

Deciphering the Edinburgh Register House MS of 1696

By:

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Hailed as the world's oldest Masonic ritual, the **Edinburgh Register House Manuscript of 1696** starts with a catechism for proving a man, who has the *word* is really a mason. Among other things, the person seeking entry is expected to name his lodge as *Kilwinning*, which is reputed to be the oldest Lodge in the world. A *Fellow Craft* is further expected to know and explain a Masonic embrace called the *five points of fellowship*.

Lessing Passaic Lodge No. 67 is proud to present this world acclaimed Masonic speaker. Brother Cooper has been the Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library for 20 years and is a Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No.2076. Not only has he written extensively (books and articles) on Masonic matters but has also appeared on television and participated in radio programs around the world on the subject of Freemasonry.

He has an abiding interest in all matters relating Freemasonry prior to the Grand Lodge era with a particular interest in manuscript rituals (including pseudo-Masonic rituals from the 17th century).



[All those who *RSVP* will receive an advance copy of this Manuscript. Reservations are required, no walk-ins permitted.]

This will be a regular communication of Lessing Passaic Lodge No. 67; our program is as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Social Hour: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Opening Gavel: 7:30pm

Presentation: 8:00pm

Venue: To accommodate the anticipated number of Brethren who will likely attend, Clifton Lodge No. 203 has allowed us the use of their Temple to hold this program.

Address: **1496 Van Houten Avenue
Clifton, NJ 07013**

This meeting is open to all **Master Masons** and because Lessing-Passaic Lodge No. 67 would like to spread Masonic Light and Knowledge to as many of the Brethren as possible, this event is being offered **Free of Charge**.

We expect this program to fill up quickly, so, we suggest that you **RSVP** without delay.
(But no later than February 25th)

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