

# *The Two Way Street*

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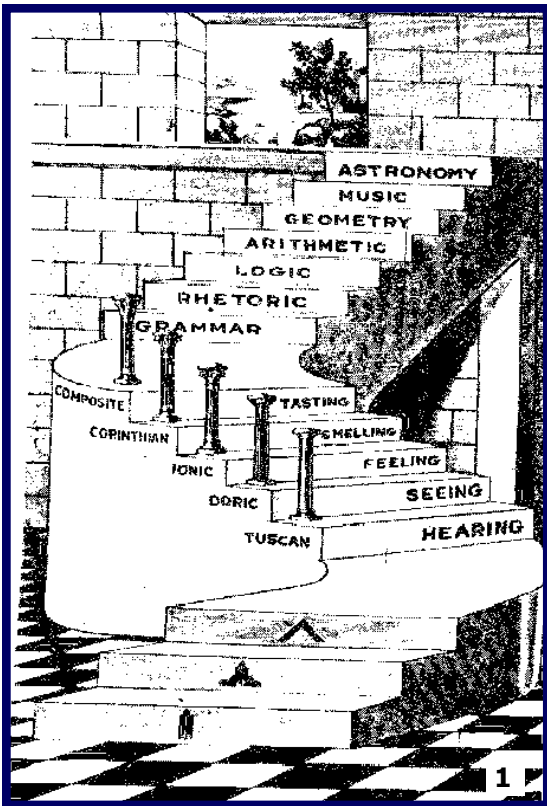
**An Exchange of Educational Freemasonry  
Within the 42nd Masonic District  
of the Grand Lodge of PA and Beyond**

Zeredatha-White Rose

Lodge No. 451

Celebrates Its'

150th Masonic Anniversary



This lodge was formed as the result of a merger between Zeredatha Lodge No. 451 and White Rose Lodge No. 706. The merger was approved by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication held in State College on June 9, 2018.

Lodge No. 451 has the largest membership of any lodge in the 42nd Masonic District of Pennsylvania, which consists of nine lodges in York and Adams Counties. We are an active lodge that puts an emphasis on brotherhood, excellence in ritual, and helping those in need.

We meet at the Masonic Center of York, located at 400 Masonic drive right off of North George street in North York where we have met since the building was completed in 1971. Previous to that time, Lodge No. 451 owned and met at a building in Downtown York commonly known as the 'Old Post Office' at the corner of W. Philadelphia and N. Beaver streets. That building was purchased from the Federal Government, converted for Masonic use, and hosted its first Masonic meeting on April 4, 1918. Previous to purchasing the Old Post Office, Lodge No. 451 rented at the Temple belonging to York Lodge No. 266. This building is located on North Beaver street, one block south of the Old Post Office and attached to the rear of the National House Hotel building. It was constructed by the owner of the hotel for the Masonic purposes of York Lodge No. 266 in 1864.<sup>2</sup>



Third Temple - Masonic Center of York (1971 to present)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.masonicart.net/art.html>, accessed 29 August 2017

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.lodge451.org/history.php>, accessed 19 September 2019

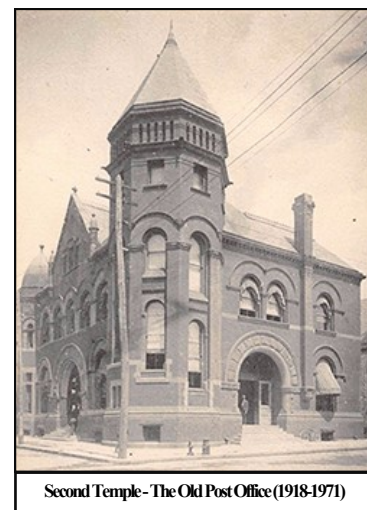
Previous to the merger in 2018, Zeredatha and White Rose Lodges were independently operating lodges in York meeting at the Masonic Center. Below are brief histories of the two lodges prior to the merger.

### **Zeredatha Lodge No. 451**

Zeredatha Lodge No. 451 was warranted on November 24, 1869, with a warrant membership of seven Master Masons, all of whom demitted from York Lodge No. 266.

These seven warrant members were constituted as Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, F. & A.A.Y.M. on December 7, 1869 during a special communication of the Grand Lodge at the First Masonic Temple on N. Beaver street owned by York Lodge. Bro. Charles M. Howell, the longtime District Deputy Grand Master (his portrait hangs on the wall in the dining room at the Masonic Center), acted as the Right Worshipful Grand Master and installed the elective officers:

Josiah F. Rosenmiller, Worshipful Master  
Edwin C. Epley, Senior Warden  
George W. Heiges, Junior Warden  
Charles A. Klinefelter, Treasurer  
John W. Buckingham, Secretary



The other two warrant members were appointed as follows:

Leander H. Myers, Senior Deacon  
Levi H. Maish, Junior Deacon

Less than a week later, the first stated meeting of Lodge No. 451 was held on December 13, 1869. Six petitions for initiation and membership were received and read from Richard Watt, Charles J. Eppley, Albert Smyser, Edwin P. Eckert, John F. Erwin, and Marcus C. Lanius, at which point Committees of Investigation were appointed for each. The work of Freemasonry continued at the First Temple until the lodge moved its official meeting place to the Second Temple, the Old Post Office, in 1918. It was here that Lodge No. 451 would truly prosper and grow.

