

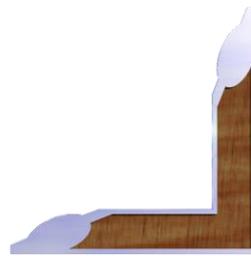
Ashlar Lodge # 29

Quarterly Trestle Board

Fall 2014

Bruce Wethered: Worshipful Master
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Words From the Worshipful Master in the East:

Dale and I had a nice time at Grand Lodge in Coeur d'Alene. Tuesday afternoon, Dale and I started out with anxious, anticipation of the sights and wonders that Coeur d'Alene had to offer. It had changed a lot since I was there 40 years ago. We did find our way down to the lake. But, we had trouble finding our way around and ended up returning to the hotel.

Brother G. Arthur Shoemaker was elected and installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho for 2014-2015. I know that this will be a good year for Sandi Shoemaker and her husband Art. I look forward to seeing all of you and our newly, installed Grand Master at our District Table Lodge on October 6.

Ashlar Lodge No. 29 is hosting this event. The Table Lodge will open at 6:30pm. This is an open Table Lodge that the Ladies can attend. We do need an RSVP in order to plan the dinner and seating.

Congratulations to Brother James Duffy! Brother James Duffy was awarded District Mason of the year.

Note: Please read the new Board of Custodian Rulings which is included at the end of this Trestle Board.

By Worshipful Master Bruce Wethered

Meetings: Our Stated meetings are at 7:30 pm on the **First Wednesday of every month.** This meeting will usually open on the 3rd Degree. The called meeting (third Wednesday of each month) will be used to prepare for degree work or education, and will open on the lowest degree necessary for the planned work that evening.

Practices: held on the Saturday's following the stated and called meetings if needed. We usually start with breakfast at La Baron's Café at 8:00 AM, then up to the Lodge for degree work, usually by 9:15 AM. All are welcome for breakfast, practice or both!

**** 2014 Lodge Officers ****

WM Bruce Wethered

SW Dee McAlister

JW Howie Bloom

TR Bob Bouy

SEC Joe Kowalczyk

SD Phil Hoelsing

JD Roger Gamble

ML Bud Wethered

SS Bob Nelson

JS John Ransdell

CH Bill Hopper

TL Lee Harris



And From The West

Ashlar Lodge, after being dark in July and August, sure seems to be busy all of a sudden. Come one, come all! Ashlar Lodge will be having a Table Lodge on Monday, October 6th at 6.30 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Lodge. Ladies and friends are welcome. A tri-tip dinner will be served at a cost of \$10 per head.

Our Jr. Warden Howie Bloom is requesting RSVP for those planning on attending. Caldwell Jobs Daughters will be serving the meal. Please come and join us for the fun and fellowship!

By Senior Warden Dee McAlister

Upcoming Events

*** **October 6th.** The 8th Masonic District meeting will be held at Ashlar lodge at 6:30 PM; dinner will be served by the Caldwell Job's for Ashlar Lodge 29. Please RSVP to Brother Howie so we can get a count of folks going to show for this event. 2014-2015 MWGM Art Shoemaker will be in Attendance with his lovely wife Sandy.

This will be a Table Lodge, open for all to attend. Be sure to bring your wife or date, but not both!

Bro. Bob Nelson's famous BBQ Tri Tip will be served, with other sides. Please RSVP if you plan on attending and enjoying the festivities, the cost is \$10 per person at the door.

*** **October 15th, 7:00 PM.** We will be performing two FC degrees for our candidates.

Congratulations:

*** Brother Jim Duffy, who has done outstanding work on the Historic Lodge in Idaho City and has been awarded the District 8 Mason of the Year.

*** Brother Glenn Lovell, our newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District of Idaho.

*** Brother Steve Zimmerman for his outstanding work as past DDGM of District 8.

*** Brother Dee for completing the first half of his MM Lecture in open Lodge on October 1st.

*** Brother Jay Nudds for completing his EA proficiency in open Lodge on October 1st.



And finally, the South!

