



SAN MARINO FREEMASONS

Greetings from the East

Brethren,

What do Masonry, Halloween, Yom Kippur and the United Nations have in common? One might say this is an oddly eclectic group to compare to one another, so let me explain....

The origin of Halloween can be traced back to the Druids, a Celtic culture in Ireland, Britain, and Northern Europe. It's roots lay in the Celtic feast of Sawhain (meaning "summer's end"), which was a harvest festival and marked the end of summer and the beginning of the dark, cold winter. It also marked the end of the Celtic year and the beginning of the new one (which started on November 1st) and was a time of preparation for the coming year.

On October 31st, people wore scary costumes and lit bonfires to ward off evil. Back then, prior to the discovery of the pumpkin in North America, turnips were carved and lit with embers to ward off bad spirits.

The Celts believed that on October 31st (the night before the new year) the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred and thus the ghosts of the dead returned to earth and roamed the streets in the evenings. For this reason, people would leave gifts and treats outside their homes to "pacify" the evil spirits and hope for prosperity and a

plentiful crop in the new year. As a result, trick or treating came into practice...

During the same month of October, the Jewish culture celebrates Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, marking the holiest day of the year for Jews. During prayers, a white apron-like garment is worn to symbolize their purity ( just as all Masons wear a white apron to symbolize purity).

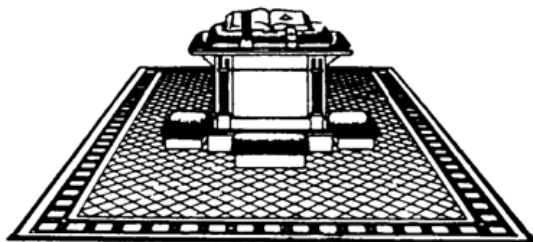
According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a book called " The Book of Life" on Rosh Hashanah, and waits until Yom Kippur to determine the final verdict.

During these High Holy Days, Jews try to seek forgiveness by amending their behavior for wrongdoings done against God and other human beings. It is during these days of prayer and fasting that a Jew is working towards the hope for a good year ahead.

October also marks the establishment of the United Nations, a term named by President Franklin Roosevelt (a fellow Mason), and used to refer to the Allies during WWII. The idea of the UN as an international organization arose one year later, and on October 24, 1945, contained 50 member nations. All nations came together to help attain international peace and security for a better tomorrow through work in human rights, economic development, health and education, and work with refugees and trade.

One common thread which all these have in common, other than that they are acknowledged in the month of October, is that they were all formed, just as Masonry was, on the principle of hope for a better tomorrow. Each one takes steps to minimize the negative and focus on creating prosperity, whether it be in a better crop, a better self, or a better world for humankind.

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## Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

### Greeting from the West

Solomon, The Queen of Sheba and Hiram AB. Masonic traditions inform us of many things. There are also Masonic legends. Many of the Masonic legends concern Solomon, the King of Israel, The Queen of Sheba and Hiram AB.

The only recorded official state visit to the court of Solomon was the visit of The Queen of Sheba. One of the many legends or rumors about the Queen was that she was a Satyr, or half woman and half goat. The upper half was that of beautiful woman. Her lower half was rumored to be that of a goat. Solomon was so afraid that the Queen had the legs of a goat, that he had the marble floor approaching his throne so highly polished that it was as reflective as a mirror. When the Queen walked across the floor to approach the throne, Solomon could see that her legs were that of a woman. Solomon fell completely in love with the Queen. But, the Queen was not so smitten with Solomon. One day while walking through the unfinished Temple, the Queen asked Solomon to assemble the workmen. Solomon tried to gather the workmen together, but the workmen completely ignored Solomon and kept at their work. Solomon and the Queen came upon Hiram AB, the architect of the work. Solomon asked Hiram to assemble the craftsmen. Hiram did not speak a word but only gave a sign. At the sight of the sign, the craftsmen dropped their tools and rushed to the aid of Hiram. The Queen was so impressed by Hiram commanding his men without even speaking a word that she fell instantly in love with Hiram.

Solomon was so enraged with the attention that the Queen lavished upon Hiram, that he determined to eliminate his rival. Solomon hired three brothers from Tyre, well known amongst the craftsmen for their ambition and villainy, to eliminate his rival. During the casting of the great bronze sea, the three brothers sawed through the

supports of the mold, so that Hiram would be covered in molten bronze. Hiram was miraculously saved from the molten bronze by the spirit of T C, the first artificier in metals by fire. Seeing the ill results of their villainy, the three brothers than stationed themselves at the exits of the Temple and accomplished their horrid purpose.

With his rival eliminated, Solomon was free to pursue the Queen, who left Israel, carrying the son of Solomon in her womb. Solomon's son became the first King of Ethiopia. In the coming months, The missing H, the true location of the Ark of the Covenant and more.

