

COSMOS

COSMOS is derived from the Greek word KOSMOS and means ORDER and HARMONY. It also means the WORLD. In a larger sense it means the UNIVERSE conceived as an orderly and harmonious system. Since COSMOS means ORDER and HARMONY; it is the opposite to chaos and confusion.

I have read somewhere in Masonic literature that the word Cosmos was coined by the Greek philosopher Pythagoras as applied to the system of Nature but the Oxford Dictionary is more likely correct as this authority gives it as follows- 'Cosmos so called by Pythagoras or his disciples from its perfect order and arrangement' (the Universe)

A masonic friend of mine happened to see my list of Cosmos Lodges and where these lodges were located, he facetiously asked 'Do you intend to visit all these lodges'. I answered that I had visited all of these lodges SYMBOLICALLY.

COSMOS is an appropriate name for a Masonic Lodge and in my opinion it would be quite a task to find a name for a lodge, that would be more in keeping with the spirit and philosophy of Freemasonry.

I have endeavored to ascertain why the name Cosmos was chosen by the lodges that I have listed and are in Fraternal communication with the Grande Lodge of New Jersey. I have been successful with two lodges and one other has given a likely explanation. One of these lodges is in Puerto Rico, Iowa, is in the Phillipins Islands and the other lodge is in ~~the~~ U. S. A.

COSMOS Lodge #470 A. F. & A. M. of Kingsley Iowa reports as follows- 'All of our charter members are dead and gone and I am unable to find in the records why the name Cosmos was chosen. One of our older members informs me that it doubtless was chosen for its significance of meaning - a unified whole from complex parts. '-which sounds very reasonable in the light of Masonic teachings. COS

COSMOS Lodge #62 San Juan Puerto Rico gives us their answer in Spanish which has been interpreted as follows- 'The founders of this body chose the name Cosmos for its high philosophical and Masonic significance. Cosmos means Universe and those brethren understood that the Holy Brotherhood of Man might reign in the universe.'

COSMOS Lodge #8 F. A. M. of Manila, Phillipine Islands gives us a most interesting and complete answer - 'During the World War the Grande Lodge of England and Scotland decreed that Nationals of enemy countries would not retain membership in lodges under their jurisdiction. In Lodge Perla del Oriente #1034 S. C. (Scotch Constitution) located in Manila, there were several German members who were affected, and as they found themselves debarred from their mother lodge, decided to form a new lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Phillipines. Members of other lodges, being in sympathy with the move, became charter members, and the roll showed that the nationalities represented included German, Spanish, Swiss, Filipino, Chinese and American. As the membership was so cosmopolitan, and to indicate that we believed it should be kept so, the new lodge was named COSMOS.' No comment is necessary, except to write that the formation of that Lodge is a fine practical lesson on the Universality of the Craft.

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Cosmos is the name of a flower, as well as the name of a lodge. The following words were taken from a lecture entitled Symbolism given in Evans Lodge #524 A. F. & A.M. Evanston Illinois, U. S. A. by Norman B. Hickox Worshipful Master in 1923. The Cosmos is a beautiful flower without much fragrance. Its eight petals are mostly pink and white. In the heart of the flower we find the five clustered pistols and five pointed stamens which are its male and female reproductive organs. The name of the flower Cosmos is significant and signifies Law, Order, Harmony and Truth combined within the Universe.

Cosmos is also in the symbolism of the Temple of Solomon. The Temple represented the Universe. This is one of the most important symbols in Freemasonry as it gives to Freemasonry its religious charter. The arrangement of the Temple of Solomon, the symbolic ornaments which formed its chief decorations and the dress of the High Priest all had reference to the Order of the Universe, as then understood. The Temple contained many emblems of the seasons- the Sun, the Moon, the Planets, the Constellations, the Zodiac, the Elements and the other parts of the world.

Some Names of Lodges that are unusual and Unique.

The Lodge of The NINE SISTERS (Nine Muses)	Paris, France
The Lodge Of TRUE HARMONY	Vienna, Austria
The Lodge of PERFECT CONTENTMENT	Paris, France
The CROWNED HOPE Lodge	" "
The FRIENDS OF HUMANITY	" "
The THREE FIRING GLASSES	Vienna, Austria.

COSMOS LODGES

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instituted</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
Cosmos #271 F. A. M.	New Orleans, La.	Feb. 9th. 1864	2nd. & 4th. Wed.
Cosmos #832 A. F. & A. M.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 15th. 1868	2nd. & 4th Mon.
Cosmos #106 F. & A. M.	Newark, N. J.	Feb. 2nd. 1870	2nd. & 4th. Mon.
Cosmos #470 A. F. & A. M.	Kingsley, Ia.	Feb. 25th 1885	1st. Wed.
Cosmos #278 A. F. & A. M.	Kiowa, Kan.	Feb. 16th 1887	2nd. & 4th. Wed.
Cosmos #396 A. F. & A. M.	Chicago, Ill.	Oct. 2nd. 1907	
	Manila		
Cosmos #.8 F. & A. M.	Phillippine, Is.	Feb. 13th. 1917	1st. Wed.
Cosmos #14	Paris, France	Grande Loge de France A' Paris.	
Cosmos #62	San Juan, P. R.	Jan. 13th. 1915	Every Wed.
Luz de Cosmos #79	Rio Piedras, P. R.		
Kosmos	Vienna, Austria	1907	(Closed)
Cosmos #17	Guatemala Latin America - Central America		

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Not in Fraternal Communication with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Kosmos #2768	Johannesburg Transval	South Africa.
Kosmos	Sao Preto Sao Paulo	Brazil. (Grand Orient of Brazil)
Kosmos #7	Lima, Peru	Dec. 6, 1898
El Kosmos #236	Villa Maria	Argentine Republic (Grand Oriente of Argentine Republic)
Cosmos (Crank Lodge)	Chihuahua,	Mexico

The list of Cosmos Lodges is complete so far as the United States is concerned but some foreign lodge named Cosmos may have been overlooked as the records are not available for all countries, especially Grande Lodge Records. I am quite sure however that this list of Cosmos Lodges is fairly complete.