

## Cinosam Biographies

**Brother Oscar Wilde** October 16, 1854 - November 30, 1900

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Wilde was educated at Trinity College, Dublin and Oxford. He was known for his flamboyance and wit, but rejected by many for his unorthodox views and bohemian lifestyle. He wrote stories, essays, plays, poems and one novel, "The Picture of Dorian Gray".

Oscar Wilde's attributed last words, as he lay dying in a drab Paris bedroom were "Either that wallpaper goes, or I do."

Raised: Oxford, May 25, 1875

Apollo University Lodge No. 357

Denton True "Cy" Young (1867-1955) was known as the Grand Old Man of Baseball and was the first pitcher to be honored with membership in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was the only pitcher in the first 100 years of baseball to win 500 games. In all his years, he never received more than \$2500.00 a year. The highly sought after Cy Young pitching award is named in his honor. Raised in Mystic Tie Lodge No. 194, Ohio in 1904, he was a member of other Masonic bodies and remained active in Freemasonry until his death.

Henry Mason Wheeler, 1854-1930

Henry Wheeler was a member of Social Lodge #48 of Northfield, Minnesota. On September 7, 1876 he was home on vacation from a medical school that he was attending in Michigan. He was in his father's drug store when he noticed three desperados ride up to the bank. They were joined by several others and Henry concluded that they were there to rob the bank. Henry shouted to the townspeople, "Get your guns boys. They're robbin' the bank!" It was the Jesse James Gang and this was the beginning of the end for them. Henry found a rifle and a shootout between the gang and the townspeople ensued. Henry managed to shoot and kill outlaw Clell Miller. He also wounded outlaw Bob Younger who managed to get away.

Henry later explained to the Sheriff that he was in medical school and needed to provide a cadaver to his school for examination so that he could graduate. He asked for a body of one of the outlaws but was turned down. The Sheriff said to him that he would not break the law, but "I will see that the outlaws are buried plenty shallow". A few days later Henry shipped a

barrel labeled “pickles” to himself at school. It smelled strongly of formaldehyde. Go figure.

Henry graduated from medical school and moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1881. He became a member of Acacia Lodge # 15 of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory and was elected as Master of that Lodge for three terms starting in 1883. In 1887 he was elected the Grand Master of Masons of the Dakota Territory.

Henry led a life with many varied interests. He had the first automobile in Grand Forks. He invented a forerunner of the snowmobile with skis and a sail. He was elected mayor of Grand Forks for two terms in 1917. Henry was also president of the Grand Forks Gun Club (You should have guessed). Henry was a two time widower and married a third time in 1923. In 1925 his wife presented 71 year old Henry with a healthy baby boy. He responded by going to town and raising the courthouse flag. In his excitement, he raised the flag upside down, a universal sign of distress.

Henry Mason Wheeler died on April 13, 1930. He was given full Masonic honors in Grand Forks ND and also in Northfield, MN where he is buried.

Taken from the address of W. David Beach, Grand Historian of ND 2000

Swante Anderson Jungquist was raised as a Master Mason in Oriental Lodge #34 at Cannon Falls MN in 1871. Swante's great grandson tells us that a few years after Swante became a Mason the minister at the Spring Garden Church informed the congregation one Sunday that the men belonging to the Masonic Lodge and the Church must decide to either belong to the Church or the Lodge.

The following Sunday Swante showed up in church in his full Knight Templar Regalia and sat in the very front row. This was the last Sunday he attended Church. Swante said “the Minister talks so loud I can hear him from my front porch anyway”. When Swante died in 1902, the Church refused to bury him in the church's cemetery, so he was buried just outside of the cemetery fence on his own property. His marker is still there. It is about 10 feet high, with the Square, Compass, and letter "G" on the very top.

In the 1980's the Cemetery needed to be expanded and additional property was bought. The cemetery fence was moved and the new space included Swante's marker. It is now in a very prominent location in this very quaint country church cemetery. Swante has apparently been brought back into the congregation. ....*Time, patience, and perseverance accomplish*

*all things.*

Sent to Cinosam by W.B. Bill Callister

Col. W.F. Cody "Buffalo Bill" petitioned Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte, Nebraska. He was raised a Master Mason on January 10, 1871. He died January 10, 1917 and was buried with his lambskin apron. Buffalo Bill was awarded the Medal of Honor for his reputation for bravery and skill as a guide in the 1872 Campaign while scouting for the 3rd Cavalry. This award was taken away from him by Congress in 1916 when it was determined that he was a civilian when awarded the medal and not an officer or soldier.

## **"The March King"**

**John Philip Sousa 1854-1932 was born in Washington, D.C. He joined the Marine Corps and apprenticed in the Marine band. Brother Sousa was raised a Master Mason in 1881 in Hiram Lodge No. 10 F & AM in Washington, D.C. His Masonic affiliations included membership in Eureka Chapter No. 4 R.A.M., Columbia Commandery No. 2, and Almas Temple AAONMS. He left several Masonic-inspired compositions including "The Crusader March", "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine March", and "The Thunder". One of his greatest compositions was "The Stars and Stripes Forever".**

**John Wayne was born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907. By 1930 he was given his stage name, John Wayne and started on his film career. He made his last movie in 1976, "The Shootist". He petitioned Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, Arizona. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on June 9, 1970, his Fellowcraft Degree June 10, 1970 and was raised a Master Mason on July 11, 1970. He died in 1979.**

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German poet, dramatist and philosopher was born August 28, 1749 at Frankfort-on-Maine and died at Weimer on March 22, 1832. He was a member of Amelia Weimer Lodge. Not only is he remembered as author of *Götz von Berlichingen* and *Faust* but he had an accomplished career as Minister of State for Weimer.

Goethe's writings contain many favorable allusions to Freemasonry, most notably, the [\*Masonic Shield\*](#) and [\*The Hidden Meaning\*](#) In his dying moments, his last words were, "More Light!"

