

## From The East



Hello Brothers,

What are the alpha and omega ceremonies of Freemasonry? The first and last ceremonies or rituals that Masons receive are the first degree and the memorial service. As a Master Mason, you will have a chance to experience both of these rituals at the Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge in the next few weeks. These rituals mark the beginning and end of a Mason's career on earth.

We will have three men initiated in a triple first degree this Thursday night. It has been since last summer that we had any degree at Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180, but we will have a special event on Thursday, March 31. We will have a free dinner for any Mason that attends at 6:00 p.m. and then we will initiate David Hoffman, Hai Pence, and Eric Poehman as the newest members of the Lodge. The degree will start at 7:00 p.m. and the dress code will be jacket and tie with white gloves provided by the Lodge if you do not already have your own. Please be punctual or remain in the Tiler's room until admitted.

On April 16 at Noon, we will also have a memorial service for Fred Talmadge who is a Past Master of this Lodge serving in that role in 1992, 1996, and 2014. The job is a volunteer job that while it is a learning opportunity, it provides a great service to every member of the Lodge. I know that being a three-time Past Master is rare and shows all the more commitment when quietly dealing with the challenges of the Lodge which invariably arise. More than one Past Master has told me that

being the Worshipful Master can at times be a lonely job. As Masons, we honor, at their passing, all our brothers, but especially the men who have provided a service to us. Members of this Lodge are expected to be present at this service or at the very least send their regrets that they will be beyond the length of the cable tow. All RSVPs, regrets or otherwise should be sent to [Secretary@Masons180.com](mailto:Secretary@Masons180.com) so that we can get a proper count for the complementary luncheon we will be providing.

Our sorrows at the passing of any brother we know should rightfully be expressed and we invite all brothers who knew Fred to say a few words at the memorial so that the other brothers present and members of his family may know what he meant to us. The service will be about an hour and the luncheon will start at 1:00 p.m. for those attending the service.

There are other activities that we are planning in order to foster brotherly friendship. One of the things we are planning for entertainment is a Masons' Night at the Movies, where we will seek to rent out a local theater for a movie night for Masons and their families. This event will not be in early April as previously stated but we will be discussing it at the April 7 Stated

Meeting. We will also be considering other dinners and activities for later in the Spring. We would like to invite Masons and their families to these events, but we would like to honor Masons of the Year for this year and past years when we have been closed. We would also like to honor several public school teachers and staff who will be this year's recipients of mini grants and scholarships. All of these items will be discussed at our next Stated Meetings as we discuss future dinners. Please attend.

Fraternally,

Don Nicodemus, Worshipful Master,  
Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180

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## 2022 International Conference on Freemasonry

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Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At University of California, Berkeley -  
Clark Kerr Campus Conference Center  
2601 Warring Street  
Berkeley, CA 94720

For those interested in further education in Masonry, this international conference will be a rare opportunity. Please join the Worshipful Master of Petaluma-Hamilton lodge in attendance.

Register at [freemason.org/conference](https://freemason.org/conference)  
Admission \$30; optional lunch \$20

### Confirmed Speakers:

**Dr. James Smith Allen**

"Women in the Judeo-Masonic Conspiracy: A French Cultural Fixation"

Dr. Allen's talk traces the cultural

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origins of the role of women in the Judeo-Masonic conspiracy theory in France. It begins with the Marquis de Luchet's infamous account of mixed Masonry in the Egyptian Rite on the eve of the French Revolution of 1789, an account reprised by the Abbé Augustin Barruel's more extensive study of the Illuminati as the forerunners of the revolutionary Jacobins. The 1872 publication of Barruel's views of a Judeo-Masonic conspiracy, at the moment that anti-Semitism became a major political issue in French politics, coincided with the rapid rise of the women's movement and Maria Deraismes's 1882 initiation into an all-male lodge of the Grande Loge Symbolique Écossaise.

### Speaker Bio:

After serving as the vice president for academic affairs for the Southern Illinois University system, James Smith Allen is an emeritus professor of history with a cross appointment in women, gender, and sexuality studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

### Dr. Heather Calloway

"The Paraphernalia of the Lodge: Preserving the Material Culture of Fraternal Organizations"

While cleaning out a closet filled with old lockers and boxes, a janitor took out a brown envelope, about 12 by 14 inches. The envelope was open and looked like it contained an American flag. It appeared to be of some importance, so he took it to the museum curator for inspection. She looked inside and found a flag and a letter which read, "These will occupy permanent places in our museum as memorabilia with appropriate credit to you." The thank you letter was written to Lt. Col. Richard C. Delsi from Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, USA in 1985, but was seem-

ingly lost until its discovery in a closet in 2002. Was the flag misplaced? What was its story? How had it arrived at the museum? Was it of any importance? Stories like this one are all too familiar in libraries, archives, and museums. Collections are filled with countless artifacts. Proper storage for artifacts is always limited. Some donations arrive in person. Other gifts come through the mail. And even more are added to a collection through an intentional acquisition. Although professionals work tirelessly to keep track of a collection's items and their provenance, sometimes an item...or its history...is misplaced. Dr. Calloway's talk will cover the unique role archivists, librarians, curators, and even volunteers have in preserving fraternal collections.

