



TRESTLE BOARD

Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM 300 Wilcox St. Castle Rock 80104

May & June 2014

From the East

“But it is in the free and friendly air of a Lodge of Masons, about an Altar of Obligation and Prayer, that the principle of equality finds its most perfect and beautiful expression. There, upon the Level, the Symbol of Equality, rich and poor, high and low, prince and plain citizen - men of diverse creeds, parties, interests, and occupations - meet in mutual respect and real regard, forgetting all differences of rank and station, and united for the highest good of all. "We Meet Upon the Level and Part Upon the Square;" titles, ranks, riches, do not pass the Inner Guard; and the humblest Brother is held in sacred regard, equally with the Brother who has attained the highest round of the wheel of fortune.” - **Source: Short Talk Bulletin - Jun. 1924 Masonic Service Association of North America**

What do these words mean to you? We come from all walks of life, work at jobs that require various levels of skill and various levels of compensation. Yet when we pass through the Lodge door we are all on the “Level”, not one Brother is any better than another Brother. What does it mean to me? It is a great honor to “serve the Lodge and bring out the best in every Brother. With June fast approaching it will be 2 years sitting in the East, with another 6 months to go. As a Lodge we have grown during this time; bringing new Brothers to the Lodge, starting and continuing new activities, and bringing “Light” to those that cannot make it to Lodge.

It is bringing Light to those Brothers that I want to discuss in this Trestle Board. On 22 April 2014, 12 Brethren visited a Brother that can no longer attend Lodge. It was an amazing evening, 12 Brothers took time out of their busy schedules to spend 2½ hour’s with a Brother. Away from their families, away from their hobbies, trying their best to make a normal evening for an ailing Brother. I want to thank those Brethren that attended with the humblest of heart. And to those Brothers out there that have not had a visit from the Brethren of Douglas Lodge I look forward to scheduling a visit. These visits will be during a non-communication week and continue during the July/August period when the Lodge is dark. On May 9th, 2014 the Sunshine Committee will be traveling to Oklahoma to bring “Light” to WB Louis R. Higby, Jr. who was Worshipful Master for Douglas Lodge 153 in 1954. WB Higby just recently received his 70 year pin. If you know of a Brother out there that is unable to attend Lodge or just needs a little “Light”, I ask you to notify myself or one of the Brothers on the Sunshine Committee so we can spread the “Light”. And if you would like to join us and visit WB Higby in Oklahoma contact the Lodge Secretary as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
Joseph S. Daugherty
Worshipful Master

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ELECTRONIC TRESTLE BOARD

Would you like to receive the Trestle Board earlier via email? If so, then email the Editor at: secretary@douglas153.com to be added to our electronic email distribution today.



From the West,

What do Harry Truman, Jimmy Doolittle, Gene Autry and Will Rogers have in common? In addition to being key figures of the 20th century, they were 33rd degree Scottish Rite masons. The exact origin of what is now Scottish Rite Masonry is difficult to pinpoint. As far back as the 1730s, references to Scotch Masons can be found in England. References from France and Germany appear to follow in the next decade.

In August of 1761, Stephen Morin was granted a patent from the Grand Lodge of France authorizing him to establish perfect and sublime masonry in all parts of the world. He set off for the Caribbean and set up shop in Santo Domingo. In the mid 1760s, he became acquainted with Henry Francken and granted him a patent as a Deputy Inspector. Francken moved to Albany, New York and set up the first Lodge of Perfection 4-14 degree on American soil in 1767.

The first Supreme Council was established in Charleston in 1801. At this time it was a 25 degree system. This has evolved into the Southern Jurisdiction of which Colorado is a part. This new body claimed to hold authority over haut degree or high degree Masonry in America and evolved existing degree structures into a 32 degree structure that culminated in the Prince of the Royal Secret, with a Deputy Inspector General, Honorary 33rd.

