

# The Trestle-Board



Bent Lodge No. 42 - AF&AM  
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## *From the East*

2014 — A year of renewed dedication Freemasonry!

Brethren all,

Congratulations to Bro. Angus MacDonald for presenting such an excellent Master Mason proficiency, just two weeks after being raised!

Our newly made Brother is also our newly installed Senior Steward, and I very much look forward to enjoying the dining experience he provides us. One thing, though, Bro. MacDonald, I don't think you should put Haggis on the menu!

It is amazing how much can be accomplished by one Mason when he takes on a job, rolls up his sleeves, and gets to work. Although relatively new to Bent Lodge, Bro. Michael LeMoine is already making an impact with his work as Chairman of the Outreach Committee and now, taking the lead, to make our Annual BBQ and Open House a reality. As dedicated and hard-working as Bro. LeMoine is, he could use some help. So step up, Brethren, and help lighten the load on this Brother's shoulders.

At our July meeting, as you know, I sent the draft proposal of the revision of our By Laws back to the Committee for further work. I did this for more than one reason. There were some very good suggestions and constructive comments made by Brethren at the meeting, as well as via email and phone calls to me and to others, which merited attention. In addition, although I have said and written many times that what would be presented to the Craft was a *proposal* only; that it would be discussed in open lodge, amended, and voted upon by the Craft, there still seemed to be some confusion or misunderstanding about the process.

So, my Brothers, let me make it very, very clear. When the By Laws Revision Committee completes its work, the document it will present to you will be a *draft*, not a final product. We will then hold discussion in open lodge, at as many meetings as may be required for all to be heard, and note all suggestions for changes to that draft. Those changes moved, seconded, discussed, and approved by your vote — as is Masonically proper to do — will be incorporated in the draft, and the revised document brought back to open lodge for further discussion and vote at a future meeting.

This process will be repeated as many times as necessary so that the By Laws we eventually vote to accept will be the result of the thinking and input of all.

This is an important and far-reaching endeavor; there is no need for haste, nor should there be. Let us take our time, let us put to good use in this effort the combined knowledge and wisdom of the Craft and, most importantly, let harmony prevail while we work together for the benefit of our lodge.

Fraternally,

Noah Shapiro 32°  
Master (2014)  
Bent Lodge No. 42



## ...At Refreshment!

A brother knocked for admission into the lodge. The Master asked the Inner Guard to find out who was seeking admission.

The Inner Guard opened the door and saw someone fully dressed in Masonic regalia with all the jewels you can think of. The Inner Guard asked for his identity and he replied, "I am the Past Master of..., District Grand Master of..., Past Provincial Grand Master of..., the Deputy Grand Master of..., Senior Grand Warden of.. and several other offices he had occupied within the craft.

This made the Inner Guard shiver. He then told him to wait while he reported the information to the Master.

When he entered the room, the inner guard said: "Master, it looks as if today, the Great Architect himself, is here and he seeks admission."



A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to God. The postman seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there being no postage on it, opened and read it.

It was from a man who was down on his luck and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$50 to get his family through the next week.

The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to Lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The Masons, wanting to help, took up a collection, and received twenty five dollars from the brethren. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did.

Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox addressed to God. Again he opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed him to send it through the Knights of Columbus next time as the Masons kept half.

## From the West

Dear Brethren,

I am working regularly on the maintenance of our properties and finding we have a lot of work to do.

Bringing the Lodge and rentals up to par will take years. We have already made great progress at the rentals thanks to WB Cordova and Bro MacDonald. If we keep working towards a goal of an up to date, attractive and safe Lodge we will be victorious. I will go over more on the upcoming projects at Lodge.

We received a beautiful Lodge and rental building from previous generations of Masons. We received the pancake breakfast and the August event. We most importantly received Light from previous generations. Now in order to transmit Light to future generations we must take care of our Lodge and buildings but more importantly we must apply the light of Masonry. We must be square in our dealing with each other.

I have been working with Bro Verheyden on his entered apprentice proficiency and have been really enjoying refreshing my memory. I am pleased to report that our newly made entered apprentice is learning the lines as well as studying the meaning of the degree. He is working diligently towards a goal of the September meeting for the his proficiency presentation.

I would like to pay wages to all the brethren who work hard at the breakfast, on the building and in the community to improve our Lodge and Masonry. I would like to pay special wages to brother LeMoine for all of the hard work he is doing for us. He has cooked for us, worked on some cool new garments for us, begun planning an event for us to enjoy and began to organize our kitchen. I think our Brother deserves a big THANKS for all his hard work.