Greetings, Brethren.

I have had the honor of becoming the new chairman for the Lodges "Kindles for Kids" program. Ashlar Lodge presented two kindles on May 19th to two very happy elementary students at the New Horizons school. Our Worshipful Master made the presentation for the lodge along with some committee members. We will again be providing two more Kindles to New Horizon this fall and hope to expand to another school for the spring 2015 semester.

We are gearing up for the District 8 Fall Communication Table Lodge. It should be a very fun event and I'm sure a good time will be had by all. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

By Junior Warden Howie Bloom

The Board of Custodians 2014 Rulings

Dividing the Lectures into Segments for Proficiency:

“The Board of Custodians has ruled that it shall be acceptable to deliver any of the three lectures in two segments, as opposed to being done at one time, for the Worshipful Master’s Certificate of proficiency, as we have in the past. It is the ruling of the Board that each of the lectures may be broken up into two parts. In the EA degree, the second section and the third section of the Entered Apprentice degree may be delivered separately. In the Fellowcraft degree, the break shall be between the description of the pillars and the beginning of the flight of winding stairs. In the third degree, the break shall be between the history of the degree and the third section of the lecture.”

“The Board further rules that a time limit of one year be imposed to complete the lecture. The time period of one year should begin when the brother delivers the first part of the lecture, for proficiency.”

Preparing the Candidate for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees:

“The Board has ruled that the candidate must be divested of all minerals and metals for all three degrees.”

Adherence to the Idaho Work:

“In many of our lodges, variations have been made and non-Idaho ritual has been added to the point where the ritual across the jurisdiction is becoming quite non-standard. Some lodges have added prayers, soliloquies, additional charges, presentations and other additions and modifications to the work.”

“The approved Idaho work is contained, in its entirety, in the Idaho Monitor and that is what our lodges need to follow. In the event that a lodge

desires to deviate from the approved Idaho work, it is necessary that they obtain a dispensation for such deviation.”

Social Media Code of Conduct

The use of social media and Masonic conduct was an important issue discussed at Grand Lodge and you will hear more about it as we move forward. This code of conduct was proposed at the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference, February 12, 2014. I am passing this along for information only.

* Freemasons should conduct Social Media activities in a way that reflects membership in the Craft, acting in a way that presents a positive image of the fraternity; avoiding piques and quarrels; being cautious in behavior; courteous to our brethren and promote the general good and to preserve the reputation of the fraternity

* Postings should not bring discredit to Freemasonry nor should they fit within the definition of Un-Masonic Conduct as defined by the member jurisdiction. Conduct contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between Freemason’s or to society in general is improper.

* Freemasons need to be aware that postings are a permanent record; and therefore an individual’s conduct may influence the world with a positive or negative image about the individual and also about Freemasonry. Postings and actions on the various Social Media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity that Freemasons practice within the Lodge.

* Lodge notices and information contained within Lodge notices beyond the time and place of meetings, should not be discussed. There should never be discussion related to petitions, applications, background checks or investigation of an applicant. There should never be a discussion regarding balloting on an applicant.

* It is improper to identify any Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has provided his

consent or has already identified himself as such. It is improper to post images, video, recordings, etc. of other Masons without their consent. Posts must comply with the Grand Constitutions, rules, regulations and edicts of the jurisdiction. (Please bear in mind, when you pose for a group photo, there is an implied consent.)

* Postings that are anonymous or posted by fictitious names should be avoided rather than encouraged. Participation in discussions with those who most often are looking for discussions outside of what is acceptable to Masons should be avoided.

* To ensure our fraternity represents itself to the high standards we believe in, we must regulate our actions by restraint and through Brother-to Brother, intervention. As a Freemason, advise a Brother if what he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitutions, laws, rules, regulations, edict and the general regulations of Freemasonry.

* Contact and communication with other Grand Lodges or their subordinate or concordant Lodges (for official business) must be conducted through the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Freemasonry in North America is governed by independent legislative bodies known as Grand Lodges who exercise absolute Masonic authority within a State or Province. Only Grand Lodges can make authoritative statements and these apply only to their members.

