

The Trestle Board



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From the East



Brethren,

A whole quarter of 2013 is behind us, or perhaps, just a quarter of 2013 is behind us... already there are some very memorable moments to take with us into the rest of the year; which also promises more memorable moments 'to be laid up in the archives of the lodge.'

Undeniably, that MWB Josh Lightle came to Bent Lodge to confer a 3rd Degree is a highlight, but that we were assisted by RWB Jeff Jordan, RWB Dan Lucero, RWB Mark Z. Oldknow and the appreciated assistance from WBs Adam Ullom, Robin Justice, and Bro. Dan Gandee of Pajarito Lodge #66 make it a tremendous highlight of a young 2013.

There are to be more such special moments to come, including some hard work that will define how Bent Lodge and its holding will be operated in the future. First and foremost, the lease holder of the Carson House Shops has decided to close the business after nearly 35-years in the same location. The rental of this property has provided the means for the lodge to do its business for all those years, and now that this income stream has stopped, there is a scramble to promptly find another lease holder for the property so that the lodge can continue its business. In reading WB Jed Noble's "From the South," I am in agreement that the Brethren who initially crafted an income stream from the Carson House Shop rental would very much want it to continue.

The Bent Lodge Trustees, WBs Smith Clark, Marty Jagers, and Carl Wagner, along with JW Jed Noble, Treasurer Greg Smith, Brothers Wayne Rutherford and Scot Loomis and I met on April 2nd to discuss a budget for 2013 and to plot a course of action for the rental of operations of the Carson House Shop. This committee will propose that the rental and oversight of the rental property be put in the capable hands of a professional property management company. Albino "Bino" Martinez of Exit Realty was contacted, and he generously gave me some advice on how to proceed. Because he is in the business of property management, he has at his disposal many useful tools to make our job easier. A full report will be made to the Craft at our April 15th Communication.

The budget remains in limbo at this time. There is no income stream at the moment, therefore, the budget is in the negative numbers as we try to make a dwindling balance go a long way. It is hoped that a tenant will be in place soon and that we can then craft a budget that will see us through the year and the next several years.

We have a very important Grand Lodge Regional Communication to host on August 2nd and 3rd, 2013. It will be our responsibility to make our lodge ready to receive the Grand Lodge in appropriate style, and to provide good food and entertainment for our visitors. WB Jed Noble and RWB Mark Oldknow, DDGM, will spearhead this effort, with commitments from Bros. Keith McIntosh and Scot Loomis to take care of the food. The rest of us will simply assist WB Noble with beautification, cleaning and staff support during the event.

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Bent Lodge Calendar

April

13 Pancake Breakfast
Taos Optimists Club

15 Regular Communication

May

11 Pancake Breakfast
Kiwanis Club of Taos

20 ... Regular Communication

June

8 Pancake Breakfast
Kiwanis Club of Taos

17 Regular Communication

“Nothing is more common than to encounter Freemasons who are in utter darkness as to every thing that relates to Freemasonry. They are ignorant of its history - they know not whether it is a mushroom production of today, or whether it goes back to remote ages for its origin. They have no comprehension of the esoteric meaning of its symbols or its ceremonies, and are hardly at home in its modes of recognition. And yet nothing is more common than to find such socialists in the possession of high degrees and sometimes honored with elevated affairs in the Order, present at the meetings of lodges and chapters, intermeddling with the proceedings, taking an active part in all discussions and pertinaciously maintaining heterodox opinions in opposition to the judgment of brethren of far greater knowledge.”

- Albert Mackey

If a man empties his purse into his head no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

The Trestle-Board

The Trestle-Board is defined to be the board upon which the Master inscribes the designs by which the Craft are to be directed in their labors. The French and German Freemasons have confounded the Trestle-Board with the Tracing Board. The two things are entirely different. The trestle is a framework for a table—in Scotch, trest; the Trestle-Board is the board placed for the convenience of drawing on that frame. It contains nothing but a few diagrams, usually geometrical figures. The Tracing-Board is a picture formerly drawn on the floor of the Lodge, whence it was called a Floor-Cloth or Carpet. It contains a delineation of the symbols of the Degree to which it belongs. The Trestle-Board is to be found only in the Entered Apprentice's Degree. There is a Tracing-Board in every Degree, from the first to the highest. And, lastly, the Trestle-Board is a symbol. the Tracing-Board is a piece of furniture or picture containing the representation of many symbols. See *The Builder* - January 1923 for a more definitive article.