**John Pine (1690-1756)** may have been the first black man made a mason in England. He was a member of the lodge at Globe Tavern, Morgate. He was an engraver and became famous for producing the beautiful frontis-piece to Dr. James Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. Beside the artwork in the Constitutions Bro. John Pine engraved the annual List of Lodges from 1725 to 1741. These lists showed the sign of the tavern or inn where the lodge met; the address of the inn; and the time and night of meetings.

Bro. Pine served as Marshall of the Processions on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1730 when Lord Kingston, GM escorted the Duke of Norfolk, GL-Elect, from the Duke's house in St. James Square (London) to Merchant Taylor's Hall.

Other than his Masonic engravings, he produced book illustrations. Bro. Pine trained as a silversmith's engraver and became London's finest heraldic and decorative engraver. This led to an appointment as Bluemantle Pursuivant in the College of Heralds in 1743.

Bro. Pine's son, Robert Edge Pine, who was also an artist, migrated to America after the signing of the Declaration of Independence with the intention of painting the important persons involved in the Revolution. Robert Pine spent three weeks at Mt. Vernon painting George Washington and his family.

Will Rogers was born William Penn Adair Rogers on November 4, 1879 near Claremont, Oklahoma. He was listed as No. 11384 on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokee Nation. He was an entertainer, performer, ambassador, and writer. Rogers was a member of Claremont Lodge No. 53 being raised to a Master Mason on March 13, 1906. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of McAlester, Oklahoma and Akdar Shrine Temple.

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866, at Murray, Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1922 he was elected a Bishop of the church. He became a member of Granger Lodge No. 677 of Texas and served as Grand Chaplain of Texas on 1953.

He never tired of telling of the time he was traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque in Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told them his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.

Dr. Edward Jenner, an early English Physician, observed that milk maids who once had smallpox did not get the disease when exposed to it. After experimenting, he announced this discovery in 1789, and vaccination followed shortly thereafter. He was Worshipful Master of Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge No. 270 in Berkeley, England, in 1811-1813.

**Colonel Samuel Colt was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1814. He founded the Colt Company and will be remembered for his production of revolving cylinder weapons. He died in January of 1862. Samuel Colt was a member of St. John's Lodge of Hartford, Connecticut. He was also a member of Pythagoras Chapter RAM and Washington Commandery, KT.**

Ely S. Parker, a full-blooded Indian chief, was the grandson of Red Jacket, a close friend of George Washington. He was a Union Brigadier General in the Civil War, and served as General Grant's secretary. He was raised in Batavia Lodge No. 88, Batavia, New York, and later affiliated with Valley Lodge No. 109. He later became a founder and first Worshipful Master of Akron Lodge No. 527 of New York. Ely Parker Lodge No. 1002 of Buffalo, New York is named after him.

P r i n c e H a l l, born in 1735, Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies is considered the founder of Black Freemasonry in America. He became a clergyman in Cambridge, Massachusetts and served in the American Revolutionary War on the side of the Colonies. Made a Mason, along with 14 other black men, in a regular military Lodge of Irish Register, Boston, Massachusetts in 1775.

### George Washington

**George Washington is revered as few men are. Not only was he a great President and Man, but he was a Master Mason of special note. George was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in Fredericksburg No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 4, 1752. He was Passed on March 3, 1753 and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753. He was a member for the rest of his life.**

**Washington was appointed Worshipful Master in the charter for Alexandria Lodge #39 on April 28, 1788. He was re-elected to this position on December 27, 1788 -- a year before becoming our first President. He serve his lodge most honorably until his death eleven years later.**

**George Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol at Washington, D.C. at the request of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He was wearing the Masonic Apron presented him by General Lafayette.**

**The trowel he used in this historical event may be viewed by a visit to the House Of Temple in Washington, D.C.**

**George Washington was unanimously elected the Grand Master of Masons of the American Colonies in 1779. However, the war and conditions at that time prohibited him from serving at that time. But American Masons still consider him the first and only Grand Master of American Freemasons.**

**Masonic funeral ceremonies were conducted by Alexandria Lodge #22 for their Past Master. This ceremony took place at the vault at Mount Vernon on December 18, 1799.**

**It is sometimes difficult to see just how large a role Masonry played in the formation of our nation. But George Washington -- the Mason -- believed strongly that the morals exemplified by the Brotherhood was a value needed for a strong country.**

**More details about Brother Washington can be found in the book, "George Washington, Master Mason" by Allen C. Roberts.**

**George Washington took the oath of office, becoming the first President of the United States, on Thursday, April 30, 1789. The ceremony took place on the balcony of the Senate Chamber at Federal Hall, Wall and Nassaug Streets, New York City. The oath was administered by the Chancellor of New York State, Robert R. Livingston. The Bible on which Washington took his oath was borrowed from St John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His hand rested on Psalm 127:1 when he took the oath.**

## **Andrew Jackson**

Andrew Jackson's Masonic background is rather sketchy due to lost records; however, there are no doubts about his being a Mason. Records of his acceptance and progression from Entered Apprentice to the Sublime degree of Master Mason are no longer available to us.

He is recognized as having been a member of Harmony Lodge No. 1 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nevertheless, evidence of his involvement as a Master Mason and even as a Grand

Master are in existence. Records indicate he was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee during the years 1822 through 1824.

## **James Monroe**

James Monroe was a great stature. He is recognized in history as a great statesman, soldier and president. But he is more than that to us because he was also a great Mason.

He was a man with superior principles and was acclaimed for his honesty and integrity.

Records indicate that James Monroe petitioned Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 to join the fraternity on November 6, 1775. He was accepted an Entered Apprentice on November 9, 1775. There are no known records indicating that James Monroe was ever conferred the Sublime degree of Master Mason -- however, it is an accepted thought that he received this in a military lodge sometime during the revolution.

