



Vegas
Lodge
#32

June/Summer 2023
Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

As I think most of the Vegas 32 brethren are aware, the current corps of principal officers have been appointed to run the Lodge in 2023 via Grand Lodge edict No. 2-2023 issued by MWGM Kevin McCans on the 5th of December 2022, of which a copy was sent to each member of the Lodge at the beginning of the year. The appointed officers are:

Master Peter Murdoch, PM
Senior Warden . . . Dan Crowe, PM
Junior Warden Nikola Ostoik
Treasurer Christopher West
Secretary Bill Cary, PM
Trustee Rick Tanner, PM
Trustee Tom Hillery, PM
Trustee Leon (Pete) Peters*


* Brother Peters was elected to Trustee for the 2022 term.

In accordance with the edict, we are charged with administering the Lodge on behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. This edict will expire at the end of MW Kevin McCans' term of office at the Grand Lodge annual communication in early November 2023.

At the Stated Meeting held on May 5th, 2023, I read in chronological order the key events which have brought us to this moment.

In summary the highlights are:

- The arrest of the Charter of Vegas Lodge 32 by MWGM Giles on 27th, June 2022.
- The Lodge accounting firm demanding and forensic audit around September 2022.
- Failure to procure insurance for the Lodge upon expiration of the previous policy on 7th, November 2022.
- Failure to notify most of the brethren of the restoration of the Lodge Charter on 1st, November 2022.

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- Failure to schedule any meetings in November 2022.
 - Failure to notify the bulk of the Brethren of the upcoming 2nd, December 2022 Stated Meeting & Elections.
 - Failure to turn over requested accounting information to the Trustees for their required report to the brethren.
 - Not notifying Grand Lodge that Vegas 32 was uninsured until around noon on 2nd, December 2022 causing the last-minute cancellation of the election of officers for the ensuing year and causing utter pandemonium as most members were in transit to Lodge when they got word, many traveling from out of state to attend. Note the Lodge was uninsured from 7th, November until early January 2023.
 - Post 5th December the appointed corps of officers upon assuming control of the Lodge discovered that all the warrants of the Lodge for approximately the previous 12 months were missing and all the stubs had been ripped out of the warrant book. Further all the Lodges computer files had been deleted.

Since our appointment went into effect on the 5th of December 2022, we have been working to restore comity and get the Lodge's affairs in order. We have come a long way, but there are still miles to run.

So, with all this in mind, I believe our best course of action is to hold an election at the earliest opportunity, which will be at the Stated Meeting to be held on Friday, June 2nd. This is long overdue, as it is the members who should determine the leadership of the Lodge.

This election will permit the brethren to determine the principal officers of the Lodge for the remainder of 2023. We will be holding the normally scheduled

elections in December for the ensuing year of 2024.

It is my hope that you will vote to keep the current corps of officers in place to see out the year, however this is entirely up to the brethren and of course we serve at the will and pleasure of the members.

One of the added benefits of this mid-year election is that it will replace the Grand Master's edict with traditionally elected officers. This will enable us to attend the annual communication without compromise and it will avoid that awkward moment in time between the

expiration of the Grand Master's edict at the end of his term in November and our normal elections held in December.

One of the primary intentions for the June Stated Meeting is to both elect and install the Lodge officers on the same night. To that end, RWGS David O. Martinez is planning to attend so he can perform the installation.

God bless,

Peter

Master

FROM THE WEST

Our May Stated Meeting was wonderful. We had increased attendance, including the return of several brothers who were forced to demit last year! Worshipful Peter gave an excellent account of the challenges we've faced over the past six-plus months, including all the work required to address them. Much of that work is still in progress, but (until now) a lot has been behind the scenes. It feels good knowing that our work is starting to produce results, and the signs of progress are becoming more visible with each passing month. Ultimately, the best thing I can say about our May Stated Meeting is that—for the first time in a long time—it felt like Lodge again!

