



Esoterika Lodge No. 227



ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF OREGON

DECEMBER QUARTERLY LECTURE:

FROM AGRIPPA TO FREEMASONRY

Uncovering the Occult Threads of Influence

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IS THERE A CONNECTION between Renaissance occultism and the birth of Freemasonry during the Early Modern period? This exploration of the 16th-century occultism of Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa attempts to shed light on some possible influences on early Freemasonry. Drawing upon Agrippa's influential work, "Three Books of Occult Philosophy," we examine how Renaissance occult ideas found their way into the symbolic language, rituals, and teachings of the Craft. This lecture explores how esoteric traditions such as Hermeticism, alchemy, Kabbalah, and astrology percolated through the

Renaissance—against a background of the Protestant Reformation and the birth of the Scientific Revolution—to influence Freemasonry's vision of our relationship with nature and the divine.

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DATE

Saturday, December 16th

SCHEDULE

Doors: 4:45 pm

Lecture: 5:00-6:00 pm [Public]

Installation of 2024 Officers: 6:00 pm [Public]

Esoterika Stated Meeting: 7:00 pm
[Masons only]

LOCATION

10636 SE Main Street
Milwaukie, OR 97222

ADMISSION

\$10 (suggested donation)
Refreshments provided

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