
Contrasting Scottish and York Rituals Used in Symbolic Lodges

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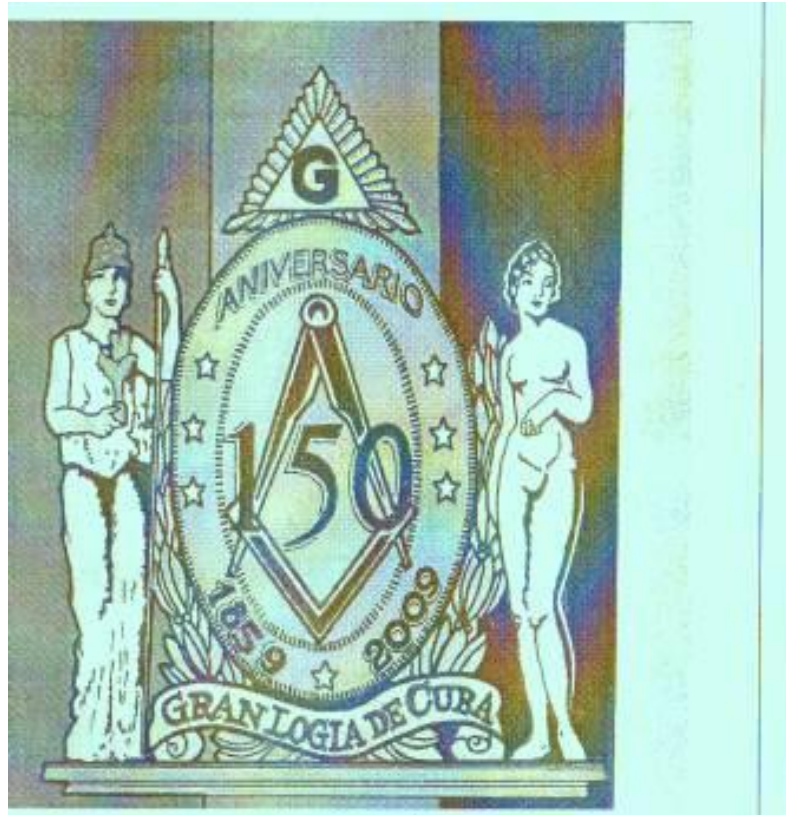
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Grand Lodge Cuba: 150 Anniversary



Grand Lodge Building in Havana (1955)



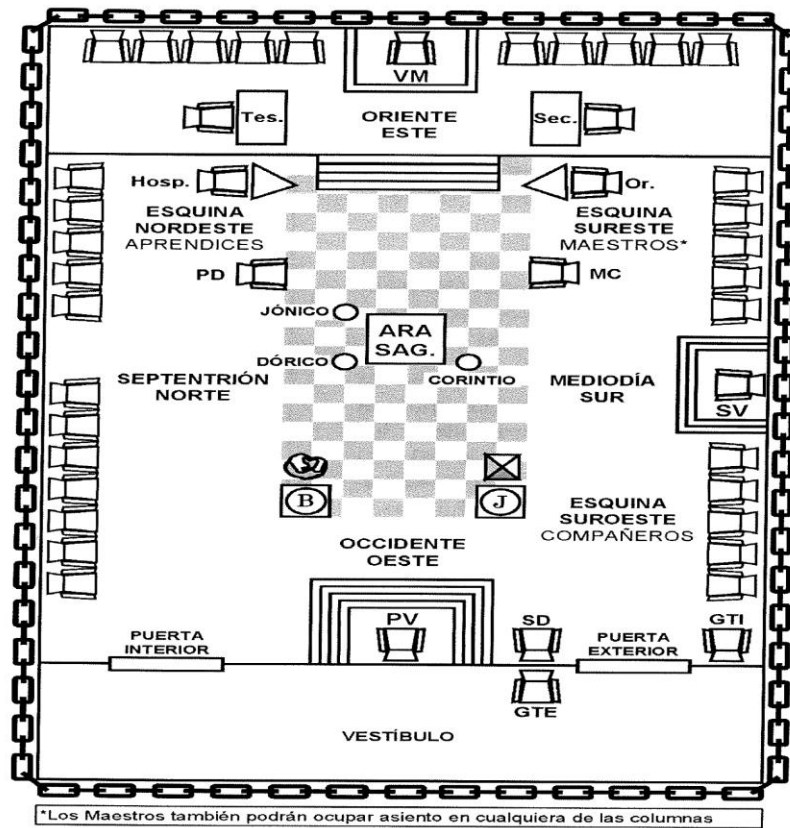


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Main Difference between the Rituals