Evidence exists to support this hypothesis since records do exist showing due payments by Monroe through October of 1780 at the Williamsburg Lodge. Records were found by Mr. George W. Baird indicating Monroe was a member of the Kilwinning Cross Lodge No. 2 of Port Royal, Virginia.

Evidence also exists showing President Monroe visiting Cumberland Lodge No. 8 , of Nashville, Tennessee.

Masonic memorial services were held for Monroe's death at Randolph Lodge No. 19.

James Monroe is further evidence of the profound influence of Masonry in the formation of America. It is surely no coincidence when you consider that Monroe, Washington, General Lafayette, John Marshall, Robert Livingston and many, many more were Masons all and that they all played such large roles in our history.

## **James Polk**

**In the year 1820, Brother James Knox Polk was Raised in Columbia No. 31, and he was Exalted in Lafayette No. 4 on April 14, 1825.**

**Brother Polk had a special relationship with Brother Andrew Jackson and reportedly had a "hero worship" of him. In fact, this association was strong enough to influence Polk to be nicknamed, "Little Hickory." Jackson also favored Polk and**

**tried unsuccessfully to have Van Buren choose Polk as his Vice President.**

**Polk and his wife went forth to Nashville in order to welcome General Lafayette to Tennessee. It was here that Brother Jackson introduced Brother Lafayette to the Grand Lodge.**

**Polk had a confrontation with the Whigs and the anti-Mason, Henry Clay. The campaign got rather nasty and a lot of mud-slinging went on.**

**President Polk attended the Masonic cornerstone laying of the Smithsonian Institution on May 1, 1847. He was accompanied by his vice President and Brother, George Mifflin Dallas plus numerous other Masonic dignitaries.**

**Brother Polk was unable to attend the cornerstone ceremonies at the Washington Monument but Brother Dallas attended in his place.**

### **James Buchanan**

**Brother James Buchanan is honored as a dedicated and true Master Mason. Even to this day, a committee of Officers and Past Officers of his Lodge No. 43 places a memorial wreath on his tomb every year on the anniversary of his death.**

**Brother Buchanan was *Raised* a Mason in Lodge No. 43 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on December 11, 1816. He was Crafted and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 24, 1817.**

**Brother Buchanan served as the Worshipful Master in the year 1823.**

**Brother Buchanan represented the First Masonic District of Pennsylvania (Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties) as the first District Deputy Grand Master in 1824.**

**It is known that Brother Buchanan was a generous person, having donated the sum of \$100.00 to Lodge funds -- no small amount at that time -- while he occupied the White House.**

**Buchanan was a member of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 43 in Pennsylvania.**

**On February 22, 1860 delivered the dedication address for the ceremony of dedicating the Equestrian Statue of Brother George Washington in Washington, D.C. He was accompanied by a large group of Masons and Knights Templar.**

**Brother Buchanan's death was on June 1, 1868. Shortly after on June 4th, a Special Meeting of his Lodge was held for the purpose of his Brothers attending the funeral. It was an unbelievable event that happened with the procession being the largest ever attended for a President that died out of office.**

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## **Andrew Johnson**

**Only one Masonic President ever had his Masonic membership used against him -- this was Sir Knight Andrew Johnson.**

**Johnson was Initiated, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Greenville Lodge No. 119 (this Lodge is now #3).**

**He is reported to have belonged to other Chapters but there are no records to prove this, not an unusual occurrence since many records were destroyed during the Civil War.**

**There are existing records from the Grand Commandery of Tennessee showing an Andrew Johnson that was Knighted on July 26, 1859. There is not sufficient proof to indicate this was "our" Andrew Johnson though. On the other hand, the Nashville Commandery does have a picture of Johnson in full Commandery regalia.**

**President Johnson received the 32 degree of the Scottish Rite on June 20, 1867 and is recognized as being the first President to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees.**

**Johnson laid the cornerstone for the Masonic Temple in Washington, D.C. as well as performing in many other Masonic ceremonies.**

**When Johnson died, his Lodge requested and received permissions to conduct a Masonic ceremony. This was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge , G.C. Connor. Templar services were conducted by Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 9, in Knoxville.**

**The impeachment against Johnson was led by Thaddeus Stevens, an anti-Mason. This was the only impeachment trial of a President but it was unsuccessful. Johnson never made an appearance at the trial but continued his normal functions -- both presidential and Masonic**

## **James Garfield**

**James A. Garfield was our 7th Masonic President. He was a Master Mason and a Knight Templar as well as a U.S. President.**

**Unfortunately, tragedy befell President Garfield and cut his career short when he was shot and killed shortly after his inauguration.**

**James A. Garfield was Initiated and Passed in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ohio in the months of November and December, 1861. However, the war delayed further light until November 22, 1864 where he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. He was Raised in Columbus Lodge No. 30 as a courtesy.**

**He was a committee member appointed to draft resolutions on the death of President Abraham Lincoln. He performed this duties while visiting Garretville Lodge No. 246.**

**Garfield served as a Chaplain during the years 1869 and 1869 while affiliating with the Garretville Lodge No. 246.**

**Brother Garfield was Exalted in Columbia Chapter No. 1 and received the Order of the Temple in Columbia Commandery No.2. He received the Council Degrees in 1871.**

**It is known that General Albert Pike conferred the 6 through 14 degrees of the Scottish Rite but the dates are not known. It is probably either 1871 or 1872.**

**A religious fanatic, Charles Jules Guiteau, brought President Garfield's term of office to a halt when he shot him while he was at the railroad station.**

**Columbia Commandery No. 2 accompanied the guard of honor while the President's body lay in state in the capitol. They also helped escort the body home. A large number of Lodge Officers attended the funeral ceremonies.**

**William McKinley**

**Sir Knight William McKinley was the 25th President of the United States, the 8th Masonic President and the 3rd President to be a Knight Templar.**

**He was Raised in Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Virginia by a Confederate Master on May 3, 1865, but he was given a Demit and took his membership to his Ohio home.**

**McKinley was affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 60 on August 21, 1867, and he became a Charter member of Eagle Lodge No. 43.**

He received the Chapter Degrees in Canton No. 84 and was Knighted in December of 1883.

