
Contrasting Scottish and York Rituals Used in Symbolic Lodges

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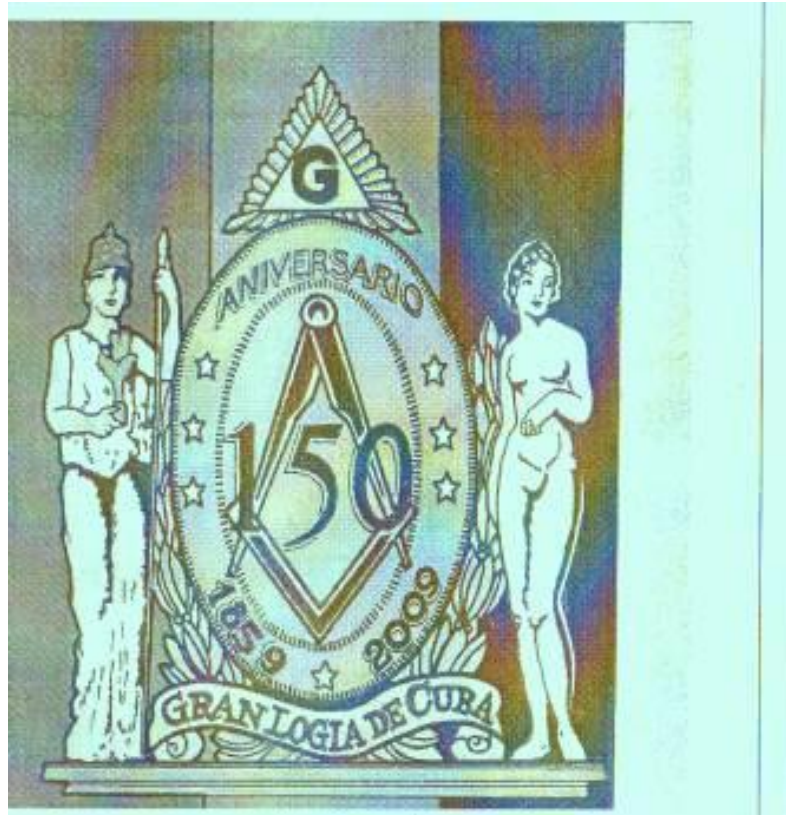
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Grand Lodge Cuba: 150 Anniversary



Grand Lodge Building in Havana (1955)





Grand Lodge, San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Main Difference between the Rituals

- In Lodge Opening and Closing
 - Degree in which they work
- 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 | ■ 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
- 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 (Tyler)
- Non Existent in Blue Lodges
 - GTI, Orator, Hospitalier
- Non Existent in Scottish Lodges
 - Chaplain, Stewards

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