Next month Vegas 32 will hold an election of officers. We were wrongly prevented from selecting our own leadership back in December. Ancient Landmark XXVIII states: "The Master and Wardens of every warranted Lodge must be chosen annually by its members." As you all know, this was not allowed to happen. Grand Lodge was forced to step in and appoint our current officers by Edict. This was an emergency measure and never intended to be permanent. So, now it is time for those elections to

finally be held. The will of the brethren will determine the leadership of the Lodge—as should always be the case!

Please attend the June Stated Meeting, if your cable-tow permits. Peter, myself, Niko, Bill, Chris, Rick, and Tom are all willing to serve out the remainder of the year. You may affirm us in our positions, or replace us, if you feel there are better candidates. The election of its own leadership is the right of every Lodge, and none of us would have it any other way. The democratic tenets of Freemasonry are fundamental and are crucial to its survival. That includes the peaceful transfer of power. If not elected, I promise that I will work with your chosen officers to ensure that the transition is smooth and the work we've begun can be continued, if so desired. Please come and cast your ballot for the future officers of Vegas 32.

Fraternally,

Dan

Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

It is hard to tell which way is East, South, or West when observing the sun on a cloudy day. Therefore, it would be particularly hard to pinpoint perfect south, especially if you don't have a compass.

To be honest, there have been days when I was worried that the cloudy days would never dissipate. Some might call me pessimistic, but we've been dealing with a complicated situation and I am sure by now everyone would agree.

Luckily, the ray of sunshine came through the clouds during our last meeting and it was felt by everyone present!

Our Worshipful Master did an amazing job and is setting a bar high for everyone who comes after him!

Big thanks to Worshipful Brother Brendan for recognizing my name regarding the dinner, but for the truth to be satisfied, I must say that the meal wouldn't have been nearly as good if it weren't for Pall and the order he placed before he left for Iceland. He took the whole day before his Travels to place the U.S. Food order and make sure I would

have everything needed. I realize placing orders with U.S. Foods is not philosophy, but, knowing exactly what we need in the kitchen and effectively using it is almost a full-time job.

Big thanks to Brother Perry as well! He has all the secrets on the Lamb Chops if anyone wants to know.

Elections for our June Stated Meeting were announced and I would be remiss in my duty if I didn't remind everyone to come and vote. I am a firm believer that more votes make the outcome more precise and polished!

The current officers deserve a lot of credit, for without their work, the ray of sunshine we are seeing through the clouds would not have been possible!

I see great days coming ahead for our Lodge! And please remember: Exercise your vote! Exercise it wisely!

Faternally,

Niko
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY

Well, the Master and Wardens apparently had a lot to say this month, leaving me little room to ruminate on recent events here at Vegas 32. Fortunately, they already covered the important topics, so putting my spin on it would only be redundant.

Please check out the Due Notices at the bottom of the next page. In addition to holding a special election (and the subsequent installation) at our June Stated Meeting, we will also be dealing with some additional business which requires your attention, so please look it over.

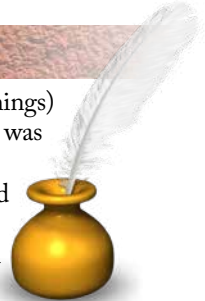
Also! We are planning to hold our annual (well, it used to be annual before

Covid put a kibosh on things) Poker Night in July. This was an event I started during my year back in 2015 and I'm thrilled to see that the brothers have chosen to continue it. It's a fun time with plenty of food, a little beer, and lots of fun.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge!

Faternally,

Bill
Secretary



TRESTLEBOARD FOR JUNE 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

JUNE

2nd – Friday – Stated Meeting

Special Election of Officers
Meeting – 7:30PM

16th – Friday – Third Degree

Courtesy Degree for Daylite #44
Meeting – 7:30PM

JULY

14th – Friday – Poker Night

Food & Social – 6:30PM
Gaming – 7:30PM

AUGUST

25th – Friday – Annual Family Barbeque

Dinner – 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER

1st – Friday – Stated Meeting

Meeting – 7:30PM



DUE NOTICES TO THE BRETHREN OF VEGAS LODGE #32

#1 Under the dispensation provided by Grand Master Kevin P. McCans, we will be holding a special election of officers at our next Stated Meeting to be held on Friday, June 2nd, 2023. The officers elected will be installed that evening and serve for the remainder of the 2023 term, with the next election to be held at our Stated Meeting in December of this year.