Donald Regis  
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### The Letter "G"

In every Masonic Lodge a letter "G" may be seen in the East, either painted on the wall or sculptured in wood or metal, and suspended over the Master's Chair. A stranger entering the Lodge room, as he may do on a public occasion, will see this mysterious Letter. No one need tell him its meaning; it is a letter of light and tells its own story. Yet no stranger can know its full importance, much less how old it is.

The Letter "G" has double symbolism. First, it represents the Supreme Deity, the Great Architect of the Universe, the Great God of all Freemasons. Secondly, it represents the Science of Geometry, which, to architects, is the Science by which all their labors are circulated and formed. Many meanings and much history are gathered into this Great Letter. In the oldest Charges of the Craft, it is agreed that Masonry is Moral Geometry. What was seen by philosophers and mystics in ancient times has now been revealed to us by the microscope. It is an actual fact that Geometry is the thought form of God in Nature, in the snowflake and in the orbits of the stars. Since this insight is confirmed by the vision of science in this most impressive manner, shows the Letter "G" stands as the initial of God.

There is as uncertainty as to when this symbol was first introduced into Speculative Masonry. Some historians say, in the early 1700's, but it was not mentioned by any of the Masonic writers until, Samuel Pritchard's Ritual, "Masonry Dissected," in 1730, when he divided the work into Three Degrees. William Hutchinson in 1775, wrote the book, "Spirit of Masonry," in which he gave the Letter "G" great significance as indicating both God and Geometry. Then in 1801, Dr. Frederick Dalcho, a distinguished Freemason and Orator from South Carolina, expressed that in one of his published orations, that same opinion when he stated that, The Letter 'G', which ornaments the Lodge Room, is not only expressive of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, but also denotes the Science of Geometry, so necessary to architects." Finally, in 1847, Dr. George Oliver, in his "Golden Remains of Early Masonic Writers," said, The term G.A.O.T.U., is used among Freemasons for this great and glorious Being, designated by the Letter 'G', that it may be applied by every brother to the object of his adoration.

It wasn't until about 1850, that the Letter "G" was placed in the center of the interlaced Square and Compasses for pins and badges as commonly represented today. This was originated as a jeweler's design and not an action of any Masonic authority, so when you walk into a Lodge Room; the Letter "G" will be suspended over the Master's Chair in the East and the Square and Compasses in their place with the Holy Bible.

Source: Tyrian Lodge No. 925 website  
Masonic Education Short Talks-1  
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# October 2011



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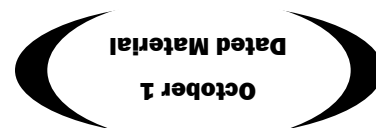
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1959	Robert C. Gapper	1982	Peter Werstuk	2002	Don Journey
1962	John C. Bowman	1983	Joseph B. McMullin	2003	Vahe Majarian
1962	Jack E. Roberts	1982	John W. Langdale	2004	Vahe Majarian
1964	Donald R. Proctor	1986	Robert M. Miller	2005	Keverk Klahejian
1964	Maurice M. McKenzie	1988	Art Davidson	2006	Ted Risney
1967	John C. Bowman	1988	John W. Langdale	2007	Ted Risney
1967	James W. Dunn, Jr.	1989	Lee J. Baxter	2008	Ben Masoyan
1969	Donald C. Dewey	1989	Iltyd J. Santiago	2009	Damon Russell
1972	Scott F. Colton	1990	Lee J. Baxter	2010	Gerald Petievich
1972	Jack K. Bryant	1991	Paul H. Newquist		
1972	Raymond N. Aragon	1991	Iltyd J. Santiago		
1973	Wm. B. Jones	1992	Peter Werstuk		
1974	Douglas M. Gossage	1993	Robert Taylor		
1974	Bruce F. Lanehart	1993	Ken Goecke		
1975	Theodore J. Epkes	1994	Nathan Gebala		
1976	Benjamin Martinez	1994	Ken Goecke		
1976	Joseph Berry	1995	John C. Bowman		
1976	Paul H. Newquist	1995	Peter Werstuk		
1977	Benjamin Martinez	1996	Hagop Ohannesian		
1978	Ronald M. Vanevenhoven	1996	Franklin G. Robinson		
1978	John W. Langdale	1997	Melik Ekizian		
1978	Terry T. Pond	1998	Iltyd J. Santiago		
1979	James W. Watson	1999	John C. Bowman		
1979	Donald J. Crumb	1999	John Kahvedjian		
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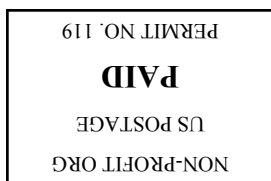
## BY AFFILIATION

1975	Robert Connelly
1976	Brian W. Patterson
1977	William Freeland
1979	Herbert E. Pompey
1981	Enrique Ortiz
1982	Joseph F. Recio
1985	Donald Journey
1988	Irvin Betts
2006	Wesley G. Pitts
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