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NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education's purpose is to foster the education of the Craft at large through prepared research and open discussion of the topics concerning Masonic history, symbolism, philosophy, and current events.

Next Communication

New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education meets on the second Saturday in March, June, September and December. Our next communication will be held on **Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at:**

M.B. Taylor Lodge No. 141
205 Central Ave.
Hammonton, New Jersey

All Master Masons are Welcome!

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From the East

Bro. Raymond Thorne, Worshipful Master

Them vs. Us.

Human history distilled into three little words.

Them vs. Us.

You are on one side or the other. Male/female, adult/child, wise/foolish, rich/poor, sick/healthy, cool/unhip, Mason/profane, windshield/bug.

The us is usually a small group, which means the them is everyone else. In some cases which side we are on is biological. Other times it is by choice.

Sometimes the choice of which side to be on is made by believing propoganda that reinforces the importance of us-ness by warning that the them is some sort of threat, so the us has to band together, be strong, be vigilant. Propaganda for hate groups can be effective by claiming a special feature of that group's us-ness allows a member to be qualified, if not justified, in attacking any of them.

Ten years ago nineteen men took action against whom they considered them. Four planes were hijacked. Two planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, thus

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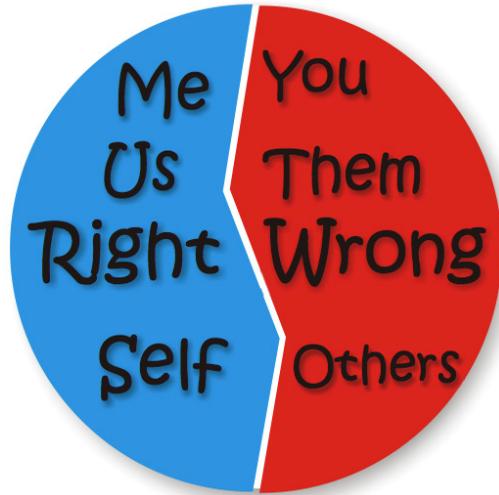
NJ LORE 1786's next meeting will be held September 24, 2011, at 205 Central Ave., Hammonton, NJ, 08037, where M. B. Taylor Lodge No. 141 meets, 9:00 a.m. coffee & donuts, 9:30 a.m. meeting.

- An Introduction to NJ LORE by Matthew Korang, Secretary
- 3 5 7 2 A Masonic Science Fiction Story by J. R. Avanti
- The First Presidential Convention, by Raymond C. Thorne

Lunch to follow. The S.W. needs a head count for ordering food. Contact him at avantijr@verizon.net.

attacking their economy.

The two other planes attempted to hit their military and political power. One plane hit the Pentagon. Passengers on the fourth plane prevented the hijackers from completing their goal. A total of almost 3,000 innocent victims were killed. The United States and much of the world was, and to an extent is still, traumatized.



Quite often it's difficult to tell who is us and who is them. These hijackers claimed to be acting in the name of Islam. Many Islamic leaders, religious and political, insisted the actions of the hijackers and their backers were perversions of the teachings of the Koran. Many Moslem communities very publicly tried to distance themselves from the beliefs and actions of the hijackers. In essence they were saying that we Moslems in the west and you non-Moslems in the west are all the us and those nineteen hijackers and those who indoctrinated them are the them.

But many westerners in essence rejected the Moslem claim of us-ness and replied that only non-Moslems are the us and all Moslems are the them.

There is something to be said for the saying "Know your enemy." Or at least know that while a person might look like one of them, he or she might actually be one of us. A recent A-P story stated, "Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Sikhs have reported a rise in bias attacks, both verbal and physical." Male Sikhs have beards and wear turbans. Many Moslems have beards and some wear turbans. Unfortunately, there are those who think a Moslem is by definition a terrorist and therefore sees a person who looks somehow Moslem as being one of them, and therefore fair game for attack.

By now you are probably expecting some bromide about

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how in Masonry we are above this sort of mindless hatred because we accept men of every country, sect and opinion. I will say that some critics of Masonry don't want any in their flock to become members of the Fraternity to prevent the us from associating with those who are not-us.

About two months ago, a Norwegian killed 8 innocent victims when he detonated a car bomb parked near government buildings in Oslo. Then he went to a youth camp on an island and opened fire, indiscriminately killing 69 more. Even more were wounded in both attacks. This individual claims to be upset at the immigration of Moslems into Western Europe and apparently wanted the attacks to look like the work of Moslem extremists. Among the many people and groups this person apparently admires are Jacques de Molay and the Knights Templar (the Crusaders, not the Masonic version).

