



Vegas
Lodge
#32

April 2023
Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

Vegas Lodge 32 was shut down on June 27th, 2022 when Grand Master Giles arrested our Charter.

Although our Charter was restored by Grand Lodge on November 1st, 2022, most members remained unaware that the Lodge was open and back in business due to a lack of communication.

This was further exacerbated when it was discovered in early December 2022 that the Lodge's insurance policy had lapsed in August of 2022 immediately putting a halt to all activity. The Lodge was therefore unable to effectively begin operations until suitable insurance was finally negotiated early in January 2023.

After a long six months of closure, much of our regular flow of Lodge business had atrophied, the first challenge has been to get the Lodge back into "full swing" or its "rhythm of life."

We have had tremendous support from the other Lodges in Southern Nevada, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the kindness and generosity they've shown to Vegas Lodge 32. They have been sending com-

plimentary degree work as well as potential candidates for Masonry and assisting us with the requisite officers to fill the rolls we are currently unable to fulfill due to our depleted ranks. This "Brotherly Love" is exceedingly gratifying.

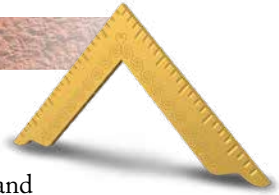
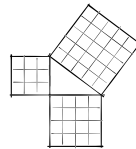
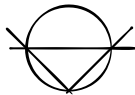
I can report that the appendant bodies are back and fully operational. The Coffee Club is also back in full swing and we already have several excellent prospective Masons in our pipeline. As a result, we will be ramping up our mentoring program in the coming weeks.

At our last family dinner we had to put up additional tables to accommodate all in attendance, a good sign indeed! I would like to encourage all to consider coming back to Lodge. Our dining room and kitchen are back up and operating at their usual level of "par excellence!"

God bless,

Peter

Master



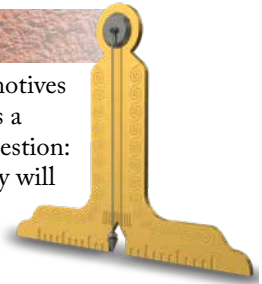
FROM THE WEST

I'd like to believe we are all united in our desire for a healthy and functional Lodge, but history has repeatedly shown otherwise.

We have bad actors in our midst and we all know it. There have been countless conversations trying to decipher their reasons. Why would they do this? Can't they see how they are damaging the Lodge?

Frankly, their motives don't matter. Here's a more important question: Do you believe they will ever stop?

I don't. You can't compromise with people who act in bad faith. There is no possible appeasement. You have to cut out the cancer.



Anyone who thinks we should make yet another effort to reconcile, ask yourself this question: Would you recommend your close friends or relatives to petition Vegas 32? Do you believe they would get fair treatment at the ballot box?

This has been a problem for a decade now. It is long past time that we address this issue decisively.

Fraternally,

Dan

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

When we join Masonry, we are all accepted into the fraternity as good men—men who later take an obligation to continually search for more light, and through that search, we become Better Men. Many prominent men throughout history agree, that becoming a Better Man is the most positive thing we can offer to the people around us, and society as a whole. Therefore, I want to ask you: what does it mean to you to become a Better Man? Is it measured by your money, your possessions, your job? That's rubbish! No... being a Better Man means the people around you feel better for having met you. It means you present a greater experience for your brothers, your family, and all the people you work with and meet every day.

I realize—as I am sure you all have—that none of us can achieve “Perfection,” but that doesn't mean we shouldn't continually strive to obtain it. Isn't that the point of being a FREEMASON? I know this for sure: to achieve balance in our Lodge, we must focus on the real Masonic Values that have proven their ability to improve us through the centuries. We all know these values: always search for more light, the spiritual stands above the material, subdue our passions, help a Brother in need, perform acts of charity... and all the others you can think of! Only by doing those things which have proven themselves through

the test of time can we improve ourselves. It is not achieved through following someone who shares the same passion as you!

Some refuse to see any good in those who disagree with them because they share different beliefs. This doesn't exist solely in our Lodge, it seems to be part of human nature. But, I would like to remind everyone that “in the name of Religion, Politics, and belief systems” billions have been killed throughout history! This killing continues to this day, as current events are demonstrating for us. Through the centuries, the millennia, society has learned that to offer a hand to those who are less fortunate than us is the most Noble and Glorious thing one can do. There is nothing glorious in prevailing over someone weaker than yourself. We are not here to find fault with our Brothers, constantly searching for a means to strike out against them merely to improve our own position. Removing a Bad Apple is a success story, true, but it cannot be used repeatedly for Glory! That mindset creates tyrants, and we as Freemasons have historically been against them!

I remember reading somewhere, “The only time I look down on a Brother is when I am lifting him up.” Imagine a Lodge where everyone followed this

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axiom. Wouldn't Vegas 32 be the place you want to be every Friday? Does anyone believe that putting others down could bring us to a better place? It didn't work for Mao Zedong. It didn't work for Stalin. It didn't work for Hitler!

I would also like to salute (once again, as in the previous trestleboard), the Worshipful Master for allowing FREE discussions at our Stated Meetings. I encourage every Brother to speak openly regarding whatever improvement ideas they may have, even if those ideas may contradict another. But if you do so, please make sure you know what are you saying!

“Criticism is the restraint that holds a leader from becoming a dictator.” We cannot disagree with this, I know.

