



Greetings from the South!

My Dear Brothers,

Thank you so much for your dedication and attention during our most recent event to raise money for our charities.

The Pancake Breakfast was a GREAT success. Your hard work and dedication, through donations and your actions of spreading the word and timely response to the ticket mail out, generated

much excitement in the community. Almost 300 plates were served on the morning of the Breakfast and return ticket purchases were recorded and tallied. The Monies generated from this event will be divided among our three charities.

After expenses our proceeds total\$ 2,523.26 that will be donated to our charities. Great Job Brothers!!

Due to the rush of the morning I was not able to meet all the brethren and guests as they came through, so If you

will allow me the pleasure of your company please return to our stated communications so that we may share in some fellowship.

If you helped us out by putting up the “yard signs” to promote this event please return those signs to the lodge so that we can use them again next year.

Fraternally,
Daniel Rolon
Jr. Warden

Note from the Sr. Deacon

June 21st is right around the corner and I can't wait. There is nothing better than making the trek down to The Masonic Home for Children on St. Johns Day to spend time fellowshiping with Masons from everywhere while enjoying one of the best Shriners Parades in the country. Early that Saturday morning my family, along with Brother Dan Rolon's family, will be heading down for this awesome family event. Anyone wishing to make the journey with us, or anyone that is unable to drive themselves and would like a ride, PLEASE contact me or Dan and we will make arrangements for you to get there and back. We would hate for any member of this lodge or any widow wishing to attend not to go because of transportation issues. Again anyone needing a ride or wanting to travel with us will be more than welcome and we will make any arrangements

necessary to get you there and back. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks!!!

The Code Changes

The proposed Amendment changes to “The Code” for consideration at the Grand Lodge 2008 Annual Communication in September can be viewed online at our Lodge website. There is a link on the main page that brings up the PDF file located on the Grand Lodge website.
www.hickorymasoniccenter.org

Debunking Rumors

There is a rumor going around concerning the GL of Maine and their requirements for becoming a Mason. Here are the criteria listed by that GL.

“A candidate must be male, at least 18 years of age, able to profess a belief in God, and be of good character.”

www.mainemasonrytoday.com

Lodge Meetings

Anyone wishing to attend any of the Stated or Emergent Communications of our Lodge that wishes to have someone transport them to and from the Lodge please call the Secretary at 322-8016 and leave a message on the answering machine. Someone will get back in contact with you to make arrangements. There are many members of your Lodge that would be more than happy to come by and pick you up so that you can come and share a meal and fellowship with your Masonic brothers. We just need for you to identify yourself so that we can accommodate your needs. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Website

Our website is kept up to date on all events and pertinent information affecting the Craft.

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
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E.W. Beckom	1978	P.C. Ray	1996
J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998
T.L. Hartman	1984		2007
E.C. Cline	1986	D.J. Wallace	1999
J.E. Vaught	1987	H.W. Walker	2000
J.H. Elmore	1988	J.W. Davidson	2001
C.E. Isenhour	1989	M.D. Hale	2002
E.W. Masche	1991	W.J. Hunley	2003
J.D. Crawley	1993	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
		D.L. Brandon	2006

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Thomas St. Clair	6/1/1943	Brian Rary	6/9/1961	Jeffery Rash	6/30/1966
John Parker	6/1/1946	Rondall Lail	6/10/1979	Robert Litwin	6/23/1930
John Mayo	6/1/1954	Bobby Roberts	6/12/1958	James Poovey	6/23/1939
Eddie Singleton	6/3/1946	Andrew Jennings	6/13/1962	Rufus Hope	6/23/1940
James Yount	6/4/1951	Bobby Mullinax	6/14/1938	David Flowers	6/25/1930
William Keller	6/9/1935	Jack Suther	6/15/1927	Thomas Bean	6/27/1934
				William Wiggs	6/30/1945

Caring Report: P.C. Wray's brother, Don Hudson, Jack Matthews, Carl Isenhour, John Harden's wife, Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, David Duncan, Jim Rader, Darrell Chapman, Gregg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, August Masche, David Early, Joe Vaught, Cldye Price, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.

Thanks for making our Pancake Breakfast a success!!

Wallace Printing, Inc

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Donations from Lodge Members

Backyard Burgers

Cooks, Staff, and Families of Masons

Butch's BBQ

**Library Acquires Copy of
Processus Contra Templarios**

from

www.nymasoniclibrary.org

The Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge of New York has announced the acquisition of *Processus Contra Templarios*, an unprecedented publication containing a collection of facsimile manuscripts relating to the trials of the Knights Templar.

The Holy See shocked the world when it announced that the Vatican Secret Archive would publish exclusive and previously unavailable source material on the hearings against the medieval warrior-monks. The announcement was of special interest to Freemasons and students of Masonic history, as many theorists trace modern Freemasonry's origins to the military-religious order, and the modern Masonic Templar organization is an important part of the fraternity today. To date, there is no proven historical link between the medieval Knights Templar and modern Freemasonry.

