



# TRESTLE BOARD

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

Sep/Oct 2015

## From the East

The chill of fall is nearly upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Yes we were dark, but thanks to all who came out for our events. We enjoyed working in the lodge during the Douglas County car show and again for the parade. At both events we sold drinks, provided restroom facilities and gave lodge tours. We had a fun visitation up to Central #6 where we saw some old friends and made some new ones. Thanks to all who came out for the annual Outdoor Degree in Elbert. Although I am writing this in advance, it will be in the books by the time this is in print. Thanks to all who took a part in the degree and helped with the food. I am sure it was delicious. Congratulations as well to the new Master Masons.

We were well represented at the annual budget meeting in Colorado Springs. I will be providing a report at our first meeting in September.

We had the sad duty of saying goodbye to Brother Tom Remkus. Our lodge was well represented at the service which was held at Kiowa #116.

Please be sure to check the lodge calendar located in this issue and join us for lodge as often as you can.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Magoffin  
Worshipful Master

## 2015 OFFICERS

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<i>Marshal</i>	
<i>Tyler</i>	



## From the West

In life challenge is abundant, life is a challenge, and because of this life has meaning.

In Operative Masonry the challenge was to build a great structure from rough stone. The challenge progressed from one building to another throughout the life of the Mason. He had

a purpose and worked diligently with his brothers to fulfill that purpose.

In Speculative Masonry the challenge is to build a better person through instruction, deeds, and example. The purpose is no less noble than our operative brother's purpose, just more challenging.

Over the centuries Masonry has been persecuted by those who oppose it. Through these challenges Masonry has grown and become stronger. We have faced and defeated every challenge, and become satisfied. "Maybe too satisfied"

## ELECTRONIC TRESTLE BOARD

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

Now we face a new and more fearsome challenge.

### "APATHY"

As a teen, it was "cool" to not care. "Who cares?" "It doesn't matter." Now as adults many have the same bad habits, but it does matter. The only challenge most Masons think they have, is memorization of the degree work. The only education is teaching that memorization. We have forgotten our young brothers who are starving for knowledge and information about Masonry. Even now it had to be ordered by the Grand Master so there would be an educational talk at every meeting.

This brings up another challenge; our educators need to be enlightened before they can instruct others. All because of the lack of education and apathy.

No one cared...No one sought...No one taught. It's time for us to: Care...Seek...And Teach, if given a chance. It is our duty to face this challenge and help challenge others to learn, to seek, to ask and most of all to care.

Fraternally,  
Walter Lord  
Senior Warden



### From the South,

During several discussions with fellow Masons of Colorado, it seems that 2017 will be the 300th anniversary of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England. As a commemoration of that event we felt it would be an educational and enlightening event to go to England and see the United Grand Lodge of England as well as some of the sights and sounds of England and Scotland. For this reason, we are beginning to put together a 7 day trip to England/Scotland around June of 2017. We are in the very

beginning stages of the planning and would like to know how many would be interested in a trip of this nature. Depending on the interest, we will be opening it up to Masons and their families across this great state of Colorado. Our intention is to spend 4 days in England and 3 days in Scotland and then return. If this trip is of interest to you and your family, please let me know. My email address is [william.schwartz@msn.com](mailto:william.schwartz@msn.com)

Fraternally,  
William Schwartz  
Junior Warden

### From the Secretary's Desk...



Well Brothers, it's the September and October Trestle Board. You know what that means? The Lodge is moving into the Fall and the Winter months. Before you know it, leaves will be falling, sleet, ice, and snow will be falling too. What has this got to do with the Secretary you say? Well, it's only four months, 122 days to the end of the year and the beginning of new Dues Cards. And if you haven't heard it by now, the Grand Lodge has raised the Per Capita from \$50.00 to \$56.00, making the annual Lodge dues to \$120.00 per year. So please get ready and prepare for this, for I will be sending out dues notices in October. And by our By-Laws of 2015, any Master Mason who has obtained 50 year membership is exempted in paying their annual dues for the lodge will pay their dues.

This is all I really have to say from behind my desk in this issue, so, prepare for the upcoming months of winter, stay healthy, come to lodge and enjoy the fellowship of the fraternity.

Fraternally,  
Lyle Wilkes, PM  
Secretary

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

- **3Sep - 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](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)

- **17Sep - STATED COMMUNICATION**

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- **10Oct - 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](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)

- **3OCT – Oktoberfest**

**Time:** Open **Location:** Douglas Lodge **Description:** Annual Castle Rock Oktoberfest from 1300-2000. Street closed from 0900-2100.

- **15Oct - 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](mailto:jw@douglas153.com) Special presentation by WB Ben Williams on Freemasonry in the Foundation of the United States

- **5Nov - 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](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)

- **19Nov - STATED COMMUNICATION**

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- **21Nov - Starlighting**

**Time:** 1400-1900 **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153 **Description:** Annual Starlighting event – We will be serving hot chocolate in the lodge.

## High Plains DeMolay

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

## 2015 Committees

### *Charity*

Jeff Noakes PM,  
Chair  
Walter Lord  
Lee Alexander

### *Grievance*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Jeff Noakes, PM  
Walter Martin, PM

### *Finance*

Walter Lord, Chair  
Lee Alexander  
Michael Hagans

### *Bylaws*

Lyle Wilkes, PM Chair  
Walter Cooley, PM  
Joseph Daugherty, PM

### *Scholarship*

Walter Lord, Chair  
Brandon McElhinney  
Todd Thompson

### *Sunshine*

Walter Cooley PM, Chair  
Joseph Daugherty, PM  
Lyle A. Wilkes, PM

### *Publicity*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Todd Thompson  
Michael Hagans

### *Refreshments*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Lee Alexander  
Bruce Ekins

### *Temple Board*

Lou Kasunic, Pres.  
Michael Hagans, Sec  
William Schwartz, Tres

### *Masonic Education*

Joseph Magoffin, Chair  
Walter Cooley, PM  
Michael Hagans

### *Special Events*

Michael Hagans, Chair  
Bruce Ekins  
Ken LaVelle

### *Youth Groups*

Todd Thompson, Chair  
Walter Martin, PM  
Walter Lord

### *Director of Work*

Joseph Daugherty, PM

### LIVING PAST MASTERS

Joseph Magoffin.....	2015
Joseph S. Daugherty.....	2013-14
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
Ralf O. Brustad II.....	2000-01
Jay Belk.....	1999
Mark Lyon.....	1998
Gregory G. Lawrence.....	1974
Louis R. Higby, Jr.....	1954

### HONORARY PAST MASTERS

Walter "Wally" Cooley.....	2013
Lyle Wilkes.....	2014