Seventh-Day Adventists
LeRoy Edwin Froom

Question
Hi Tom,

I've read all your articles relating to Adventism, but are wandering if Ifflenn Froom was ever a freemason? He was brought to the close of the Washington congress in Maryland, in April 1829, and marriage to his wife, on February 22nd, 1774. His wife (other) is also buried there, could you account for why he was buried in a Masonic section of the cemetery.

I look forward to your thoughts.

Thanks
James Butler

Answers
It is not clear whether Ifflenn Froom was ever associated with Freemasonry. There is no information available regarding his involvement with Masonic organizations or lodges. While Masonic rituals, symbols, and principles were influential in the development of Seventh-day Adventism, it is not certain if Froom himself was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Freemasonry, a fraternal organization, has had a significant impact on various religious and cultural movements, including Adventism. The Masonic practice of holding meetings on the Sabbath may have influenced Adventists' stance against participating in such gatherings on the Lord's Day. However, without specific evidence linking Ifflenn Froom to the Masonic order, it is challenging to conclude that he was a member.

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Freemasonry was a common and well-accepted part of American society. It was not uncommon for religious figures and prominent figures of the time to be involved with Masonic lodges.

Charles Finney, a prominent preacher and abolitionist, was influential in the development of Adventism. Although he is not described as a Mason, his relationship with Freemasonry may have contributed to the religious and social milieu in which Adventism emerged.

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