President William McKinley's was tragically slain by a terrorist but his last words were so profound they exemplify his life ... "*It is God's way. His will, not ours, be done.*"

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## Theodore Roosevelt

Brother Theodore Roosevelt was different than most of his predecessors in that he did not seek Masonic office. His Masonic membership activities were confined to his home lodge.

He was Initiated on January 2, 1901 at Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay. Theodore was Vice President at that time.

He was *Raised* on April 24, 1901 and is recorded as passing a perfect examination in open Lodge. He made many speeches on Freemasonry including one at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during their observance of the 150th Anniversary of George Washington's Initiation.

During his travels, he participated in many ground breaking ceremonies for Masonic Temples. One particular event was the breaking of ground on the Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington.

At a later date, Theodore addressed a crowd from the portico of the Temple while in full Masonic regalia of the Master, even though he never served in that Lodge.

When Roosevelt participated in the laying of the cornerstone for the Masonic Temple in Washington, D.C. he stressed the importance -- and obligation -- of Masons to show themselves as good citizens.

## William Taft

Brother William Howard Taft has a rather unusual Masonic background. While he was President-elect, Taft was made a Mason "at sight" by Ohio Grand Master

Charles S. Hoskinson. This was on February 18, 1909. The ceremony was held at an "Occasional Lodge" called specifically for that purpose and was held in Cincinnati's Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The very same evening, Brother Taft visited Kilwinning lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati and observed the conferral of a Third Degree. He became a member of this Lodge himself on April 14, 1909.

There were considerable problems caused by the making of the President-elect a Mason "at sight." Most of these were from states where Grand Masters were not allowed this function.

Walter Hurt, publisher of a anti-Catholic periodical, was particularly ruthless of Taft and published an article entitled, "Taft - A 35 Minute Mason." This article was reprinted in the Masonic Bibliophile (a Cincinnati publication). This caused the Past Grand Master of Ohio Masons -- William B. Meish -- to issue a statement that the article was 90% false.

Brother Taft represented the Craft well though and actively participated in numerous ceremonies. One photo shows Taft wearing the Watson and Cassoul apron of George Washington and holding the trowel Washington used in the laying of the Capitol cornerstone.

## Warren Harding

On June 28, 1901, Warren G. Harding was *Initiated* in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio, but he was not *Raised* until 19 years later.

He was *Passed* on August 13, 1920, and *Raised* on August 27, 1920. On May 4, 1921, he was made an Honorary member of Albert Pike Lodge Number 36 of Washington; made Honorary member of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14, Washington, on February 16, 1922; and Honorary member of America Lodge No. 3368, London, England, in 1922.

He was a member of Marion Chapter No. 63, R.A.M. and received his degrees January 11 and 13, 1921, and made Honorary member of Columbia Commandery No.2, K.T., in Washington, March 4, 1921. Hardings' address upon being Knighted was memorable.

He had been elected to receive the degrees in Marion Council No.22, R.&.S.M., but died before they could be conferred.

In the Scottish Rite, he received the 32nd degree at Columbus, Ohio, January 5, 1921 and was elected to receive the 33 degree on September 22, 1921, but died

before receiving it. He was a member of Aladdin Shrine Temple in Columbus, Ohio.

He was an Honorary member of Almas Temple of Washington on March 21, 1921. He was Associate Honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine in June, 1923. Kallipolis Grotto MOVPER conferred the degrees on him at the White House of May 11, 1921, and made him a life member.

Washington Chapter No. 3, National Sojourners, made him a member at the White House on May 28, 1921. He stated, "No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I have exercised in receiving the various Rites of Masonry, and I say it with deliberation and without fear of breaking faith, I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could be proclaimed to the world."

At the cornerstone laying in Birmingham, Alabama, he said, "I have been a better citizen for being a Mason. There is nothing in Masonry that a Free Religious and just American could not be proud to subscribe to, and be a better citizen for so doing."

When he received the Royal Arch degrees, he inscribed the Bible of a friend with the following: "With grateful and happy remembrance of the occasion when this Holy Book was employed in revealing the exalting impressions of Royal Arch Masonry."

He was scheduled to deliver an address on August 2, 1923, in Hollywood, California, to Hollywood Commandery No. 56 K.T. on the occasion of the presentation to them by his own Commandery, Marion No. 36, of the International Traveling Beauseant. He was on death's doorstep, and his secretary, Sir Knight George B. Christian, delivered the address. This was his last address to the American people. He died August 2, 1923, and on August 8th, the body was conducted from the White House to the Capitol with the six Commanderies of Knights Templar of Washington, D.C. being in the Funeral Cortège. The Asphalt container in which his body was placed was the gift of Boumi Shrine Temple of Baltimore, MD.

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## **Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt was *Raised* on November 28, 1911 in Holland Lodge No. 8, Hyde Park, N.Y.

It was several years later (February 28, 1929) when he received the Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

He was a member of Cypress Shrine Temple in Albany, New York.

**He was appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 1930 and in 1934 he was named the first Honorary Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay.**

**Roosevelt had many encounters with opponents because of his Masonic membership.**

**Newsweek reports President Roosevelt attending the Raising of his sons James and Franklin Jr. in Architect Lodge No. 519. Franklin's picture appeared in the magazine at this ceremony.**

**The German press published headlines referring to the picture as a "secret illustrated document" showing Roosevelt in Masonic dress and surrounded by a "circle of Jews."**

**There were numerous other Nazi press publications attempting to make Roosevelt appear as a tool of Freemasonry. They continued using this as propaganda in the war efforts. Later the Japanese powers picked up this ball and ran some more with it. But as we all know, their efforts failed.**

**Note:** Hitler feared the Masons and ordered all Masons killed. But the European Masons quickly adjusted and used Hitler's own favorite flower, "*The Forget Me Not*", as their recognition symbol.

