



Vegas
Lodge
#32

March 2023
Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

We the People!” or, in a like manner, may I say, “We the Brethren?”

It’s relatively easy for a Masonic Lodge Officer Corps to drift off course and lose sight of their duty and forget their mission.

Just as our country was founded on the principal of “government of the people, by the people, for the people,” so, too, is a Masonic Lodge founded on the principal of “governance of the Brethren, by the Brethren, for the Brethren.”

I often ask Masons this question: who is the boss of a Masonic Lodge? The most frequently received answer is “The Master.”

However, the Worshipful Master, despite his considerable powers defined and granted by the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Code, is ultimately answerable to the members of his Lodge.

It is, after all, the members who elect the Master, and at the end of his term of office, it is the Lodge membership who will elect his successor. This is true of all

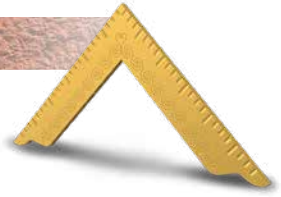
the principal officers of a Masonic Lodge.

I would like to offer this timely reminder that Freemasonry is all about service directed towards the greater good of the fraternity. We should always remain mindful of this and be ever vigilant for the hubris that can lead to a Lodge officer corps presuming to rule against the will of its members.

President Kennedy once proclaimed, “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.” This perfectly encompasses a discipline centered around service and it ought to be the principal by which we conduct our Lodge: maintaining an attitude of servitude towards our fellow Masons.

God bless,

Peter
Master



FROM THE WEST

Vegas 32 is again meeting regularly and conferring degrees.

That may not sound like much, but every marathon starts with a single step. If you are interested in helping with the degrees, this is the time to speak up! Worshipful Peter still has several offices to appoint. Guys who volunteer will get priority. If you are not sure where to start, reach out to Peter, Niko, or myself. You can ease into degree work slowly. Start with small parts and build your skills. You’ll get proficient quicker than you think and it feels good when you can answer the Lodge’s call for help.

Peter and myself are both Past Masters. We were appointed and installed by order of the Grand Master to serve a one-year term. I wish that

had not been necessary. The Lodge should always be allowed to choose its own leadership. The Grand Master and all of us officers are fully committed and determined that Vegas 32 will have a regular election in December. That means we need to start finding and developing new leaders from within the Lodge.



Officers do not rule the Lodge—they *lead*. But you cannot lead without the willing support of the members. You get this support by knowing and listening to your brothers and earning their trust over time. So when the time comes that you have to make those hard decisions, the members will still support you, even if they personally disagree. They trust you because they know you care about them and you are motivated only by what is best for the Lodge. They trust you because they watched you put in the work and develop your skills over the years.

I have received many words of encouragement and support from Masons

all over Nevada. Our brothers around the state want to see Vegas 32 return to its previous glory by embracing true Masonic principles. I strongly encourage every member of Vegas 32 to visit our neighboring lodges. Expand your circle of friends and become part of the larger Masonic community. Check the calendar at nvmasons.org. There are some great brothers all around our state and they love receiving visitors just like we do.

Fraternally,

Dan

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Our last meeting was great improvement in all ways compared to the previous, but have we obtained perfection within the Lodge? Of course not! Yet, it still gives me hope and makes me believe that our healing is possible much sooner than originally anticipated!

We know improvement is an ongoing process and we all signed up to never stop that process no matter what. I hope and pray that whatever made this positive improvement possible only grows in the future. As for each one of us, may we all act as advocates to the process, not impediments!

Brethren, I believe you have all heard the expression, “Freemasonry is as strong as its weakest link.” I prefer to interpret this phrase as follows: We all have potential, and no matter how weak or small someone’s potential is, as long as they use it—to the grand scale of things—it can only add to the overall strength and increase the potency of the Whole! Unless, of course, that potential becomes destructive, attempting to deliberately

and consciously break those fellow links—which is a completely different non-masonic story which would require another approach altogether. Our last Stated Meeting made me feel as if improvement is possible and—more importantly—that it can happen far sooner than hoped. Therefore, it is my hope that everyone can open up to the idea that it doesn’t take much to heal and create a strong Lodge, even after enduring the storm which lays behind us. After all, all the Brethren who have come before us have laid out our proper course—we just need to follow our ritual and our obligations! The fewer deviations we take, the faster the improvements will happen!

I truly hope we can synchronize into a Lodge with minimum friction, leaving ourselves open to the TRUE POTENTIAL of what a Masonic Lodge should be! We have all we need!

It will be true shame to hold the most advanced doctrine man has ever



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created and not be able to go through some stormy clouds! As Brother John Locke says: "Our Ritual is the knowledge of things, as they are to be found in themselves, and not our imaginations!" We already have the knowledge of things extracted by our brethren before us. We just need to trust it and follow—with our imaginations set on the side! This means we must avoid falling into the "EGO Trap" which tries to convince us to follow selfish pursuits, falsely believing that our own sense of self is better than the vast wisdom achieved through the centuries.

