

The Trestle Board

Bent Lodge 42 - Taos, NM
August 2012



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From the East

Brethren,

We have been having some problems with sending info to the Brethren of this lodge in a timely manner. It is my belief that this can be remedied by the Secretary being the communication hub for the lodge. I will be sending Bro. Thayer all information that I want to go out and he will forward it on to you. Please be sure that he has your up-to-date contact information. Contact Bro. Scott Thayer at anubis@laplaza.org or (575) 758-4908.

Now, on to some good news — WOW what a weekend! Over the weekend of August 4th Bent Lodge #42 held two great events that brought the community into our lodge and museum. Our Historical Special Communication on Saturday the 4th had a truly warm feeling and I believe that everyone really felt welcome in the lodge. On Sunday the museum crew did a fabulous job hosting an elegant evening honoring the memory of Bro Kit Carson that helped to raise money for the museum. Read on in the Trestle Board to learn more about the weekend.

I am starting to plan for the next few months and this is what is on my mind: We need to fix the parapet wall on the rental property before it falls into the street; I would like to have remedial plans prepared to present for your approval at the September meeting. I would also like to have the lodge clean-up completed before the end of the year; if you have any thoughts about what still needs to be done, or would just like to help, please let me know. Finally, we will probably be conferring a Fellow Craft degree before the end of the year and will be scheduling practice sessions beginning in September.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge next Monday!

Fraternally

Jed Noble, WM Bent Lodge 42 A.F. & A.M.

Rendezvous 2012 at Bent Lodge

Well, Brothers, we did it! We revived an old, dead tradition and brought it back to full and vigorous life and took another big step in making Bent Lodge a well-known Masonic body in New Mexico!

The lodge looked marvelous, inside and out; there was plenty of delicious food; a shuttle to and from Kit Carson Home and Museum was busy all day!

Attendance was great, with Brothers from all over the state attending, even though the Rendezvous was put together in a very short amount of time. Judging from how little food was left over, everyone had a good time.

None of this could have been accomplished without the help of so very many of you, but special wages must be paid to the following, as well as to their family members who made such a huge effort on our behalf:

WM Jed Noble	WB Marty Jagers	Bro. Dave Cordova
Bro. Keith McIntosh	WB Cody Lucko	WB Bruce Burling
Bro. Noah Shapiro	Bro. Gordon Johnston	Bro. Pete Kunkel

Let's make Rendezvous 2013 an even greater success!

New Mexico Masonic News

Mark Twain at Bent Lodge:

An enormous, historical figure made an appearance at Bent Lodge on August 4th. Mark Twain (aka Samuel Clemens, better known as



Brother Jeff Jordan) spoke for about 40 minutes about his life, travels, politics, philosophy, and all things Mark Twain. The full house hung on every word this colorful character

uttered, in between his chomping on his cigar, and when he called it 'done,' there were those in attendance who wanted more. It would have to suffice, until our next meeting.

Honorary Mark Master Mason:

The brothers of Cerrillos Lodge No. 19 invite you to our next regular communication, to be held Wednesday September 12 at 7:30, with dinner beforehand, at 6:30 p.m. As our program for the evening, Santa Fe Chapter #1 of Royal Arch Masons and the York Rite College will jointly present an Honorary Mark Master Mason degree! This event will be open to all Master Masons, whether they are already York Rite Masons or not. If you are not a York Rite Mason, you are welcome to come and be made an Honorary Mark Master Mason. If you are already a York Rite Mason, come and support your York Rite Brethren as they present this excellent degree! Please RSVP for dinner (\$10) and the degree by Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Khristaan D. Villela, PM
Secretary, Cerrillos Lodge No 19

Brotherly Biographies

Junior Warden Noah Shapiro

Born in London, England, on April 6 of 1944, Bro. Noah Shapiro immigrated to the United States in 1960. In 1962, just three days after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in US military service and was honorably discharged several years later. After carrying a green card for 20 years, he became a US citizen in 1980.

In 1958, at the age of 14, he graduated from the British equivalent of a US high school, and accepted a scholarship to Gateshead Yeshiva, the foremost orthodox rabbinical college in all of Europe. A little more than two years later, having completed almost the full four-year curriculum and a mere six months away from ordination, he came to the conclusion that he was too young to be a rabbi, left the institution and, as mentioned above, came to the USA.

He returned to school many years later, after a short stint as a deputy sheriff, and completed degree work at the University of Florida for both a BS in Journalism and a BA in Language Arts (for teacher certification). He was the managing editor of his college newspaper as well as its editorial writer. Later, he wrote special features for the local (Gainesville, FL) daily newspaper and taught at Santa Fe Community College and at Buccholz High School, both in that same city.

