



# Trestle Board

## UPON THE SQUARE

*Daniel Lee Venters, WM*

My Brethren, this has been a very fast-paced four months, with many things happening. Our degree work has slowed a little in April, but hopefully we will get a couple of degrees done in the month of May. We should be proud of all that the new Brothers have accomplished and our Lodge Master Masons have stepped up to provide some inspiring degree work to keep our Lodge growing and developing our new generation of Master Masons. I have talked to two new potential brothers in the last couple of weeks, who were curious about Masonry and seemed very interested in learning more. We can be more open about our fraternity and bring the subject of Masonry into a conversation very easily, which should help to grow membership. This is what many of the Worshipful Masters and other officers from our Brother Lodges of Northern Nevada discussed during the Northern Masonic Leadership Conference held March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, which the Grand

Lodge hosted in downtown Reno.

We are hoping to have a date for our golf tournament by the time our May 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication is held, with dinner at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. We still have work and practice every Monday at 6:30 pm and we have had several turnouts of 6 or more Masons present. We generally try to keep these sessions to an hour and we would definitely enjoy the company, if your cable-tows allow. Also, I would like to offer a ride for anyone needing such to any of our meetings, just call 842-5876.

In closing this month, I would like to quote a small portion of A History of Benjamin Franklin Lodge, No. 45, written November 4, 1964 by Alexander A. Coon, one of our founding members. The information reflects part of the reason why our Lodge is named after Benjamin Franklin and goes as follows:

*The truism attributed to Benjamin Franklin, "Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety," is prophetic of our time. But most of all it offers a wise choice while we still have freedom to choose. Wise words have value in moments of choosing and are worth remembering. If that great Mason, a distinguished American, were remembered for no other simple or homely statements, his quotation above is worthy of naming Nevada's Lodge No. 45 after him.*

## ON THE LEVEL BY THE PLUMB

*Robert L. Ammerman, SW*

Our Monday Work and Instruction night turns out to be a good time for socializing as well as coaching and practice time. Everyone is invited, even if you only want to visit!

If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile we would encourage you to come see and help us grow. If you're having health issues please let us know as we'd like to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. And if you need transportation to and from the meeting just call me at 775-626-7175 and let me know; I'd be happy to give you a lift.

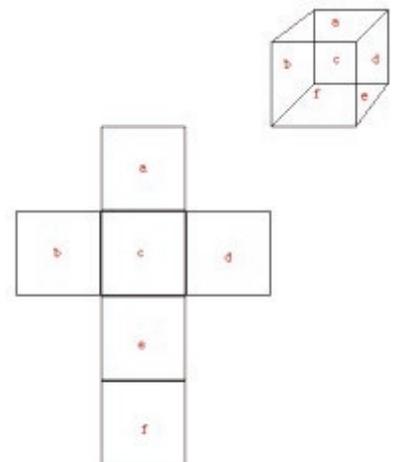
We're still working toward putting on a golf tournament this year, probably in late June; so if you're a golfer stay tuned for more information or call me if you want to volunteer to help.

*Ronald Daniels, JW*

I received this right around Easter time and have read multiple times and it has made me think and ponder. Wanted to share with you in hopes that it makes you think as much as it made me.

He who desires to rise to the heights of his own being must first crush and crucify his own lower nature and inclinations; he must perforce tread what elsewhere is described as the way of the Cross; and that Cross is indicated by the conjunction of those working tools (which when united form a cross); and that "way" is involved in the scrupulous performance of all that we know those working tools signify. By perfecting his conduct, by struggles against his own natural propensities, the candidate is working the rough ashlar of his own nature into the perfect cube, and I would ask you to observe also that the cube itself contains a secret, for unfolded, it itself denotes and takes the form of the cross. The perfect cube must pass through the metamorphosis of the Cross." *Excerpts from The Meaning of Masonry – by W.L. Wilmshurst*

Look forward to seeing you all at lodge in a couple weeks, dinner will be something to go with Cinco de Mio.





### **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

### **May Calendar**

Mon, 4th	6:30 PM Work and Instruction
Wed, 6th	6:00 PM Stated Dinner 7:00 PM Stated Meeting
Mon, 11th	6:30 PM Work and Instruction
Mon, 18th	6:30 PM Master Mason Degree
Mon, 25th	6:30 PM Work and Instruction

### **June Calendar**

Mon, 1st	6:30 PM Work and Instruction
Wed, 8th	6:00 PM Stated Dinner 7:00 PM Stated Meeting
Mon, 15th	6:30 PM Work and Instruction
Mon, 22nd	6:30 PM Master Mason Degree
Mon, 29th	6:30 PM Work and Instruction

### **Officers**

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