

# Ashlar Lodge # 29

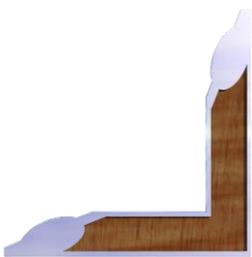
## Quarterly Trestle Board

### Spring 2017

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**Meetings:** Our Stated meetings are at 7:30 pm on the **First Wednesday of every month.** We are dark in July and August. 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!



## Words from the Worshipful Master in the East:

Brethren,

Well Brethren, we made it through the winter! it was a tough one and one for the record books this year. As far as I know everyone came through unscathed. Perhaps a shed or two here and there suffered though. We now find ourselves in Spring

and new growth and life abounds. We have performed a 2nd Degree as a courtesy for Boise #2 to a Brother that may join Ashlar #29. We are currently planning another 2nd Degree for another brother in the Lodge and I hear tell of a petition to be given at our April stated meeting. We are going to try and get these Brothers through their 3rd Degree so they can attend the annual Silver City homecoming in July. I'm sure they will be able to.

April 1st will find many of us at "Enhancing the Masonic Experience" in lieu of the Spring Communication. The Brothers in attendance will share the lessons learned at the next Stated Meeting and perhaps others as well.

Ashlar Lodge #29, in conjunction with Cyrus #2 RAM, has purchased a beautiful safe for our priceless historical documents. Now we just have to fill it!

By Worshipful Master Howie Bloom

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

\*\*\* **Saturday April 1, 2017.** Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF&AM of Idaho presents "Enhancing the Masonic Experience 2017". All Masons are invited to this one-day workshop for knowledge and growth, directed towards running an effective lodge. Topics include: Lodge Finances, Ritual, Lodge Communication, Leadership, Code & Digest (what it is and how to change it), and Lodge Security (inside & outside the lodge) Saturday April 1, 2017, 7:30—4:00 Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner 1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83702

\*\*\* **Sunday Apr. 09,** Silver City Lodge #13 Scholarship Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\*\*\* **Saturday Apr. 22,** 3rd Annual Boise Masonic Lodge #2 Annual Disc Golf.

\*\*\* **May 20,** Unity Banquet (more to come when available)

\*\*\* **Sept. 21-23,** 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge of Idaho in Boise.

## Thoughts for spring ...

“To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future.

**The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.”**

**Written by:**

**Howard Zinn** (August 24, 1922 – January 27, 2010)

## Newest Members

\*\*\* On March 4<sup>th</sup> we passed Brother Lowell Beaudoin to the degree of Fellowcraft.



\*\*\* We would like to welcome Brother Karl Johnson to our lodge. He is from Massachusetts Olive Branch Lodge, and is 29 years old.

## The 8th District Update

According to: DDGM Bob Bouy

There will not be a Spring District Communication in 2017, since a new program is being developed for training. Be sure to read about the training which will be available, and support the program by promoting attendance of your Lodge members.

There has been quite a bit of degree work in the last two months, congratulations to everyone for learning their parts and doing good work.

DDGM Bob Bouy

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## And finally, the South!

Greetings Brethren,

Spring has arrived, and so has Easter. A time of renewal and refreshment. A time when the Easter King builds a burrow in every other yard under a special Easter Tree, for the Easter Bunny to rest from the constant hopping around and hiding Easter Baskets for every child to find.

Well, not really, but when cleaning out the storage closet, I had our fake tree laying out and one of the grandkids thought Christmas might already be here – some quick thinking on my part, a lot of scolding from the wife, and Voila! The Easter Tree was born.

The spring also brings writer's block, so I'm sure I can be blamed for the date of the Newsletter's release, maybe the entire content of this article!

I digress. This time of year is a great opportunity to self-examine our progress in Freemasonry and see our commitment to our Lodge, Brothers, and Community. Have I lived up to the Obligations I took? Do I even remember what they were?

Being a Mason isn't about learning parts because there's a degree coming up, or for that pancake breakfast, or for getting your picture in the paper. It's about self-discovery and fraternity. Helping others before helping yourself. The purpose of the Blue Lodge is to make Masons. You can't make Masons without learning to become one. Earning the title of Master Mason qualifies a brother to enter other Appendant bodies like the Rites. Having the title however, doesn't mean that the Brother has really learned the basics. Anyone who's watched the '08 Lions (0-16) knows that.

I'm not advocating that every brother go out and read Pike's Morals and Dogma, or any other number of works out there – but instead, reflect on what Freemasonry means to you. It's different for everyone, there's no one right answer. Reflect on how the values of the fraternity have framed your life, and how through you, they have framed others'.

