

Ashlar Lodge # 29

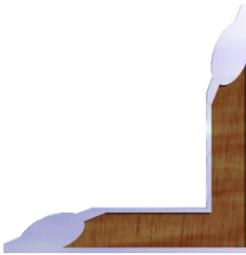
Quarterly Trestle Board

Summer 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,

Summer is upon us and the longest day of the year is close. The days are long and much light is to be had, which is ironic in the fact that we are Dark until September. Fortunately we as Masons don't have to look too hard for the Light as opportunity abounds all over the place. There are special events such as Idaho Lodge #1 pilgrimage to Idaho City,

Placer Lodge #3 at Placerville, Silver City #13 at Silver City, Ionic Lodge #82 Lodge on the Lake. Not to mention several Lodges have Degrees planned. Ashlar could possibly be doing a 2nd and maybe a 3rd, depending on the Candidates of course. Now is the time to increase Fraternal relations by attending and more than likely helping out other Lodges as many members may be traveling on vacation or taking the summer on some far flung lake shore!. Ashlar has been pretty busy, we have put on one Entered Apprentice, two Fellowcrafts and two Master Mason Degrees since February. Although we may be looking for a rest, now is not the time to put down your working tools. We have a safe to fill up and a basement of historical records just begging to be sorted and placed in a vault worthy of their significance. I'll be making a concerted effort to do that over the summer, so watch out for some called meetings to assist. Enjoy your summer, visit Lodges and spread that cement of brotherly love and affection, and come back in September rested and refreshed!

By Worshipful Master Howie Bloom



**And
From
The West**

As I sit here with my coffee thinking about the Summer Trestle Board, I have a lot of questions. How late I am getting this in, what I have been through this year, what others have been through, how other Freemasons have done it in the past and what our future looks like, I see a few things I need to work on with myself so I will talk about one of these in particular. In the last Trestle board, the one I actually submitted, I talked about indifference within our brotherhood. Now, after looking back, I am lead to believe that one of the other main

changes over the last 200 years is technology. I say this because I don't believe we have many new problems in life (i.e. marriage, work, finances) but it is technology that has changed the way we handle these new problems in life (Facebook, twitter, instant news). Stop for a moment and think about how we handle these problems with technology and we see many truths of increased stress less time spent doing the things that matter. Which is one thing that technology ads and what I want to talk about is how busy we are. Whether you feel rushed everyday or just no time to do it all is what I am talking about. Why is this and how do we slow down.

Again, I want to think about this...this is a major issue and many major news articles are now writing about this. The Economist, in a recent article wrote, "*Time poverty is a problem partly of perception and partly of distribution*". With all our time saving technologies, time-saving tools, and fast transportation why do we have less time? This is a question that could strike a 60 page article and there is a good one to read at the link below but what I want to say and bring up for the Summer months is this, Slow down and take technology out of the picture this summer.

I spent some time up at my dad's, Kamiah, ID, this spring dealing with some personal things. Being up in Kamiah and at my Dad's ranch I found to have more time in the day; more time and less stress / anxiety to be exact. Why is this? This is for you to ponder but from the West in lodge let me pay you some wages that will help you in any situation this summer. Take some time and climb a mountain, go fishing, camping or just enjoy time with family at a park. But while you are doing this take a step away and pay attention to the little things (i.e. colors of the trees, the ripples in the water the birds in the trees. In short, slow down.

"Lean back under a tree, put your arms behind your head, wonder at the pass we've come to, smile and remember that the beginnings and ends of man's every great enterprise are untidy." de Grazia

By Senior Warden Jake DeBerg

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

*** **July 8, Saturday.** Silver City homecoming; lunch at noon with lodge opening around 1 PM.

*** **Sept. 21-23,** 150th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Idaho in Boise.

The 8th District Update

As some of our lodges go dark for the summer, things are starting to slow down a little. A special thanks to all the Brothers who worked very hard this year learning their new parts for the degrees put on in their lodge. I think the improvement has been very noticeable.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the second Saturday in July; it's Silver City's annual homecoming on July 8th. Ashlar members usually carpool from Nampa, but the ridesharing is open to all who want to go. And the Grand Lodge annual communication will be on September 21-23, so be sure to send in your registration by August 31 to avoid the late penalty. I am looking forward to seeing many of you attending this year.

DDGM Bob Bouy

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And finally, the South!

Greetings Brethren,

Going into summer, we are approaching one of our Masonic Holidays – June 24th, or Saint John the Baptist's Day. Why is this important?

The Holy Saints John are mentioned throughout all of our Masonic ritual.

Used together, they represent the balance between zeal for the Fraternity and tempered wisdom. They stand together in harmony representing balance. According to McCoy's

dictionary, the Festival of St. John is a duty of every Mason to participate in, and should serve to be a renewal and strengthening of fraternal ties – a connection between the past and future.

As we enjoy our summer with friends and family, don't forget Saint John the Baptist's Day. Take some time to reflect on our pasts, make a commitment to our futures, and reaffirm our ties.

Your *humble* Junior Warden,

Brother Glenn

Ashlar Kindle for Kids

PM Dee McAlister

Ashlar Lodge has just completed its Kindle for Kids presentation for this school year. When Ashlar #29 started this program three years ago, we awarded four Kindles to two schools. This year after a lot of work and the help of Idaho Freemasons Foundation, the Lodge was able to fund Kindles for seven schools.



Two students from each of the seven schools received a Kindle Fire electronic reader as a reward for the large number of pages read. Each of the seven schools developed their own reading program. After the student read the required number of pages a ticket was put in for a drawing, the more

times the quota was met the more tickets for the drawing.

The teachers all saw a marked increase in the students desire to read more than the school curriculum required. Ashlar #29 is looking forward to continuing the Kindle for Kids program again next school year.

I would like to offer a very sincere thank-you to all the committee members for their hard work.

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Summer 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!

July

Tommy MacGregor	July 1
James Ervin	July 14
Roger Davies	July 16
Larry Barrett	July 25
Lee Harris	July 28
Clinton Ransdell	July 31

August

Roger Gamble	August 3
James McNabb	August 4
Richard Fretz	August 15
John Yates	August 28

September

Harry Fisher	Sept 1
Bob Bouy	Sept 6
Toby Simonson	Sept 11
Seth Bergeman	Sept 12
Marv Heikkila	Sept 27

Lodge, the Candidate was brought in, in due form. The reception and Obligation then ensued and finally the Master asked the Candidate what he most desired, the Candidate replied "A beer."

At this juncture, the Senior Warden whispered in the Candidates ear "LIGHT."

"OK," said the Candidate, "A LITE beer."

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

Words you might have heard in Lodge?

Rectitude;

Rightness of principle or conduct; moral virtue

Inculcated;

To implant by repeated statement or admonition; teach persistently and earnestly

Masonic Mirth

A small Lodge had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a Candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioning system (two fans and an open door) broke down. After sweating their way through the opening of the