The Truman Line consists of those

brethren appointed to the advancing Grand Line by Harry Truman or their successive appointees.

Eight years later, MWB Bradford appointed Harold O. Grauel to the advancing line. The tradition of Truman Line appointments has continued until today with our new Grand Master, Bruce Austin, he being appointed by MWB Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.

In the normal course of events, a Truman Line appointee becomes Grand Master about every eight to nine years. Only during a Truman Line appointee's term is there ever more than one Truman Line member in the advancing line, and there is only one member of the Truman line at a time who has not been Grand Master. This year is a Truman Line year. The Truman Line is truly unique in all of

Masonry. It is a very select club, with only nine members (including Truman) prior to this year's appointment:

Harry S. Truman, 1940 - 41
 James M. Bradford, 1949 - 50
 Harold O. Grauel, 1959 - 60
 Elvis A. Mooney, 1968 - 69
 Fielding A. Poe, 1976 - 77
 Vern H. Schneider, 1984 - 85
 D. Robert Downey, 1991 - 92
 Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr 1999-00
 Bruce R. Austin, 2007 - 08

With MWB Austin's appointment at Grand Lodge last year, the Truman Line will continue, as RWB David W. Haywood, the newest member of this elite club, began his trip through the advancing line.

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Check Number _____ Amount of Check: _____

Yearly Membership Dues \$15.00. Recommended by: _____

(Please Print)

This includes the Missouri Lodge of Research Publication for the current year.

- OR -

You may also purchase an Endowed Membership at the cost of \$300.00. **(One time for LIFE)**

This will allow you to receive the Missouri Lodge of Research Book yearly and alleviates having to pay dues.

Please **make check payable to the Missouri Lodge of Research** and send to the following address:

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