

Trestle Board and Newsletter

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Fall Speaker for Valley of Kennewick is Featured Article Author in Journal.

The Valley unanimously voted at the last stated meeting in February to invite Brother Timothy Hogan to be the special guest speaker at the Feast of Tishri dinner on September 24, but he has done us one better and offered to come one day early and meet our masonic brothers of Blue lodges and concordant bodies around the area in a closed tile meeting on Monday evening the 23rd of September, where we can all dig in and expand our masonic education as well. Details on location for the Monday meeting is pending but you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to hear a presentation from one of the leading minds in Masonry today. (See Bro. Tim's Bio at the end of the newsletter.)

Check out the March/April Scottish Rite Journal and I am sure you will agree that Brother Hogan affords the craft with a most unique and insightful message. His books are an excellent addition to your masonic library

The York Rite Body in our area has offered to split the travel cost and we have graciously accepted.



Timothy Hogan on television in Istanbul.



Brother Key brings Pride to our Local Valley



Imagine going to the mailbox and finding the following letter from the House of the Temple in Washington D.C.: *"After a careful review and selection process, we here at the House of the Temple are thrilled to inform you that you have been chosen as one of the twelve winners of our Scottish Rite Has Talent contest. Congratulations! You not only met the requirements we set forth in the entry guidelines, but your submission was truly one of the best."*

Brother Gary Key and his lady Amber will be travelling to Washington D.C. as the Temple's special guest and will perform live at this year's Celebrating the Craft webcast on May 18th.

This is the same day as our Victory Dinner of our Class of 2013. the dinner will be at 6pm but the webcast with refreshments will begin at 3 pm PST.

Congratulations Brother Gary! We are so proud!



Bro. Larry Smith 32°, Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Morals & Dogma, XVIII. Knight Rose Croix Degree, cont.



Albert Pike

MWB Pike, in the 18th degree in Morals and Dogma, gives numerous examples of how our ancient brethren described the one Deity, consistently using “Light” and just as consistently reinforcing that there is no mortal way of describing the Deity because “He” is in everything and everything is “Him”. Through many religions and philosophies, there is also consistency in “His” worship. There is no depiction or earthly thing that could represent Him

because everything is less than Him, and the best form of worship is from within ourselves, perhaps best said, I think, by Apollonius of Tyvana “In addressing ourselves to Him, we must use only the higher word, that, I mean, which is not expressed by the mouth, the silent inner word of the spirit.”

The ancients also consistently used the ideas of “Good” (all things created by the Deity) and “Evil” (also created by the Deity but expressly allowed to continue as a test for Man) and the idea that Man should ever strive to improve himself in order to, one day, attain the “Light”. “God,” says Pythagoras, “is neither the object of sense, nor subject to passion, but invisible, only intelligible, and

supremely intelligent. In His body He is like the light, and in His soul He resembles truth. He is the universal spirit that pervades and diffuseth itself over all nature. All beings receive their life from Him. There is but one only God, who is not, as some are apt to imagine, seated above the world, beyond the orb of the Universe; but being Himself all in all, He sees all the beings that fill His immensity; the only Principle, the Light of Heaven, the Father of all. He produces everything; He orders and disposes everything; He is the REASON, the LIFE, and the MOTION of all being.” When taken in this context, MWB Pike reminds us of what is meant by “Masonic Light” and “it is that Light, the true knowledge of Deity, the Eternal Good, for which Masons in all ages have sought.”

So, how is all of this encompassed in the 18th degree? Pike tells us that “The Degree of Rose teaches three things;--the unity, immutability and goodness of God; the immortality of the Soul; and the ultimate defeat and extinction of evil and wrong and sorrow, by a Redeemer or Messiah, yet to come, if he has not already appeared.” In four sections, or “apartments”, the degree depicts the phases of Man falling from grace, going through the consequences of that fall, and then rising out of the pit of despair “freed from the insolent dominion and tyranny of the Principle of Evil, and brilliant with the true Light that flows from the Supreme Deity; when sin and wrong, and pain and sorrow, remorse and misery shall be no more forever;”

In the next entry in this series, we will look at the symbols of the 18th degree...

