

## Famous Freemasons



"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens...[and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly."

*Harry S. Truman*  
*President of the United States*

**This is a list of famous Freemasons, and some quotes from them about Freemasonry.**

"To me, Freemasonry is one form of dedication to God and service to humanity."

"The values and ideas, the profound principals of religion, morality, and honour for which Masonry stands, mean much to me as an American."

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There is, as I see it, nothing like Masonry. It is unique in its fellowship which spreads over much of the earth, in addition to our own country. Moreover, this in-depth fellowship spans the years, even the centuries, running back into antiquity. To me it means a personal relationship with great historical personalities and, taken by and large, also with about the finest body of men whom it is possible to assemble anywhere.

Attending Lodge and participating in Masonic activities gave me confidence. I learned to work with people. I found that everyone, every single brother, had a special talent. All I had to do was bring it out. The Brother, then, saw quickly enough how to put his talent to use.

And his success at Lodge work gave him confidence too! He passed it on to others, and they still to others. It wasn't necessary to repeat a self-help motto like "I believe in me." Just doing the work and seeing the results were enough.

Confidence in self, in the Lodge, in Masonry, in the community and nation - it caught on, and I have seen it spread farther and farther as I continue my Masonic journey in life, meeting ever more Brothers and sharing with them the confidence Freemasonry can give.

Ever since I became a Mason, the work has not only charmed me, but also impressed me. I can further add that, as a public speaker, it has also given me enhanced perception of the nobility of words and their inspirational power when used in skillful combination and for the expression of lofty thoughts."

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*Norman Vincent Peale*  
*Minister and Author*

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

*Douglas MacArthur*  
*General of the Army*

"The Masonic Fraternity is one of the most helpful mediating and conserving organizations among men, and I have never wavered from that childhood impression, but it has stood steadfastly with me through the busy, vast hurrying years."

*George W. Truett*  
*Southern Baptist Leader*

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America."

*Dave Thomas*  
*Founder of Wendy's International*

## **Presidents of the United States of America**

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George Washington  
James Monroe  
Andrew Jackson  
James Polk  
James Garfield  
James Buchanan  
Andrew Johnson  
William McKinley  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Howard Taft  
Warren Harding  
Franklin Roosevelt  
Harry Truman  
Gerald Ford

## **American founders**

Benjamin Franklin - St. John's Lodge Philadelphia, PA  
> Buffalo Bill Cody  
Davey Crockett  
Kit Carson  
Sam Houston  
Paul Revere

## **Antiquarians**

Elias Ashmole

## **Diplomats**

Chevalier D'Eon De Beaumont

## **Astronauts**

John Glenn - Concord Lodge No.688 Concord, OH

## **Explorers**

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Roald Amundsen  
Richard E. Byrd  
Lewis and Clark  
Cpt. James Cook  
Matthew Henson  
Charles Lindbergh  
Lord Minto, Governor General of India  
Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, Raised July 5, 1813, Lodge De Vriendschap, Sourabaya  
Robert F. Scott  
Sir Ernest Shackelton

## **Military**

Pierre Beauregard  
Omar Bradley - West Point Lodge No.877, NY  
Sir Guy Carleton  
Mark Clark  
Lord Cornwallis  
Jimmy Doolittle  
Viscount Jellicoe  
Ernest King  
Lord Kitchener  
Curtis Lemay  
George C. Marshall  
Douglas MacArthur (Manila Lodge No. 1, Phillipines)  
Lord Mountbatten  
Audie Murphy  
Lord Nelson  
John Paul Jones  
John Pershing  
Field Marshal Suvorov  
Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz  
Duke of Wellington

## **Business & Politics**

John Jacob Astor, financier. W.M. Holland Lodge No.8 (1798)  
Thomas Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles  
Robert J. Dole, senator(Russell Lodge No. 177, Russell, Kansas)  
Medgar W. Evers, civil rights leader

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Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company

Barry M. Goldwater, senator. (Arizona Lodge No. 2, Phoenix, May 12, 1931)

Charles Hilton, founder of Hilton Hotel chain

Rev. Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader.

John H. Johnson, publisher Ebony and Jet Magazines

J.C. Penny, department store founder

Andre Citroen, founder Citroen Motor Car Co.

Baron Nathan Mayer Rothschild, Initiated Oct. 24, 1802: Emulation Lodge No. 12, London

Joel R. Poinsett, USA Secretary of War, Master: Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Charleston, introduced Freemasonry into Mexico, and the pointsetta to America

Col. Harlan Sanders, Kentucky Fried Chicken

Morris Sachs, Sachs 5th Ave.

Carl B. Stokes, mayor of Cleveland

Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's Restaurants

Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, Georgia

Whitney M. Young, director of National Urban League

## **Education**

Booker T. Washington - Grand Master, Massachusetts, PHA

## **Human Rights**

John Brown

## **Literature**

Robert Burns

Sir Winston Churchill

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Edward Gibbon, historian, Initiated Dec. 19, 1774, Lodge of Friendship No. 3

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Initiated June 23, 1780, Lodge Amalia, Weimer

Alex Haley

Rudyard Kipling

Norman Vincent Peale (Midwood Lodge No. 1062, Brooklyn, NY. May 31, 1898)

Alexander Pope

Robert Service (Yukon Lodge No. 45, Dawson City, 1912)

Sir Walter Scott

Jonathan Swift

Mark Twain

Lew Wallace

Voltaire Initiated: April 7, 1778, *Lodge of the Nine Sisters*, Paris, France

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Oscar Wilde

## **Artists**

Alphonse Mucha, Initiated 1898, Paris, founder of Czech Freemasonry

## **Monument Creators**

Alexander Eiffel, designer of the Eiffel Tower

Christopher Wren, St. Pauls Cathedral, Lodge of Antiquity No. 2, London (attributed)

James Smithson, founder Smithsonian Institute

Sir Joseph Banks, Kew Gardens, London.

