

MONTANA SUPPLEMENT



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Masonic Presidents Day

This time I did some digging into one of the days we celebrate this month, which is Presidents day, this information comes from the source that I think is trustable.

Feb 15th Presidents day. As many know it is stated that 14 of our past Presidents were Master Masons with a 15th being an EA for sure and possibly a FC, that President was Lyndon B Johnson. I thought it would be cool to look deeper and see if any continued their search for further light in Masonry and the following is what I found.

James K. Polk-President 1845-1849 / Master Mason 1820. EA, FC, MM, in Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tenn., 1820, exalted a Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter No. 4 at Columbia in 1825.

James Buchanan-President 1857-1861 / Master Mason 1817 Lancaster Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, PA. He was later exalted in Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, in 1826 going on to become Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Andrew Johnson-President 1865-1869 / Master Mason 1851. Master Mason 1851, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, in Greeneville Lodge No. 119 now No. 3 at Greeneville, Tenn. In 1851, **Johnson** was probably a member of Greeneville Chapter No. 82, Royal Arch Masons, as he joined the Nashville York Rite Commandery of Knights Templar No. 1 in 1859. President Johnson received the Scottish Rite degrees in the White House in 1867.

James A. Garfield-President 1881 / Master Mason 1864. EA & FC Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ohio, MM Columbus Lodge No. 30, 1864, Affiliated with Garrettsville Lodge No. 246 in 1866, Affiliated with Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 Washington, D. C. as charter member in 1869. Exalted in Columbus Royal Arch Chapter 1866, and Knight Templar 1866, 14th Degree Scottish Rite 1872.

William McKinley-President 1897-1901 / Master Mason 1865. He is sometimes said to have received EA, FC, MM, in Hiram Lodge No. 10 in Winchester, West Virginia, in 1865, but William Moseley Brown is authority for the statement that this event took place in Hiram Lodge No. 21 at Winchester, Virginia in that year. McKinley affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 60 at Canton, Ohio in 1867 and later became a charter member of Eagle Lodge No. 43. He received the Capitular degrees in Canton in 1883 and was made a Knight Templar in 1884.

Warren G. Harding-President 1921-1923 / Master Mason 1920. President Harding received his Entered Apprentice Degree at Lodge No. 70, in Marion, Ohio on June 28, 1901. He received no other degree until after becoming U.S. President, FC & MM in Marion Lodge No. 70 in 1920 (MM Aug. 27, 1920), Royal Arch Chapter degrees in Marion Chapter No. 62 in 1921; Knight Templar in Marion Commandery No. 36, in 1921, Scottish Rite and Shrine in 1921.

Franklin D. Roosevelt-President 1933-1945 / Master Mason 1911. EA Oct 11, 1911, FC, MM, in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, in 1911, Scottish Rite in Albany Consistory 1929, Shrine in 1930.

Gerald R. Ford-President 1974-1977/ EA Sep. 30, 1949, Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Courtesy FC & MM Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., Apr. 20 & May 18, 1951. Was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction on September 26, 1962.

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