## **Harry Truman by John A. Gunn**

**Harry S. Truman has one of the most distinguished Masonic records of all Masonic Presidents. Some of his Masonic accomplishments includes ...**

**Master Mason  
Chapter and Council  
Scottish Rite Mason  
Knight Templar  
Shriner**

**But this record fails to show just how impressive his record is. He was a Master Mason for over 64 years, his Chapter and Council for more than 53 years and more than 52 years as a Templar.**

**Harry S. Truman petitioned Belton Lodge No. 450 to become a Mason on December 21, 1908. He was 24 years old. He was elected on February 9, 1909 and took his first**

**degree that night.**

**He was *Raised* to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 9, 1909 in Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Missouri.**

**One year after receiving his Apron, he accepted the station of Junior Warden. However, in 1911, he helped establish a new Lodge -- Grandview Lodge No. 618, and became the first Master.**

**He was Secretary of Grandview Lodge No. 618 and then once again became Master. He then entered the war in 1917 which curtailed his Masonic activity for a time. But upon his return, he actively resumed his Masonic duties.**

**On February 22, 1950, President and Brother Harry S. Truman dedicated the statue of George Washington at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The statue was a gift from the DeMolays.**

**President Harry S. Truman was the only President to date to actually hold the coveted 33rd Degree.**

**He was a Past Grand Master of the grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M, of Missouri.**

**He was instrumental in helping with the DeMolay organization and was later named an Honorary Past Grand Master.**

**Brother Truman is reported to have been an avid reader and read the Bible through three times.**

**It is reported that Brother Truman was actually attending a Masonic meeting in 1948 while awaiting the results of his winning election over Dewey. It is also reported that Brother Truman raised more than thirty candidates while he was president. There was no publicity at his request.**

A Union general, Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa, 1860 - 1862, saved Albert Pikes Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas, by placing Federal Troops around Pike's home when the city was invaded during the Civil War.

## **Gerald Ford**

By John A. Gunn

**President Gerald R. Ford was *Initiated* in Malta Lodge No. 465 in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 30, 1949. Columbia Lodge No. 3, District of Columbia, conferred the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason on Brother Ford as a courtesy to Malta Lodge on May 18, 1951. Brother Ford's father, Gerald R. Sr., a 33rd degree Mason presented the lambskin apron.**

**He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Grand Rapids in 1957 and created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary 33rd degrees, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in 1962. This is the highest honor that can come to an honorary member of the Northern Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R.**

**Joined Saladin Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.A.S. in 1959.**

**Member of Court No. 11, Royal Order of Jesters.**

**Honorary Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor.**

**But his first services to Freemasonry came way before this when he was selected for the Eastern Team on the Shriner's East West Crippled Children game at San Francisco. This was on January 1, 1935. He was a member of the University of Michigan's undefeated national championship football teams and in 1934, played in the Shriner's East-West Crippled Children's benefit classic in San Francisco.**

**Brother Ford is also ...**

**A member of Saladin Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Grand Rapids, Michigan  
American Legion  
Veterans of foreign Wars  
AMVETS**

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#### **RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT**

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the alter representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

## **Masonic Canadian Prime Ministers**

Six of the 14 Prime Ministers of Canada have been members of the Fraternity. Thanks to MW Bro. Steve Kane Past Grand Master of Manitoba for sending this information to Cinosam.....Neil

Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald (1815-1891) served as Canada's first Prime Minister from 1867-73 and again from 1878 until his death in 1891, is probably the most outstanding man in the modern history of Canada. It was Macdonald who was largely responsible for forming a confederation of the provinces in 1867. Macdonald was an active Freemason and proud of his association with the Fraternity. He was initiated at the age of 29 in St. John's Lodge No. 758 (EC) at Kingston on March 14, 1844.

Bro. Sir John Joseph Caldwell Abbott (1821-1893), was Canada's third Prime Minister in 1891-92. After being made a government leader in the Senate he joined Macdonald's cabinet as Minister without Portfolio. On Macdonald's death in 1891, Abbott was chosen to succeed him as Prime Minister. His conduct of the government was marked by great astuteness, but ill health compelled him to resign in November 1892, and he died at Montreal on October 30, 1893. Abbott was initiated at the age of 25 in St. Paul's Lodge No. 374 (EC), Montreal, Quebec, on January 26, 1847

Bro. Sir Mackenzie Bowell (1823-1917) was Canada's fifth Prime Minister, serving from 1894 to 1896. At the age of 40 he was initiated August 2, 1864 in St. Lawrence Lodge No. 640 of Montreal. In 1897, when he was 73, he affiliated with Belleville Lodge No. 123, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and remained a member there throughout his life. He died December 10, 1917 and was buried with Masonic honors.

Canada's eighth Prime Minister, who served 1911-20, was Bro. Sir Robert Laird Borden. (1854-1937) He inspired and directed the immense Canadian war effort in WWI. He received his degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the age of 25.

Canada's 12th Prime Minister was Viscount Richard Bedford Bennett (1870-1947), who served in that office from 1930-35. As a Canadian Conservative, Brother Bennett served in the local legislature, going on to become Minister of Justice, Attorney General, Minister of Finance and Prime Minister.

Bennett was a very generous man and donated large sums to religious and philanthropic causes. He retired to Great Britain in 1939, where he became a member of the House of Lords. In 1941 he was created Viscount Bennett of Mickleham, Calgary and Hopewell. Brother Bennett was initiated February 18, 1896 at the age of 25 in Miramichi Lodge No. 18, Chatham, New Brunswick. He was in good standing until his death.

