



TRESTLE BOARD

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

January & February 2014

From the East

Brethren,

December is here and the year has flown by. I hope you have enjoyed the activities and degrees performed at the lodge. I feel privileged that the Brethren put their trust in my leadership.

Being a Masonic leader requires a considerable amount of time, training, and work plus a sense of duty toward his brethren. The leader draws from past experiences and gains knowledge from successful and progressive endeavors. The Worshipful Master is elected by his brethren to fulfill the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Master Mason. No Mason should begin climbing the flight of stairs to the Master's Chair in the East without first pledging to himself that he will dedicate and devote all his energy and zeal to fulfilling his duties to the best of his ability.

With that being said: There is one loose end that I need to tie up at the first Stated Communication in January. That is the election of Worshipful Master. It is with great regret that I inform you that our Worshipful Master Elect has advised me that he will not be moving forward as our Worshipful Master in 2014 due to health issues. Let's keep Brother Joe in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

We have a great line of officers to lead us into the 2014 ensuing Masonic year, and our lodge will be in fine shape with plenty of degrees to perform. The 2014 line will be announced at the 2 January 2014 meeting following the Worshipful Master election.

Brother Mike Hagans has informed me that we now have a [douglas153.com](mailto:wm@douglas153.com) email system. The email accounts have been created, and will be forwarded to the sitting officer's personal email for the duration of his term; after installation of new officers every year, these officer-email accounts will be redirected to the newly elected officer's personal email accounts. In this manner, sending an email to wm@douglas153.com will always get an email to the Worshipful Master of Douglas Lodge #153. Additionally, any Master Mason, member in good standing of Douglas Lodge #153 that would like his own email account @douglas153.com may contact Brother Mike Hagans to set it up.

Fraternally,
Joseph S. Daugherty
Worshipful Master

2013/14 OFFICERS

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<i>Junior Deacon</i>	TBD
<i>Senior Steward</i>	TBD
<i>Junior Steward</i>	TBD
<i>Chaplain</i>	TBD
<i>Marshal</i>	TBD
<i>Tyler</i>	Robert Buckley

Brethren Enter the Celestial Lodge Above

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of the following Brothers:

Worshipful Brother Carl Mesnig passed on 15 December 2013. Carl was a 60+ year Senior DeMolay, Senior Steward Grand Lodge Mass.1972, Worshipful Master Crescent Lodge, Pittsfield, Mass 1958 & 1971. Most of you will remember Carl as the Douglas Lodge Chaplain, a position that he held for many years. WB Carl was born on 27 March 1930, Initiated 15 June 1951; Passed 23 July 1951 and Raised 27 August 1951.

Brother Fredrick "Fritz" Meyer passed on 2 November 2013. Brother Fritz was born on 27 June 1936, Initiated 3 March 1966; Passed 19 May 1966 and Raised 9 June 1966.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Brethren



From the West,

As we turn the page from 2013 to 2014 perhaps you find yourself in need of a resolution. If you have resolved to pick up a good masonic book or two to read and are open to some suggestions, here are a few in no particular order:

Revolutionary Brotherhood - Steven C Bullock, This is a well-researched work covering the period leading up to the Revolution and ending just before the Civil War. It covers the Morgan affair and Anti-Masonry from notes of the era. You are sure to learn something new here, regardless of how many other books you have consumed on the subject.

Solomon's Builders - Chris Hodapp, This is a contemporary work based on the masonic influence in the building of Washington DC. It is a unique angle on a subject that has been covered extensively and I enjoyed it. This is a quick read.

The Secret Teachings of All Ages - Manly P Hall, This is a one of the standards for any masonic library. This is more of an academic work and something to be reached for time and again. It is a principle reference point for many other books written since. Probably not the best choice for light reading on the beach while sipping banana daiquiris.

The Better Angels of Our Nature - Michael Halleran, This work compiles many tales of masonic assistance extended during the Civil War. Stories are largely obtained from soldier diaries and journals that have survived. A remarkable window upon a period when Masonry was at a high point in this country after recovering from the Anti-Masonry movement of the previous generation.

Revelation of the Holy Grail - Chevalier Emerys (Tim Hogan), If I had to choose just one of WB Tim's books, this would be it. While this book covers more advanced concepts of Masonic, initiatic and alchemical thought, his comfortable writing style makes it compelling to readers of all levels of study. This is one of those works you will want to return to every couple of years and pick up points you missed before.

