



Vegas
Lodge
#32

January 2023
Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

After three difficult years, especially this last tumultuous year of 2022, we find ourselves with a reset and a new beginning.

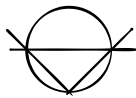
It was the wish of Most Worshipful Kevin P. McCans, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada for 2023, that Vegas Lodge 32 begin the 2023 year by holding its elections on December 2nd, 2022, allowing the Brethren to determine who should hold office, as is their traditional right and privilege.

However, several issues—to be discussed at our first meeting—arose, making this impossible.

Due to these unresolved issues, our Grand Master was left with a couple of options.

He has appointed a line of Officers to serve at his discretion and pleasure for the ensuing year of 2023.

Our mission is a straightforward one. Get Vegas 32 back on an even keel! This will be quite an arduous task, and of course we shall be performing our duties with Grand Lodge oversight.



In addition to righting the ship, it is our mission to restore the faith of the members and allow—indeed, encourage—any past member who wishes to do so to be restored as members in good standing, to re-institute our very successful program to rebuild the membership based on the Grand Lodge Red Books program.

Your Officer Corps is working diligently to resolve the issue that will allow us to resume holding meetings, and of course our ever-popular coffee-club will be back in full swing.

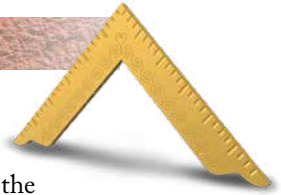
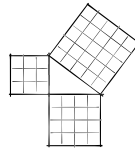
We are hoping to have our first meeting on December 16th, 2022. When the pending issue is resolved. Due & Timely notice shall be sent.

Looking forward to catching up with you all soon!

God bless,

Peter

Master



FROM THE WEST

Vegas Lodge #32 has had an extremely difficult year. I know many of you were hurt, disgusted, and enraged by the events that transpired. I certainly was. As Freemasons, we strive to find those men who can best work and best agree. We speak highly of temperance and moderation, of tolerance and forgiveness. But that does not mean we are wrong to be upset.

Anger is the appropriate response to injustice. Our negative emotions are healthy and natural. We're not going to hold onto them forever, but we can't sweep it under the rug and pretend everything will reset back to normal, as if nothing happened. We were let down by men who were supposed to



be our brothers and who were elected to positions of responsibility. The resulting feelings of anger and betrayal are too large to be ignored. We must acknowledge and process those emotions before we can truly heal.

But we will heal.

It will take time and considerable effort for us to repair this Lodge, but we will. We have a strong team of brothers in place and the support of the current Grand Master. I am happy to be part of the group appointed to get Vegas 32 back on course. It is a good group of men, all of whom deeply love Vegas 32 and will work hard to bring it back to proper form. None of us are here for any titles or glory. Frankly, things are in such bad condition right now, the only thing we have before us is a lot of work. Please support us and help us where you can.

Our immediate priorities are to fix the finances and operation of the Lodge, but we also need to address the topic of fellowship. Let's be brothers again. This Lodge belongs to all of us. You should feel happy and comfortable when you walk through our doors. You should be relieved and relaxed, as if coming into your own home. No Mason should ever feel anxious or intimidated when at Lodge. Nor should you be annoyed by

endless gossip and politics! Please help us bring peace and harmony back to Vegas 32.

Trust is essential, and that requires transparency. This is your Lodge. You are entitled to know how it is run and where our money is being spent. I strongly encourage you to ask questions of your officers. We may not have the answers immediately, but we will get them for you. Our phone numbers are listed on this trestleboard for you to use. Call us, even if just to say hello. I am always happy to hear from my brothers!

Too many good brothers were bullied into demitting. Even more quietly slipped away over the past years because coming to Lodge stopped being enjoyable. I have no doubt that our first few stated meetings will be heated, but things will calm down eventually, and we will get back to Freemasonry as it is meant to be. When that happens, I will ask you to join me in reaching out to those brothers who left. We will invite them to return. We will ask them to give Vegas 32 a second chance.

Fraternally,

Dan

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, it will be my honor and privilege to serve as your Junior Warden for the coming year. Now that the cloudy days are behind us and our Charter has been restored, our road is now paved and wide open for a great year.

Food represents the building blocks of our body, so I will do my best to ensure that you, my Brothers, get quality,

nutritious food and refreshments.

At the same time, in addition to taking care of all the food, I would like to remind everyone (including myself) that the jewel of the Junior Warden is the Plumb. By it, we are admonished to walk uprightly, to hold the scales of justice in equal pose,



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to observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure, and to make our passions and prejudices coincide within the line of our duties. Adhering to all of those responsibilities can be difficult at times, which is why I humbly request that anyone interested in helping in any way to please contact me. I am looking forward to serving you and hope this year will be a great one, enriching all of our memories with wonderful fellowship, food and refreshments.

Food is where our common ground lays. This is why I believe—as your Junior Warden—I have a great opportuni-

ty to help build a better, stronger, unified Lodge. We are ALL created from the same source and the Great Architect of the Universe is in all of us equally. Therefore, we should refrain from letting our *ego* maintain the belief that our work is for a different faction, party or idea. Together we are stronger! Our ideals are the same and distinctly described in our ritual. We already possess all we need to keep up the Great Masonic Work!

I look forward to seeing all of you!