In the late 1960s, when the time came to move out of the City of York, all three lodges then meeting at the Old Post Office formed a corporation to raise funds to build the Third Temple - our current Masonic Center of York. After several years of fundraising, planning, and construction, the Masonic Center was dedicated on October 2, 1971 and has served its tenants very well ever since.<sup>3</sup>

## **White Rose Lodge No. 706**

White Rose Lodge No. 706 was warranted on September 1, 1920, with a warrant membership of twenty-four Master Masons; they demitted from the following lodges:

Zeredatha Lodge No. 451

York Lodge No. 266 of York, PA

Patmos Lodge No. 348 of Hanover, PA

Land Mark Lodge No. 127 of Baltimore, MD

Eureka Lodge No. 302 of Mechanicsburg, PA

After approval of the Grand Lodge, these twenty-four Masons became warrant members and at a special communication of the Grand Lodge held on September 30, 1920, White Rose Lodge No. 706 was constituted. The warrant members were:

Elwood G. Bastress (Past Master of Lodge No. 451)

Melchinger O. Lewis (Past Master of Lodge No. 451)

Peter A. Elsesser (Past Master of Lodge No. 451)

Robert E. Gephart (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Thomas Shipley (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Samuel H. Shipley (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Vincent K. Keesey (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Frederick L. Miller (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Frederic T. Brandt (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Charles W. Vogel (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Edward T. Preston (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Earle W. Gardner (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

Theodore A. Stebbins (formerly of Lodge No. 451)

John H. Bennett

James G. Allison

George J. Hildebrand

Clayton O. Fehl

Louis S. Morse

George E. Ammon

Luther Bond

Lewis E. W. Buckingham

John E. Baker

Harry D. Quickel

Samuel H. Stein



**First Temple (1869-1918)**

The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, also known as the Old Post Office, and presided over by Bro. John S. Sell, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and his staff of eighteen officers. The first elective officers were installed by the R.W.G.M.:<sup>4</sup>

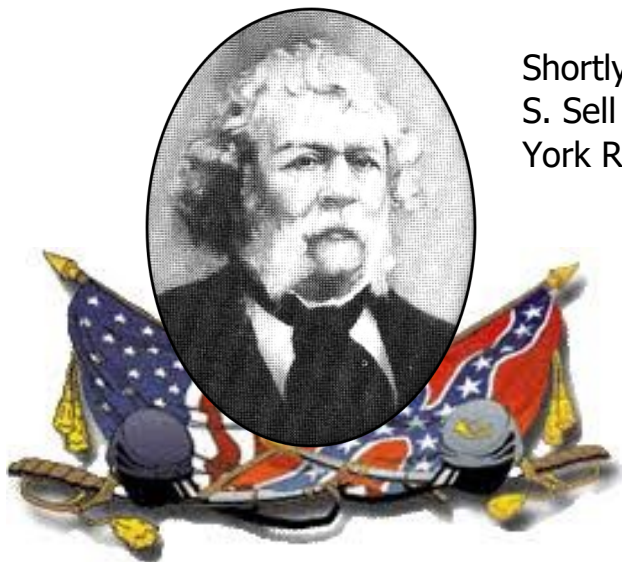


Elwood G. Bastress, P.M., Worshipful Master  
John H. Bennett, Senior Warden  
James G. Allison, Junior Warden  
George J. Hildebrand, Treasurer  
Robert E. Gephart, Secretary

At their second stated meeting on November 9, 1920, twenty-five new petitions were received. Early in the history of White Rose Lodge, they purchased stock and became part owner of the Second Masonic Hall property via the York Masonic Corporation. Lodges 451 and 706 met at and owned stock in this Second Temple, while York Lodge No. 266 met down the street at the First Temple until 1947 when they sold their building and began to rent at the Second Temple.

When the time came to move out of the City of York, White Rose Lodge joined with Zeredatha Lodge and York Lodge to form a Corporation to construct our current building - the Masonic Center of York.<sup>5</sup>

The American Civil War had just ended and in 1869 Brother Richard Vaux, Right Worshipful Grand Master (1868 - 1869) constituted Zeredatha Lodge # 451 in December.