Presented to the world in October 2007, the 700th anniversary of the arrest of the Templars, *Processus Contra Templarios* is a joint project of the Vatican Secret Archives and Italy's Scrinium cultural foundation. This unique work is being published in a limited run of 800 copies, under the supervision of Archive officials, and includes faithful replicas of the original parchments closely guarded at the Secret Archive, along with exclusive critical commentary on the minutes of the inquiry.

The publication is highly valued for its documents and critical texts. The most exciting manuscript in the document collection is the "Chinon Parchment," which contains Pope Clement V's absolution of the Templars on charges of heresy, which had been the backbone of King Philip of France's attempts to eliminate them. The pontiff had suspended the Templar Order, without disbanding it, and eventually re-admitted the Templar officials and the entire Order back into the Roman Church community. The pope recognized that they were guilty of many other minor crimes, but not heresy. The parchment, also known as the "Chinon Chart," was misplaced in the Vatican archives until 2001, when a medieval historian stumbled across it. The parchment was incorrectly catalogued at some point in history and was the key document historians had been looking for. The Vatican expected most copies of the work to be purchased by specialized libraries at top universities and by leading medieval scholars. The Livingston Masonic Library may be the only Masonic-affiliated research facility to purchase a

copy, and one of only a handful of copies in the entire United States. "We are aware that this purchase will raise some eyebrows, both within and outside the Masonic fraternity," noted Thomas M. Savini, Director of the Livingston Masonic Library. "But the acquisition of this work coincides with our mission to collect, study and preserve the Masonic heritage. The Masonic heritage includes investigation into Freemasonry's historical roots, but also the study of its inspirational roots, which include Rosicrucianism; the study of philosophy from the European Enlightenment; and study of the Knights Templar. This collection of documents is important not only to students of Freemasonry, but to medieval and religious scholars and historians as well. It is important that someone in the U.S. make this available, and the Library's Board of Directors unanimously agreed that it should be us."

President of the Library's Board of Directors, Barry Mallah, explained the reasoning behind the purchase. "With such an important announcement rippling through the Masonic world, we felt the Livingston Masonic Library should continue its ground-breaking traditions of presenting important works to the research community. We were the first Masonic research library to provide online access to our museum collections and book catalogue, and obtaining the *Processus* is a continuation of our commitment to research." He also described an exciting opportunity for Masons and the public at large to participate. "To help offset the cost of the book and further our fundraising goals, we are inviting Masons, their lodges, other Masonic organizations, and non-Masonic individuals or organizations to make a donation to the Library on behalf of the *Processus*. In return, the names of donors will be added to a special commemorative document that will be deposited within the publication."

Original documents of the trials of the Templars have never before been offered to scholars. The epic work of Scrinium is presented in a soft leather case that contains a large-format book with scholarly commentary in Italian and English, reproductions of original parchments in Latin, and replicas of the wax seals used by 14th-century inquisitors. One parchment measuring about a foot and a half wide by more than six feet long is so detailed that it includes reproductions of stains and imperfections seen on the originals. The precise reproduction of the parchments will allow scholars to study them, touch them, and admire them as if they were dealing with the real thing. It also means the originals will not deteriorate as fast as they would if they were

constantly being handled and viewed.

Using a "Wood's lamp," or ultraviolet light, to thoroughly analyze the original parchments, parts of text that were previously unseen were recovered by the conservators at Scrinium. The newly available text, along with standardized designations for both people and locations, will allow scholars to obtain a more accurate and genuine reading of the documents and to amend previously misinterpreted text sections, translations and commentaries. Through their collaboration with Scrinium, the Vatican Secret Archive has given academics access to a precious primary source of research into the facts surrounding the Templar Order.

Further to the record and transcription of papers and parchment documents, a section focuses on the review of the Templar history and on the trial against them.

The Knights Templar have been a subject of both scholarly research and popular fiction for centuries, but never as popular as in recent decades. Legends of their hidden treasures, secret rituals and political power have figured over the years in medieval romances, Victorian novels, modern bestsellers such as *The Da Vinci Code*, and action films like "National Treasure." The Knights have also been portrayed as guardians of the legendary Holy Grail. One theory says that Templars who went underground to escape the persecutions of the inquisitors in the early 14th century evolved as an organization and emerged in Scotland almost two centuries later as early modern Freemasonry.

Library Director Savini said the Livingston Library makes no claim that Freemasonry is descended from the Templars. "Our Library has a duty to provide our patrons with resources that fulfill their interests and research needs, and that expand the general public's understanding of all areas relating to Freemasonry, including the numerous theories and legends relating to its origins. The *Processus* is an important work that helps us to serve our patrons." The *Processus Contra Templarios* was acquired through the Edward J. Scheider Book Fund.



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Lodge Events Calendar

JUNE 2008

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	3 7:30pm—OES	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—York Rite	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	17 7:30pm—OES	18	19	20	21 9:00am—3:00pm ST. JOHNS DAY Oxford, NC
22 3pm—5pm Rites and Ritual Training Class Hickory Lodge	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					