

Columbia Lodge No. 31 F. & A. M.

Stated Meeting 1st Thursday

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Let's Go To Lodge Tonight

My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs;
I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
"Come in or you'll be late."

I'd like to get out on the floor--
Come on, let's get in line;
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap;
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight;
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

(author unknown)

Hughes de Payens

Hughes de Payens (c. 1070 - 1136), a French knight from the Champagne region, was the first Grand Master of the Knights Templar. He was originally a vassal of Count Hugh of Champagne. Count Hugh of Champagne visited Jerusalem for a second time in 1108, accompanied with Hugh of Payens who remained there after he returned to France. He organized the original nine monk-knights to defend pilgrims to the Holy Land in response to the call to action of Pope Urban II.

De Payens approached King Baldwin II of Jerusalem with eight knights, two of whom were brothers and all of whom were his relatives by either blood or marriage, in order to form the first of the Knights Templar.

The other knights were Geoffrey de St. Omer, Payen de Montdidier, Archambaud de St. Agnan, Andre de Montbard, Geoffrey Bison, and two men recorded only by the names of Rossal and Gondamer. The ninth knight remains unknown, although some have speculated that it was Hugh Comte de Champagne.

De Payens was probably born at Château Payens, about 10 km from Troyes, in Champagne, France. He was a veteran of the First Crusade (in 1099) and had spent twenty-two years of his life east of Europe.

It is likely that Hughes de Payens served in the army of Godfroi de Boullion during the First Crusade. As Grand Master, he led the Order for almost twenty years until his death, helping to establish the Order's foundations as an important and influential international military and financial institution.

On his visit to London in 1128, he raised men and money for the Order, and also founded their first House there, initiating the history of the Templars in England.

He died in Palestine in 1136 and was succeeded as Grand Master by Robert de Craon.









Columbia Lodge #31 of Free and Accepted Masons January 2007 Newsletter

Brethren,

Greetings and goodwill to all, As we enter a new year, let us be thankful for the blessings we have enjoyed this past year and rejoice in the adversities we have overcome. May we view this new year as another opportunity to better ourselves and to promote the happiness of all those around us. Let us continue with great zeal and sincerity to build upon the foundation that our brothers have left us by spreading the cement of brotherly love. Brethren let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father; the great architect of the universe.

A thought for the New Year - - Keep doing what you've always done and you'll keep getting what you've always gotten - - be it good or bad...

Garth McCrary
Worshipful Master

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11 • 6:30 pm :  Blue Lodge Practice and Fellowship	12	13 • 2:00 pm :  Friendship Meeting
14	15 • 6:00 pm :  Chapter/Council Regular Stated Meeting	16	17	18 • 6:30 pm :  Blue Lodge Practice and Fellowship	19	20
21	22 • 6:30 pm :  Commandery Regular Stated Meeting	23	24	25 • 6:30 pm :  Blue Lodge Practice and Fellowship	26	27
28	29	30 • 7:00 pm :  Knight Masons	31	1 • 7:00 pm :  Blue Lodge Stated Meeting	2	3