III. Bro. Jim Door 33°

Finding Balance in *Passion*

We are often enjoined ‘to subdue our passions’, but which passions and to what extent? Passion has several different meanings, the ones that seem most appropriate for our consideration are “1) the emotions as distinguished from reason and 2) a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object or concept”. Subdue means “to conquer and bring into subjection”.

Looking at the first definition of passion It is easy to see why we need to conquer such as anger, hatred, and lust; these emotions are often operate separate from reason or logic. When left unattended they hamper our ability to positively interact with others.

The second meaning isn’t as easy to see how they can be a problem. What is wrong with a passion for your religion, politics, golf or even Masonry? Perhaps the creators of the rituals didn’t mean that type of passion, or did they? We see daily the problems caused by people who are so passionate in their religion or political views that they will not listen to others and often are on the attack. Many lives have been lost by these ‘passions’.

But can passion for an activity such as golf or Masonry be a problem? Do you spend so much time at these activities they keep you from your family or job or helping others as we have pledged to do? If so then perhaps the activity is controlling you.

Any time we concentrate our attentions passionately on some subject without control we stand to put ourselves at odds with others. Any passion can be a negative if it is not controlled. As Masons we need to conquer and bring into subjection those things we are passionate about. We must not let them control us, rather we must control those emotions and desires. This will allow us to work hand in hand with others and to improve ourselves.

Remember we are not eliminating all our passions,(life would be so dull) but working to control, to use them wisely.

May you find the way to bring a balance of passion in your lives.

Valley 2013 Calendar at a Glance

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25		27	28	29	30
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April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8		10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				



March 12th- 18th degree

March 26th- Rose Croix Service of Remembrance (this takes the place of the regularly scheduled Dinner and a Movie for March)

April 9th- 30th degree

April 23rd- Dinner and a Movie with special Guest



Ill. John D. Lunt, 33°, who will be giving us details on the upcoming Celebrating the Craft webcast on May 18th. We will serve dinner that night at 6:00pm but Ill. Bro. Lunt will have the program.

The day that Albert Einstein feared has finally arrived....



Having coffee with friends.



A day at the beach.



Cheering on your team.



Having dinner out with your friends.



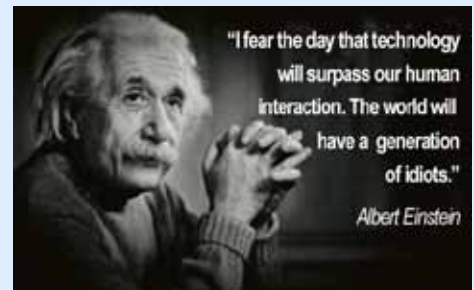
Out on an intimate date



A visit to the museum



Enjoying the sights



Submitted by Ill. Bro. Ron Galpin

Author/ Lecturer Timothy W. Hogan Bio



Timothy Hogan on Dateline NBC

world Grand Master for the Ordre Souverain du Temple Initiatique (OSTI), a Knight Templar lineage out of France. Tim Hogan has also served as a District Lecturer for the Masonic Grand Lodge of Colorado (AF&AM). He is a former editor and writer for the periodicals L'Initiation and Ariadne's Web, and currently writes for Living Stones Magazine. Tim Hogan has written the following books:

The Alchemical Keys to Masonic Ritual
The 32 Secret Paths of Solomon: A New Examination of the Qabbalah in Freemasonry
Revelation of the Holy Grail
(under the pen name "Chevalier Emerys")
Entering the Chain of Union
Novo Clavis Esoterika (published by Brazen Serpent with limited edition of 555 copies for the first edition).
Timothy Hogan also translated and wrote the preface for Raymond Bernard's:
A Secret Meeting In Rome
(also published by Brazen Serpent in 2011).

Timothy Hogan's books have been reviewed and referenced in a number of other publications, including The Scottish Rite Journal; The Plumblin Quarterly Bulletin of the Scottish Rite Research Society; The Journal of the Masonic Society, Ad Lucem: The Official Publication of the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis; Masonic Traveler by Greg Stewart; Into Masonic Light by Douglas Wood and Dimitar Mavrov; The 2011 Masonic Almanac by Mike Moore, The Secret Psychology of Freemasonry by Cliff Porter, The Initiatic Experience by Robert Herd; Lodge Leadership by Matt Nelson; The Bridge Builder's Guide by Kyle G. Ferlemann; Gematria and the Tanakh by Brian Pivik; The Rough and Rugged Road by Tony Hornsby; as well as dozens of other internet sites.