However, I have observed that some brothers seem to have forgotten that the Worshipful Master is the one in charge of the Lodge. This means he has the last word, even when our beliefs may be different from his! If we fail to follow that principle, we put ourselves into the red zone! Although we all exist on the level, each Master is chosen to lead for a time before once again returning to the equal rank of all. The simplest saying that encapsulates this

concept is, “A ship can only have one captain!” There is a great deal of wisdom in accepting this societal structure, not only in the Lodge, but the world at large.

I believe the one-year term of the Worshipful Master is meant to teach us this lesson: “Peaceful transfer of power is a foundation of freedom.” Do you serve to aid this belief, or do you choose to work against it? It is a question I hope everyone asks themselves.

I would like to finish my thoughts with a lesson I believe we can derive from the cooling tower situation, and I hope it teaches us the following: Just as the cooling tower makes the hot air cool before sending it out—so should we cool our heated emotions and passions before sending them out to others. Because—we all know—as Freemasons we should be proficient in subduing our passions and emotions! May our cooling towers, working for those buildings not made with hands, work at their best. May the GAOTU be with all of us at all times, and may we never miss the opportunity to follow His grand designs as our guide!

Fraternally,

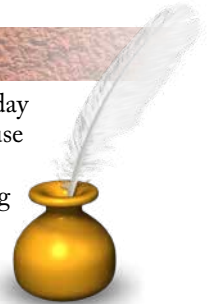
Niko
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY

There's not much to report to you from the office this month, other than the fact that the Lodge officers are making progress on returning the Lodge to a more harmonious—and hopefully joyful—state of being.

One thing that has become apparent lately is that our printed Trestleboard is rather unresponsive when it comes to informing our members of last-minute changes to the calendar. In years past,

Vegas 32 met every Friday night without fail because we had so many candidates and brothers going through the degrees. But now? I'm sad to say we only have one brother going through the degrees at the moment and he has been unresponsive to inquiries about progressing. That means outside of our



Stated Meetings and our family diners, we are struggling to come up with Masonic work and instruction for the other Fridays each month. We have been grateful for the other Lodges in the valley who have asked us to perform courtesy degrees, but the scheduling for that work can change in a week, which means our printed Trestleboard just can't keep up with those sudden changes.

To that end, I have created a calendar page on our website which will be considerably more adept at keeping you posted of any last-minute changes. You can find this event listing at:

vegas32.org/calendar

Although the Stated and family dinner won't change, I would recom-

mend checking the online calendar to determine whether or not the Lodge has scheduled a meeting during the middle-Fridays of the month before you drive down to the building.

Also, we'd like to get everyone's e-mail address and cell phone numbers so we can provide you with a less-cumbersome manner of notifying you of event changes. Please see the "Shifting Calendar" section below.

That's all I have at the moment. Look forward to seeing you at Lodge!

Fraternally,

Bill
Secretary

OUR SHIFTING CALENDAR

In an effort to keep our members posted of our meeting nights for the middle of the month, we have created an online calendar at the following link:

vegas32.org/calendar

However, we would like to find a more direct method of notifying you of updates to our calendar. To do this, we would like to ask for your current e-mail address, as well as your cell-phone number so we can send you text notifications. This will give us the ability to keep you informed and up to date on our events.

Please send a short e-mail to: secretary@vegas32.org and include the following information:

- Your name as it appears in our membership files.
- Your e-mail address.
- Your cell phone number. (If you want to receive text notifications.)

Once we have this information, we can send you details of any changes to the Lodge calendar, as well as any other last-minute events.

Fraternal thanks,
Bill Cary
Secretary

Most folks are as
happy as they make
up their minds to be.

– Abraham Lincoln

Healing is a matter of time,
but it is sometimes also a
matter of opportunity.

– Hippocrates

TRESTLEBOARD FOR APRIL 2023

LODGE EVENTS

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

For an up to date listing of Vegas 32's meetings, go to: vegas32.org/calendar

APRIL

7th – Friday – Stated Meeting

Meeting – 7:30PM

14th – Friday – TBD

Meeting – 7:30PM

21st – Friday – TBD

Meeting – 7:30PM

28th – Friday – Family Dinner

Dinner – 6:30PM

MAY

5th – Friday – Stated Meeting

Meeting – 7:30PM

12th – Friday – TBD

Meeting – 7:30PM

19th – Friday – TBD

Meeting – 7:30PM

26th – Friday – Family Dinner

Dinner – 6:30PM



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

3rd Kyle J. Love

4th Leo P. Archambault,
Shibli M. Sawalha

5th Brian J. Askins

6th Christopher Tabasa

11th Billy W. Paddock,
Ralph E. Zimmerman

14th Michael J. Ramirez,
Ronald L. Osborne,
Ryan V. Custodio

17th Jayde David,

John G. Watkins

18th Jeremy D. Newman

20th Richard S. Kilgore,
Ronald Scott Ewart

24th Benjamin Rumph

25th Darren F. Lennemann,
Norman L. Bartels

28th Raymond Newcomb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

VEGAS LODGE #32 OFFICERS FOR 2023

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

Kevin P. McCans

Most Worshipful Grand Master

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2 Yr. Trustee	Thomas Hillery, PM	
1 Yr. Trustee	Leon (Pete) Peters	702 876-2846

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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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