He was also a Mason, until the Grand Master of Norway excluded (expelled) him. I read somewhere that a member of his lodge said this individual didn't attend lodge meetings. Translation: technically he might be one of us, but not really. On the other hand, how many members of your lodge never attend lodge activities? Are they really one of us?

He was also labeled a Christian terrorist. Predictably Christian leaders insisted the actions of this individual were perversions of the teachings of the Bible. Many Norwegians very publicly tried to distance themselves from the beliefs and actions of their fellow Norwegian.

Sometimes the demarcation between them and us is clear. Sometimes it's a line in the sand that shifts with the wind. And with unreasoning hatred--although the propagandists will never admit it--there is truth in the words of Pogo the Possum, "We have met the enemy and he is us."



From the West

Bro. JR Avanti, Senior Warden

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Naturally, He could not recall that first traumatic experience, being born of women.

He had been educated to constantly remind himself that life is a short stay on any planet.

He had been encouraged repeatedly to absorb education, life and all physical experiences.

Tyler, as he was labeled had reached the age of maturity and completed his initial studies at the consistory. This place he had finally been able to love after his first eighteen years was intellectually demanding and without that Mother figure and teacher of Esther, the Academy, would have been intolerable. His Dad figure, Sol, was very good at presenting the balance of athletics and physical conditions to him and the his fellow residents.

Now Tyler was assigned a new career position and living arrangement. He would be an anatomist's apprentice, as he began a ten year study in the medical sciences. He would be eligible to select a lady friend in three years and was carefully studying the DVDs of genetically selected females for him.

Sharing a vertical condo with three other apprentices on their way to the inner chambers of society would be challenging. Internationally, this planet had evolved and now almost all people were treated with a proper and equal amount of respect, consideration and understanding. Medical science was his first selection and he was fortunate to obtain this track since it was the initial step to the study of Neuro and Social Psychiatry.

And the story will continue.....

Hear the rest of this new work of fiction which blends a futuristic world with Freemasonry at our next meeting on September 24, 2011 at M.B. Taylor Lodge No. 141

It Came from the Internet

Submitted by Bro. Matt Korang, Secretary

Subversive "Masonic Message" Found Encoded In Gothic Cathedral Architecture

Move over, Dan Brown. Symbolist Richard Cassaro, a specialist on esoteric wisdom, is presenting a mysterious architectural "code" he's found "hidden-in-plain-view" on the façades of world-famous Gothic cathedrals.

Cassaro, author of the forthcoming book "Written in Stone: Decoding The Secret Masonic Religion Hidden In Gothic Cathedrals And World Architecture" says the code was secretly put there by the medieval operative Freemasons who designed and built these sacred structures. A photographic presentation of the "Cathedral Code" can be found here: <http://www.deepertruth.com/press-release.php>

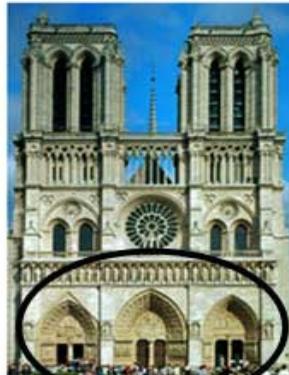
Cassaro formed his Cathedral Code theory in the mid 1990s, while on a cathedral tour through France. He noticed the same architectural patterns repeating on cathedral facades. As he studied the symbolism behind these patterns, they started falling into place like a jigsaw puzzle and an astonishing message emerged.

"The goal of the Freemasons was to commemorate a Pagan wisdom-doctrine," says Cassaro. "This is in line with the Catholic Church's suspicions and accusations of heresy against the Freemasons over the centuries. Ironically, this pagan wisdom-doctrine may have more in common with the religion Jesus preached than with what goes on in today's Church," Cassaro asserts.

"A growing body of scholars believe Christianity is actually based on a much older Pagan religion called Gnosticism," says Cassaro. "Gnosticism was present among the troubadours in thirteenth-century France, and in



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the Renaissance hermetic movements of Giordano Bruno and John Dee. Gnostic elements appear in the poems of William Blake and the philosophies of Georg Hegel and Ralph Waldo Emerson. As a staple of Freemasonry, it framed the thoughts of America's Founding Fathers. It also informed the writings of Carl Jung and Aldous Huxley."