Gutzon Borglum, Mount Rushmore

Frederick Bartholdi, Statue of Liberty

## **Music**

### **Composers**

Irving Berlin - Munn Lodge No.190 New York City, NY

Ludwig van Beethoven

George Michael Cohan (1878-1942), author of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

Gilbert & Sullivan

W.C. Handy

Franz Haydn

Jerome Kern

Franz Liszt

Wolfgang Mozart

Hans Schuler

Jean Julius Sibelius - Suomi Lodge No. 1, Helsinki, Finland

John Phillip Sousa

## **Country Western**

Eddy Arnold

Roy Acuff

Rex Allen

Gene Autry - Catoosa Lodge No. 185, Catoosa, Oklahoma: 1927

Roy Clark

Jim Davis

Ferlin Husky

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Burl Ives  
Eddy Peabody  
Tex Ritter  
Jimmy Rodgers  
Roy Rogers - Hollywood Lodge No. 355, Hollywood. 1946  
Mel Tillis  
Hank Thompson

## **Jazz**

Louis Armstrong - Montgomery Lodge No.18, NY PHA  
William "Count" Basie - Wisdom Lodge No. 102, Chicago  
Eubie Blake  
Nat King Cole - Waller Lodge No.49, Los Angeles, CA PHA  
Duke Ellington  
Lionel Hampton  
Al Jolson  
Tony Martin  
Oscar Peterson  
Paul Whiteman

## **Entertainment**

Bud Abbott  
Eddie Albertson  
Cliff Arquette - Ravenwood Lodge No.777, Chicago  
Ernest Borgnine  
Wallace Beery  
Mel Blanc  
Eddie Cantor  
Charles Correll (Amos) - Trio Lodge No. 57, Chicago  
Freeman Gosden (Andy) - Petersburg Lodge No. 15, VA  
William DeBeck - North Shore Lodge No. 936, Chicago  
Cecil B. DeMille, actor, playwright, director. Prince of Orange Lodge No. 16, New York.  
Glenn Ford  
Douglas Fairbanks  
Hoot Gibson  
Clark Gable - Beverly Hills Lodge No.528 CA  
Harold Gray - Lombard Lodge No. 1098, Lombard, IL  
Oliver Hardy  
Jean Hersholt  
Harry Houdini, Initiated Aug 21, 1923, St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York  
Buck Jones



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Emmott Kelly  
Wayne King - Paul Revere Lodge No. 998  
Harold Lloyd  
Harpo Marx  
Tom Mix  
Conrad Nagel  
Carroll O'Connor  
Tyrone Power  
Dick Powell  
Richard Pryor - Henry Brown Lodge No. 22, Peoria, IL  
Charles "Chic" Sale - Urbana Lodge NO. 157, Urbana, IL  
Will Rogers  
Red Skelton  
Peter Sellers  
Frank Skinner - Benevolent lodge No.52, Meredosia, IL  
Danny Thomas  
Hal Brent Wallis - Prudence Lodge No. 958, Chicago  
John Wayne  
Billy Wilder  
Chill Wills  
Jonathan Winters  
Ed Wynn  
Allan Young, (Mr. Ed)  
Darryl F. Zanuck  
Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr. - Accordia Lodge No.277

## **Scientists and inventors**

Vannevar Bush.  
Samuel Colt - Hartford, CN  
Erasmus Darwin (1732-1802) physician and botonist. Initiated at St. David's Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh in 1754.  
Harold Eugene Edgerton (1903-1990) professor of electrical engineering, MIT.  
Sir Alexander Fleming (1881-1955), inventor of penicillin.  
Sir Sanford Fleming (1827-1915), creator of first Canadian stamp and standard time.  
Edward Jenner (1749-1823), physician, discoverer of smallpox vaccine.  
C.W. Mayo, founder of Mayo Clinic.  
William James Mayo (1861-1939), surgeon.  
Charles Horace Mayo (1865-1939), surgeon.  
Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier, inventors of the hot air balloon.  
Jacob Perkins (1766-1849), mechanical engineer and inventor; printed first penny postage stamp in 1840.  
James F. Smathers, inventor of the electric typewriter, Gate City Lodge No 522, Kansas City.  
James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

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James Watt (1736-1819) inventor of the steam engine. Initiated 1763.

## Sports

Arnold "Red" Auerbach

George Brent

Avery Bundage

Ty Cobb - Royston Lodge No.426 Detroit, MI

Jack Dempsey - Kenwood Lodge No.800 Chicago, IL

Jake Gaudaur

Tim Horton

Jack Johnston

Willie Mays

Arnold Palmer

Branch Rickey

Sugar Ray Robinson

Cy Young