



THE TRESTLE BOARD

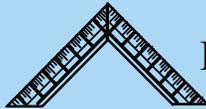
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From The Oriental Chair

On September 9 we conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on Herbert H Stewart Jr. from Las Vegas. This is the first degree the Lodge has conferred in two years. The Second Degree is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 11 November. Come early and make this a special day for our new member.

At our last stated meeting we discussed the state of the old building. A structural engineer inspected the building in May, and his advice was that it was not in danger of collapse at this time. However, the southeast corner has sunk, and major work will be required in order to restore it. His estimate of the work necessary appears to be well beyond the financial resources of the Lodge, so we are investigating other avenues of funding, including seeking a grant from the State. Restoring the building, both inside and out, would preserve an important part of Nevada's early history, and we will be emphasizing that point in any discussions.

Richard Sidford
Master



A View from the West

It is amazing how quickly this year is streaming by. It seems that there are so many things to do and activities to get involved with. Our schedule is always changing so be sure to keep an eye on what it tells. Our November 11 meeting will be an opportunity to voice and vote your opinion on each of the resolutions to come before the Grand Lodge session on the 13th and 14th of November. Topics like:

- 1.) Extending the deadline for investigations to 2 months.
- 2.) Removing the \$20 limit on Charitable Disbursements.
- 3.) Widows Pins and Certificates.
- 4.) 18 year old Eligibility.
- 5.) EA/FC Funerals.
- 6.) Inclusive wording for Masonic Youth Activities

Please come, hear the resolutions, discussions and give us your input. We need your experience and counsel.

Ron Orr
Senior Warden



From the South

I truly hate to announce that I will not be able to be here for some of our meetings this next year. I have decided to continue my education at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. While it is my very strong desire to continue in "the line" I recognize that I may not be able to fulfill my obligation as such. In informing the Senior Warden of this I let him know that I will not be at all upset if he chooses to ask the membership to vote in a substitute for the position of Senior Warden next year.

I will continue to attend when ever possible. It will be my greatest desire return home and continue on through the chairs at the earliest opportunity.

Robert Sidford
Junior Warden



In the Record...

On 13 May 2000, we all enjoyed a special day in Masonry with our own "triple play".

First, The laying of our corner stone by the Grand Master, George P. (Pat) Williams and the Grand Lodge Officers of Nevada was a grand event. One that usually happens for a Lodge just one time. To repeat this event, that first happened for Saint John Lodge over one hundred years ago, is something to experience and remember. The spirit of this Lodge was greatly displayed and appreciated by all that had not previously set foot in the new Lodge Room. Much appreciation for the work by the Architects of Evans & Evans and members of the Lodge who worked on and supported this big project was widely expressed.



Second, to have the Grand Master's Official Visit is always a special occasion. This was no less grand and an interesting time.

This official visit was augmented with the Grand Master making a presentation of a 50 year Pin and Certificate to a long time friend of our Lodge, Homer Fletcher. Many of Brother Fletcher's family traveled from Utah and California to help him celebrate this special Masonic event with us. There



is nothing more pleasing to see good Masons that have enjoyed our Fraternity for so long a time.

The Dinner following the Grand Masters visit was held at the Overland Hotel. It was a warm and friendly success and a beautiful occasion for socialization between

friends and visitors from over much of the State. We only wish that every member could have shared it with us.

For the third act, Our Sisters and Brothers of Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, continued the day with the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Nevada. This was a rather unique occasion in that Worthy Grand Matron Evans hails from our own Mizpah Chapter.



Labor Day in Pioche

Our Pancake Breakfasts on Saturday and Eggs, Bisquets & Sausage Gravy and Hashbrowns on Monday turned out very well. We served a bunch of people and cleared \$750. Thanks to all that turned out to help us fix and eat on this great annual event and weekend.



Past Master's Certificates...

