

Masonic Trestleboard

Our 171st year

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From The East

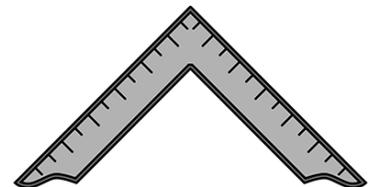
Hello brethren, this being the month of March which is known as youth orders month I would like to discuss the youth orders. Though out my journey in masonry I have had the privilege to get to know the three orders very well. The first is the Order of DeMolay for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. Second is the Order of Rainbow for Girls which is for young ladies between 10 and 20. Lastly is Jobs Daughters, which is also for girls between 10 and 20. The Three orders work very well together with many events. The order's main bases are to help build leadership, improve comradery, and help with public speaking. The Order of DeMolay was founded in 1919 in Kansas City in the state of Missouri. The crown appearing in the self-adopted heraldic arms (the emblem) of the order contains 10 rubies, each representing one of the original nine members and the organization's founder Frank S. Land. Frank S. Land was a member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446. The rubies were originally portrayed as

pearls; as each founding member died, the pearl representing him was changed to a ruby.

The Order of Rainbow for Girls was Founded in 1922. It stated when the Reverend W. Mark Sexson, a Freemason, was asked to make an address before South McAlester Chapter #149, Order of Eastern Star, in McAlester, Oklahoma. As the Order of DeMolay had come under his close study during his Masonic activities, he suggested that a similar order for young women would be beneficial. The first Initiation consisted of a class of 171 young women on April 6, 1922, in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma. The original name was "Order of the Rainbow for Girls".

The Order of Job's Daughters was founded in 1920. It was founded by Ethel T. Mick in Omaha Nebraska. The Order was named as a reference to the three daughters of Job. The Book of Job, 42nd chapter, 15th verse says, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren". She founded the Order with the assistance of her husband, Dr. William H. Mick, and several Freemasons and members of Eastern Star of Nebraska. She dedicated the organization to the memory of her mother, Elizabeth D. Wead.

**Fraternally Yours,
David W. Epps
Worshipful Master**



From The West

I will continue with my look at what is Freemasonry. The most international symbol of Freemasonry is, the square and compass. In the US we have a prominent G in the middle of that symbol. However in much of the world the G is not used. In some places other symbols are incorporated into the square and compass. In the Swedish rite the square and compass is clearly secondary to the Cross of Saint George.

Additionally, the artistic and spiritual sensibilities and historical perspectives of the leaders and population influenced the development of the masonic rituals in various lands. In some places Masonic meetings are historically somber affairs, in other places they are very business-like and still others there is a more comfortable atmosphere. While some Masonic Rites confine themselves to conventional biblical references, other regular Masonic Rites sometimes include more esoteric ideas, gnostic interpretations and broader sources. Also, some Masonic Rites include a great deal more varied philosophical discussion than ours. Additionally, the art history of the host nation is generally represented in the physical appearance of the lodges, the appearance of their masonic symbols and in ceremonies.

With so many variations within regular Masonry, and the existence of many irregular organizations that confuse peoples` impressions and understandings, it can be difficult for some people to feel comfortable with Freemasonry.

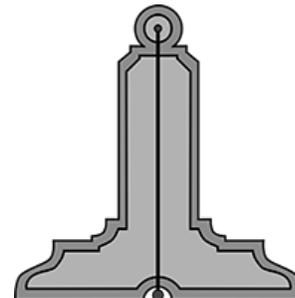
There are many reasons for the wide variations within regular Freemasonry. During the late 1700s and throughout the 1800s, in some lands, the existing government authorities co-opted the Masonic movement by establishing loyal Grand Lodges with royal sponsorship to monitor its development and



direction. In some lands the authorities redesigned and created their own Masonic rites to strictly control the content, the religious orientation and trajectory of the brethren.

In some lands where the monarchy was most repressive and economic conditions most brutal for the population, the authorities did their utmost to repress the Masonic movement which they viewed as possibly subversive. Such repression often made the repressed Masonic movement more active and committed to political or regime change.

Fraternally Yours
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From The South

Greetings!

The crab feed was a success and I would like to thank all those who attended and everyone who helped. With St Patrick's day fast approaching I would first like to say happy 1st birthday to the loudest baby in the lodge Brody. 2nd did you know that Although the world over views green as the official color of St. Patrick's Day, it wasn't associated with him during his lifetime. St. Patrick was known to wear a pale shade of blue, but in the 18th century an Irish freedom movement linked St. Patrick's Day with the color green as a symbol of their cause. Stay tuned for up and coming events with the lodge. As a reminder Thursdays are practice days usually starting around 6:30 come down say hi and maybe take a part in a degree.

Irish soda bread

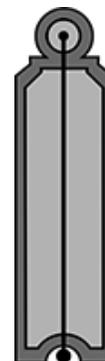
- Flour – all-purpose flour works best
 - Sugar – 1/4 cup makes it a lightly sweet bread
 - Salt – every good bread needs a fair amount
 - Baking soda – leavening which makes the bread rise
 - Butter – gives the bread a scone-like texture (use cold, unsalted)
 - Buttermilk – activates the soda (use cold, low-fat)
 - Egg – for a finer, richer crumb
 - Raisins – optional and can be substituted for dried cranberries
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- Prep – Preheat oven to 375. Grease a [10" cast-iron pan](#) with butter.
 - Whisk dry ingredients – in a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, salt, and baking soda.
 - Add butter and raisins – cut butter into dice then work it into the flour mixture with clean dry fingertips until crumbs form. Stir in raisins.



- Buttermilk – In a large measuring cup, beat together buttermilk and 1 egg and pour into dry ingredients. Stir with a wooden spoon until moistened and the dough starts to come together.
- Form the loaf – transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface, dust hands with flour, and form dough into a round loaf. If too sticky to handle, dust with flour.
- Bake – transfer dough to the buttered pan and score the top with a deep “X”. Bake at 375°F for 50-55 minutes

I hope you find this recipe as enjoyable as I did because this one really hits the spot

**Fraternally Yours,
Forrest S. Farwell
Jr. Warden**



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

David Ard	19-Mar
Ronald Bryce	31-Mar
Nicholas Carter	24-Mar
Curtis Epps	26-Mar
Wenceslao Gonzales III	20-Mar
Martin Johnson	24-Mar
Timothy May	3-Mar
Michael Mc Donald	20-Mar
Justin Minas	24-Mar
John Montagh	4-Mar
Mark Schaefer	19-Mar
William Schell	5-Mar



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			Stated Dinner Set Up @ 6:30 pm	Stated Dinner @ 6:30 pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				3rd Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				3rd Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Hall Association @ 7:00 pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
				3rd Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm		