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THE WRITTEN WORD

Why is it important for RLC papers to be written down and not just given verbally, or with just the visual aids afforded by a presentation? There is in fact a very practical reason.

Research is meant to be *collaborative*. Research papers should be written because the written word allows a cross-generational conversation to continue and future researchers may build upon what is written. This is how research advances knowledge. Not by making some novel discovery and declaring it to the world (although that is nice when it happens). But by gathering reliable data that has been properly vetted and then presenting it in a clear and concise format: stamped to the page between the letters, like light trapped, hammered down between the words.

Research is meant to collate information and store it in a searchable, usable manner, accessible to future generations across time and space. A good researcher collects and collates, records and reports. A good researcher presents work preparatory to a distant conclusion that someone else, at some later time, may ultimately make.

(This is not unlike the building of a temple or cathedral. Without a solid foundation, the clerestory could not be wrought to soar above, surrounded by the glory of the fan vault. Without the flying buttresses, the rose window could not possibly be strung in those impossibly high stone walls. Without the quarrymen, no stones would be rendered fit for the builder's use.)

One way to view research, then, is in laying a foundation for others to build upon. The collecting of the information is important but the presentation of that information, equally so. Despite the benefits of modern technology and the internet, databases, the creative cloud, and our technological wizardry of the modern age, written papers offer an important advantage for storing and retrieving information. They are uniquely searchable and take up less room.

Image files comprise only pixels, difficult to resolve when searching for content electronically. Video files are compressed, and render data that include an audio track as separate packets. Scanning reams of information with image scanning software presents challenges to AI (think of those Captcha games you play to show you are human by selecting the traffic lights or the bridges or whatnot) and searching audio with speech recognition software is never as useful or reliable, let alone as expedient, as optical character recognition searching a written record in some database.

In fact, the entire internet has evolved around the *written word* – even html is written code, not some visual or audio data that is crunched from ones and zeros.

Contemplate on this last point. There is a unique power to the written word. There is magic in the space between the letters, peeping in like fire. Think on this, for therein dwells a great secret concerning *speech*. "Speech endowed with *Nous* is a gift of God..." reminds Hermes Trismegistus.

Thus write. Seek. Search. And research. But *write!*

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of RLC is scheduled for Oct. 26, at Highlands Lodge No. 86 at 3550 N. Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80211. Please see www.rlc Colo.org for more information and to RSVP.

There is a Halloween Party following the meeting (not Masonic). Tickets are discounted for RLC members. And \$5 of every ticket sold is donated to the Lodge.

FROM THE WEST

The last Lucerna came out just before the St. John the Baptist Day event at the Daniels and Fisher Clocktower, so we have yet to report much on this, except at the last Stated Communication in July. It was a phenomenal event with a great turn out, fantastic speakers, and so much enjoyment. I do not know of anyone who attended who did not enjoy themselves.

Of course, as Senior Warden, I have already been asked, “Planning on doing anything like this for your year?” Or something along those lines. This has yet to be determined. We already have a deal worked out with the University of Colorado Boulder planetarium to host Dr. John Stocke again there, but I do not think we will be able to do anything like the Clocktower again. It was a very special event, one W. Bro. Marty dreamed about doing for years and that he worked very hard on to execute, and we should value it for the unique experience that it was: a once in a lifetime opportunity.

While the planetarium will most likely be our big event for next year, and we will try to make it every bit as special and enjoyable as the Clocktower, I do have other objectives to keep pushing forward on. W. Bro. Marty tasked me earlier this year with compiling and preparing past papers of Research Lodge for publication. Volume I is now complete, and I have begun work on Volume II, the fact of the matter still stands that much of the past papers and presentations of Research Lodge are unavailable to our membership. This is something I hope to correct. Since the founding of Research Lodge of Colorado the papers have been available to its membership. In the past, whole binders would be distributed. Thus, I am hoping to not

only finish the five volumes of past papers, but start an annual distribution of each year’s papers, which would be available for a limited print run, then print-on-demand, along with a digital version for download. The logistics of this are still being worked out with *Laughing Lion*.

Another objective Research Lodge has been pushing for that I would like to continue to push for is the production of an actual paper. For many long years a number of the presentations have been strictly verbal and/or PowerPoint presentations not accompanied by any paper. It is important for the membership to have access to the material presented in Lodge, and is a disservice to those who cannot attend a presentation. W. Bro. Ben Williams has prepared guidelines for paper submissions. One day we will figure out a means to record and publish verbal and PowerPoint presentations online on a secure network — The Grand Lodge Education Committee has been working on doing this on their website, and we may be able to utilize their platform someday — but for now, we are dealing with the old way of doing things.

All this is to say that we are continuing to work very hard to bring you quality education, to ensure the membership of Research Lodge has access to that content, and to promote Masonic Education in the State of Colorado.

Fraternally,

Patrick M. Dey
Senior Warden

FROM THE SECY

Some updates. At our last meeting, adopting the Chicago Style was proposed for RLC papers. It turns out that there is a *Masonic Style Guide* already extant for Masonic scholarship. Founded by *The Quarry Project* (luminaries such as Brent Morris and Chris Hodapp) it sets forth specific styles for citing in a Masonic context. It relies predominantly upon the Chicago Style but has some specific styles for Masonic citations and the like. My recommendation is we consider adopting this style guide for our papers hence forth in lieu of the Chicago Style previously submitted.

On another note, RLC has been considering a permanent home — an office that belongs to RLC, not a

collection of boxes that ship between secretaries and basements. A real office. Imagine that. A place we can keep all the archives of the Lodge in a systematized and — wait for it — organized fashion!

In this regard, we’ve been considering taking up residence in Highlands Lodge. Under the skillful management of their Temple Board, Highlands Lodge is undergoing a renovation. There is great potential — the building will be restored to its former glory and occupy again its prided place among the edifices of our Fraternity. It’s just a matter of time. Their recent round of renovation put in a new elevator and updated the library on the top floor. Brethren, it is a fantastic little

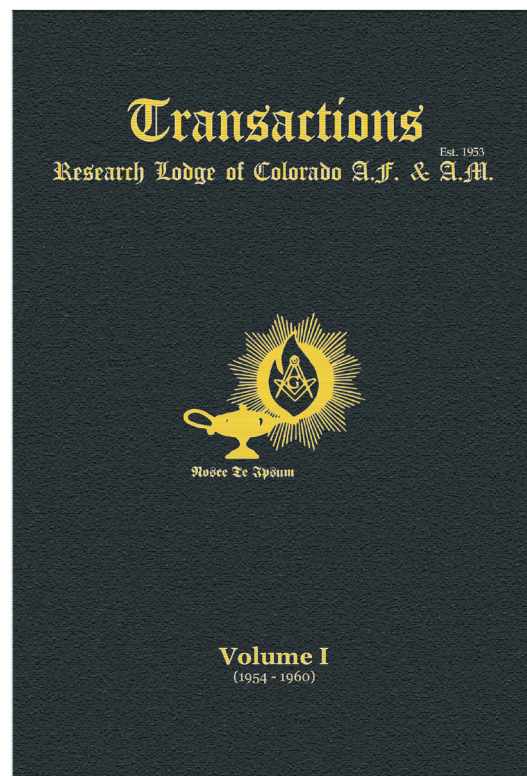
library and I hope one day to see it full of books! In fact, Highlands represents a great case study in management of Masonic realty. Too often real property is viewed as some sort of albatross by our Fraternity – something to be divested, and fast. But, properly managed, real property is a desirable asset. Highlands proves that. With the right leadership, Masonic buildings can be money-makers and become relevant venues in their communities.

Presently there are a couple of office spaces available. We are therefore considering renting one, which comes with access to the Lodge for our regularly scheduled meetings. We will therefore be able to store our archives, all papers given, even our traveling regalia (which is living in my garage). We will have a *home*. Perhaps we can have a hand in helping to grow the library as well? Our upcoming *Transactions of Research Lodge of Colorado* will look good on those shelves!

If you are planning to attend our meeting Oct. 26 you will get to see the library at Highlands. There is a Halloween party that is renting the entire building, so we will be meeting in the library for this meeting.... But stick around after the meeting is over and attend the party – they're offering a discount to RLC members! And \$5 of each ticket sold will be donated to the Lodge. Visit www.rlc Colo.org for more information.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ben Williams
Secretary



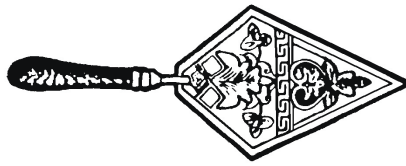
Coming Soon!
Transactions, Research Lodge of Colorado
Vol. I. Papers from 1954 to 1960

The Witches' Ball
Research Lodge of Colorado

Get your ticket at www.rlc Colo.org

Research Lodge of Colorado invites you to attend the **Witches' Ball**, immediately following our **Oct. 26** meeting at Highlands Lodge.

Tickets are only **\$20 for RLC members** & \$5 will be donated to the Lodge.



MASONIC EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	FOR MORE INFORMATION
Colorado Masonic Symposium	Oct. 12	Highlands Lodge	www.mwglco.org
Northwest Department Conference	Oct. 18-19	Boise, ID	www.knightstemplar.org
RLC - Regular Communication	Oct. 26	Highlands Lodge	www.rlc Colo.org
S.R.I.C.F. High Council	Nov. 8-9	Louisville, KY	www.SRICF.org
Denver Consistory - AASR Reunion	Nov. 14-16	Denver, CO	www.denverconsistory.org
Crown of Thorns Tabernacle HRAKTP	Dec. 7	Denver, CO	
Coronal-Ascalon Christmas Observance	Dec. 13	Denver, CO	

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