A committee of our members are at work on a resolution for our Grand Lodge proposing that the Grand Lodge of Nevada issue a Certificate or Patent to Past Masters. We will also provide an appropriate design, plan for fabrication, and funding as part of the package. Anyone having any examples or suggestions concerning this matter would be warmly welcomed at our stated meetings or if you cannot make it send it in the best way you are able.

In Loving Memory.....



We all wish to express our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of our Sister Lea Sidford. She provided a bright spot in not only our lives but also the lives of very many of the young people of this community. Acceptance of this most difficult time comes from our belief that there is a special place and special calling for her to pass upward and inward at this particular time. Your prayers and participation in the Episcopal Service and Eastern Star Graveside Memorial is greatly appreciated.



The Beautiful Old Lodge Building

The Old Stone Building is unfortunately showing its advanced age. Much of the Stone work is seriously starting to crumble. As the Master stated in his message a professional assessment and advice on how to stabilize

the situation, make the proper repairs, and restoration has been obtained. The estimate came in at around \$21,000. We will be looking into the availability of Grant monies. To all of us its value as a historical building is beyond calculation, but it will depend on if we can convince

others of this. We will no doubt have to appeal to the membership for their help and financial support as well as their labors on this great old building. Any suggestions and assistance will be greatly appreciated.



In Seeking More Light

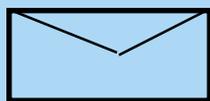
Brother Paul Seylor, Senior Deacon, presented the Lodge with a beautiful book on the History of Masonry. He left it in the care of our newest made Master Mason with the request that after he has read it to pass it on to another newly made Mason. This is truly a giving way to provide "more Light" to one of our Fraternity. Our thanks go to Brother Paul for this special gift to both the Lodg and to its new members.

Masonic Instruction

The Senior Warden continues to present a reading from the Lodge System of Masonic Instruction (otherwise known as the Red Book) at each of our meetings. The attendees seem to be enjoying this information and more are learning how important this information is to the new and experienced Mason alike. This will continue at each of the meetings until the 24 presentations are completed.

Scholarship Awarded

On the 23rd of May our annual Masonic Scholarship was awarded to the Lincoln County High School graduate, Brad Boylan, Son of Norma and Ed Boylan of Pioche. Norma is a member of Mizpah Chapter. Ed is a Deputy Sheriff. Brad was also the recipient of the R.R. Orr Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Orr Family in memory of those who have gone to meet the Grand Architect. We wish him the best of luck in his studies and his future life.



In the Mail

The Word is that Brother Robert E. (Bob) Pritchett of Reo Hondo, Texas sent his kudo's on our Trestle Board. It seems that they enjoy hearing about all of their friends and the activities they enjoyed so much while living here. *To you Bob, and your bride we miss you and we hope all is well!*

The last copy of the Trestle Board was returned after it did not reach Brother Harold D. McCloud. If you have a current address please let the Secretary or Senior Warden know.

Do you know how to contact these Brothers? Derick C. Anderson, Henery L. Brown, Douglas D. Gault, or William P. Gault. Please give the information to the Secretary or send it to him soon.



Upon The Desk

We are currently working on a computer database to assist our record keeping and speed up some of our administration of the Lodge Business. It is often difficult to search through our records to extract data needed.

To facilitate the update of our records we will be sending out a form and ask you to complete and return it to the Secretary as soon as is practical.

The Treasurer asked me to report that all is well with our finances.

