



Vegas  
Lodge  
#32

May 2023  
Trestleboard

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## FROM THE EAST

**T**he year is flying by. It's April already. I don't have a lot to say right now, except to remind the Brethren that we will be doing at least one more courtesy third degree in the coming month for King Solomon Lodge, also an official visit from Downey United Lodge #220 in early June where they will be doing a California code third degree.

We received some good news from Grand Lodge recently. After an additional review, WB Harry Christopher has been fully restored to the status of 'Mason in Good Standing'. You can expect to see him back at his beloved Lodge on a regular basis.

Further good news came down from Grand Lodge. They are restoring 'Masons in Good Standing' status for all those Brothers who demitted from Vegas 32 after the Charter was pulled in 2022.

If you fall into this category and wish to have your Vegas Lodge 32

membership reinstated, simply write to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, letting him know of your wishes.

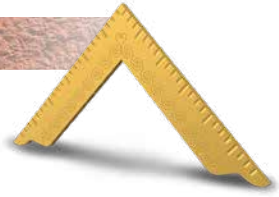
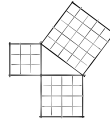
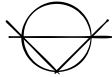
Later this year we are expecting a visit from the members of St. George Lodge #33, possibly to perform a degree at Vegas Lodge 32. Details to follow.

The Trustees have been working on replacing much of the Lodge internal lighting with LED lights. The small lodge room has been very noticeably improved by the upgrade to LEDs. Check it out the next time you're at Lodge. The dining room has also been upgraded, with the large lodge room next to have LED lighting installed.

God bless,

*Peter*

*Master*



## FROM THE WEST

**W**here were you first prepared to be made a Mason? If a man doesn't already have Masonry in his heart, he is not going to be a good addition to the Craft. There is no "close enough." The simple fact of the matter is that you can't make another man good. So, if a candidate doesn't meet our qualifications, it is your duty to tell him, "No."

It is difficult to give bad news. It is never pleasant for either party. But, better a few minutes of discomfort now than the grief that comes from admitting the wrong man. A man who makes

false promises to our Obligations, and who sees the Lodge as his path to personal glory, will spread that falseness and recruit other candidates like himself. Pity the Lodge that lets that happen. Digging out that mess is not going to be quick or easy.

Nearly every brother I've spoken to in the past four months has pulled me aside and let me know that we—the members of Vegas 32—had their support. Damn near unanimous. At every





Lodge I visit I hear the same message: "Let us know if there's anything we can do to help."

Vegas 32 is well known and loved throughout the state of Nevada. I know some of the brothers think we are unappreciated, but I assure you, that is not true. Go visit them and see for yourself.

You can let them know that we're still working on it, but things will get back to normal!

Fraternally,

*Dan*

*Senior Warden*

## FROM THE SOUTH

**B**rethren, as I promised in my 1<sup>st</sup> article, I will observe from the South the best I can. However, the task is has proven to be harder than I initially thought.

I am not giving up, but as of the writing this article, due to the events from the last Stated Meeting, I will hold "perfect south" myself, as I have a lot of questions which need to be answered before I can confidently write about them.

I would like to give a Big thanks to the Past Grand Master of Arizona for his speech! We need more Masons like him in our fraternity. Everyone who

missed his speech missed some nice food and wise words! This, I am sure: We need to invite more people like him, even if we have to spend money to bring them here. I offer my deepest thanks to him for coming to Vegas 32 on his own time and his own expense to visit us and share his wisdom!

I hope to see even more brothers next time!

Fraternally,

*Niko*

*Junior Warden*



## FROM THE SECRETARY

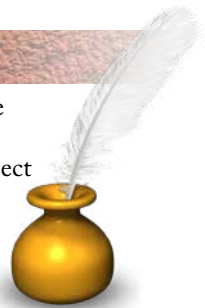
**I**want to share a conundrum I've been wrestling with these last few months: How do you get someone who is convinced they are right to realize the error of their ways?

As most of you are aware, we have a minority of brothers at Vegas 32 who—despite opposition from the majority of the brethren—are convinced they are in the right, that their path is correct and just.

How do you deal with that? How can you break through someone's determined belief that they know what is best?

It reminds me of the paradox: What happens when an immovable object meets an irresistible force? The only possible result is the annihilation of both.

