

2017 College of Freemasonry

Saturday April 22, 2017

“Where we have been and where we are going”



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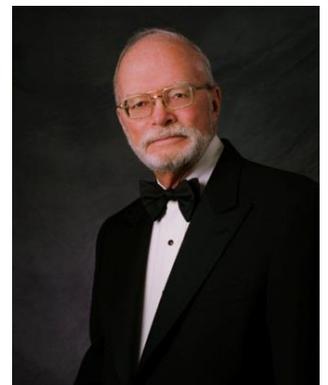
**The Event will be at:
The Lodge at Woodcliff
199 Woodcliff Drive
Fairport, NY 14450**

**8:30 AM Registration Check-in
9:30 AM Program Begins
\$30 per person**

Price including morning refreshments and lunch

Tickets: Valley of Rochester Secretary (585) 425-0033

The 2017 College of Freemasonry is part of the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester 150th Anniversary Reunion. There is an additional charge to attend The Valley of Rochester 150th Anniversary Reunion Banquet.



Thomas W. Jackson
*Award for Excellence in
Masonic Education*

It is time to mark your calendars for the **2017 College of Freemasonry** which will be held on Saturday April 22nd, 2017. The 2017 College of Freemasonry is part of the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester 150th Anniversary Reunion. This will be the seventh college of Freemasonry since 2006. Past events have included national and regional Masonic leaders, authors and thought provoking round tables on Masonic related topics. You will not want to miss this year's program. The theme is, ***"Where we have been and where we are going."***

The speakers for this year's event include **Brother Shawn Eyer** who will explore the **"Wisdom of the Founding Brethren: Utilizing the Earliest Lodge Orations as a Guide to Masonic Restoration."** For many years, some Masonic writers have dismissed the early books, speeches, songs, and traditions of the Craft as largely irrelevant to the Fraternity today. These obscure writings from the eighteenth century can be difficult to obtain and challenging to read. However, this is the literature produced by the first, second, and third generations of speculative Freemasons using our system of three degrees—brethren who were very close to the birth of the modern Craft. Addressing issues of Masonic education, symbolism, mythology, qualifications, culture, and etiquette, these documents show that attempts to maintain and restore the Craft's traditions have been a longstanding concern. This presentation will demonstrate how these early perspectives and priorities are often startlingly applicable to lodges today

Dr. William Moore will discuss **"Solomon's Temple in America: Masonic Architecture, Popular Culture, and Biblical Imagery, 1865-1930."** Freemasonry was ubiquitous in the United States between 1865 and 1930. Because of the centrality of Solomon's temple to the Masonic ritual, members represented it repeatedly in paintings, decorative arts, and architecture. Through analysis of works ranging from lithographs to mausoleums, this lecture examines how Masonic conceptions of the temple permeated the nation during this period.

Ms. Aimee E. Newell will share the history of aprons which are described as **"the badge of a Freemason"** in Masonic ritual. When the fraternity was established in the 1700s in America, its founders looked to the traditions and tools of actual stonemasons to develop their rituals and philosophy. The protective leather aprons worn by these workmen in the 1600s and 1700s inspired the symbolic aprons of the fraternity. This talk will explore the apron collection at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library. Aimee E. Newell will tell the stories of selected aprons from this collection of more than 500. The aprons teach us about their makers and wearers, while enlightening us about the history of Freemasonry and how it inspired many other American fraternal groups and the meaning of the symbolic language used in Freemasonry.

Ill. and R.W. Thomas Jackson will be in attendance to present the Thomas W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Masonic Education.

The program will be held at The Lodge at Woodcliff. Registration sign-in will begin at 8:30 AM and the event will start at 9:30 AM. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. The cost for attending is \$30 per person. There is an additional charge to attend The Valley of Rochester 150th Anniversary Reunion Banquet. Reservations can be made through the Scottish Rite office at 585 425-0033. The event is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite, NMJ. Don't miss out on this opportunity for additional light in Masonry!