



THE ACADEMIC LODGES
OF MASSACHUSETTS AND
GETHSEMANE-DEMOLAY
COMMANDERY
PRESENT...

THE 2016 ACADEMIC
CONVOCAATION

The Convocation of Academic Lodges (or Academic Convocation for short) was first formed as a way for the MIT, BU and The Harvard lodges to assist each other in their respective work. Since then, the format has been expanded to help men from throughout the Fraternity develop leadership skills, promote the development of academic lodges, share philosophical knowledge and most importantly, enjoy the fraternal company of brothers.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be an all-day event which includes tours of the Grand Lodge building in Boston, a keynote speech, and activities of interest for Masons and non-Masons alike. To top it all off there will be an excellent, multi-course dinner to enjoy with your friends, family, and brothers (note that there is a fee for dinner, but you will absolutely get your money's worth!)

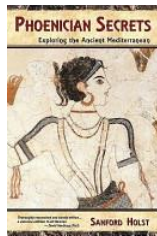
A special thank you to Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery, without whose generous support for sponsoring our keynote speaker, we'd have to charge for the convocation.

Thursday, March 31st: Esoteric Art in Masonic Murals and Ritual Paintings
8:00 p.m., Lecture & Reception at Boston University



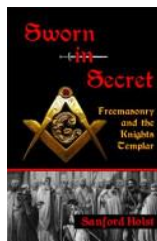
Dr. Joscelyn Godwin will be giving a lecture on esoteric art in Masonic murals and ritual paintings at Boston University's College of Arts & Sciences, Room 522 (685 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston). The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session, as well as social reception on campus. Open to Brothers, spouses, significant others and guests. No cost to attend.

Friday, April 1st: Phoenicians and Masons in the Temple and the Pyramids
6:45 p.m., Lecture & Fraternal Reception at Grand Lodge Building



We all know Hiram Abiff and his fellow Phoenicians helped build Solomon's Temple — but do you know what the Phoenicians did when the Great Pyramids were being built? Or the many other ways they contributed to Masonry? This is a rare opportunity to hear the intriguing things these people did to shape important moments in history — and elements of our Masonic heritage. (Paul Revere Hall, first floor Grand Lodge Building, 186 Tremont Street, Boston). Open to Brothers, spouses, significant others and guests. No cost to attend; following the lecture, there will be a social gathering at a local Boston establishment, and all guests are responsible for their own tab.

Saturday, April 2nd: Keynote: Freemasons, Stonemasons and the Knights Templar
4:00 p.m., Academic Convocation at Grand Lodge Building



What connections existed between Freemasons, stonemasons and the Knights Templar? John Robinson began this work in his book "Born in Blood" before he passed away. The 20 years since then have added a number of surprising insights that now take this work in a new direction. These things also reveal some honorable aspects of Masonry that were hidden from us until now. Experience the deeds of extraordinary Freemasons, stonemasons and Templars — and see what they contributed. (Grand Lodge Building, 186 Tremont Street, Boston). Open to Brothers, spouses, significant others and guests.

Following the Keynote there will be a reception and sumptuous dinner.

*The cost: \$45.00 (early bird registration, available until 3/19/2016 – after which the full cost is \$60.00)
Take advantage and register/prepay now!*

Our Keynote Speaker: Brother Sanford Holst



Sanford Holst served as Master of the Southern California Research Lodge for two years, is a 32° Mason in Scottish Rite, and a Knight Templar in York Rite. Working as a historian before he became a Mason, Holst presented academic papers at universities in the USA and overseas, which led to his being elected a member of the prestigious Royal Historical Society in England. His research into the Phoenicians who helped build Solomon's Temple caused him to walk into a Masonic lodge one day, and he has been a brother ever since. A natural explorer, he has been into all the nooks and crannies of Masonry across America, through Europe and within the holy sites on Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The Grand Secretaries of England, Scotland and Ireland helped his work and made rare documents available for study — which resulted in some intriguing discoveries. He earned a bachelor's degree at MIT, rowed crew against Harvard, and was president of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity on Beacon Street near Boston University. He received his master's degree at UCLA, and still lives in Southern California.

Please note that opening and closing of lodge, as well as specific discussion sessions (which will be indicated as such) are open only to Masons.

This year's event is hosted by Boston University Lodge AF&AM, with support from Richard C. Maclaurin/MIT and The Harvard Lodges. We are also very fortunate to have the generous support of Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery of Newton, MA. Additional information about the Convocation, the schedule, and the speakers can be found at <http://academicconvocation.mitlodge.com> - check back often for updates!