#2 The Lodge has received a petition from David Griego requesting consideration of his return to Masonry and membership at Vegas 32. In accordance with Sections 7.290 and 7.300 of the Nevada Masonic Code, the Lodge will hold a vote on this matter at our next Stated Meeting, and if successful, the results will be communicated to Grand Lodge for final decision.

#3 At the last Stated Meeting, the Lodge discussed the proposed donation to Escorial Lodge #7 to assist in repairing their roof and replacing their boiler which exploded. Questions were raised during the discussion, so the motion was tabled, giving the Lodge time to get answers to those questions. We should be holding the vote at June's Stated Meeting.

#4 The Trustees are proposing a restructuring of the investment policy with regards to the Lodge's accounts. Section VIII, subsection 7 of the Lodge Bylaws state that this proposal will require a three-quarter majority vote in order to take affect, with a minimum seven day notice being provided before the next Stated Meeting. The Lodge will vote on this at the June Stated Meeting.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

2 nd Francisco Artes, PM	18 th David D. Johnson, George Aretos	27 th Eduardo S. Manjarres, III, Steven A. Pace
5 th Edward W. Marino, Floyd Wayne Grimes	19 th Christopher D. West, Gary Ray Johnson	28 th Barry A. Mainardi, Thomas L. Frisbee, PM
10 th Donald D. King	22 nd Jose Carricarte	29 th Eric F. Green, Francis K. Ivey, Jr., Jerald Don Miller, Joseph Edward Scott
12 th Jack D. Turner	23 rd Phillip Reginald Futter	30 th David A. O' Rourke, Denver E. McPherson
13 th Dwayne D. Kurr	24 th James R. Cozby	
15 th Robert C. Barber	25 th Alfred J. Klein, Vahe A. Arshakyan	
16 th Cody D. Ylinen, Donald A. Meynor, Jr.	26 th Dennis L. Kern, Frank E. Damewood	
17 th Joseph Marion Orr, Rosendo R. Ventura		

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 st Jordan C. Dove	8 th Michael Alan Cunningham	24 th John W. Vernetti, Travis Wortman
4 th Antonio Bandalas, Jack A. Kolk, Sever Dudau	11 th Roger Stolp	25 th Madaryan Oganess
5 th Cedric D. Steele	12 th Paul Murad	27 th Gary J. Ruc
6 th Peter Vranesh	13 th John W. Boron, Michael Richard Kelso	29 th Daniel Fred Hawkins
7 th Dennis A. Sweeny, John E. Tryon, Norman G. Ethier, Rubel Lopez	16 th Charles Randall Evans, Pall Axel Gudmundsson	30 th Sareh Yeghiazarian
	22 nd Lawrence Kind, Lawrence William Irvine	31 st Derrell A. Dean, James D. Stucks, Roger C. Bennett
	23 rd Nestor Salgado	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 nd Garth L. Oesterling, Luis F. Valera, Manny Ford	14 th Frederick H. Judd, Ramon M. Campos, Roger L. Page	22 nd Felix A. Romero, Jack E. Lemons
4 th Martin A. Yates	15 th Craig L. Robinson	23 rd James E. Heyden, John M. Turco
5 th Michael L. Lester	16 th Donald Vincent Digilio	24 th Mark S. Towne, PM
6 th Robert Bercaw	19 th Edward C. Ruettiger	25 th George W. Gray, Vincent Aaron Loffredo
8 th Don Lewis Slagle	20 th James G. Kelley, PGM, Steven L. Gillespie, Szu-Lung Chang, Wilburn F. Newcomb	26 th Alexander Manger
9 th Llewellyn C. Fletcher	21 st Carl Elroy Miller	29 th Larry Kent Ferguson
10 th Birant Or, PM		30 th Attila I. Weinberger, Aubrey Eugene Shoaf, Jr.
11 th Neal H. Capehart		31 st Howard Vernon Kourik, Jr.
12 th Christopher N. Kratsas		
13 th Dwight D. Kazee		

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]:

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

Trestleboard Editor	Bill Cary, PM	702 465-0226
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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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