Fraternally,

Niko
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY

The time has come,” the Walrus said, “to speak of many things,” wrote Lewis Carroll in *Alice in Wonderland*. Those words resonate with me now more than ever, not only because it feels as if we’ve been through the looking glass this past year, but also because we have so many things to talk about.

The members of Vegas 32 have experienced an unprecedented level of discord in recent years. It has been heart wrenching to bear witness to the angst so many brothers have had to endure. Fortunately, those of us who have been appointed to serve for the coming year believe it is our task to foster a renewed sense of peace and harmony within the Lodge—and I can assure you we assume this duty with the utmost reverence and dedication.

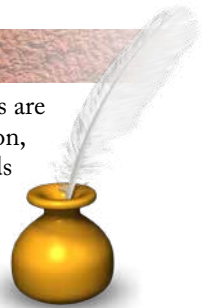
As we navigate our way out of the turbulent seas we’ve had to endure, struggling to mend the tattered sails of

our worn vessel, our eyes are set on the distant horizon, steering a course towards calmer waters and the comforting destinations that await us all. As the secretary, my job will be to serve as navigator—finding the safest and surest course chosen by the captain. I will be honest, although I’ve yet to get my sea legs, I am committed to performing my task with all the vigor and zeal I have at my disposal.

I look forward to working with all of you as we sail the seas, set on a common goal, helping one another with the brotherly love we’ve come to expect from our treasured fraternity.

Fraternally,

Bill
Secretary



TRESTLEBOARD FOR JANUARY 2023

LODGE EVENTS

Unless otherwise specified, Dinner will be held before all Lodge meetings at 6:30PM.

JANUARY

- 6th – Friday – Stated Meeting**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 13th – Friday – Ritual Practice**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 20th – Friday – Third Degree**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 27th – Friday – Family Dinner**
Dinner – 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

- 3rd – Friday – Stated Meeting**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 10th – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 17th – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 24th – Friday – Family Dinner**
Dinner – 6:30PM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

If you don't see your birthday listed, that means the Lodge database records are incomplete. Please notify the Lodge Secretary.

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| 1 st Ernest D. Cantwell | 18 th Blake F. Hillm,
Sean M. McCaffery |
| 6 th Clyde O. Spitze | 19 th Billy Joe Craft, Daniel R. Stephens |
| 10 th Dean P. Bingham | 24 th Jon H. Madden |
| 12 th Eugene B. Sullivan, PM | 25 th Yordan Yordanov |
| 15 th David M. Wendt, Robert B. Pool | 29 th Thomas E. Larson, PM |
| 16 th Frank J. Perez | |

REGARDING DUES

Due to the fact that the Charter was pulled last year and almost all of you were prevented from participating in normal Masonic behavior, we are contemplating forgiving the dues payment for 2023 for all members of Vegas 32.

This will be brought up and discussed at the Stated Meeting in January, and if approved, the final vote will be held at the February meeting.

Until a final decision is made, please hold off on making any dues payments for this year. We will—of course—keep you posted on the results of these decisions.

Fraternally,
Bill Cary
Secretary

GRAND MASTER'S EDICT

Brothers,

Below you will find a copy of Edict No. 2-2023 which the Grand Master, Kevin McCans, sent out on December 5th.



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December 5, 2022

Edict No. 2-2023

To Vegas Lodge No. 32, Brethren:

Due to the unexpected events of Friday December 2, 2022, the current insurance predicament, increasing disharmony among members, for purposes of restoring peace and harmony, and per Sections 2.110 and 3.020 (4 & 5), I, Kevin P. McCans, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada do hereby name the following officers to serve for the 2022-2023 Masonic year. Furthermore, I am waiving Section 5.010 and proclaim the officers named below and the appointed Lodge officers to be installed as of the above date. These officers will serve for one year only, and at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

Worshipful Master: Peter J. Murdoch
Senior Warden: Dan S. Crowe
Junior Warden: Nikola Ostolk
Secretary: James W. Cary, Jr.
Treasurer: Christopher D. West
Trustee: Thomas H. Hillery
Trustee: Richard K. Tanner

Given over my Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, this Fifth day of December, A.D. 2022, A.L. 6022.

A written compliance to this Edict shall be transmitted to the office of the Grand Secretary immediately following receipt thereof.

Fraternally,

Kevin P. McCans
Grand Master

Attest:
David O. Martinez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary



VEGAS LODGE #32 OFFICERS FOR 2023

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA, F. & A. M.

Kevin P. McCans

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Master	Peter Murdoch, PM	702 858-8171
Senior Warden	Dan Crowe, PM	702 927-1968
Junior Warden	Nikola Ostoik	603 290-7138
Treasurer	Christopher West	702 600-8659
Secretary	Bill Cary, PM	702 465-0226

Trustees [vegas32trustees@gmail.com]:

3 Yr. Trustee	Rick Tanner, PM	702 370-4952
2 Yr. Trustee	Thomas Hillery	
1 Yr. Trustee	Leon (Pete) Peters	702 876-2846

Trestleboard Editor Bill Cary, PM 702 465-0226

Due to the timing of the Grand Master's edict (see opposite page), the new Worshipful Master has yet to determine which brothers are willing to serve for the coming year. Once those decisions are made, we will include the rest of the officers in the list above.



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