### Speaker Bio:

Dr. Heather K. Calloway is currently serving as the executive director of University Collections at Indiana University. Her position has broad responsibility for the stewardship of IU's myriad collections, consistent with the university's teaching, research, and service missions.

### Dr. Rob Collis

"The Avignon Society and Masonic Networks in Europe, 1779-1807"

A great deal of conjecture and erroneous information has been written about the Avignon Society, much of which has centered on its links to Freemasonry. The Avignon Society was able to develop a unique identity as an initiatic group in Europe for over a quarter of a century at a time of monumental upheaval across the continent. Yet throughout its existence, the society leaned heavily on pre-existing networks of high-degree Freemasonry across Europe in order to establish foundations in specific locations, such as Valence, Avignon and St. Petersburg. Moreover, leaders within the society also actively utilized the Masonic credentials and links of pivotal mem-

bers of the group in order to promote it more broadly via Masonic channels that traversed much of the European continent.

### Speaker Bio:

Dr. Robert Collis earned his BA and MA degrees from The University of Sussex in Britain. He began his doctoral studies at the University of Sheffield before transferring to the University of Turku (Finland), where he was awarded his doctorate in 2008.

### Andreas Önnarfors

"Transatlantic Perspectives on Freemasonry: German Immigrant Lodges in the USA"

After the 1848 revolutions in Europe, waves of European émigrés, many of them Germans, settled in the United States. These "Forty-Eighters" faced challenging choices in their relationship to American society, oscillating around assimilation, adaptation, alienation, and open antagonism. The arrival of thousands of refugees from revolutions repositioned U.S. politics within a transatlantic world, one increasingly shaped by multiple intersections and exchanges. Through the activities of German-speaking lodges in the U.S., this paper analyses ideological tensions between Masonic universalism as espoused by émigrés and U.S. Masonic practices. Persistent prejudices and significant differences in organizational culture led to escalating transatlantic Masonic tensions, pointing to deeper divergences in worldviews and self-perceptions. The history of Freemasonry is filled with names of people and lodges, dates and places and a host of information making sense within its own organizational history. In this talk, professor Önnarfors showcases how these elements of a history of events—firmly based on archival sources found in Masonic archives across the globe—are related to larger currents of cultural, social and political developments in time.

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### Speaker Bio:

Andreas Önnersfors is a professor of intellectual history, currently serving as visiting associate professor and Fulbright scholar in the Department of Scandinavian Studies at UC Berkeley. At the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, he is dean of humanities.

### Happy Birthday

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Ted Langford       | April 4th  |
| • Carl Lorenz        | April 4th  |
| • Stanley Neslon     | April 5th  |
| • Jasmines Peralta   | April 9th  |
| • John Edwards       | April 11th |
| • Steven Christensen | April 15th |
| • Daniel Morrison    | April 17th |
| • Edward Sadler      | April 22nd |
| • Wilhelm Slubik     | April 22nd |
| • Gene Altaffer      | April 23rd |
| • John Dewey         | April 23rd |
| • Christian Eddleman | April 25th |
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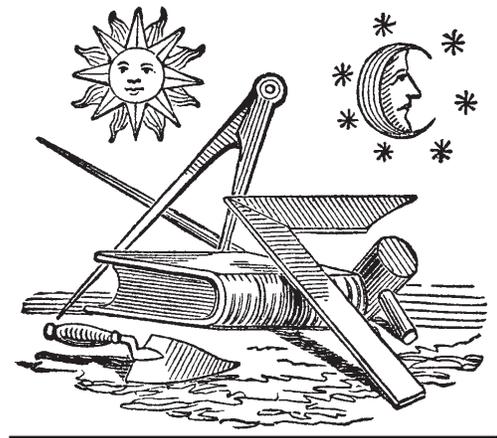
The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.

~William Howard Taft



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### Up Comming Events

- **March 31st:**  
**Triple First Degree**  
**@ 6Pm**
- **April 7th:**  
**Masonic Stated Meeting**  
**@ 8 pm**
- **April 14th:**  
**Masonic Pint Night**  
**(Jaded Toad Cotati, Ca)**  
**@6:30 pm**
- **April 16th:**  
**Fred Talmidge Memorial**  
**@ 12 pm**
- **April 28th:**  
**3rd Degree Ceremony**  
**Santa Rosa Lodge #57 @**  
**5:30 pm**
- TBD**
- **Masonic Movie Night**
- **Work Party**

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**April 2022**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4  Royal Arch #22 (7 pm)	5 Rainbow Assembly #6	6 Hall Association (Virtual - 7 pm)	7  Stated Meeting (8 pm)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Council #46 (9 am) Commandery #14 (10:30 am) Fred: Talmidge Memorial Service (Noon)
17	18	19 Rainbow Assembly #6	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Santa Rosa #57 3rd Degree Conferral (6 pm)	29	30