The crux of what I am trying to say is this: subdue your passions and use the Masonic tools at your disposal.

It is widely accepted that everything in the physical world is cyclical. This is why—I believe—we go in circles in our degrees, to teach us about our cyclical, physical nature. We all know that running in circles takes us nowhere. This is why in our sublime degree, the cycle is broken, and we are raised out of it. Improvement and growth are only possible after breaking the cycle that holds us down! Therefore, it is my wish and my blessing that we all, as a Lodge, find the way to break the vicious circle that affects many, and we all raise above it!

Faternally,

Niko
Junior Warden

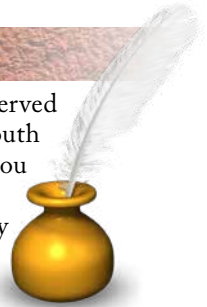
FROM THE SECRETARY

The year is well under way, and we have accomplished much in a short time, yet there is still more to achieve on the horizon.

After the vote at the last Stated Meeting to forgive the membership's dues for 2023, I have been working diligently to get the remainder of the dues cards mailed. You should have received yours by the time you are reading this.

March is meant to be Youth Appreciation month for Masons in Nevada, which we generally focus towards our Masonic youth groups. Regrettably, I must inform you that most of the Masonic youth groups in Clark County are struggling. They are in dire need of members, as well as adults who are willing to invest their time to assist these young men and women on their journey to becoming upstanding men and women in society.

My children have served in all three Masonic youth groups, and I can tell you that it did wonders in developing a wide array of skills which have helped them in adult life. My daughter, Miranda, was intellectually advanced, but she struggled socially. On joining Job's Daughters, where she found a group of girls who accepted and appreciated her, she blossomed immensely. She went through the line, becoming Honored Queen, and eventually came to serve as Miss Nevada Job's Daughters. I say this not to brag of her accomplishments, but to tout the wonderful influence Job's Daughters' had in her development from a shy, timid, awkward young girl into someone who had the courage to stand before vast halls



of adults throughout the state in order to give speeches about the organization.

I could tell you similar stories of my son's experiences in DeMolay, but I won't bore you with the history. Suffice it to say that all the Masonic youth groups offer a plethora of ways for your kids (or your grandkids, nieces and nephews) to have a great deal of fun, while at the same time learning life skills that will help them in innumerable ways. Heck, my wife, who was in Job's Daughters as a teenager, on watching a Jobie meeting

for the first time in decades, kept telling herself, "So, *that's* where I learned that."

The youth groups accept children from their pre-teens up through young adulthood. I can't sing their praises enough. If you have any interest, by all means, pull me aside and I'll answer all your questions—or at least point you in the direction of someone who can.

Fraternally,

Bill
Secretary

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

The youth groups attached to Vegas 32 are always grateful to receive help and assistance from the Lodge. However, there are far better and nobler ways of supporting the youth than simply giving them money. Please consider giving of yourself and offering some of your time to help these fine organizations which are working to make better citizens of our youth, as well as sowing the seeds of our own future membership.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS – Bethel #5
Meets on 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 1:00PM

RAINBOW FOR GIRLS – Assembly #9
Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30PM

DEMOLAY – Oasis Chapter
Meets on 1st Sunday at 4:00PM at MMT

Contact Bill Cary with any questions.
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“Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”

–Jim Henson

TRESTLEBOARD FOR MARCH 2023

LODGE EVENTS

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

MARCH

- 3rd – Friday – Stated Meeting**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 10th – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 17th – Friday – Courtesy Third Degree**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 24th – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 31st – Friday – Family Dinner**
Masonic Youth Appreciation
Dinner – 6:30PM

APRIL

- 7th – Friday – Stated Meeting**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 14th – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 21st – Friday – TBD**
Meeting – 7:30PM
- 28th – Friday – Family Dinner**
Masonic Youth Appreciation
Dinner – 6:30PM



MARCH 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Michael L. Stevenson, Jr.2nd Thomas R. Post3rd Joshua Paul Carpenter5th Felicisimo (Ray) G. Mata7th John MacNeill, Tito Martinez15th Ricardo (Rico) E. Avalos18th Florian Dumitru19th Thomas J. Nieva21st Justin B. Johnson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">22nd Grigor Madaryan,
Richard C. Jennings24th Bradford S. Davis, Phillip J. Storm25th Peter A. Artes26th Jack H. Miller28th Marion O. Madden , Jr.29th Arutyun Kitapzyan,
Thomas J. Hawkins |
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DUE NOTICE

Brethren, the Lodge received a letter from Mark Mancha requesting reinstatement as a Mason, which was read at the last Stated Meeting. A vote will be held at the next Stated on March 3rd to determine if the brethren are willing to grant him his request.

Should the vote be favorable, the decision will then be passed on the Grand

Lodge who will make the final decision on whether or not he is returned to Good Standing in the fraternity.

Fraternally,
Bill Cary
Secretary

VEGAS LODGE #32 OFFICERS FOR 2023

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Kevin P. McCans

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Due to the timing of the Grand Master's edict, the new Worshipful Master is still determining 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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