And yet, here we are, facing a similar dilemma. Both sides in this situation are convinced they are on the right side of justice and morality. How can we return to peace and harmony within the Lodge when we



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can't achieve an accord of thought and purpose? Our traditions tell us the only argument we should allow ourselves is who can best work and best agree. Well, how do we reach a place of agreement when you have two opposing sides, each convinced they are right and the others are wrong?

It is in our core nature as humans to be drawn to those things which make us feel good—to thoughts which give us pleasure. We like to feel good about our viewpoints—about our decisions and our actions. Believing we are right grants us a sense of gratification, of thinking we are on the right side of society's sense of justice. By inately following this impulse to feel good, an individual will continually seek out those viewpoints which reinforce their existing belief system, while denying those ideas which bring their beliefs into question, provoking a sense of uncertainty and unease. This impulse is natural. It is understandable. It is... human. And yet, that natural inclination has brought us to a point of extreme contention within the Lodge—the one place we are taught to avoid contention between brothers.

All of which brings me back to my initial question: how can you persuade someone of an alterante viewpoint when they are already convinced they are in the right? I wish I had an answer for you, but as I said, I've been wrestling with this dilemma for several months now, if not longer.

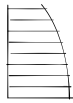
The only answer I have at the moment is to keep following the course I've set for myself—a course which I believe is honorable, ethical and on the right side of justice—and then hope that history finds me in the right.

My apologies for the doleful turn of topic, brothers, but after the events at the last Stated Meeting, these thoughts have been at the forefront of my mind. And yet, I keep finding hope for our future, believing that we will be successful in our struggle to return peace and harmony to our Lodge once more.

I look forward to seeing you at Lodge!

Faternally,

*Bill*  
Secretary



## DUE NOTICE

Brethren of Vegas Lodge #32:

At the last Stated Meeting, a motion was made to give Escorial Lodge #7 of Virginia City \$30,000 to apply to the repair of their damaged roof and the replacement of their boiler which exploded. Due to the high value of this proposed donation, you are being given due notice that the vote pertaining to this motion will be held at our next Stated Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## DUE NOTICE

Brethren of Vegas Lodge #32:

Grand Lodge has given the Lodge consent to hold a vote on the reinstatement of Mitch Hostmeyer, who was indefinitely suspended as the result of a trial which took place while the Lodge Charter was pulled. We will also hold a vote on the reinstatement of Ricque Beluscio. You are hereby given due notice that these votes will take place at the next Stated Meeting to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

# TRESTLEBOARD FOR MAY 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](http://vegas32.org/calendar)

### MAY

**5<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Stated Meeting**

Meeting – 7:30PM

**12<sup>th</sup> – Friday – TBD**

Meeting – 7:30PM

**19<sup>th</sup> – Friday – TBD**

Meeting – 7:30PM

**26<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Family Dinner**

Dinner – 6:30PM

### JUNE

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday – Stated Meeting**

Visit by Downey Lodge #220

Meeting – 7:30PM

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday – Downey Visitation**

Third Degree – California style

Breakfast – 8:00AM

Degree – 9:00AM

Lunch – 12:00PM

*(or after the degree is concluded)*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

1<sup>st</sup> Danny Mirkulouski

2<sup>nd</sup> James Cruz, Jr., Thomas E. Rudd

3<sup>rd</sup> Borys Pankiw

5<sup>th</sup> David John Lewis,  
Mitchell B. Summers

7<sup>th</sup> Mervin R. Ibanez

8<sup>th</sup> Jose M. Boronat

9<sup>th</sup> Edward R. Miley

10<sup>th</sup> Charles F. Bush, Lee Mackey

12<sup>th</sup> Peter J. Murdoch

16<sup>th</sup> Alberto F. Martinez-Molina

18<sup>th</sup> Gilbert L. Stonebarger

19<sup>th</sup> Clifford H. Singer,  
Michael E. Sloan

22<sup>nd</sup> Karvel Cannon Rose,  
Kevin E. McCollum

23<sup>rd</sup> Mario A. Moreno

25<sup>th</sup> Carl Melvin Henderson,  
Jan Frank Wisecup

27<sup>th</sup> Douglas Addington

30<sup>th</sup> Ronald Colelli

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have.

– Thomas Edison

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else.

– Judy Garland



## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

**T**he 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 1:00PM

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

**DEMOLOY** – Oasis Chapter  
Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 4:00PM at MMT

Contact Bill Cary with any questions.  
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Kevin P. McCans

Most Worshipful Grand Master

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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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