For those interested in cultural similarities, esoteric architecture, comparative philosophy, ancient religions, symbolism, and hidden history, *Written In Stone* is a groundbreaking reinterpretation of Freemasonry.

To learn more, Cassaro has made a free PDF report available on his website. *Breaking The Cathedral Code* can be accessed at <http://www.deepertruth.com/freemasons>.

Richard Cassaro, a specialist on esoteric symbolism, is currently active as an author and speaker. He has worked as a U.S. correspondent for major Italian media outlets and as a magazine editor in New York City. Cassaro holds a degree from New York's Pace University, where he studied Journalism and Philosophy.

From <http://www.prweb.com>

Phone-hacking scandal: Jonathan Rees obtained information using dark arts

Freemason set up network of corrupt police, customs officials, taxmen and bank staff to gain valuable information

Years ago, Jonathan Rees became a freemason. According to journalists and investigators who worked with him, he then exploited his link with the lodges to meet masonic police officers who illegally sold him information which he peddled to Fleet Street.

As one of Britain's most prolific merchants of secrets, Rees expanded his network of sources by recruiting as his business partner Sid Fillery, a detective sergeant from the Metropolitan Police. Fillery added more officers to their network. Rees also boasted of recruiting corrupt Customs officers, a corrupt VAT inspector and two corrupt bank employees.

Other police contacts are said to have been blackmailed into providing confidential information. One of Rees's former associates claims that Rees had compromising photographs of serving officers, including one who was caught in a drunken state with a couple of prostitutes and with a toilet seat around his neck.

It is this network of corruption which lies at the heart of yesterday's claim in the House of Commons by Labour MP Tom Watson that Rees was targeting politicians, members of the royal family and even terrorist informers on behalf of Rupert Murdoch's News International. The Guardian's own inquiries suggest that Watson knows what he is talking

about.

Much of what the police sources were able to sell to Rees was directly related to crime. But Rees also bought and sold confidential data on anybody who was of interest to his Fleet Street clients, to which the police often had special access. The Guardian has confirmed that Rees reinforced his official contacts with two specialist 'blaggers' who would telephone the Inland Revenue, the DVLA, banks and phone companies and trick them into handing over private data.

One of the blaggers who regularly worked for him, John Gunning, was responsible for obtaining details of bank accounts belonging to Prince Edward and the Countess of Wessex, which were then sold to the Sunday Mirror. Gunning was later convicted of illegally obtaining confidential data from British Telecom. Rees also obtained details of accounts at Coutts Bank belonging to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The bank accounts of Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, are also thought to have been compromised.

From <http://www.guardian.co.uk>

Freemasons are financing Armenia's political field

YEREVAN. - Freemasons are financing Armenia's political field, said head of Armenian People's Party Tigran Karapetyan.

Thanks to this funding, some political forces are able to hold large rallies, he said not disclosing the names. He stressed that freemasons have intensified their activities in Armenia.

"There are forces that constantly met with Prescott, Colombie (current and former PACE co-rapporteurs on Armenia), you may ask them about it," he said adding that freemasons usually intensify actions in a country, when they are successful.

"There are also freemasons within Armenia's ruling circles. They have common ground for negotiations, and this is the reason that "daddies" come so as conflicts will not break out" Karapetyan said.

According to press reports, the meeting of world's Armenian freemasons opened in Yerevan on Friday and will continue till July 11.

From <http://news.am>



Freemasons in the police leading the attack on David Cameron's riot response

Leading police officers have set up a national Masonic lodge where they can meet in secret in defiance of fears about the influence of the secret society on the criminal justice system.

The founding members include senior officials from the Police Federation, the police staff association, which is currently fighting the Government over its plans to cut budgets.

The new Masonic lodge is led by John Tully, a Metropolitan Police officer, who has given numerous interviews in recent days accusing the Prime Minister of "fighting violence, arson and looting on our city streets with sound-bites".

Other founder members include officers from the Metropolitan Police, Essex Police, Thames Valley Police and from other forces including Northumbria, Dyfed Powys, South Wales, South Yorkshire and even a high ranking officer from the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The "Sine Favore" Lodge was opened despite the conclusions of a Parliamentary inquiry which warned of public fears that "Freemasonry can have an unhealthy influence on the criminal justice system".

