World Conference on Fraternalism, Freemasonry & History: Research in Ritual, Secrecy, and Civil Society
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Convened by the journal *Ritual, Secrecy, and Civil Society* in cooperation with the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, France. The first World Conference on Fraternalism, Freemasonry, and History: Research in Ritual, Secrecy, and Civil Society focuses on the study of ritual, secrecy, and civil society vis-à-vis the dynamics of Masonic scholarship around the world. Thus, the conference seeks papers that explore how civil society, secrecy, and ritual have been important elements during different episodes of local and world histories, and indeed still are.

Various perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches on such topic are sought. Hence attention to the women’s orders such as the Eastern Star, national phenomenon such as the Orange Order, the origins of Masonic rituals, the use of secrecy in the works of Tolstoy, Kipling and other writers. We invite scholars to submit proposals on the conference theme or related topics. Perspectives on and interpretations of all time periods and geographic zones are welcome.

Topics related to the conference (but we are open to other suggestions):

- Freemasonry and civil society
- Ritualism and politics
- Fraternalism in the Twenty-First Century
- Women’s Freemasonry
- Women’s Orders such as Easter Star, Job’s Daughters, etc.
- The Companioniage
- Fraternalism, civil society and social movements
- Material culture and Freemasonry
- Global Fraternal Movements
- Historiography and Freemasonry
- Prosopography and Freemasonry
- Freemasonry and Catholicism
- Freemasonry and Protestantism
- Anti-Masonry and anti-fraternal movements
- Fraternal symbolism and ritual
- Freemasonry and cultural production: Literature, Arts, Music, etc.
- Methodological Approaches to the Study of Fraternalism, Ritualism, Freemasonry, and/or Civil Society
- Comparative studies of Freemasonry and Fraternalism: European, American, Latin American
or other regions.
• Prince Hall Freemasonry and other African-American Masonic groups

Instructions for Authors, Submissions Require the Following:

(1) Bio information: Your name, title, position, institution, postal address, email address, office phone.

(2) Title and abstract of your paper/panel (max 500 words), list of key words.

For more information regarding panels/paper submissions, please contact: Conference Chair, Guillermo De Los Reyes at jgdelosr@central.uh.edu

Paper and panel proposals should be submitted to Whitney Shepard, Registrar of the Conference, at wshepard@ipsonet.org on or before the deadline of Dec. 19, 2014