From our Secretary, Brother Joe

I started dating woman again in the late Spring of this year, having been 2 1/2 years since I lost my wife to lung cancer. It was very difficult at first to date, especially since the last time was nearly 42 years ago. Thanks to Freemasonry, and my Masonic brothers who filled me with encouragement. I went out on several dates, and it was interesting to say the least. Many women would ask me, what do you do for fun and to stay busy, and I would tell them I was involved in

Freemasonry. Most of the dozen or so women I dated had no idea what a Freemason was. So I would ask them if they knew what a Shriner was? ALL would say yes, they are great group of folks doing really good things for children. So I would explain that all Shriners are Freemasons, and most would ask, so you're a Shriner? and I would say NO. Then they would ask, So what are you then? Many, many more conversations would travel this same path. We as Freemasons, need to enlighten the world that Freemasons are the foundation of the Shrine; without Freemasonry, there would be no Shrine as we know. Somehow, we as Freemasons and the Shriners need to expand our visibility. Most women know the Shriners as a GREAT organization, when they do research on the Freemasons, they find negative research. Friends, family or the church they belong to seem to have negative comments about Freemasonry. WE as Brothers need to work on that image and get the positive out there, as being a Freemason has truly made me a BETTER man and I continue to improve myself daily. Could it be, that all men are all born Freemasons until some choose a different path, some the wrong path, but I truly believe most men are born a Freemason, some just never find out, others inquire and join the fraternity. In closing let me say 'May God Bless America and Freemasonry'.

By Brother Joe Kowalczyk

B. Dale Winch: Portrait of a Distinguished Mason

The 2010 Fall York Rite class was dedicated to Brother B. Dale Winch. The following biography was printed in the program. This is a portrait of a truly, distinguished Mason.

B. Dale Winch, the oldest of 4 Children, was born on his grandfather's farm outside of Knobnoster, Missouri, to Claude and Opal Winch on February 16, 1932. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 and went to service in January of 1952. During the Korean conflict he served on A054, an oil tanker. He received an honorable discharge in November of 1955.

Dale went to work for Mountain States Telephone Company (AT&T) in Twin Falls, Idaho where he met his wife Patricia. They were married on Pat's birthday, September 8, 1956. In 1957, they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Debra.

Dale attended Idaho State University in Pocatello. In 1958, Dale and Pat moved to San Diego, California and went to work for Firestone Tire Company. He was transferred to Nampa, Idaho in 1962. In 1997, Dale officially retired. However, he will never completely, retire.

Dale was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 5, 1958, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 14, 1958 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 11, 1958 in Jerome Lodge No. 61. In 1963, he transferred his membership to Ashlar Lodge No. 90. Which, merged with Nampa Lodge No. 29 to become Ashlar Lodge No. 29. He served as Worshipful Master in 1970 and seven more times. Dale served as District Deputy Grand Master of the ninth Masonic district in 1984 and 1985.

Dale joined the Royal Arch Masons in 1973 and served as Excellent High Priest in 1975, 2011 and 2012. He continued his York Rite journey in 1979 when he joined Council and Commandery. He was invited to join the Red Cross of Constantine in 1993 and served as Puissant Sovereign in 2003.

He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Chapter No. 80 and has served as Worthy Patron three times. He was Associate Guardian of Jobs Daughter Bethel No. 4 in 2000. He served as Dad Advisor for DeMolay. He is a member of Scottish Rite and El Korah Shrine.

In 2002, Dale was appointed to the position of Grand Master of the 1st Veil in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. In 2010, he was elected to the position of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho.

He has been appointed as Worshipful Grand Tyler for the 2014-2015 term.

Words you might hear in Lodge:

Firmament: the vault or expanse of the heavens; the sky.

Inculcated: To be taught. To implant by repeated statement or admonition; teach persistently and earnestly.

As Brother John would say: All good things must come to an end, so we bid you

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