

TRESTLEBOARD **December 2011**



**Grand Master of Masons for Nevada
2010 – 2011
Most Worshipful Reed R. Moseley**

Lodge Chartered 11/11/85
Stated Communication 2nd Thursday - 7:30pm
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Pahrump Lodge #54 Past Masters

1985 Hershel Trucks UD*	1998 George Bunch*
1986 Floyd Neth	1999 Dave Stundon
1987 Harvey Rakestraw	2000 Dave Stundon
1988 Harold Dolan*	2001 Wade Peterson
1989 J.D. Bowman	2002 George Stofferan*
1990 David Hall	2003 Ed Robinson
1991 Steve Kirker	2004 Bruce Patterson*
1992 Harold Waltz*	2005 Dave Hall
1993 Paul Lunsford	2006 Ray Raffety
1994 Robert Clark	2007 J.D. Bowman
1995 Bobby Hurst*	2008 Richard 'Coach' Willey
1996 Ira 'Red' Copass	2009 Sam Davis, Jr.
1997 Robert Clark	2010 Jerry Keeney

*Deceased

December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 7:30 WeePah	8 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	9 WEEPAH Xmas party	10 Installation of 2012 Officers. 11:30am Lunch provided
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Xmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2012

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From the East

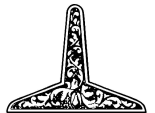


Brethren,
 The annual meeting will be held on 12-08-2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
 Please attend and support our Lodge.
 You will not be allowed to vote if you do not have a current dues card. I want to thank all the officers for their service for the year, and I know they will support the new officers as loyally as they supported our year of 2011.



Fraternally,
 James Webb
 Worshipful Master

From the West



Brethren,
 It's hard to believe the year is almost over. Doesn't seem that long ago that I accepted the position of SW. All in all I think we did an excellent job with degree work. As with everything there is room for improvement. Specifically this is a shout out for brothers that would like to have a role in the degrees. We are so close to being able to hold degree work without asking for help from other Lodges. Next year I would love to see us confer excellent degree work...who knows maybe other Lodges will be asking 'US' for help.



Fraternally,
 Phil Bertuglia
 Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,
I was not in lodge for the December meeting but I understand our new EA made an outstanding proficiency therefore we passed him to the degree of fellow craft on November 17th along with 3 other brothers. The December meeting Brother Curtin expects to return his FC proficiency and we may be raising him to the sublime degree if we can assemble all the necessary people. More info will be forthcoming at the stated meeting see you there.



Fraternally,
Fred Beeman
Junior Warden

From the Secretary



Brethren,
The year has almost come to a close. Your 2012 Dues envelopes were mailed with the By-Laws in the November issue. If you did not receive them please notify me. Your 2012 are \$75. We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in Lodge at the December stated meeting as well as next year.



Fraternally,
Frank Heyer, PM., Secretary

Announcements

HOT NEWS

December 8th, Stated meeting, elections. Dinner at 6:30
December 9th, WeePah Christmas party, Social at 5:00
December 10th, Installation of Officers, 11:30am with lunch provided shortly thereafter.

Masonic Trivia

What is the All-Seeing Eye? An emblem in the degree of Master Mason reminding us of the superintending providence perceiving the most secret things The All-Seeing Eye can be observed on the rear side of the dollar bill.

What was used as a symbol of the Christians in the early years? A fish. The Greek word comprised the first letters of Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.

What is the legend of the Winding Stairs? An allegory to teach us the ascent of the mind from ignorance, through all the toils and study and the difficulties of obtaining knowledge, gleaning a little along the way and thus adding to our stock of knowledge at each step until the reward of how to seek God and His truth is gained in the full fruition of manhood (the middle chamber of life).

2011 T/B Sponsors

Many thanks to our 2011 Trestleboard sponsors. We will continue this program for 2012. We hope to receive some business sponsors next year. Prices will remain the same, \$25.00 for personal sponsorship and \$50.00 for a business. If you know of a reputable business that would like to advertise in our Trestleboard please contact Phil Bertuglia or Dan Kelly.

2011 Sponsors

PM Jerry & Karen Keeney, Bro. Philip & Jennifer Bertuglia, Bro. Daniel & Donna Kelly, Bro. James & Jennifer Byers, Bro. David & Sandra White, Bro. Nash Zahn, Bro. Jim and Liz Forrester, Bro. Fred & Cheri Beeman, Bro. John & Gina Wehrly, Bro. Trevor Meade.

Words from the Brethren

Freemasonry is not a little Boy's Club that happens to be in Pahrump, Nevada, USA. It is a fraternity that promotes faith, hope and charity to all the human race. Granted, it seeks to help, aid and assist Brother Masons but, it includes compassion for all. If we, as a Lodge can help to make a child's Christmas a little more special by contributing a few dollars for some toys or a dinner for their needy family, then by all means, let's do it without bickering about whether it exceeds our budget. Actually, it would probably be a good idea to get more involved in community affairs here in Pahrump; sponsoring a little league baseball team, a soccer team, etc. etc.

We want recognition? Do things that will get us into the public's eye. I seriously doubt that there are many residents of Pahrump that do not know that we have a Moose Lodge, an Elks Lodge, a Rotary Club, and a VFW. I have met Brother Masons that have been here for months, even years that did not know that we had a Lodge! I'm not suggesting that we should indulge in a campaign to gain public notoriety that would exhaust our funds. But, do these funds accomplish anything in respect to promoting Freemasonry by just sitting there in the bank?

The question 'What do you guys do' has been answered humorously by 'Well, we introduce ourselves a lot and we initiate new members and we meet once a month to pay bills.' Is it any wonder that our attendance at the meetings is not like we would like it to be? Do you ask yourself why, if we have 85 or so dues paying members, we only have 25/30 % of them at our stated meetings? Why should the minority make all of our decisions and vote on all of the issues that are introduced at the business meetings?

When I was in the East I contacted some of the members that did not attend the meetings. I asked them if they needed a ride to the meetings and told them that could be arranged if that was their reason for not attending.

The overwhelming answer was----- "I've been a Mason for ## of years. I'm tired of going down to the Lodge and listening to the same old ritual every month." I became discouraged and gave up. Hopefully, the influx of younger members to our Lodge can and will develop a more interesting agenda. I continue to stress the importance of participation in the various rituals and lectures of our degree work. There is no unimportant part. All of them, no matter how small, are necessary for us to realize 'in house' capability to carry out our mandate to confer the three degrees. As you know, we have Brothers who can deliver the 1st and 2nd degree lectures. We need a 3rd degree lecturer and we also need back up lecturers for all three degrees. Not to mention the charges that goes with them. Examine the length of your cable tow and consider offering your help. Remember, you don't have to be an officer to participate in our ritual work.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Raffety P.M.

Have something to say? This is the place for members to voice their concerns. Should you have something to say and would like it disseminated among the Lodge members this is your forum. To have your comments published email please email...

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