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**Where:** Masonic Complex  
6033 Masonic Drive  
Columbia, MO 65202

**Time:** 5pm - 8pm

**Cost:** \$20 (includes meal)-

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Join us as we continue the Truman Lecture series with dinner and an enlightening lecture and discussion led by author Michael A. Halleran.



Michael A. Halleran is a freelance writer and a practicing attorney in the Flint Hills of East-Central Kansas. A lecturer at Emporia State University, he is also an active Freemason, belonging to both Emporia Lodge No. 12, A.F.& A.M., and Mount Zion Lodge No. 266 A.F.& A.M., Topeka, Kansas.

Halleran received the Mackey Award for Excellence in Masonic Scholarship by the Scottish Rite Research Society for his article on Civil War Freemasonry in that society's journal: Heredom, vol. 14 (2006). In addition, he is the author of a regular column for The Scottish Rite Journal.

He is a member of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, and the Scottish Rite Research Society where he studies American military Masonry and the traditions of military lodges worldwide.

### THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE



FREEMASONRY IN THE  
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

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*One of the enduring yet little examined themes in Civil War lore is the widespread belief that on the field of battle and after, members of Masonic lodges would give aid and comfort to wounded or captured enemy Masons, often at great personal sacrifice and danger. This work is a deeply researched examination of the recorded, practical effects of Freemasonry among Civil War participants on both sides. From first-person accounts culled from regimental histories, diaries, and letters, the author has constructed an overview of 19th century American freemasonry in general and Masonry in the armies of both North and South in particular, and an exploration of how Masonic fraternization worked in practice. Halleran details the response of the fraternity to the crisis of secession and war, and examines acts of assistance to putative enemies on the battlefield and in POW camps.*

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