WB Jed Noble 32°

Senior Warden, Bent Lodge No. 42

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## THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY

I had the opportunity to meet with many newly raised Masons recently and they asked about the "secrets" of Freemasonry. I enjoyed a wonderful conversation with several of them and to sum up what I told them, "any Brother that tells you there are no secrets in Freemasonry is full of bunk, or has not searched for them himself. Do not fall for it, there are most definitely secrets, they just may not be what you think they are but I guarantee you, when you find them it will be an amazing experience.

I was digging around my papers and found this quote from Rev'd and Brother Joseph Fort Newton that he wrote back in the early 1900's that sums it up nicely. "The secret of Masonry is like the secret of life. It can be known only to those who seek it, serve it, and live it. It cannot be uttered, only felt and acted. It is in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his own quest and capacity. Like all other things worth knowing, no man can know it for another, and no man can know it alone."

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## *From the South*

It is so good that we have both Stewards as of our last communication. Brother Angus MacDonald, our newest Master Mason passed his proficiency and accepted the office of Senior Steward in the same meeting. Great Job, Brother Angus, on both achievements.

The Pancake breakfast for the Cross Country Track Team was quite small, only 60 plates served, but we had a good early support by the Breakfast Crew. WB Nobel, Yule, Thayer and Bothers MacDonald and LeMoine showed up to help put on a great (albeit small) breakfast. (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone, my memory isn't always 100% — The mind is the 2<sup>nd</sup> thing to go).

The breakfast for the month of September is for the York Rite's Holy Land Pilgrimage (HLP). The Brothers from the Santa Fe York Rite will be coming up to Taos to cook the breakfast on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They request that we, the Brothers of Bent Lodge No. 42 sell the tickets as people in Santa Fe are unlikely to show up in Taos for this event. We will discuss this further at our upcoming Communication on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. As most of you probably know, the HLP is a program by the Knights Templar of the York Rite. It is my hope to contact clergy here in Taos who may qualify and be interested in participating in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They in turn will help get their congregations to our Breakfast, helping to raise funds for the selected pilgrims. There will be forms available as well as tickets at our meeting on Monday.

Scot Loomis, JW  
Bent Lodge No. 42

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## **The Work**

**by Brother Montford C. Holley**

**The gavel sounds  
and all is still:  
The Master speaks,  
proclaims his will:  
Each one obeys,  
takes up his tools.  
Inspects the plan,  
consults the rules:  
With trowel and level,  
plumb and square,  
Each stone is set  
exactly where  
The plan provides,  
the drawing shows  
And day by day  
the Temple grows:**

**The porch is finished,  
pillars placed;  
The strands of net-work  
interlaced;  
The chambers furnished,  
pavement laid,  
The sacred vessels  
all displayed:  
The walls are standing  
straight and true;  
The roof is on,  
the labor through:  
The Master speaks,  
The work is done:  
The gavel sounds,  
God calls us home.**

## **Order of Business for**

### **August 18, 2014**

#### **Lodge will open on**

### **The 3rd Degree in Masonry**

1. Sickness and Distress
  2. Reading of unapproved minutes.
  3. Unfinished business.
  4. Reports of Standing Committees.
    - a) Building  
(WB Noble)
    - b) Grounds  
(WB Bruce Burling)
    - c) Treasurer  
(WB Greg Smith)
    - d) Flag  
(Bro. Wayne Rutherford)
    - e) Investment  
(Bro. Scot Loomis)
    - f) Masonic Education  
(WB Scott Thayer)
    - g) Scholarship  
(WB Carl Wagner)
    - h) Pancake Breakfast  
(WB Scot Loomis)
    - i) Publications/Web Site  
(WB Dave Cordova)
    - j) Outreach/Public Relations  
(Bro. Michael LeMoine)
    - k) Relief  
(WB Noah Shapiro)
  5. Reports of Special Committees.
    - a) Lodge Use Policy  
(Bro. Scot Loomis)
    - b) Bylaws Revision  
(WB Noah Shapiro)
  6. KCHM - WB Marty Jagers
  7. Presentation of petitions for Degrees, and for Affiliation.
  8. Report of Committees on Petitions and balloting thereon.
  9. Communications and presentation of bills.
  11. Motions and resolutions in writing.
  12. Motions from the Floor and miscellaneous business.
  13. Closing remarks by WM.
  14. DDGM RW Mark Z. Oldknow
- Close Lodge**

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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.

## Origin Of The Words, “Lodge” and “Freemason”

**Lodge:** As with many things we can only speculate as to where the word “lodge” derived. Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived. Lodges of masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352, at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1483, and at St. Giles, Edinburgh, in 1491. “Lodge” first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598.