John George Diefenbaker (1895-1979), 13th was Prime Minister (1957-1963). He became nationally known as a defender of individual and minority rights. He was a Shriner and an honorary member of the Supreme Council, being coroneted at 33d at Windsor, Ont. in September 1959. Initiated (age 26), Sept. 11, 1922, Wakaw Lodge No. 166 A.F. & A.M., Wakaw, Saskatchewan.

**Winston Churchill** was a Freemason. He was initiated in the United Studholme Lodge No. 1591 on May 24, 1901, was passed in July and raised on March 25, 1902. Three months before his Initiation he had taken his first seat in Parliament. Nevertheless he continued as a member of the Craft in regular attendance until July 1912 when he was charged, as First Lord of the Admiralty, to 'put the fleet into a state of instant and constant readiness for war, in case we were attacked by Germany.' Other matters were henceforth to absorb his time and energies.

## **PAUL REVERE -**

Saint Andrew's Lodge in Boston received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on September 4, 1760. On that evening work was commenced by receiving Paul Revere, a Goldsmith and engraver, as an Entered Apprentice." Paul Revere was entering a carefully selected group based on neither wealth nor prestige, but upon character. The brethren, many of them colonial leaders with fame awaiting them in the coming revolutionary period, met and associated on an equal level. Paul Revere had the opportunity to form associations and friendships which might otherwise have been denied to him. In the decade before the start of the Revolutionary War, Paul Revere enjoyed his Masonic work and became increasingly active in it. In 1770 he was elected Master of Saint Andrew's Lodge. He designed, and also engraved, Masonic membership certificates and notices. Some of these membership certificates, which he also signed as Master of the Lodge, still survive.

He participated in the Boston Tea Party, and thereafter made a long horseback trip in the winter of 1773 to report on the "party" to the Sons of Liberty in New York. The following year he personally took the "Suffolk Resolves" [defying the "Intolerable Acts"] to Philadelphia. Two days before the famous ride to Lexington, he was on an even more important errand to warn the patriots to move their military stores from Concord. He was assigned the task of designing and printing the first issue of Continental money. He made the first official Seal for the Colonies, and also the Massachusetts Seal which that state still uses today.

From 1777 to 1782 he again presided as Worshipful Master of Saint Andrew's Lodge. In 1784 he was a charter member and first Master of the newly organized Rising States Lodge. From December 12, 1794, until December 27, 1797, he was Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, and in that capacity he laid the cornerstone of the Massachusetts State House in Boston on July 4, 1795.

Sir Thomas Lipton was born in Glasgow Scotland in 1849. Sir Lipton gave England the habit of tea drinking, introducing the popular drink at bargain prices making it affordable to all. Sir Lipton was a true sportsman and competed over 31 years for the America's Cup.

Sir Lipton was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Lodge Scotia No. 178, Glasgow, Scotland in August of 1870. He was the oldest member on the rolls of Lodge Scotia No. 178 when he died in 1931.

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**Samuel Clemens 1835-1910 is better known as Mark Twain. In 1861 he became a member of Polar Star Lodge of St. Louis, Missouri.**

**Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr.**, better known as "Buzz" Aldrin, was the second man and the first Freemason to walk on another celestial body. From the landing module 'Eagle', he followed Neil Armstrong onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969. Raised a Master Mason in Montclair Lodge No. 144, New Jersey in 1956, an interesting twist to the fact is that his Mother's maiden name was "Moon".

**Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.** was born February 4, 1902 in Detroit, Michigan. He was famous for his New York to Paris flight in a single engine airplane. During World War II he flew 50 combat missions. He was advanced to the rank of General and received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He was a member of Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis, Missouri joining in December of 1926.

## **Joel Poinsett**

**Joel Poinsett was elected to the South Carolina State Legislature in 1816. He became the first US Ambassador to Mexico in 1825. He was the US Secretary of war from 1837 to 1841.**

**He was Past Master of Solomon's Lodge #1 in Charleston SC and Recovery Lodge #31 of SC. While in Mexico he started five Lodges who received their charters from The Grand Lodge of New York. Those Lodges later became the Grand Lodge of Mexico.**

**He was associated with the "Mexican Fire plant" which he brought back from Mexico and later developed it into the *Poinsettia pulcherrima*-commonly called the "poinsettia".**

## **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756 - 1791**

The youngest child and only surviving son of freemason, Leopold Mozart, Joannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus was born in Salzburg in 1756, He showed early precocity both as a keyboard-player and violinist, and soon turned his hand to composition.

When his father received his Masonic Second Degree Wolfgang wrote "Fellow Crafts Journey (Op. K468) to honor the occasion. For lodge Zur Wohltatigkeit he wrote "Opening Ode" (Op. K483) and Closing Ode (Op. K484) His last Masonic work (Op. K623) was written for the dedication of a Masonic temple in Vienna on November 15, 1791.

Mozart was essentially an operatic composer. His last stage work, "The Magic Flute", an opera with strong Masonic themes, was running with success at the time of his death. Mozart joined Zur Wahren Eintracht Lodge on December 14, 1784

General Macarthur was made a Mason "at sight" in the Philippines on January 17, 1936. He affiliated with Manila Lodge No. 1. In 1936 at Manila he received his 32nd Degree AASR SJ. He was awarded the KCCH and an honorary 33rd Degree on December 8, 1947 at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. He was a life member of Nile Shrine, Seattle, Washington.