During this time Bro. Shapiro co-authored a text for beginning writers as well as a volume of original poetry. The text was used by more than a dozen community colleges in Florida and across the country. His poetic work is included, in recorded and print form, in the collection of the U of F Graduate Library and several pieces were commissioned by the US Bicentennial Commission for inclusion with the displays on the 1976 Freedom Train that travelled around the entire country that celebratory year. He was also a member of the committee that greeted the train when it arrived in Gainesville. Later that same year, the governor signed a bipartisan bill designating him a Florida Poet.

Having been there, done that —a restless spirit, as all the men in his family are— Bro. Shapiro went to work at a radio station where he wrote and produced commercials and documentaries; several works of which, in both categories, subsequently won state and national awards. He has also hosted a talk show on a radio station just south of Houston, TX, worked as a DJ at country music stations in north and south Florida and was program director and on-air personality at a station near New Orleans, LA. Throughout the mid-1970's, and into the early part of 1980, while still working in radio, Bro. Shapiro also worked as a professional stage actor and director.

In 1982 he returned to law enforcement when he joined the St. Augustine, FL, police department. His career ended in 1996 when, as Senior Homicide Investigator, he was seriously injured. It was while living in St. Augustine that Bro. Shapiro became a Mason, going through the first three degrees in Ashlar Lodge #98. A few years later he joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Jacksonville, Orient of Florida.

He moved to Taos shortly after New Years, 2000 and has no intention of ever moving again.

These days he is retired —well, sort of— but is still very active as a freelance writer and editor and takes great pleasure in being able to travel and meet fellow Masons in Lodges all over New Mexico as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of Kit Carson Home and Museum.

Although he has a perpetual membership in Ashlar Lodge #98, and recently became a dual-member at Pajarito Lodge #66 in Los Alamos, Bro. Shapiro thinks of Bent Lodge #42 as his *home* Lodge and wouldn't have it any other way!

Kit Carson Home & Museum: Benefit & Auction

by SW Dave Cordova, 32°

The KCHM Board of Directors set about organizing a simple benefit event in an effort to appeal to the Taos Community for donations to help fund much needed repairs and improvements. Everything went according to plan. Invitations were sent out, the museum was spruced up, tables and chairs were taken from the lodge and when Sunday, August 5th rolled around, we were ready.



The Museum Staff and Board hosted Taos citizens, who turned out for our Benefit, including Ouray Meyers, Thom Wheeler, Barbara Brenner, Ann Quinn, Judi Friday and about 55 others, who enjoyed a pleasant evening with hors d'oeuvres, good fellowship, and a talk by the featured speaker, David Remley, author of "Kit Carson: The Adventures Of An American Border Man."

The Benefit was deemed a success. We all went home happy with ourselves and thoughts of making next year's Benefit even better.

But then came Monday morning when a flurry of e-mail activity started by Barbara Brenner began hitting mailboxes around Taos. It seems that Barbara caught wind of an auction to take place in Santa Fe the weekend of August 11th & 12th, at which several items that once belonged to Brother Kit Carson and now were the property of Ouray Meyers were to be auctioned to the highest bidders. Mrs. Brenner composed a simple email, which she sent to friends and family, soliciting donations for the Kit Carson Museum to be able to acquire some of the artifacts.

That appeal collected several thousand dollars in cash and pledges, giving the Museum the funds to acquire an artifact or two.

Brother Wayne accepted the challenge of traveling to Santa Fe to be the Museum's agent to bid on some of the property. He took a crash course in auction bidding from Brother Clark Funk and Anne Brenner, and after some anxious moments at the auction, Wayne acquired four of the artifacts: Brother



Kit's US Army-issued Sword with metal scabbard, his "CC" branding iron, Lucien Bonaparte Maxwell's "M" branding iron and Josefa Jaramillo Carson's sewing kit. There were other items, from Kit's snow shoes to beaded pouches, including a Masonic pouch, which were too rich for us with our limited funds.

Every Mason is encouraged to visit the Museum. Only a visit will give you a sense of what has been added and improved in the last few months. Only a visit will fill you with appreciation for and pride in our fine Museum.

Tentative Agenda Regular Communication In the 3rd Degree August 20, 2012

Discussion:

Lodge clean-up. Rental property repairs and maintenance.

Petitions:

None at this time.

Report:

The Bent Lodge Rendezvous by WM Jed Noble.

Report:

The Kit Carson Artifact auction by Brother Marty Jagers.

Report:

The Kit Carson Artifact auction by Brother Wayne Rutherford.

Report:

Three Pancake Breakfasts by SW Dave Cordova.

Educational:

"Hiram Abif"
by JW Noah Shapiro.

Brotherly Biography:

Brother Noah Shapiro.



KCHM Caps Are Now Available



For Masons

Special Mason's Price: \$8

Don't Forget:
Coins \$10
Lapel Pins \$5