**Freemason:** The first-known use of the word Freemasons - in the form Free Masons - occurs in City of London Letter-book H of 9 August 1376, though the word is in fact deleted in favour of Mason. Masons and Freemasons were interchangeable during the 15th and 16th centuries and Freemasons were generally meant to denote hewers or setters of freestone, Masons being used to embrace all stoneworkers. Ashmole in his diary wrote that he was made a Free Mason and referred in 1686 to the “Fellowship of Free Masons”. James Anderson when writing his 1723 Constitutions did not use the single word - Freemasons - once. Whatever the reasons, the 1723 Constitutions contain approximately 126 references to Masons, 12 to Free Masons, 10 to Free and Accepted Masons, 9 to Free-Masons, one to Accepted Free Masons and none to Freemasons. And such is the tenacity of tradition that to this day the most of the Constitutions are addressed to Free and Accepted Masons and not to Accepted Freemasons. The earliest-known anti-masonic leaflet, of 1698, warns the public against “those called Free Masons” - almost certainly what we now know as speculative Freemasons.

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**Kevin K. Schwebel**  
GRAND MASTER 2014

6 August, 2014

Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to the next special communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. It will be held on 12-13<sup>th</sup> of September, and hosted by Montezuma #1 and Cerillos #19 at the lodge building in Santa Fe. The current agenda is attached.

I want to stress that this meeting is not only for lodge officers, but in fact for all interested brethren. Why should you attend?

Firstly, you should attend because it is part of the process by which the Masonic Grand Jurisdiction is ruled and governed. Much information about the workings of committees and directors is available, as well as news about financial and business matters and there is ample opportunity for your input. You can't share your input if you don't attend.

Secondly, there will be presentations with other interesting information about the history of our Craft, the history of Masonry in New Mexico and also some discussion of the finer points of our ritual and ceremonies. There will also be time for open discussions, which proved to be a lively and stimulating discussion on the process of membership and proficiency at our last regional meeting. There will be something for everyone to learn, I think.

Finally, you will have the opportunity for good fellowship around some great meals. The host lodges are providing a wonderful menu at very reasonable prices. Take this opportunity to visit with your brothers and possibly meet some new faces. Visit with your Grand Lodge officers. They'll be glad to talk to you and hear your thoughts.

I hope you'll find at least one reason to attend, and I'll look forward to seeing you there. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P to W.B. George Watson at: [watsonatbluegate@aol.com](mailto:watsonatbluegate@aol.com) and let him know which meals you'd like so that ample supplies are on hand.

Fraternally,

Kevin Schwebel  
Grand Master



# **Bent Lodge No. 42**

**Taos, New Mexico**



*Dear Brethren, Friends, and Family,*

*You are cordially invited to attend the Bent Lodge, Fall BBQ Social*

***On***

***Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm***

***Venue: Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos, NM 87571***

## ***Menu***

***BBQ Chicken, Smoked Sausage, Hot Dogs***

***Garlic Bread, Baked Beans, Potato Salad***

***Chocolate Chip Cookies***

***Iced Tea, Bottled Water***

*We welcome anyone who would like to show off their cooking prowess and would like to bring another side or dessert.*

*Please RSVP via e-mail by September 27th to  
[secretary@bentlodge42.org](mailto:secretary@bentlodge42.org)*

## ***Entertainment***

***Live Music and Period Speakers***

*Bro Michael J. LeMoine  
Outreach Committee Chairman*

# Bent Lodge Kitchen Renovation To do list

		Labor	Materials	
SOON	1 Remove the doors between the sinks room and the kitchen.	0	25	
	2 Install a second fire extinguisher next to the grill.	75	180	
	3 Install exit signs	0	400	
	4 Run electric cord overhead to the island counter We will need to hire an electrician to run a new home-run	350	200	
	5 Cover up the wood floor-board with an easily cleaned surface	450	250	<b>Soon Total 1930</b>
Short Term	6 Replace refrigerators with commercial NSF AMSI Note: PM Cordova is looking into getting this used equipment for free or very low cost.	0	2000	
	7 Replace crock pots with commercial NSF AMSI Note: PM Cordova is looking into getting this used equipment for free or very low cost.	0	1500	
	8 Replace wooden island with commercial NSF AMSI Note: PM Cordova is looking into getting this used equipment for free or very low cost.	0	750	
	9 Install bathroom exhaust fans We will need to hire an electrician to run a new home-run	450	300	
	10 Fix the crack in the grill	250	0	
11 Paint the vigas with something cleanable and waterproof	450	75	<b>75 ST Total 5775</b>	
Long Term	12 Bring the septic system up to code We will need to install a grease trap and tie into city sewer.	4500	6500	
	13 Replace kitchen sinks & wooden base with commercial NSF AMSI Note: PM Cordova is looking into getting this used equipment for free or very low cost.	1500	3500	
	14 Install stainless steal drafts hood vent.	450	750	<b>LT Total 17200</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>8475</b>	<b>16430</b>	
<b>Rough estimate total</b>			<b>24905</b>	