Brother **Arthur Michael Godfrey** 1903-1983 was born in New York City, New York. He started his career on a Baltimore, Maryland radio station in 1929 after serving in the Navy and Coast Guard. He switched to television in 1951 and had his own TV shows in Arthur Godfrey and his Friends, Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts and Arthur Godfrey Time. He discovered talent such as Pat Boone, Julius LaRosa, Marion Marlow and others. He was known as "The Old Redhead". Brother Godfrey was a member of Acacia Lodge # 18, Washington, D.C., Scottish Rite and Shrine.

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Brother **Roy Rogers** was born November 5, 1911 as Leonard Franklin Slye in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Dale Evans (Francis Octavia Smith), on December 31, 1947. Roy joined Hollywood Lodge No. 355 in 1946 and later became a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite in Los Angeles and a Noble of Al Malaikah Temple. Roy Rogers entered the Lodge on High July 6, 1998.

**John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing 1860-1948 graduated from West Point in 1886. He became a Brigadier General in 1906, a Major General in 1916, General in 1917, and General of the Armies on September 3, 1919. General Pershing retired from the military in 1924. In 1932 he received the Pulitzer Prize for history for works covering his career and World War 1. General Pershing was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska in 1888. He was made a Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri on September 30, 1941. In 1919 he was made an Honorary Member of Stansbury Lodge No. 24, Washington, D.C.**

**Oliver Hardy 1892-1957 joined Solomon Order Lodge No. 20, F. & A.M. in Jacksonville, Florida. He took all his degrees up to the 32nd Degree. Thirty years after joining, Solomon Order Lodge made him a life member.**

Bro. **Thurgood Marshall**, who was born in 1908 and died in 1993, was a Prince Hall Mason? He was legal counsel for the NAACP in 1936. In 1967, he was appointed as the first African American to sit on the United States Supreme Court. It has often been said of Bro. Marshall that he had one of the most brilliant legal minds of all time. He was a member of Coal Creek Lodge # 88, Prince Hall affiliation. He was a 33\* Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

Brother **Anson Jones**, known as the hero of the Battle of San Jacinto, carried the charter for Holland Lodge # 36 (Louisiana Constitution) in his saddle bags during that famous battle of Texas. The charter had been delivered to him only hours before by Brother John M. Allen on the prairie approaching San Jacinto. Brother Anson Jones was the first Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Texas.

Brother **Jonathan Matthew Wainwright** was born August 23, 1883 at Walla Walla, Washington. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1906. He served in the Philippines and was on the General Staff of the 82nd Division and 3rd Army in Europe during World War I. He was in command of the Northern Army in Bataan when the Japanese attacked. He was left in command of the troops when Brother General Douglas MacArthur moved out. He was forced to surrender and he and his men were taken prisoners of war. They suffered as POW's for three years. Bro. Wainwright received all three Masonic degrees on May 16, 1946 in Union Lodge # 7, Junction City, Kansas. .

The **Reverend William Dodd** was an English Freemason, who was born in 1729, and died in 1777. He was the first Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1775. He delivered the oration at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall in London in 1776. He was also the author of many books and literary papers including "Beauties of Shakespeare." Weakness of character in money matters caused him to be tried for the crime of forgery. He had the effrontery to sign the name of the Earl of Chesterfield, in the matter of 4200 pounds sterling. He was convicted of forgery and executed. The affair created great public commotion and attempts were made both by the City of London, and by 30,000 people who signed petitions to the King to commute the sentence. But [to show how severe English Criminal law was at the time] the sentence was carried out. It was one of the last public hangings in England. Not a good ending for a man of God and a Mason.

Taken from an article written by Nelson King about infamous Freemasons.

**Kit Carson**

Brother Christopher Houston Carson 1809-1868 became a trapper and mountain man early in life and served in the Union Military. During the Civil War and attained the rank of Brigadier General. Kit Carson joined Montezuma Lodge No. 109, New Mexico in 1859. He demitted in December 1859 and joined Bent Lodge No. 204 in Taos, New Mexico and became its first Junior Warden. When Bent Lodge No. 204 surrendered its charter, he returned to Montezuma Lodge No. 109 remaining a member till his death.

There is an interesting item in Denslow's 10,000 Famous Freemasons about a Brother of ours named Hiram Abiff Boaz, he was born December 18, 1866.

He was born in Murray Kentucky, and was a Methodist Minister; he served several Churches in Texas prior to becoming the president of Polytechnic College at Fort Worth, Texas from 1902 to 1911. He was vice-president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas 1911 to 1913, President of Texas Women's College 1913 to 1918 and then president of S.M.U. (Southern Methodist University) 1918 to 1920 and in 1922 he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was assigned to superintend Church work in China, Japan, Siberia and Manchuria.

Brother Hiram Abiff Boaz was a member of Granger Lodge #677 in Granger, Texas and was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1953.

Senator **John Herschel Glenn Jr.** was born on July 18, 1921 in Cambridge, Ohio. He married Anna Margaret Castor and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943. During World War II he served with Marine Fighter Squadron 155 flying F4U Corsairs in the Marshall Islands. He flew 63 missions in Korea with Marine Fighter Squadron 311. He was selected as one of the first seven US Astronauts. John Glen was the first American to orbit the earth on February 20, 1962 in Friendship 7. He was promoted to Colonel in October of 1964 and retired from the Marine Corps on January 1, 1965. In 1974 he won a Senate seat serving four consecutive terms for Ohio. In October of 1998 he flew in space again as part of the Space Shuttle crew.

John Glenn was made a Mason at Sight on August 19, 1978, in Chillicothe, Ohio, by Grand Master Jerry Razor of Ohio. That day marked the One Hundred-Seventieth Anniversary of the erection of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio in Chillicothe.

**Captain Eddie Rickenbacker** was known as the leading Allied Ace in World War 1, flying with the famous 94th Aero Squadron. He became a Master Mason in Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit, Michigan in 1922.

Bro. **Geoffrey Fisher** was born in 1887 and passed away in 1972. He was enthroned in 1945 as the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was initiated in 1916 and later became a member of Tyrian Lodge # 253 in Derby. As Bishop of Chester, he joined St. Anselm lodge # 516 in 1935 and served as W. Master in 1936.

