

Fourteen U.S. presidents are known to have been Freemasons: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald Ford.

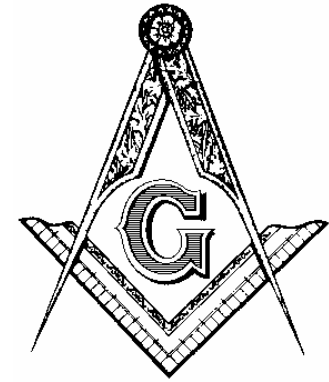
In addition, James Madison is generally thought to have been a Freemason, but there is no surviving documentary proof of it. Lyndon Johnson took the Entered Apprentice degree in 1937 but never continued to become a Master Mason. Abraham Lincoln applied for membership in a lodge in Springfield, Illinois, shortly after he was nominated for the presidency in 1860. Lincoln withdrew his application because he was concerned that it would be construed as a political ploy to win votes. He told the lodge that he intended to resubmit his application again when he returned to public life.

George Washington was initiated in 1752, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, there was a strong movement to unite the nation's Freemasons under a national Grand Lodge of the United States, and Washington was offered the position of national Grand Master, which he refused. He was elected as Worshipful master of Alexandria Lodge #22 in 1788. When the new Capitol City that would eventually bear his name was designed under his watchful eye, Freemasons laid the cornerstone of the new Capitol building in 1793, over which Washington presided in full Masonic regalia.



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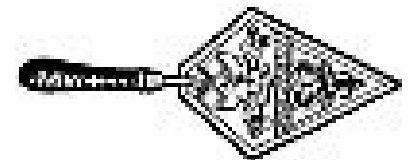
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Since the last Trestle Broad (I know, I know, that has been a while) we have raised three new Masons (see below), elected two candidates to receive the degrees in the near future and read the petitions two potential candidates to be voted on at the next business meeting. Personally, more exciting than the number of new members is their level of interest and participation in masonry and our Shiloh events. Also, we recently held our annual pancake breakfast fund raiser where we raised several hundred dollars for the Nebraska Masonic ChIP Program. Obviously quite a few Brothers have put out a significant effort in bringing in petitions and helping with Degree Work, as well as at the Breakfast and I sincerely appreciate the effort.

NEW MEMBERS

- Brother Larry Broermann
- Brother Ryan Jardine
- Brother Brian Shotwell

Welcome to all three, I am confidence you are going to have positive impact at Shiloh and in Masonry in general!!

**Special Event Announcement:**

*Shiloh Family Cookout at Shi-Oma.*

Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm

Bring what ever you like to grille for yourself and family and a side dish or desert to share.

Entire Family is welcome and encouraged to come!!!

Please plan on attending, this will be a great opportunity to get to know the newer members and kick off the summer.

**Scottish Rite Spring Outing @  
the Papillion Gun Club**

Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A personal note to the newer members: this always proves to be a great outing and one of the better Masonic events of the year. It is a lot of fun, great food and provides a chance to get acquainted with the members of other lodges

Schedule of Events

MAY 2007

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
23	Scottish Rite Spring Outing @ Papillion Gun Club (Lodge will be 'Dark')	
30	Shiloh Family Cookout @ Shi-Oma	6:00 pm

JUNE 2007

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
6	Builders Club	8:30 am
6	Business Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Master Degree <i>Job Daughters will provide dinner prior to degree as a fund raiser for theirgroup</i>	7:00 pm
20	Builders Club	8:30 am
20	EA Degree	7:00 pm
27	FC Degree	7:00 pm