Above all, don't forget that without Freemasonry, you'd have never heard the horrid story of the Easter King setting up the Easter Tree.

Your *humble* Junior Warden,

Brother Glenn

### From our Secretary

My brothers, 2017 has been a great year so far for the fraternity, lots of degree work around the valley. In fact, Ashlar just conferred the second degree on brother Lowell Beaudoin as a courtesy degree for Boise #2, and his Master Mason degree is scheduled for April 19, 2017 at Ashlar Lodge #29 starting at 6:30pm. As the sun light gets brighter and brighter, and last longer and longer each day moving forward through the spring and summer, remember to stand upright, always on the level and enjoy each and every day as your last. At this time, it's also very, very important to remember to spring forward your own personal coo coo clocks, one glorious hour. Please join the brethren in sharing more and more light in

Freemasonry, attend the lodge of your choice, be part of a degree team. You're always welcome to help in any manner you can, any and all involvement in the fraternity and ritual work is greatly appreciated, not to mention the fun you could have by participating. If it's been some time since you last attended lodge and would like to attend, let me, the WM or other brothers know your needs, we can even accommodate a rusty trowel prior to lodge, so you will totally enjoy attending.

Brother Joe

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## Spring Birthdays

We wish all the Brothers below a very happy birthday, and hope there are many more in the future. I'm sure they are all a little "wiser" this year!

### April

Phil Hoelsing	April 12
Jay Nudds	April 16
Mark Neel	April 18
William Yost	April 18
Glenn Lovell	April 23

### May

Warren Wallace	May 1
Paul Winther	May 4
Joe Grover	May 15
Greg Bishop	May 20
Bob Nelson	May 22
John Ransdell	May 24

### June

Kerry Wallace	June 3
Harold Bloom	June 6
Lex Rutter	June 6
Ron Daniels	June 17
Louis McNeil	June 26

## Words you might have heard in Lodge?

**"Vicissitudes"**: Changes of condition or circumstances.

**"Token"**: A mode of recognition.

## The 3rd Annual Boise Masonic Lodge #2 Annual Disc Golf Event is here!!

Date: April 22nd, 2017

Location: Eagle Island [State Park, Eagle, Idaho](#)

Registration 8:30 AM

[Players Meeting 9:30 AM](#)

Tee Off for at least 19 Holes by 10:00 AM

[Lunch served after the 1st Round](#)

Awards and a Raffle to wrap up a great Day

Hole Sponsorship is \$275 - Contact Jim Ladd at [\(208\) 866-7418](tel:2088667418)

If you do not have a State Park Pass, when you enter the Gate, mention the Masonic Disc Golf Tournament and the \$5 park use fee will be paid by the Masons. Limited to people who are actually playing the event, NOT FOR PUBLIC USE!!!!

We would greatly appreciate if everyone could preregister. Preregistration is \$30 (\$31.50 if paying with [PayPal](#))

Players pack includes:

2 Discs from Dynamic Discs

1 Mini, towel

Shirt (when registering, please include your shirt size)

Web site:

<http://welcometothechaingang.weebly.com/masonicc-annual-event.html>

If you register the day of the event:

Cost is \$15 and you get 1 Disc and 1 Mini

Shirts, Towels, Minis & Discs will be sold as supplies last at the event.

For the Masonic Lodges: Boise Lodge #2 is issuing a challenge to all other lodges.

Put together your best 4 man team (and yes you can have more than 1 team per Lodge) and the team with the best score takes home a Traveling Trophy for the year.

We are asking that you preregister so that we can get shirts in the right size and to help pay for the tournament.

Contact Gene Ammerman (208) 353-8131 or Jim Ladd [\(208\) 866-7418](tel:2088667418) if you want to get together to prepay to say [PayPal](#) fee.

Please remember this is a Charity Event, so there will be no cash payouts. Just trophies.

## **Masonic Mirth**

A poor old Senior Deacon had been having a very bad night of ritual during a Second Degree. His candidate, though, was a very enthusiastic young man. The candidate had taken the advice of some of his new brethren and was repeating whatever the Senior Deacon was saying to him in a loud, clear and steady voice. It came to the end of the Ceremony of Initiation and the WM announced, "Brother... you are now at liberty to retire."

To which the poor old SD said under his breath (or so he thought) "And thank God for that", when he heard the Candidate say in a loud and clear voice: "And thank God for that."

**Brothers,**

**Let us always meet on the Level, Act by the Plumb, and part on the Square!**

*Remember*, we always have room for an article you may wish to write for the Brothers!

**Finally, all good things must come to an end, so we bid you... (As Brother John would say):**

*Do Svidaniya*