Shortly after World War I, "the war to end all wars" Brother John S. Sell Right Worshipful Grand Master (1920 - 1921) warranted York Rose Lodge No. 706 in September 1920.



On June 15, 2019, the above mentioned Lodges merged under the watchful eye of Brother S. Eugene Herritt, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (2018—2019). What will **Zeredatha - York Rose Lodge No. 451** do in the future? Only time will tell.



<sup>5</sup> <http://www.lodge451.org/history.php>, accessed 19 September 2019

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/200199145913919478>, accessed 22 October 2019



## **The Well Armored Mason**

Bro. Dr. Michael E. Ludwig, KT, 32°

One of the hallmarks of Freemasonry is its openness and tolerance for the sovereignty of the individual in matters of politics and religion. This is why we honor the practice of avoiding discussions regarding these topics within the body of the open Lodge, thereby maintaining an atmosphere of decorum and mutual respect.

However, we all also know that politics, and especially religion are very important parts of Freemasonry both historically and contemporarily. Speaking of religion, it is clear how philosophical and spiritual elements have become imbedded within our rituals and teachings., especially within the appendant bodies. Consequently, some might go so far as to say that, while Freemasonry is not a religion, it could certainly be considered to be a system of philosophy by virtue of the way in which it has ingrafted and amalgamated the wisdom teachings of the ages.

This article will reference a teaching from the Christian New Testament in a universal way - that is - in a Masonic way. This is not intended to promote one religion over another. All positively oriented religions contain great knowledge and wisdom and are of value to the ongoing work of each Mason in the building of his Temple (not made with hands). However, in this instance, the teaching happens to come from the Christian tradition.

In Ephesians 6:13-17 we read:

*"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God . . ."*

This teaching, known as the "Whole Armor of God" is quite fitting for the Freemason. Just as we are instructed to care for our working tools and to properly wear our aprons,



## *The Well Armored Mason, con't*

we also do well to maintain and take up our spiritual armor in times of conflict. Brethren, we are clearly living in a time of great conflict!

Every Mason ought to certainly gird his loins with Truth, and it is an interesting correlation that our aprons are worn in similar fashion. In this way, we can consider Truth to be a foundational principle upon which all else rests. We know also from Christian scriptures that a house cannot be built upon sand, but only upon a firm foundation.

Next, we consider the "breastplate of righteousness." This is once again quite congruent with the Masonic teachings regarding our conduct in the world. The perfection of our rough ashlar into perfect ashlar is an allegory for the ongoing conversion of our hearts and minds towards righteousness.

"Feet shod with the Gospel of peace" can be compared to the Masonic concept of "meeting on the level, and parting on the square." Here, we are ever mindful of the need to maintain peace and harmony with our fellow Brethren, and all others for that matter. Additionally, this teaching encourages us to never let our feet carry us into places we ought not be, or towards any form of conduct that would offend our "much worthy Brethren."

Next, let the "shield of Faith" represent both the individual Faith Tradition of each and every Brother, as well as the common faith we share in the goodness and beauty of Freemasonry. Then, when that faith is tested (and it will be tested), let us remember to stand strong as the steel that comprises our armor, knowing that love and truth will always prevail.





## **The Well Armored Mason, *con't***

The “helmet of salvation” can be compared to the capstone and keystone respectively, the former being the brain/mind, and the latter the heart. The Mason is taught to be a sovereign and upright man, actualized in his strength and abilities. We know that Operative Masons clearly needed to have had great confidence in their skills if they were to produce such masterful works of art as can be seen in the many Cathedrals they crafted. Likewise, we Speculative Masons are encouraged to develop our minds and characters in order that we might “stand upright” as men of skill and achievement.

Lastly, we encounter the “sword of the Spirit,” which is the “word of God.” From the Masonic point of view, let this refer to both the fidelity of our spoken word, as well as the spiritual power that exists in speaking something into existence. Thought becomes word, which manifests as a deed. In this way, a Mason is a man of action who works to bring only that which is of the Light into our world.

It is hoped that this journey into the comparative metaphors of knightly armor and Masonic philosophy will be of use to the reader, and that it has edified his understanding of the need to daily put on “the whole arm or of God.” Be it knightly armor, or Masonic regalia, each stands equally as a metaphor for the continued positive evolution of a man, body, mind, and Soul, towards his full potential and service to God and all humanity.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Dr. Ludwig is a member of *Teutonia (German) Lodge #367, The Scottish and York Rites, The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, The Philalethes Society, The Masonic Society*, and numerous additional appendant and research oriented bodies. He is a fellow of *The Grand College of Rites*, and a Master Masonic Scholar with the *Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge*.

Dr. Ludwig’s Masonic research interests include Masonic Philosophy, The Psychology of Freemasonry, German-American Freemasonry, and Fraternal Swords and accoutrements.



