



John W. Freeman, WM

Trestle Board

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 F. & A.M.

FROM THE EAST

Thank you brethren for the honor of serving this Lodge, once again as Worshipful Master. I appreciate all the support that was given for our Installation in December. The Rainbow girls were a huge help, as they have been all year. Thank you Cynthia and your helpers for making all those beautiful boutonnieres. Special thanks to the entire Installing Team:

Installing Master:	Hans J. Scheurer, Grand Master
Installing Marshal:	Paul R. Wright, PM
Installing Secretary:	Stephen V. Robison, Grand Steward
Installing Chaplain:	Robert Darling, PM
Installing Organist:	Frank May, PM
Keeper of the Jewels:	Robert Duncan, PM

January Calendar

Wed, 4th 6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Sun, 8th 2:00 PM Rainbow Crowning

Tue, 10th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction

Thu, 12th 7:30 PM Pyramid #43 GMOV
1300 Stardust Street, Reno

Mon, 16th 6:30 Planning Meeting to
discuss short and long term
goals for our lodge. Open to all
members in good standing.

February Calendar

Wed, 1st 6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting
George Washington Observance

Mon, 6th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction

Mon, 20th 7:00 PM Fellow Craft degree

March Calendar

Wed, 7th 6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Youth Observance

Mon, 5th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction

Mon, 19th 7:00 PM Work and Instruction

January Birthdays

7th Bradley W. Stout
7th D.C. Waters
9th David A. Camara, PM
13th Dennis L. Boyden

Secretary

Brethren, It is that time of year again, Lodge Dues. 2012 Lodge dues are due by December 31, 2011, but why wait. Please get them in early.

-Steve Robison, PM



Trestleboard Comments

Comments, corrections and new content is most welcome. If you have any suggestions or contributions, please email me at jfreeman@e-quantum.com

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Sunshine Committee

Should you know of members or spouses who are not well and or need assistance, please contact David L. White, SW.

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The January meeting will include a presentation on the Make-A-Wish foundation, by Cynthia R. Freeman, Ph.D, Regional Director. Their mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. This will be one of the charities we will be supporting this year.

Brothers, there will be a Rainbow Installation on Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 pm, and we have been asked to perform the crowning ceremony. I am in need of volunteers for the bow parts.

We will be visiting Pyramid Lodge #43 for thier GMOV, and to support Paul Armstrong, who is serving as Worshipful Master of that Lodge. I want good attendance, especially from the officers, to support one of our own.

For those Officers who missed the installation, I will install you at the next stated meeting you attend. I have cancelled Monday, January 2nd's Work and Instruction night due to the holiday. The Fellow Craft degree on February 14th is being moved because of Valentines Day, date and time to be determined.

We will be opening Lodge on the Entered Apprentice degree.

Upon the Square,
John W. Freeman, WM

FROM THE WEST

My dear friends. May I first wish you and your loved ones a happy New Year. 2012 is upon us. A new team of officers are ready to take us into and through the coming year. May I congratulate my fellow officers on their election.

Brethren, Ben Franklin needs new members. We are one of several Lodges whose membership is declining to an extent that they could become unviable. Yes, this is a sour note and there is no magic wand to relieve us of our own problems. I wish I had the answer. On a brighter note we have a candidate for passing to the degree of a Fellow Craft in February. A good start for our Lodge.

I have to admit that after a wearisome week at Disneyland my brain is awash. Lodge of Instruction will be 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30. I look forward to meeting you all on the 4th.

On the Level,
David L. White, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

A sincere Thank You for attending Election night and for choosing me for the position of JW. It is a great honor and I Thank You for your confidence.

Thank You to those whom attended the installation as well as family and spouses whom came out to support all of us. Congratulations to the installing team whom did a great job and a special thank you to MWGM Hans J. Scheurer for presiding as well as Brother Paul R. Wright for travelling far.

Thank you is also extended to the Rainbow girls and ladies who provided yet again another excellent meal. For ensuing year to make planning easier, I would request that a call or email is made by Monday if you and hopefully spouse plans to attend dinner. As an added incentive to bring your spouse the donation for a couple is \$15.00. January's meal will be an hearty kitchen sink chili stew with corn bread, salad and dessert.

By the Plumb
Leif Y. Andersson, JW