- In Lodge Opening and Closing
- Degree in which they work
 - First or Third Degrees
- In the Layout of the Lodge floor plan
 - E.g. columns, ashlar, wall color etc.
- In the Number of Officers
 - Different number and different names
- In the Function of said Officers
 - Have different obligations



Symbolic Lodge Officers

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| ■ <u>Blue Lodge (York)</u> | ■ <u>Scottish Ritual</u> |
| ■ Work in Third Degree | ■ Work in First Degree |
| ■ WM, SW, JW | ■ WM, SW, JW |
| ■ Treas. Secretary | ■ Treas. Secretary |
| ■ SD, JD | ■ SD, JD |
| ■ Tyler, Marshall | ■ GTI & GTE |
| ■ S & J M. of Ceremony | ■ Master of Ceremony |
| ■ Stewards (2) | ■ Hospitalier |
| ■ Chaplain | ■ Orator |
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View of the WEST (SW):



View of the EAST : WM



Differences in Lodge Layout

- Color of the Walls: red
 - Checkered tile floor & Ceiling
- Placement of the Columns
 - Between the Altar and the SW
 - Ways of approaching the Altar
 - Placement of the Ashlars
- Placement of Several Similar Officers
 - Senior Deacon & Master of Ceremony,
- Seating of Lodge Members by Rank:
 - Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons

View of the WEST (SW)



View of the EAST (WM)



Different Functions of Lodge Officers

- Senior & Junior Wardens
 - Senior & Junior Deacons
 - Master of Ceremony
 - GTE (instead, the Tyler)
 - Non Existent in Blue Lodges
 - GTI, Orator, Aumonier
 - Non Existent in Scottish Lodges
 - Chaplain, Stewards, Marshall
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	Opening/Closing Duties of Lodge Officers	
Office	York Ritual (3rd. Deg.)	Scottish Ritual (1st. Deg.)
W. Master	Set the Craft to work	Same & Invocations
Senior Warden	Assist WM; pay wages; direct Deacons to verify that all present are Masons	Assist WM; pay wages; verify all present are Masons; handles "Column"
Junior Warden	Call Brethren Labor <=> Refreshment	Same; direct GTI/GTE to verify Tile; Column
Senior Deacon	Carry messages; welcome & cloth visitors; attend/report inner door alarms; receive & conduct candidates; attend to the Altar;	Carry messages; go outside & seek visitors; inform WM; lights "G" on/off in East
Junior Deacon	Carry messages; attend/report inner door alarms; duly tiled dialogue.	Carry messages SW <=> JW
Secretary/Treasurer	Minutes/correspondence/accounting	Same
Chaplain	Invocations at Opening & Closing	Non-Existent/Master does the Invocation
Master of Ceremony	Prepare Candidates for Degrees	Attend to the Altar; reads the Psalm
Tyler	Observe approach & prevent entrance	Non-Existent/Done by the GTE
GTI	Non-Existent	Secures Lodge w/GTE (via knocks)
GTE	Takes the place of the Tyler	Observe approach & prevent entrance
Almonier	Non-Existent	Collects charity funds from Brethren
Orator	Non-Existent	Welcomes Visitors; only WM speaks after
Marshall	Escort dignitaries; Lead Deg. Processions	Non-Existent
Stewards	Escort candidates during Degrees	Non-Existent
At end of Lodge session	Lodge Breaks & Brethren leave, talk, etc.	Everybody leaves in order of Lodge Rank

Exterior of Cuban and Puertorican Masonic Lodges:

- Climatic conditions requirements
 - ❑ No heater, but fans or air conditioner
 - ❑ Seldom, parking facilities
- Social and economic requirements
 - ❑ If One floor, all for masonic activities
 - ❑ If Two floors are available:
 - The first floor for income purposes
 - Second floor for masonic activities

Single Floor Lodge





Leadership, GLSPR



Alta Camara; GLC



GLSPR, Main Hall





