



TRESTLE BOARD

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

January/February 2015

From the East

2015 will be getting off to a fast start with a very special program being given at our 5 Feb meeting. WB Timothy Hogan will be sharing a talk on Gnostic Reflections in Masonry. This meeting will be open on the Third Degree. Due to the nature of our discussion that evening, EAs and Fellow crafts will not be able to join us. Please help spread the word about this exciting opportunity for our lodge to host such an internationally acclaimed speaker.

I know that many of us have already read at least some of his works which include: The Alchemical Keys to Masonic Ritual, Entering the Chain of Union, The 32 Secret Paths of Solomon and Revelation of the Holy Grail.

Although we will not be having a regular communication on 1Jan due to the New Year holiday, we will be holding a special on Saturday 10Jan for an EA degree. Further details will be coming from JW Brandon McElhinney.

By the time most of you read this, we should have cleared our installation ceremony at the Denver Consistory. This event is scheduled for 3 Jan and should be a memorable event for all who participate. Special thanks to WB Bobby Juchem for his work on this event which will start at the Capitol and move to the Consistory. Our officers will be installed along with those of a number of other Denver Metro lodges in what is becoming a showcase for lodge cooperation along the Front Range.

I am very excited by the prospect of seeing some faces in the lodge that have been missing for some time. WB Ken Jones and WB Rob Cheney are both in the process of returning to the Front Range after a number of years traveling the hinterlands of Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and SW Colorado. I am also hopeful of seeing more of Brothers Bob Buckley and James Warfield with whom I share a special affinity as we were raised together in Elbert one summer day in the not too distant past. Both have had more challenges than I have faced on the road from there to here.

Fraternally,
Joseph Magoffin
Worshipful Master

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From the West,

Dear Brethren,

To say I am totally overwhelmed by the events of the last few weeks is a huge understatement. We finished 2014 with new EA members being initiated, a fantastic Worshipful Brother finishing almost two years of sitting in the East, some incredibly successful fundraisers (thanks Lyle and all who helped out!), some great exposure in the Castle Rock community, and in general some of the most positive and outstanding feelings of Brotherhood I have ever experienced in a Lodge!

The multiple Lodge installation hosted by the Grand Lodge at the Consistory was nothing sort of incredible. The feelings of comradery among the lodges that were there led to many promises of Lodge visitations and new friendships.

2015 holds all the hallmarks of a great Colorado Masonic year. WB Joe Magoffin represented Douglas 153 at the mass installation with all his usual poise, self-confidence, and composure and I know our Lodge is heading into another great year as we all rise to the tenets of our virtues.

I am looking forward to working with all you in the coming year. I know it will be one of boundless opportunity!

Fraternally Yours,
Walter Lord
Senior Warden

LIVING PAST MASTERS

JOSEPH S. DAUGHERTY	2013/2014
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

WALLY COOLEY	2013
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From the South,

No submission this issue.

Fraternally,
Brandon McElhinney
Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk...

Well my Brothers it been a wonder year for Douglas Lodge #153. We Raised 4 new Master Masons in 2014 and we have 7 more brothers in various stages of the degrees in Entered Apprentice or Fellow craft. The Lodge lost 3 brothers in death and 1 by demit, leaving us with 84 active members on the rolls.

Now with 2015 starting we have several brothers still needing to pay their dues, so please let's get them in quickly. Brothers, I know you can understand it helps me in the bookkeeping arena. On January 10th we will conduct an EA degree to a brand new candidate to the Lodge. So come on down and enjoy the degree work starting at 8:30 am.

Committees are formed if you would like to be part of one, please contact the Chairman of the committee and get involved. The lodge needs active members participating in various leadership rolls.

I look forward to working for you and the Worshipful Master this year, giving each of you a 120% as Secretary. Remember, if you need to contact me by calling me on 303-596-1230.

Fraternally,
Bro Lyle

Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM

- **3Jan - Joint Installation**
Time: 2:30 pm Location: Denver Consistory
Description: Joint installation of officers including Douglas 153 and other lodges, dinner to follow. RSVP for dinner required.
- **10Jan - Special Communication**
Time: TBD Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Description: EA Degree
- **15Jan – Regular Communication**
Time: 1930 Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner to jw@douglas153.com
- **5Feb - STATED COMMUNICATION**
Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm. Open on MM degree. Presentation by WB Tim Hogan on Gnostic Reflections in Masonry. Travelers welcome.

- **19Feb - 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. RSVP for dinner to jw@douglas153.com

- **5Mar - STATED COMMUNICATION**

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

Martha Chapter No. 135

The Martha Chapter #135 of the OES has decided to Affiliate with another Chapter. More on this as it develops.

High Plains DeMolay

For more information on any of these events, please contact Walter Martin [\(303\) 810-6189](tel:3038106189)

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Lee Alexander

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