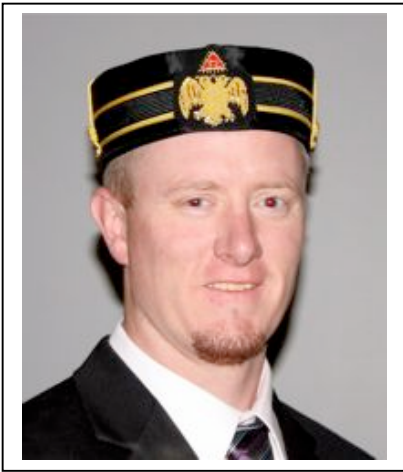


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### What is Americanism?

Webster defines Americanism as: a. attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the United States; b. the political principles and practices essential to American culture.

I think that that is as complicated a question as "What is Freemasonry?" You can write a definition, but it means something different to everyone. So I decided to write about what Americanism meant to the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. In an article for The Forum Magazine that he wrote for this month one hundred and fifteen years ago he shared his opinion on "True Americanism."

Teddy believed that Americanism could be broken down in to three parts, the first of which was a Sense of Nationalism. He described it as a wish to be "broadly American and national, as opposed to being local or sectional," being national in ways of politics, literature and even art and science.

Our lack of "patriotism of the belfry", as he called it, is what has allowed America to sidestep the evils that dissolved the ancient republics of Greece and medieval republics of Italy. We are not Northerners or Southerners, East-coasters or West-coasters, but Americans.

The second side, Mr. Roosevelt believed, was Patriotism. Today, what is Patriotism has become an arguing point depending on which side of the political isle you stand on but having patriotism is as important today as it was 115 years ago. Teddy believed that the words "home" and "country" meant a great deal back then. He didn't foresee them losing their worth anytime soon.

Americanizing immigrants was the third, and possibly more important, part of President Roosevelt's viewpoint. He believed that newcomers should be American in speech, political ideas and principals and also their views concerning the relations between Church and State. There was no room, in his opinion, for the old ways of thinking and doing things when the immigrants reached this new land and that they should leave those old ideas where they came from. Mr. Roosevelt was also very strongly opposed to discriminating, for or against, any person because of his creed or religious affiliation.

In an attempt at summarizing his thoughts about Americanism the president said it well by saying; "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed or birthplace."

I may have not answered the question, but now you have another opinion on the subject.

If you want to read the full article you can find it at [www.theodore-roosevelt.com/trta.html](http://www.theodore-roosevelt.com/trta.html)

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**ALL STATED MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD  
MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH**

April 30-May 1, 2, 2009 reunion

May 18, 2009, Stated Meeting 7:00pm

June 15, 2009, Scottish Rite picnic, Stated Meeting

July & August No Stated Meetings

September 21, 2009, Stated Meeting 7:00pm

October 19, 2009, Dinner 6:00pm, Masonic Feast of Tishri 7:00pm

November 16, 2009, Stated Meeting 7:00pm, Veterans

December 5, 2009, St. Mary's & Scottish Rite Christmas Party  
8:00am-10:30 am

December 21, 2009, Stated meeting 7:00pm, Election of Officers

January 18, 2010, Dinner 6:00pm, Open Installation of Officers

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Reunion Schedule spring 2009

Thurs. 4/30/2009

8:00 am-Rolls & coffee Candidates report and register

8:30am -Class Assembly

9:45 -Prologue

10:00-4<sup>th</sup>

Break

11:00-5<sup>th</sup>

11:45 Communicate 6<sup>th</sup>

12:15 Lunch

1:00 7<sup>th</sup>

1:30 Communicate 8, 9, 10, 11

2:00 12<sup>th</sup>

Break

3:15 Communicate 13<sup>th</sup>

3:30 14<sup>th</sup>

5:30 Communicate 15, 16, 17

6:15 Adjourn

Friday May 1

7:00 Rolls & coffee

7:30 Class assembly

8:15 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Communicate 19<sup>th</sup>

10:15 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> apt Lodge room#2

11:15 20<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> apt. Lodge room #2

Receive GM?

12:15 Lunch (class goes to St. Mary's)

1:30 Communicate 21st-28th

3:00 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 30<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> apt.

5:45 Adjourn

Sat May 2

7:30 Rolls & coffee

8:00 Class assembly

9:00 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> apt

9:30 SGIG- picture

10:45 31<sup>st</sup>

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Class time

1:30 32<sup>nd</sup>

3:30 Class rap up

6:00 Banquet