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph Magoffin
Senior Warden – elect



From the South,

**WHY ARE LODGES PRESIDED OVER BY A
“WORSHIPFUL MASTER”**

On a recent DeMolay trip from Casper, Wyoming, I was handed the latest Scottish Rite Journal by another adult advisor who is also a Mason. He drew my attention to an article about a subject that I had mentioned in the past. Namely, the position of “Master” and the honorific title of “Worshipful” as longstanding traditions that have caused concern for non-Masons that see the term in a religious context.

Some have concern about the title “Master”. Jesus said, “Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ” (Matthew 23:10). If this admonition were followed consistently, then we wouldn’t have scoutmasters, concert masters, masters of ships, or master plumbers. The word means “A worker qualified to teach apprentices and carry on the craft independently”, and this is exactly how Freemasonry uses the term.

Then there is the adjective *worshipful*. Freemasonry is an old institution that proudly (and perhaps stubbornly) insists on preserving traditions. The presiding officer of a Masonic lodge, the master, is given the old British honorific title of *worshipful*. He is thus known as the “worshipful master”. The definition of *worshipful* in modern American English is moving toward “Given to or expressive of worship, reverent or adoring”, and away from its original meaning of “honorable”. Freemasonry continues to use the term in its original sense, as they always have.

John Wycliffe’s 1384 English translation of the Bible shows early usage of the word *worship* which Freemasons continue to employ. Wycliffe translates Matthew 19:10 as “Worschipe thi fadir and thi modir” while the King James Version (1611) renders this as Honor thy father and thy mother”. English mayors and judicial officers are still addressed as “Your Worship” or “Worshipful”, but this doesn’t seem to bother Masonic critics.

Fraternally,
Walter Lord
Junior Warden – elect

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." – Brother Will Rogers

ELECTRONIC TRESTLE BOARD

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AF&AM

- **January 2, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**
Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm.
Grand Lodge Visit & WM Election
- **January 4, 2014 Funeral Memorial Service**
Time: 5:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Funeral Service for WB Carl Mesnig
- **January 16, 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.
- **February 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.
- **February 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.

Martha Chapter No. 135

- **January 6, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **January 20, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **February 3, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **February 17, 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

January 4th, Saturday, 9:00 AM @ St Matthews to pick up the Christmas trees, "real casual".

January 7th, Tuesday 7:00 PM, High Plains Chapter Advisory Council Meeting @ St Matthews Church. All Advisors, Parents, Douglas Lodge Members, and Chapter Members are encouraged to attend.

January 11th, 5pm @ Douglas Lodge, in Castle Rock, Installation of Douglas Masonic Lodge Officers.
Post Epiphany Christmas Tree pickup of trees for St. Matthew's people.

January 13th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting (Formal Attire)

January 14th, Tuesday, 6:00 PM @ 16th and Welton, Denver: Youth night at a York Rite event. Dress is formal attire. Dinner is complementary for attending DeMolay members

January 18th, Saturday, 11:30 AM @ Douglas Lodge, High Plains Installation of Officers Sean Putman-MC, Thomas Steinhauert-SC. Gabriel Remkus- JC. Dress is formal attire.

January 18th, Saturday 6:00 PM at 1370 Grant Street, at The Denver Consistory, Broomfield Chapter's "Winter Ball", <coloradodemolay.org> for details.

January 24th, 5:00 PM @ 3203 Quebec Street, Denver (Doubletree Hotel) for the Colorado Masonic Grand Lodge Installation, formal attire with a DeMolay cape.

January 27th, Monday 7:00 PM Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting at St Matthews. "Business Casual" attire

February 1st, Saturday, 8:00 AM Colorado Springs, Ritual Tournament, coloradodemolay.org

February 4th, Tuesday 7:00 PM High Plains Adviser's meeting, casually attired, all attend please.

February 10th, Monday 7:00 PM "Formally attired" meeting of High Plains Chapter at St Matthews.

February 24th, Monday 7:00 PM "Casually attired" meeting of High Plains Chapter at St Matthews.

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.

2014 COMMITTEES-TBD

Charity
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Masonic Education
Director of Work

LIVING PAST MASTERS

JOSEPH S. DAUGHERTY2013
SCOTT GONZALES2012
JEFF COURTNEY 2010
ROB L. CHENEY2009
STEVEN R. THONE 2008
JAMES A. UHRLAUB2007
KENNETH L. JONES2006
ALBERT M. CROWDER, JR.2005
EDWARD C. BYNON2004
MARK DEMOURA2003
ERIC A. WORLEY 2002
ROLF O. BRUSTAD II 2000-01
JAY BELK..... 1999
MARK LYON1998
GREGORY G. LAWRENCE1974
LOUIS R. HIGBY JR.1954

HONORARY PAST MASTERS

WALLY COOLEY2013

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