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Greetings from the East

Greetings Brethren;

Well another month has gone by. The Grand Master had scheduled his official visit for April 1st, however, he has had to change the date of his visit to the 6th of May. With this change we will have more time to practice the Lodge Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. With the help of our Deputy Grand Lecturer, Charles Steiner PM, we should be able to get through it without too much trouble. I will make every attempt to give due and timely notice for the practices. I am planning some trips to other Lodges to see if we can come close to winning the Silver State Award, catch is there has to be five current officers attending these meetings at other Lodges in order to get the points. I am hoping that the Junior and Senior Wardens, Marshal and Senior Deacon can attend the following meetings with me. April 14th Pyramid Lodge GMOV, May 3rd Reno 13 GMOV, and May 4th Washoe #35 GMOV. Then on the 6th of May he will be our Lodge for his GMOV. I think by us going to the others, and our practices, we will be better enabled to get through his visit to us. Since we have some EA's the meeting for the GMOV will be done in that degree so that they can attend.

I have talked to the Eastern Star and will be talking to the Rainbow for Girls about being at the Grand Master's Official Visit. I see it as a great time to help the Rainbows to have a fundraiser as well as earn service points. I will ask them to prepare the dinner, and do the clean-up after the meal. The Eastern Star are being asked to be present so that they can keep the Grand Master's wife company while our meeting is going on. Ladies, if you should have any suggestions for this event or anything for the Lodge please let me know.

Brothers, if you have not been to Lodge for a while, why not come pay us a visit, who knows, you might find that you have missed some doings of a Lodge, and enjoy yourself also.

On March 18th we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on four candidates, welcome to our Fraternity brothers, you can now attend our (Entered Apprentice) meetings and start learning more about Masonry. We have also received a petition for affiliation, and we are expecting another petition for the degrees shortly.

Special for the Ladies:

You are more than welcome to come to our dinners, sit and chat or gossip and enjoy yourselves not worrying about a meeting, while us men attend to our business meeting. I have it on good authority that the April dinner will be ham. The meal will be prepared by Brother George McKiernan PM, plus he is an excellent cook.

Educational question: What are the principal objections that have been urged by the opponents of Freemasonry? *The question and answer are found in the following resource; Masonic Quiz Book, Published by the Charles T. Powner Co. Chicago Illinois, 1956. Edited by Wm. O. Peterson, P.M. 32 degree.* You will also be able to find the answer somewhere in this Trestle Board.

Answer: They may enumerated under six heads: 1. Its secrecy. 2. The exclusiveness 3. Its admission of unworthy members. 4. Its administration of unlawful oaths. 5. Its claim to be a religion. 6. Its puerility as a system of instruction

**Fraternally,
Edro (Ed) Cranch
Master**

April Calendar

April 1st – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

April 2nd – Grand Lecturer's Workshop 9:00 am @ Wadsworth Lodge No. 25

April 8th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm

April 15th – Practice or Degree 7:30 pm

May 6th – Stated Meeting, **Grand Master Official Visit**
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

May 13th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm

May 20th – Practice or Degree 7:30 pm

June 3rd – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

April Birthdays

Cristin Sandu	5 th
Philip E. Souza II	5 th
Thomas E. Widaman	7 th
D. Kurt Green	14 th
Kenneth D. Thurston	18 th
H. Michael Reed	20 th
Ronald E. Darlington	23 rd
Gary H. Hatlestad	28 th

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TRESTLEBOARD

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Masonic Neighbors

Craft Lodges

Amity #4	Silver City	1 st Thursday, 7:00pm
Escurial #7	Virginia City	1 st Saturday, 10am
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 st Tuesday, 7:00pm
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7pm
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7pm
Pyramid #43	1300 Stardust St, Reno	2 nd Thursday, 7:30pm
Ben Franklin #45	Shrine Building, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7:30pm
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	2 nd Monday, 7:30pm

Order of Eastern Star

Martha Chapter #5 York & Pyramid, Sparks 2nd & 4th Friday, 7:30pm

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite 1st and Virginia, Reno 2nd Wednesday, 6pm

York Rite Bodies

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 rd Thursday, 7pm
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Commandrey #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 rd Thursday, 7:00pm

Grotto

Chaman Grotto 1300 Stardust St., Reno 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm

Masonic Youth Groups

Sparks Assembly #3 IORG, York and Pyramid, Sparks,
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

From the West

Every once in awhile, my bible app sends me the verse of the day, and it really makes me think. This time it was Proverbs 21:2 "A person may think their own ways are right, but the LORD weighs the heart." Of course I immediately thought of the Egyptians. Osiris is a very interesting character, described as the god of transition, resurrection, and regeneration. We need to get past the fact that he is green, but then it isn't easy being green, I should know. Interestingly enough, one of his many titles is the "Lord of love" and it was believed that as he was raised from the dead, all people would "inherit" eternal life. Get this, he also packs a shepherd's crook and is known as the shepherd god. But it's the fact that he pronounces judgment after death that I find most interesting. At death the heart of the deceased was weighed against the white feather of truth. What are the odds of the heart weighing the same or less than the feather of truth? It's important because a crocodile headed creature was waiting to devour the heart as it descended, resulting in a "second death" followed by the "lake of fire". Some versions even describe Osiris as holding the scale to ensure the heart doesn't drop, interceding for those whose heart might be heavier and descend to be devoured in a second and permanent death in the lake of fire. The hand of Osiris that isn't holding the shepherd's crook, holds a whip of cords. Among the many verses that describe the story so far, I will skip ahead in the interest of space in the trestleboard and catch up with this one; John 2:15 "So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables."

Before we decide that the new testament is a cheap remake of Egyptian beliefs, we have to remember that symbolism is powerful, numbers have meaning, and there are layers to every symbol that expand their meaning, each building upon the next to reveal the truth. There is increased knowledge and understanding as we progress, but at a rate of comprehension that only a loving creator knows. 1 Corinthians 3:2 "I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready." This describes the journey. As we progress, we move from the simple but complete milk that sustains us, to the solid food that prepares us.

The twelve inch rule, high twelve, low twelve, twelve months, twelve tribes, twelve signs of the zodiac, twelve oxen in the first temple, Hercules had twelve labors, Odin had twelve Hierophants, twelve loaves of showbread on the altar. And maybe most importantly, twelve lines make a cube. Ok, I'm all twelved out. Or maybe not...twelve disciples deserted our savior and by coincidence twelve fellow-crafts went in search of an innocent man killed for righteousness. I did say that numbers are important. I'd like to revisit the cube, but for now, one last verse... Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Fraternally, Kurt Green Senior Warden

From the South

In accordance with the Worshipful Master's March message, I will be posting a "Happy Birthday" message to the widows of our departed brother's widows as a small token of our appreciation of their support over the years. It is my honor to pay this tribute to these ladies who have been extremely important in our lives. We have no widows birthdays to celebrate in April, but wish to celebrate the birthdays of Mara Lea Wright of Reno on the 4th of March and Patricia Taylor PM of Kennewick, Washington on the 29th of March.

It would appear that our calendar will be getting a bit busier as we now have several degrees in the pipeline and an application or two being processed, All Good News.

The 20th day of April is the first day of spring, also Palm Sunday, and a chance to re-new and begin again. A season of growing of ourselves, of relationships and of our noble fraternity.

Many thanks to those of Martha Chapter #5 for the research and compilation of our "Widows List 2015".

Fraternally, Kenneth R. Jones, Sr. PM Junior Warden