The inquiry followed questions about masonic involvement in the abandonment of an investigation into a shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland and with the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad, which was disbanded after evidence of police malpractice.

Membership is open to all serving and retired officers across Britain and others working alongside the police, including lawyers, criminologists and even the financial advisers who manage officers' retirement plans.

The idea for the new police Masonic lodge grew out of a series unofficial get-togethers in hotel bars during Police Federation annual conferences.

Masonic rules require members to do all they can to support each other, to look after each other and to keep each others' lawful secrets.

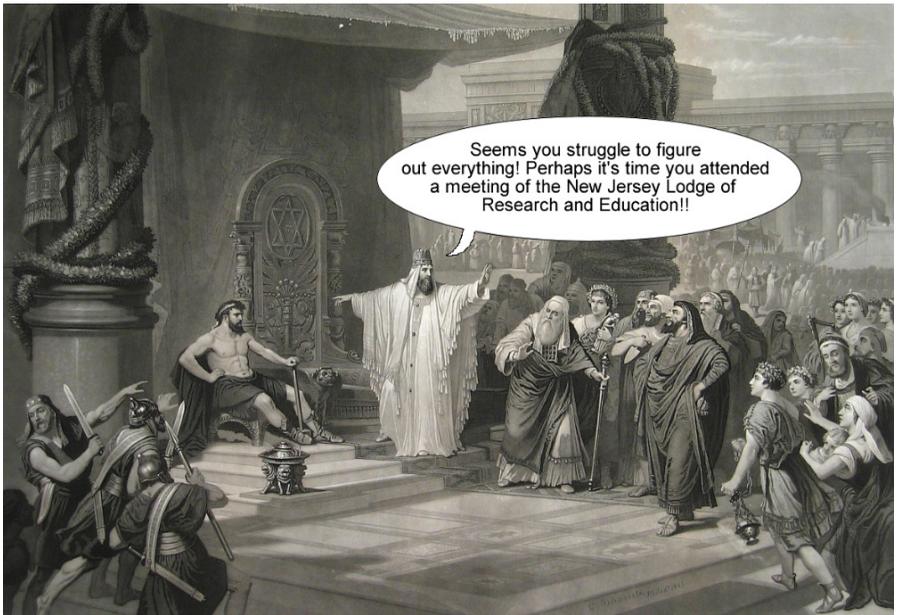
The inquiry by the Home Affairs Select Committee in 1998 called for a public register of police officers who joined the Freemasons, although in the end the then Labour government proposed that officers could make voluntary disclosures about their membership. Few did.

The new "Sine Favore" lodge, is named after the Latin motto of the Police Federation, "Without Fear, Without Favour".

The Police Federation last night refused to discuss whether any of its officials had disclosed their involvement with Freemasonry.

A spokesman said: "Being a member of any organisation is a matter for the individual, so long as membership of that organisation does not compromise their duties and responsibilities as a police officer."

From <http://www.telegraph.co.uk>



Finding it tough to figure out the meaning of all those symbols and allegories?

Hit a wall in your search for Masonic Knowledge??

Just frustrated with the same-ole, same-ole boring meetings???

Then it's time you gave NJ LORE No. 1786 a try!!!

Come out to our next meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

We guarantee you will not leave a meeting without learning something new.

Stop being frustrated and start enjoying Freemasonry again!!!

NJ LORE Takes to the Road!

NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education is looking to visit other Masonic districts in New Jersey. This is a great opportunity for a Lodge to host a meeting of NJ LORE as an event in its District. You set up the visit and provide refreshments and we do all the work!

We are looking for future visitation dates. If you have interest in NJ LORE visiting your district, let your DDGM know of this program and contact our Worshipful Master or Secretary.



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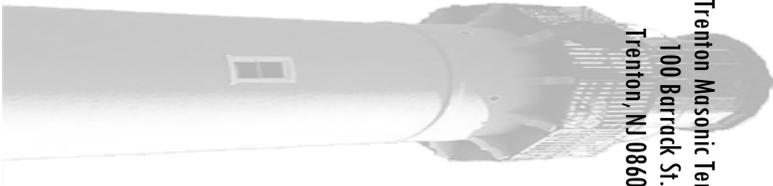
Next Trestleboard will be published on or about December 1, 2011. We are always looking for articles. All articles must be submitted by November 15, 2011.

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