He served twice as Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England, in 1937 and 1938. He also served as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk

Brother **Jean Sibelius** (1865-1957) the great composer of 'Finlandia' and other immortal musical works, composed the ritualistic music used by the Grand Lodge of New York and presented it to them in appreciation for the part played by Grand Lodge in establishing Masonry in Finland. He was a member of Suomi Lodge #1, Helsingfors.

**Audie Leon Murphy** was born on June 20, 1924 near Kingston, Texas. He came from a large family of twelve children. The family lived in poverty as sharecroppers and Audie, being the seventh child, had very little schooling. Audie worked the cotton fields to help provide for his family. He learned to shoot at a young age which helped to provide food for the family. When World War Two broke out, Audie saw his chance to make something of his life and joined the Army. Audie Murphy became the most decorated combat soldier of World War Two. After the war he became poet, actor, and songwriter. He died May 28, 1971, in a plane crash near Roanoke, Virginia.

Brother Murphy was raised in North Hollywood Lodge No. 542 on June 27, 1955. In 1956 he affiliated as a dual member with Heritage Lodge No. 764. He went on to become a 32nd Degree A.A.S.R Mason in the Valley of Dallas, Texas and a member of Hella Temple of the Shrine. Shortly before his death he affiliated with Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in California and the Valley of Long Beach, A.A.S.R Consistory. He was awarded the 33rd Degree posthumously in the year 2000

Brother **Burl Ives** was born April 14, 1909 in Jasper County, Illinois. He learned songs and ballads from his grandmother and by age 4 was singing in his grandfather's church. He attended Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College but dropped out in 1930, becoming a wandering minstrel singer. Ives settled in New York in 1937 and in 1938 appeared in the musical, The Boys from Syracuse. In 1940 he obtained his own CBS radio program, The Wayfaring Stranger. Burl Ives died in Washington, on 14th April, 1995.

Brother Ives become a DeMolay on December 5, 1927. After moving to California, he petitioned Magnolia Lodge No. 242. He joined The Scottish Rite Bodies of Santa Barbara, California in 1977 and became a dual member in the Valley of Bellingham, Washington, in 1990. He was invested with the Rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1985, coroneted an Inspector General Honorary in 1987, and elected a Grand Cross by The Supreme Council in 1993.

**Harry Houdini** was born on March 24, 1874 in Budapest, Hungary as Ehrich Weiss. He came to America when he was four years old. He later changed his name to Houdini after his mentor, Magician Robert Houdin. Harry Houdini died on Halloween, October 31, 1926 from Peritonitis after suffering a ruptured appendix.

Brother Houdini became a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York City in 1923

Brother **Donald Jay Rickles** was born in New York City May 8, 1926. The 5 foot 6 inch comedian is a World War Two veteran. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and became famous for insulting patrons during his night club shows. He was raised a Master Mason June 6, 1953 in Service Lodge No. 1009, New York.

David **Albert Bender** (his Americanized name) was born on a Winne-bago reservation in Minnesota. A 3-sport teammate of Jim Thorpe at Carlisle Indian School (coached by Bro. "Pop" Warner), he graduated from Dickinson College & began pitching in 1903 for the Philadelphia Athletics (owned by Bro. Connie Mack). Pitching 5 games in 3 Series he developed baseballs 1<sup>st</sup> "slider". He later coached the Navy Academy baseball team & is the ONLY Native American in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Raised in Lamberton #487 (Philadelphia) in 1911.

## **ALL THAT JAZZ**

**Louis Armstrong** was a member of Lodge Montgomery No. 18, Prince Hall Affiliation, New York. He also recorded "You Made Me Love You", also recorded by another Mason, Al Jolson.

**William "Count" Basie** was a member of both a Craft Lodge and Shriner Temple under the Prince Hall Affiliation, New York.

**Irving Berlin** was a member of Munn Lodge No.190, New York City, the Scottish Rite Valley of New York City, and Mecca Shrine Temple. Bro. He wrote the song "God Bless America" for his 1918 musical "Yip, Yip, Yaphank." The song today is regarded by many as America's second national anthem and is regularly sung at Masonic Lodge functions.

**George Cohan** was a Life member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City, being raised there November 16,1905. He received his 32° AASR (NJ) on February 3, 1906. He was also a life Member of Mecca Shrine Temple, New York City.

**Nat "King" Cole** was initiated in Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Los Angeles, Prince Hall Affiliation.

**Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington** was initiated in Social Lodge No. 1 Washington D.C., Prince Hall Affiliation. His impressions of initiation were recorded in his song "I'm beginning to see the light", which was also sung by Louis Armstrong.

**Al Jolson** was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York City.

**Antoine Joseph Sax** was initiated in Lodge Les Vrais Amis de l'Union in 1842.

**Paul Whitman** was a member of St. Cecile Lodge #569 in New York

## **Captain Eddie Rickenbacker**

**Eddie Rickenbacker was known as the leading Allied Ace in World War 1, flying with the famous 94th Aero Squadron. He married Adelaide Frost Durant on September 16, 1922. Eddie was also a noted racecar driver. He died in Zurich on July 23, 1973. Eddie Rickenbacker became a Master Mason in Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit, Michigan in 1922. He completed his York Rite work in 1926 in Detroit Commandery No. 1. In 1949 he was made a 33rd Degree Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.**

Brother **Harpo Marx** was born November 23, 1888 and died September 28, 1964. He was born Adolph, he changed his name to Arthur during World War, but was known professionally as Harpo. The second oldest of the four Marx brothers comedy team, Harpo rarely if ever spoke while in character but was renowned as a mime and harpist. His ready wit was recognized with his inclusion as a member of the Algonquin Round Table in New York. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.