

Longs Peak Lodge #197, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Colorado

Introduction to Freemasonry
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- ▶ What is Freemasonry?
- ▶ How is it structured?
- ▶ Loveland Masonic History Highlights
- ▶ Joining a Lodge
- ▶ Becoming a Mason
- ▶ The Masonic "Family" – Appendant Bodies
- ▶ Q&A

AGENDA

- ▶ No one person speaks for Freemasonry
- ▶ Many of the things in this presentation are my opinion and interpretation
- ▶ Historical references are factual
- ▶ If you have questions; ask more than one Mason
- ▶ References
 - ▶ **Freemasons for Dummies** by Christopher Hodapp
 - ▶ **Solomon's Builders** by Christopher Hodapp

DISCLAIMER

FREEMASONRY

- ▶ History – 300 – 144 - 6
- ▶ Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love
- ▶ What we do
 - ▶ Meetings and Education
 - ▶ Pursuit of Personal Virtue
 - ▶ Social Events
 - ▶ Special Events and Traditions
 - ▶ The Masonic "Family" – Appendant Bodies
- ▶ What we are not
 - ▶ Secret Society
 - ▶ Religion
 - ▶ Charity
 - ▶ Insurance Company

STRUCTURE OF FREEMASONRY

- ▶ The Blue Lodge (hometown)
 - ▶ Degrees
 - ▶ Officers
 - ▶ Community
- ▶ The Grand Lodge(s)
- ▶ Masonic "Family" - Appendant Bodies
 - ▶ Funny Hats
 - ▶ Women's Organizations
 - ▶ Youth Organizations
- ▶ Masonry is like a Buffet...

- ▶ Loveland Lodge #53, founded 144 years ago
 - ▶ The "accepted" original Grand Lodge, formed in England in 1717, 300 years ago
 - ▶ Ralph Trenary has been a Mason since April 2011, 6 years ago
- ▶ Original Lodge "home" was the State Mercantile Building, 4th & Lincoln
 - ▶ Combined with Berthoud Lodge #83 in 2003
 - ▶ Purchased building and property near Campion
- ▶ Cornerstone Ceremonies
- ▶ Education support

LOVELAND MASONIC HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

JOINING A LODGE

- ▶ Petitioning
 - ▶ Recommendation
 - ▶ Investigation
- ▶ Initiation

BECOMING A MASON

- ▶ 1st Degree – Entered Apprentice
- ▶ 2nd Degree – Fellowcraft
- ▶ 3rd Degree – Master Mason
- ▶ Education and Proficiency
- ▶ The Masonic Journey

- ▶ Funny Hats
 - ▶ Shrine
 - ▶ Scottish Rite
 - ▶ York Rite
- ▶ Women's Organizations
 - ▶ OES – Order of Eastern Star
- ▶ Youth Organizations
 - ▶ DeMolay (young men)
 - ▶ Job's Daughters (young women)
 - ▶ Rainbow for Girls



THE MASONIC “FAMILY” – APPENDANT BODIES

Q&A

Masons love to talk about their experiences

Just ask

We do not all know everything (although some of us think we do)

If your question did not get answered, ask another Mason

Don't be surprised if you get more than one answer