



The President's Office invites you to attend a Sandwich Seminar

Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 Noon-1 p.m.

“300 Years of Freemasonry”

Speakers: Jorge L. Romeu, Emeritus, Mathematics

Description:

This year Freemasonry arrived to its 300th anniversary. On June 24, 1717, four London lodges met to create the first Grand Lodge. Long before that, Masonic Lodges has existed, but operated independently of each other. The new Grand Lodge provided Freemasonry with a structure, common rules, visitation rights and a modern philosophy: the Enlightenment. It was the beginnings of modern civil society.

Freemasonry introduced several revolutionary concepts for their time and place: men were assessed by their merits, and not by their wealth or social status. Lodge leadership was elected – not hereditary. And members observed religious tolerance. Such ideas had a strong impact in the development of modern Western thought, as well as in the history of many countries in Europe and the Americas.

The study of the History of Freemasonry has become an academic topic of interest. CEHME (a European academic organization) holds an international meeting every three years (the last one, in Gijon, Spain; the next one in Lisbon, Portugal). REHMLAC (a sister Latin American academic organization) also holds similar meetings (the last one in the University of Havana, Cuba, last month). In the U.S., UCLA History Dept. has also held such seminars in 2011 and 2012, among other academic institutions. And many Ph.D. dissertations have been submitted, in the U.S., Europe and Latin America, relating to relevant national events with the development of Masonic organizations.

For more information about this Sandwich Seminar, please contact Virginia Levine at 607-753-2201.

This event is free and open to the public.

President's Office Sandwich Seminars are traditionally held at lunch hour, so feel free to bring your lunch.