Masonic Dates

Masonic dates are written “A.L.” for “Anno Lucis” or “In the year of Light” which is 4000 years plus the current year. i.e. the year 2001 written Masonically would be 6001. This is because the practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created when God said “Let there be light”, 4000 years before Christ.

...In Becoming a Better Man.

“I came to lodge a younger man, busy with the responsibilities of work and a young family, unable to participate as much as I would like.

My older lodge brother was very active, his kids and even grandkids now all grown.

With his wife's passing nearly two decades ago, he uses the camaraderie and fellowship of his brothers to fill his time and continue his pursuits to always be a better man.

On the lodge wall I saw his photo, from years ago, when he too was a younger man, busy with a young family and work.

As I walked past the photo and looked on the very old building, boards and decorations of the lodge, I thought of my own young wife and family.

I realized that, should God choose to part us and I am one day alone, decades from now, my lodge will still stand and I will have brothers here for me. Perhaps a young man, even years after I am gone will see my photo on the wall.

Forever we are brothers in the pursuit of polishing the ashlar and becoming a better man.”

From the South

Brethren,

I am happy that the Lodge is moving on a calculated route in concerns to the Kit Carson Shops. Thanks for all the hard work from the leadership on this issue. We might have the need to do some cleanup and light repairs to the building and I would like to offer \$150 and at least 8 hours of my time over the next month to that end. I am also encouraging my Brothers to give either time or money to the Kit Carson Shops cleanup project.

Sixty odd years ago some of our Brethren came together to build the Kit Carson Shops in a hope of securing the future of Bent Lodge and Masonry in Taos. Now it seems that it has become our duty to re-secure Bent Lodge and Masonry in Taos by rethinking and reworking the systems around the rental.

I think we should have in place someone or some committee that is responsible for managing the property; this entity should have to report to the Lodge regularly on the status of the properties and the payment status of the tenants. I believe that the entity responsible for the rental could report on any repairs the property may need and create and implement a long term building maintenance and up-keep plan.

I don't think for a minute that I have outlined a complete plan; what I am hoping is that we can come together as a Lodge and create and implement a long term plan that helps to secure Bent 42 into the future as our brethren did some Sixty odd years ago.

Fraternally
WB Jed Noble, 32°, SW Bent Lodge 42 A.F. & A.M.

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I have contacted someone with NM National Guard to help us take the flagpole down to repaint and to install the solar-powered light that Bro. Gordon Johnston donated to the lodge. We certainly have a lot to do in preparation for the Grand Lodge Regional and would encourage our Brethren to commit whatever you can to help with this endeavor. Please contact WB Noble at your earliest convenience with ideas and your commitment to help.

Because of our finances, we will need to raise the funds to finance the GL Regional. To that end, Bro. Keith McIntosh has offered to organize a Pancake Breakfast in June to raise the needed funds. We will distribute a package of 10 tickets to each Brother and I will also solicit help from the organizations we have helped with their breakfasts to sell tickets on our behalf. If all goes well, we should be able to raise at least \$1,500 from a Pancake Breakfast to make sure we can cover our expenses.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge next Monday, April 15th, 2013!

Fraternally
WM Dave Cordova, 32°,
Bent Lodge 42 A.F. & A.M.



Tentative Agenda Regular Communication *In the 3rd Degree* April 15, 2013

Report:

Presentation of 2013 Budget
by Treas. Greg Smith

Report:

Carson House Shops
by Bent Lodge Trustees

Report:

Grand Lodge Regional Commu-
nication Planning
by JW Jed Noble

Report:

Scholarship Award for 2013
by WB Carl Wagner



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What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry has as many definitions as there are planets in the universe; that is because every Member of the order experiences Freemasonry in their own way. However it could be said that there are three great currents.

Freemasonry is an initiatory path.
Freemasonry is a philosophical school.
Freemasonry is a school of leaders.

Broadly the Masonic order is an initiatory school with centuries-old seeking to make good men better men. It teaches to love a supreme being, whom masons called "Great architect of the universe", also teaches to practice tolerance, respect and understanding among humans of differing religious beliefs, of all races, all educational levels and all social classes.

Masonry is charity, moral, philanthropic, educational, non-profit and universal. This focus is on bringing all humans the purest principles and values, based on the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity, which will be achieved by the fraternity through constant study and practice of its symbolic teachings, which contains great moral content.

Freemasonry is not a religion, but it has religious undertones as it includes the notion of a single supreme being or "Great architect of the universe" for all mankind.

By learning these principles through symbolism and allegories, all masons will manage to overcome and learn by example to be tolerant, respectful, kind, charitable and full of good conduct for all their fellow human beings...