In addition to writing books, he has written dozens of articles and delivered hundreds of lectures all around the world on different aspects of the esoteric tradition and spiritual history to both public and private venues, including Lodges and Grand Lodges. These have included articles for the following publications:

Heredom vol. 17, published by the Scottish Rite Research Society, with an article entitled the "Hermetic Influence on Freemasonry".
The Journal of the Masonic Society, issue #1, with an article entitled "Ethiopia in Freemasonry".
The article Gnostic Reflections in Freemasonry, published by the Freemason Information Network at www.freemasoninformation.com
The Scottish Rite Journal, Colorado Supplement, Sept-Oct. 2008, with an article entitled "Bridging the Gap in Masonry".
The New Hermetics Equinox Journal volume 4, with an article entitled "The Alchemical Influence on the Esoteric Tradition".
The New Hermetics Equinox Journal volume 5, with an article entitled "Spagyrics and the Creation of Vegetable Elixirs".

Timothy W. Hogan has been a student and Past Master within several different esoteric organizations over the last 20 years. He has studied within various branches of Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, Martinism, and Templarism, as well as other Orders of both Eastern and Western lineage. He is also the

Ad Lucem issue XVIII of 2011, with an article entitled "Nicolas Flamel- An Important Figure from the Practicus Lecture".

The Colorado Grand Lodge Education Primer Volume II, along with Dr. Jim Tresner and Roger Tigner, with a section entitled Hermetic and Gnostic Influences on the Craft.

Living Stones Magazine, regular contributor to the monthly magazine.

Masonic Short Talk Bulletins

Timothy Hogan appeared on the October 16th, 2009 Dateline NBC Special on Dan Brown, called "Secrets of the Lost Symbol". In 2010, 2011 and 2012 he was also a part of five different special Masonic delegations to Turkey, and he appeared on numerous programs in the Islamic world on Chanel A9 following his meetings and interviews with Mr. Harun Yahya (Adnan Oktar) in May of 2010, October of 2010, January of 2011, June of 2011, September 2011, and October of 2012. Tim Hogan has also appeared on numerous pod-casts, including two for the Masonic Central podcast show (episodes 18 and 40) and two for The Occult of Personality podcast show. He also appeared on the Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry website on 9/17/11, delivering a lecture to over 20 countries, and found at this link: http://www.weofm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=69&Itemid=67

Timothy Hogan is an owner and the Education Director for www.thesanctumsanctorum.com, a Masonic education resource for Freemasons. He also teaches an Alchemy 101 and Alchemy 102 course on the same site for regular Freemasons. He also serves on the Grand Lodge of Colorado Speakers Bureau. Timothy Hogan lectures on various aspects of the Western Mystery tradition. His most popular topics that he lectures on include:

Alchemy and Freemasonry
Qabbalah and Freemasonry
Templar History
Sacred Geometry and Pythagorean Thought
The Holy Grail and the Western Mystery Tradition
The Influence of Gnostic Philosophy on Western Traditions
The Spiritual Tradition in Istanbul

Timothy Hogan is a Past Master of East Denver #160 Masonic Lodge (AF&AM) and active member and officer of Enlightenment Lodge #198. He is a former District Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Colorado (AF&AM).

He is a Knight Templar in the York Rite and a 32* Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (SJ).

He has been knighted into the Royal Order of Scotland as a Rosicrucian Knight of Kilwinning. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Allied Masonic Degree Chapter 425. He is an active officer in the Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis. He has been knighted as a Sir Knight of the East and West in the Knight Masons of Ireland. He is also a Past Master of Rocky Mountain Lodge of Rosicrucians (AMORC), and a Past Master of the Rosicrucian Lodge of the Phoenix and the Grail.

He currently serves as the world wide Grand Master of the Ordre Souverain du Temple Initiatique, a Knight Templar lineage, and he is President of CIRCES International- and organization that studies the world's cultures and spiritual traditions throughout history.

Timothy Hogan is also the COO of Elite Sterling Security, LLC, which provides bullet resistant clothing to military, law enforcement, and civilians.