



TRESTLE BOARD

Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM 300 Wilcox St. Castle Rock 80104

March & April 2014

From the East

Prudence: "This virtue should be the peculiar characteristic of every Mason, not only for the government of his conduct while in the Lodge, but also when abroad in the world. It should be particularly attended to, in all strange and mixed companies, never to let fall the least sign, token, or word whereby the secrets of Freemasonry might be unlawfully obtained. This virtue is explained to every Enter Apprentice on his first admittance to a Lodge.

The Fellow Craft is exhorted to preserve steadily "in the practice of every commendable virtue."

The Master Mason learns that he should be ever watchful and guarded in his words and actions, particularly before the enemies of Masonry, ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection.

The Eleventh of Mackey's Twenty-Five Landmarks is: "The Necessity that every lodge when congregated shall be duly tiled." But of what avail is it to tile a lodge meeting, if brethren do not "bear in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection."

Where am I going with this: Unless all Masons understand and abide by the need for us to tile our own words and actions, we may as well hold Lodges in the open. Leading up to January's Grand Lodge Annual Communication many Brothers received emails on happenings in the Grand Lodge line, airing scandal and Lodge politics into the greater community. Fast forward to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and we experience "tiled" proceedings placed on an Internet website for the world to read. I surmise that I should not be surprised in today's America that a small group of Masons do not hold to their "oath and obligation".

There is bit of sadness in what transpired in January. As I look at the number of years an individual spends dedicated to Masonry only to have the journey end bitterly by their own actions or the actions of others. The greatest sadness though is the Brother or Brethren that felt the need to air what happened in a "tiled" Lodge to the world.

Every Mason needs to stand in front of the mirror and ask himself: "Have I upheld my oath and obligations to the best of my abilities today?" If you feel you have not, seek out sound counsel from one of your Brethren and "think" before you act, remember your actions may result in irreparable damage to the Craft. There is a young man presently sitting in Russia that will someday answer for his own transgressions. He also thought airing secrets was the right thing to do.

Fraternally,
Joseph S. Daugherty
Worshipful Master

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Would you like to receive the Trestle Board earlier via email? If so, then email the Editor at: secretary@douglas153.com to be added to our electronic email distribution today.



From the West,

Well the Grand Lodge session is behind us now and Douglas had a great showing with eight members in attendance. Did you know that the Grand Lodge session is open to all masons aged seven and up? This is an interesting descriptor that I have seen from time to time especially in older writings where meetings were advertised in the newspaper as being open to all masons aged seven and up. It seems especially common in English lodges of the eighteenth century, but I have seen it in other contexts too.

As you likely presumed, it is a way of saying that the meeting is open to Master Masons only. It arises out of the context that no Master Mason can take an apprenticeship for less than seven years. Therefore, after an apprenticeship of seven years a brother was received as a Master Mason. Accordingly, anyone less than seven years in the craft was still serving his apprenticeship. A bit of a riddle yes, but it can be seen as a clever way of wording an upcoming meeting that is opening on the third degree.

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph Magoffin
Senior Warden

From the South,

Some thoughts on Masonic Involvement

As with any long established organization that involves “time honored traditions”, there are always reasons that those traditions have stayed in place over time. When one begins to look into the traditions, the rationale for them reveals a lot about those organizations – what they stand for and what they mean to accomplish.

After having sat in the chairs leading to my present position, and carrying out those duties with varying degrees of success, I began to experience the reasons that each chair carries with it duties that traditionally are assigned to those chairs. One of those realizations seems to be how I have not only learned about masonry, but how I have learned more about my fellow Masonic brothers and especially our own lodge members. At the same time as an officer begins to carry out their duties, the other members of the lodge begin to see who that person really is and what they bring to the craft. Each of the positions we hold in the lodge and how we carry out the duties associated with those positions reveal something about our character and our personalities.

It is also through this process that friendships are formed and bonds are created. We all take an oath that we will treat fellow brothers differently. But it is only through the time spent together in masonic activities that we really get to know each other and form the bonds of friendship. It can be something as simple as setting up for lodge meetings, assisting with the dinners, or just engaging in the discussions during the meetings. All of these activities provide a chance to get to know your brethren and conversely, they begin to know you.

It is when we become involved with our lodges and put that time into making our lodge, and ourselves, better that we reach that place of camaraderie and have the feeling that we are indeed brothers and, even better, friends.

Fraternally,
Walter Lord
Junior Warden

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading,
and the other by association with smarter people."
- Brother Will Rogers

LIVING PAST MASTERS

- JOSEPH S. DAUGHERTY 2013
- SCOTT GONZALES 2012
- JEFF COURTNEY 2010
- ROB L. CHENEY 2009
- STEVEN R. THONE 2008
- JAMES A. UHRLAUB 2007
- KENNETH L. JONES 2006
- ALBERT M. CROWDER, JR. 2005
- EDWARD C. BYNON 2004
- MARK DEMOURA 2003
- ERIC A. WORLEY 2002
- ROLF O. BRUSTAD II 2000-01
- JAY BELK..... 1999
- MARK LYON 1998
- GREGORY G. LAWRENCE 1974
- LOUIS R. HIGBY JR. 1954

HONORARY PAST MASTERS

- JOSEPH MCCULLOUGH.....2014
- WALLY COOLEY.....2013

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- **March 6, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm.

- **March 15, 2014 Temple Board Meeting**

Time: 9:00 am **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Board Meeting and Lodge Maintenance.

- **March 20, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm.
Lecture: Western Masonic History (Bro. Michael Moore)

- **March 29, 2014 Monte Carlo Night**

Time: 5:00 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Fellowship Night: Pizza and Poker fun night with libations.

- **April 3, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm.

- **April 17, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm.

Martha Chapter No. 135

- **March 3, 2014 Stated Meeting**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.

- **March 17, 2014 Stated Meeting**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.

- **April 7, 2014 Stated Meeting**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.

- **April 21, 2014 Stated Meeting**

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.

High Plains DeMolay

March 1st, Saturday, Sweetheart Ball @ Scottish Rite Consistory, Denver

March 10th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

March 15th, Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 16th, Sunday, Church Visitation @ Living Hope Baptist Church

March 24th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

March 28-30, Frank Marshall Championship Ritual Tournament in Arlington, Texas

April 5th, Saturday, Congress and Dance @ Golden Lodge

April 14th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

April 15th, Tuesday, Panda Express Fundraiser

April 28th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

All business meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
Formal Business Meeting - shirt, tie, slacks, no tennis shoes
Casual Business Meeting - collared shirt, slacks, no tennis shoes
Keep current on all Colorado DeMolay events by visiting: www.coloradodemolay.org and High Plains DeMolay on Facebook.

The Lodge Now Has A NEW Phone Number

720-924-1259

A Secretary's Dream

I fell asleep the other night,
and while I had my snooze,
I dreamt each member stepped right up
and promptly paid his dues.
But when I found 'twas but a dream
I nearly threw a fit;
It's up to you to make it true —
suggestion — "*please remit.*"

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