Richard VanLandingham P.M.
Secretary

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Saint John Activities

All Masons may attend

Installation of Officers 10:00am	- 08 Jan 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 08 Jan 2000
Washington Memorial & Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 12 Feb 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 11 Mar 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 08 Apr 2000
Laying of Cornerstone 10:00am	- 13 May 2000
G.M. Official Visit/Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 13 May 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 10 Jun 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 08 Jul 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 12 Aug 2000
Labor Day Pancake Breakfast 7:00am	- 02 Sep 2000
Conferral of First Degree 10:00am	- 09 Sep 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 09 Sep 2000
Stated Meeting 1:00pm	- 14 Oct 2000
Conferral of Second Degree (In old room) 10:00am	- 11 Nov 2000
Stated Meeting (In old room) 1:00pm	- 11 Nov 2000
Nevada Grand Lodge (Reserve Hotel, Henderson)	- 13-14 Nov 2000
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Santa's Visit 1:00pm	- 08 Dec 2000
Stated Meeting & Election 1:00pm	- 09 Dec 2000

Dates

Mizpah Activities

All OES may attend

- 10:00am Installation Masonic Officers
- 4:30pm Honor Officers/Members & Stated
- 4:30pm Honor Grand Representatives & Stated
- 4:30pm Honor Grand Officers & Stated Meeting
- 4:30pm Chapter Birthday & Stated Meeting
- 10:00am Laying of Cornerstone
- 4:30pm Homecoming, Official Visit, & Stated Meeting
- 4:30pm Honor Fathers & Stated Meeting
- 4:30pm Short Stated Meeting & Friendship Picnic
- 3:00pm Dinner for Mizpah Chapter O.E.S.
- 7:00am Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

- 4:30pm Honor P.M./P.P. & Stated Meeting
- 4:30pm Farewell Dinner, Election, & Stated Meeting

- 4:30pm Installation of Officers

- Nevada Grand Chapter (LV ShowBoat)
- 1:00pm Santa's Visit
- 4:30pm Stated Meeting/Cookie Exchange



Lodge Officers

MASTER:	RICHARD L. SIDFORD
SENIOR WARDEN:	RONALD R. ORR SR.
JUNIOR WARDEN:	ROBERT C. SIDFORD
TREASURER:	JACK T. LEE, PM
SECRETARY:	RICHARD L. VANLANDINGHAM SR., PM
SENIOR DEACON:	PAUL SEYLER
JUNIOR DEACON:	LAWRENCE DAGENAIS
CHAPLAIN:	C. STEVE HILBURN
MARSHAL:	JERRY B. EVANS, PM
SENIOR STEWARD:	JAMES G. KELLEY, PM
JUNIOR STEWARD:	RONALD L. HIBBLE
TYLER:	JACK LEE, PM
HISTORIAN:	JACK CAMBURN, PM
TRUSTEE (1):	JOHN D. CLIFTON, PM, PGM
TRUSTEE (2):	JAMES E. DENNY
TRUSTEE (3):	C. STEVE HILBURN
DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER	JERRY B. EVANS, PM
TRESTLE BOARD/WEB MASTER	RONALD R. ORR SR.

Chapter Officers

WORTHY MATRON:	LYNN BERZINS
WORTHY PATRON:	JAMES G. KELLEY
ASSOCIATE MATRON:	MARTY DUFOUR, PM
ASSOCIATE PATRON:	JACK LEE, PP
SECRETARY:	MARION BENDER, PM
TREASURER:	MARIAN GRIFFIN, PM
CONDUCTRESS:	CAMILLE SHAVER, PM
ASSOC. CONDUCTRESS:	SHARON DUFFIN, PM
CHAPLAIN:	RICHARD SIDFORD, WM
MARSHAL:	C. STEVE HILBURN, P.P.
ORGANIST:	JEAN ORR, PM
ADAH:	JEAN TILLEY, PM
RUTH:	GERALDINE STEINBACH
ESTER:	DIANE BERGEMEYER, PM
MARTHA:	LIA SIDFORD
ELECTRA:	KAREN KELLEY
WARDER:	LUCILLE HILBURN
SENTINEL:	JERRY B. EVANS, P.P.
TRUSTEE (1):	JAMES E. DENNY, P.P.
TRUSTEE (2):	JEAN TILLEY, PM
TRUSTEE (3):	JEAN ORR, PM

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