



TRESTLE BOARD

Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM

300 Wilcox St. Castle Rock 80104

May/June 2015

FROM THE EAST

It has been a rough couple of months since our last issue. We lost our long time District Lecturer, friend and mentor WB Bob Brewer to a long struggle with cancer. Many of us were able to attend his service in Aurora which included a Rose Croix, Knights Templar and Blue Lodge service. A good portion of our last meeting in April was dedicated to Bob and was filled with fond remembrances. We have also lost our brother Adan Gonzalez who was a member of Kiowa #116. Adan may be best remembered to many of us at Douglas for the terrific job he did for many years cooking for the Outdoor Degree in Elbert which is presented each August as a joint effort of Kiowa #116, Douglas #153 and Aurora #156. Details for the degree this year are still being finalized.

I was distressed to receive notice from our JW Brandon McElhinney that he will be unable to continue in the line for personal reasons. Brandon has been an active leader in the lodge for a number of years and he will be greatly missed. As the constitution does not allow a principal officer to resign, I have asked Bill Schwartz to step in as a long term substitute. As many of you know, Bill has been in the line previously and progressed to the chair of JW before also having to step aside. I am very pleased that Bill is able and willing to step into this role and feel confident that his contribution will be of great value to the lodge going forward. Please reach out to Brandon and Bill to thank them for their service during this time of transition. Please know that they and I appreciate your support.

Fraternally,
Joseph Magoffin
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



As most of you know, I, and many of our Lodge brothers, work closely with the High Plains DeMolay Chapter that our Lodge proudly sponsors. These past few weeks the DeMolay Chapter has hit a few milestones that they, and also we with our involvement as Masons, can be very proud. Since moving the twice monthly meetings to the lodge, the DeMolay Chapter (boys 12-21) membership has doubled and the chapter has been recognized as the first chapter in our jurisdiction to raise a full "Squire Manor" – 5 or more members of young men 8-12! The Squire program is for boys 8 to 12 who want to be involved with DeMolay but have not reached the mandatory age of 12 years old. You can imagine what this growth means to our young men, our Lodge, and Masonry in general. These fantastic young men are the future and life's blood of our organization and if you get a chance to attend one of their meetings or functions, it will show you where the future leaders of our country will be found.

Brothers Tony Lamb and Chris Putman are doing fantastic jobs as the lead advisors of these young men's organizations. Do yourself a favor and talk to these, or any of our lodge brethren, about these great young men and you will come away with a renewed faith in the future of our great nation.

Fraternally,
Walter Lord
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH,



I want to Thank You for allowing me to fill Brandon's shoes while he attends to his personal business. These are big shoes to fill as I know personally the love for the Craft that Brandon has. It was a very tough decision and I know that we will welcome him back when he is ready.

I will be running full speed to catch up to where the Lodge is and do my best to guide the membership in making Douglas Lodge #153 the

best Lodge for our unique membership. Many Lodges have different programs for their members and we are no different. We have a niche in Douglas County and I feel that we do a great job in providing a quality experience for our members. If you have not had a chance to attend lately, please come and see what is happening.

As Junior Warden - Pro Temp, I will pick up the duties of the monthly dinners and snacks. Please RSVP to me at william.schwartz@msn.com by the 2nd Thursday each month of your attendance for dinner so that we can order the proper amount of food.

Thanks again for the opportunity and I look forward to serving with you.

Fraternally,
William Schwartz
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...



My Brothers, I have been sitting long behind my desk this month looking at my paper and pen thinking of what to say to you and two things are weighing heavy on my heart.

First, as we roll into another year where we start the process of notifying Brothers of being late on their dues and if not paid, they will be suspended for non-payment. IF ONLY the Brothers had submitted for a Dimit when they were in good standing they wouldn't be in this situation.

Second and the saddest one, is the loss of Brothers throughout the Craft. Some of these Brothers did not get around to asking for the Blue Lodge Funeral Service by discussing it with their families. And it's all too often a close Brother to the widow had to inform her of the ritual he was entitled to. So, please, please sit down and discuss this important issue. I know talking about death is not easy with your loved ones, but believe me, it has to be done.

Fraternally,
Lyle Wilkes, HPM
Secretary

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
LYLE WILKES	2014

**Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153
AF&AM Events**

- **7May – Regular Communication**
 - Time: 7:30 pm Location: Douglas Lodge 153 Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, EA Degree will be presented.

- **21May – 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 – Grand Lodge visit, open meeting.

- **4Jun – Regular Communication**
 - Time: 1930 Location: Douglas Lodge 153
 - Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm,

- **5Jun – Lodge Poker Night**
 - Time: 1800 Location: Douglas Lodge 153
 - Description: An evening of friendship, food and cards. RSVP to Mike Hagans, Events Committee chair.

- **18Jun - 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 Hawaiian night – wear an Aloha shirt. WB Theo Jones to present on Freemasonry in the Kingdom of Hawaii.

- **Jul/Aug - Dark.** Visitation to Nevada 4 on 11Jul and Central 6 on 12Aug.

HIGH PLAINS DEMOLAY

For more information on any of these events, please contact Walter Martin (303) 810-6189



2015 COMMITTEES

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Chair
Walter Lord
Lee Alexander

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Jeff Noakes, PM
Walter Martin, PM

Finance

Walter Lord, Chair
Lee Alexander
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Walter Cooley, PM
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Brandon McElhinney
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