Come and Travel Down the Wooden Stairs into  
Brother "Mik" Ludwig's Armory III





## SPEAKERS BUREAU AUDITIONS



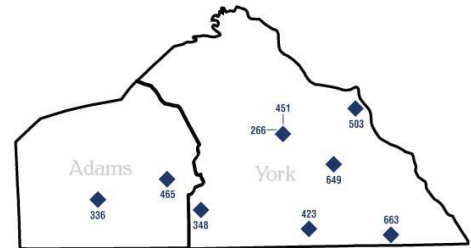
26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, held at Grove City Masonic Hall, 1340 W, Main Street, Grove City, PA 16127, On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 9 a. m. Contact Brother Alan P. Duncan, at ***ddgm26@pagrandlodge.org*** to register by Nov. 10.



***Join Brother Darrin D, Catts, DDGM as he visits the lodges of the 42nd Masonic District:***

***Patmos 348 - November 12***

***Riverside 503 - November 18 Notice Date Change***



**Red Lion Lodge's Annual Table Lodge** will be held on **Friday, December 20, 2019** at the **Lodge located on 23 West High Street, Red Lion, PA 17356**. **Reservation Deadline - December 12, 2019** and **prepaid no later than December 12, 2019**. The lodge will be opened as an Entered Apprentice Lodge with the Table Lodge starting at 6:00 PM.

***\$20.00 per brother***

CHECK SHOULD BE

MADE OUT TO: **Red Lion Lodge #649**

MAIL CHECKS TO: **Michael J. Keener, PM**

**30 Ness Road**

**Red Lion, PA 17356**

### **Dinner Menu**

**Garden Salad**

**Beef**

**Potato / Vegetable Melody**

**Chocolate Cake with Ice Cream**

For more information, call or text 717-324-5687

or email Michael.keener09@gmail.com

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## The Challenge



Which Lodge is going save the District  
Traveling Gavel from gathering too much  
dust on the self at Riverside Lodge?

## School of Instruction Schedule

C. James Wilson, School Secretary

December 2nd Elections & Installation by SOI Staff



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# Educational Resources:

## Up Coming Events



**Ladies Night Banquet York Lodge #266 11/15/2019 FLYER**

Country Club of York, 1400 Country Club Road, PA 17403



**December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge 12/04/2019**

Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107



**Pennsylvania Lodge of Research**

**12/07/2019 TBA**

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Ctr, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

**150th Anniversary Zeredatha-White Rose Lodge # 451 12/07/2019 FLYER**

## Distinguished Guests



Brother S. Eugene Herritt, Right Worshipful Grand Master  
Of Pennsylvania and other Grand Officers

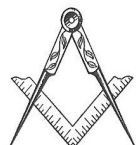
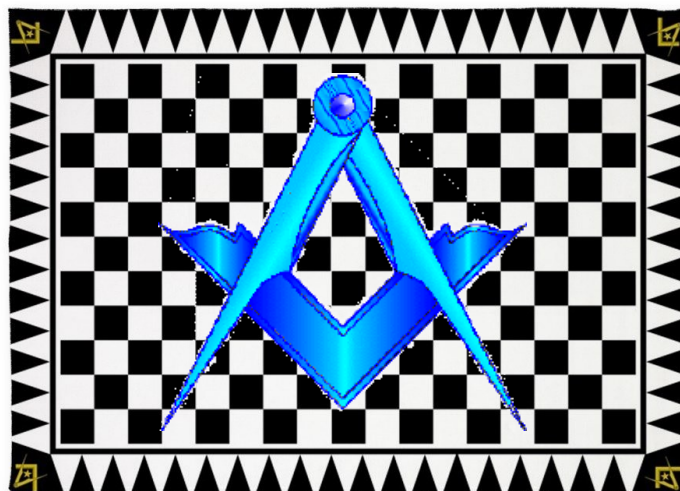
Brother Christopher Hodapp - Guest Speaker  
Author of Freemasons For Dummies



**Red Lion Lodge's Annual Table Lodge**

**12/20/2019 F**

Red Lion Lodge, 23 West High Street, Red Lion, PA 17356 (**SEE P. 9 P**)





## Educational Resources:

### Up Coming Events,

#### **Annual Grand Communication Installation of New RWGM 12/27/2019**

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

*Details refer to August 2019 The Pennsylvania Freemason*



*Thomas Gamon, IV  
RWDGM*



1201 Market Street, (guest entrance at 1200 Filbert Street)



All Scottish Rite Masons who served this great country in the Armed Forces and where discharged from a uniformed service are eligible to receive this “Peace and Freedom Recognition” at the Fall Reunion on 16th of November. All who served our nation are encouraged to attend this Reunion and received this distinguished honor which will be presented by ILL: E. Thomas Kuhn Kuhn, Jr. 33<sup>o</sup> Gen. US Army (Ret) following lunch.

