



Trestle Board

UPON THE SQUARE

Daniel Lee Venters, WM

I wish to thank all the Brethren in attendance at January's Stated Communication, as well as, everyone able to attend the first degree initiation on January nineteenth. We have gotten off to a great start and we would truly like to grow the momentum into the coming months. I also thank our Brethren helping with the initiation, without your help, this would not have been possible or successful.

The February stated is on the 4th at 7:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. This

meeting will offer another perspective of George Washington's life as a Mason and perhaps we will have a couple more proficiencies proved.

Next, Ben Franklin #45 would like to give recognition and thanks to our visiting Brethren from Carson Lodge #1, WM, Chet Hayes, JW, Del Byassee, Historian, Avery Hadley and Washoe # 35, PM, Bob Hall and PM, John Reed. With their help, we had a very nice initiation on the 19th and great fel-

lowship afterwards, where our JW served up some very tasty root beer floats.

We are still having work and instruction every Monday at 6:30 and would like leadership from the PM's and help from anybody with the time to give an hour of their time. As always, I am available to provide transportation to and from any of our Communications. Try to give me 24-hours notice and call me at 775-842-5876. Hope to see all of you soon, my brothers.

ON THE LEVEL

Robert L. Ammerman, SW

What a delightful Entered Apprentice Degree we had this month. With help from other Lodges and several sideliners another man is on the road to Masonic enlightenment. I was especially impressed with the manner in which Bobby Hall gave the lecture, as it was very similar to the way I received it so many years ago.

This means we're moving toward several men preparing for their Fellowcraft degree. We

definitely need new men as our losses are still exceeding our gains. We are still struggling and have unfilled seats the line, which need to be filled if we are to truly grow and become a strong vibrant Lodge.

If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, please come and enjoy the fellowship of the fraternity, as we miss and need each and every one of you.

associated with visiting, and the reception of visitors.

Visiting as a Right

As has just been outlined, the right to visit and sit in every regular lodge is one of the oldest masonic customs. This custom hinged on the theory that all lodges are only divisions of the 'Universal Brotherhood'. Indeed, in some areas of old, visitors could even vote at lodge meetings.

However, the growth and spread of the Craft saw many variations in forms and procedures develop, and the evolution of the Grand Lodge system as we know it today. In turn, this necessitated that the concept of visiting as a right undergo changes. The movement towards qualification of the right to visit appears to have begun in the early eighteenth century. There are records of lodges in this period setting out limitations to visiting, in terms of the number of visits a non-member mason could make to a lodge in a twelve month period; and limiting the types of meeting a visitor could attend. Certainly, by the end of the eighteenth century, visiting had ceased to be a right, but rather a privilege.

Visiting as a Privilege

The situation today is that visiting is a privilege-indeed, it is one of the greatest privileges of masonic membership. It must be immediately stated that a mason has no absolute, prescriptive right to visit a lodge wherein he is not a member. However, with that fact clearly stated, it must be observed that visiting as a privilege is most definitely encouraged and welcomed in every regular jurisdiction. A regular freemason in good standing will always encounter masonic hospitality and brotherhood in his travels.

BY THE PLUMB MASONIC TRAVEL

Ronald Daniels, JW

I would like to thank you all for the honor of being elected your Junior Warden this year and look forward to meeting many of our brothers that I have not had the pleasure of yet being one of the newest members.

As I was watching on our first degree last week one thing hit my heart. Hearing the lecture of the 24 inch gauge and hearing how we need to divide our time has been a large struggle in my and many of our lives. We all need to remember to give our time to ourselves, our craft and our labors. If we remember to do this we will succeed in all of these aspects of life. That being said I appears that I will not be at the next stated meeting due to training in Idaho that I will be at.

I am very excited about 2015 in Benjamin Franklin #45 and help support Dan, Bob and all the members in the growth and success of our lodge and proud to be a part of the future of this lodge.

MASONIC WORLD GUIDE

by Kent Henderson. Pages 6-14.

The habit of freemasons to travel and to visit other lodges, or even affiliate with them, is one of the oldest and most widely practiced customs of the Craft. In operative times, well before the emergence of the Speculative Craft as we now know it, masons were itinerant workers who were forced to travel to renew their employment as each building project was completed. This fluid nature of the Operative Craft led to the formation of trade societies, known as lodges, to protect the professional integrity of their occupation, and to enhance the moral and social practices of their members. It is surmised, not without some evidence, that the modes of recognition were originated in the operative period as a means of identifying the genuinely skilled mason who came to visit a lodge in search of work.

It is therefore reasonable to deduce that the tendency of masons to visit other lodges is very old custom indeed. Many of the oldest extant masonic manuscripts contain charges



History

Instituted September 19, 1961
Constituted December 9, 1961

Time and Place

First Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Kerak Shrine Center
4935 Energy Way, Reno, Nevada

February Calendar

- Mon, 2nd 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Wed, 4th 6:00 PM Stated Dinner
7:00 PM Stated Meeting
George Washington Observance
- Mon, 9th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Mon, 16th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Mon, 23rd 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Sat, 28th 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Masonic Town Hall Meeting
Kerak Shrine Center

March Calendar

- Mon, 2nd 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Wed, 4th 6:00 PM Stated Dinner
7:00 PM Stated Meeting
- Mon, 9th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Mon, 16th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Mon, 23rd 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Fri, 27th Nevada Masonic Leadership Conference
- Sat, 28th Reno Downtown Masonic Temple
- Sun, 29th
- Mon, 30th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction

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