

Fraternal Greetings from
Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351



Freemasonry, born many centuries ago, is a global brotherhood with distinctly British roots.

Flourishing today in every free nation, and providing an oasis of freedom in countries that are not yet free, Masonic Lodges unite local culture with the timeless ideals of the Fraternity: Brotherly Love, Charitable Relief, and the Search for Truth.

Amidst many thousands of American Lodges, a unique new group has formed - ***Sir Winston Churchill Lodge*** - whose purpose is to reach back into that wellspring of knowledge and symbol, to where it all began: to England.

"I have never asked for an Anglo-American military alliance or a treaty. I asked for something different and in a sense I have asked for something more. I have asked for fraternal association, free, voluntary fraternal association. I have no doubt that it will come to pass, as surely as the sun will rise tomorrow. Nothing can obscure the fact that, in our harmonious companionship, lies the main hope of a world instrument for maintaining peace on earth and goodwill to all men."

- Sir Winston Churchill

Our lodge is named after our patron, Sir Winston Churchill, a hero to Americans and British alike. Churchill was the Essential Man for our British cousins in the dark days of World War Two. We thus honor him, our Masonic brother, and trust his legend and example will remind us of the strength and wisdom that is a man's rightful pursuit, under the providence of a good and just God.

Whilst a chartered lodge of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Churchill Lodge #351 proudly claims its heritage as a *British Emulation Lodge*, and a special mission: to practice and share the customs and rituals that imbue the fraternal experience in England and the Commonwealth. With Churchill, Minnesota Masons may experience British Emulation ritual and custom without leaving the Twin Cities.

British Emulation

Throughout American Freemasonry, there is a quiet trend toward rediscovery of the roots of the Craft and the fundamental practices that at once made it great and greatly respected. Churchill is one of three lodges in the US, the others being in Wisconsin and in Washington DC, which practice England's "Emulation Ritual," the most popular Masonic ritual used in England today. Proficient already in the Minnesota Work, the Emulation Work is our additional area of study and practice, and a fascinating morality play for visitors. In addition to its ritual, our lodge seeks to capture and practice many of the foundational elements of British lodges, such as festive boards, philosophical education, dress, programs and charities. By so doing, we will provide an environment that is distinguished and warm, social and philosophical, exclusive and inviting.

Organization of Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351

Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351 meets once a month, on the 3rd or 4th Friday. We usually meet at members' homes to foster the sense of warmth and camaraderie we seek. Our typical gathering consists of practice of the Emulation Ritual followed by conducting the business of the lodge. After that, we share a light meal together and, finally, a relaxed but lively social and philosophical discourse. In the end, we part as friends and brothers, richer and better enabled to venture forward by virtue of our mutual affection and the shared bonds that unite us.

The Future of Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351

We continue our journey of understanding, adopting, and implementing the very best elements of British Freemasonry. Our goal is to become proficient in the three degrees of the Emulation Ritual, allowing us to *ceremonially* confer them on newly admitted brethren. In addition, we will continue our tradition of conducting refined Festive Boards and other gatherings, in the most admirable of British traditions.

We invite you to join with us in this most worthy of endeavors.

Respectfully and fraternally,

John Curlott III, Worshipful Master