The Denver Consistory will hold their Spring Reunion May 8-10. The deadline for petitions is fast approaching. More information and petitions can be had from WB Wally, Mike Hagans, me or any other member of the Scottish Rite.

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph Magoffin
Senior Warden

From the South,

We are moving constantly forward with the Lodge website with the expert assistance of Brothers Michael Hagans and Lyle Wilkes. Brother Hagans has established the website and the integrated Trestleboard for online access. Training is being scheduled thru the WM if you are interested in learning a new skill and posting to the lodge website.

We are trying to reduce Lodge costs by posting the Trestleboard to the website and email a copy, however snail mail will remain for those who wish to continue a hardcopy delivery. If you wish to continue receiving the Trestleboard online we must have your email address. Of course you will be able to access it online if you choose by visiting the Lodge website. This new method will also allow greater communication in an electronic fashion.

This website will be utilized in the future to RSVP to functions and the Lodge suppers. Stay tuned for further info on your Douglas Lodge 153 website. www.douglas153.com

Fraternally,
Walter Lord
Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk...



Brothers, first of all I cannot say enough how great a job Brother Ed did while he was Secretary. The programs he started and notes he left for me to follow have made it easy to "slide" right into the saddle and continue serving and representing our Lodge with Honor.

I would like to thank all the Brothers who responded to the request for info that was missing in their files. Its huge impact will be cutting down on the printing and mailing cost of the Trestle Board when it's emailed.

We are currently up to 85 members in the Lodge with 1 new EA starting his program on the 17th of April with 2 more awaiting Investigation. The Lodge has 8 other Brothers in various stages of their degree work towards their Master Mason. How exciting! You can see this Lodge is growing, Growing, GROWING!!!!

There is one last page on my desk. To the Brothers who haven't been to lodge lately, please try and make the next stated meeting. Everyone would love to see you. If you are rusty on your pass and signs, please see me. I'll lend a helping hand.

From Behind the Desk...

Bro Lyle

LIVING PAST MASTERS

JOSEPH S. DAUGHERTY	2013
SCOTT GONZALES	2012
JEFF COURTNEY	2010
ROB L. CHENEY	2009
STEVEN R. THONE	2008
JAMES A. UHRLAUB	2007
KENNETH L. JONES	2006
ALBERT M. CROWDER, JR.	2005
EDWARD C. BYNON	2004
MARK DEMOURA	2003
ERIC A. WORLEY	2002
ROLF O. BRUSTAD II	2000-01
JAY BELK	1999
MARK LYON	1998
GREGORY G. LAWRENCE	1974
LOUIS R. HIGBY JR.	1954

HONORARY PAST MASTERS

JOSEPH MCCULLOUGH	2014
WALLY COOLEY	2013

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AF&AM

- **May 1, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm. EA Degree
- **May 10, 2014 Temple Board Meeting**
Time: 9:00 am **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Board Meeting and Lodge Maintenance.
- **May 15, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION (OPEN)**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm.
GL Visit: Awards
- **June 5, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm.
TABLE LODGE
- **June 14, 2014 Castle Rock Car Show**
Time: 6:00 am **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Fund Raising Event for the Lodge and Child ID.
- **June 19, 2014 STATED COMMUNICATION**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Description: Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. MM Degree
- **August 9, 2014 Douglas County Parade**
Time: 6:00 am **Location:** Castle Rock, Colorado
Description: Masonic Float, Child ID, & Fund Raising
- **August 23, 2014 Outdoor Raising**
Time: 7:00 am **Location:** Brian Easley Ranch, Elbert, Colorado **Description:** MM Degree
- **August 23, 2014 Douglas Lodge 153 Annual Picnic**
Time: 6:00 pm **Location:** Michael Hagans Ranch, Castle Rock, Colorado **Description:** Family Picnic

Martha Chapter No. 135

- **May 5, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **May 19, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **June 2, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.
- **June 16, 2014 Stated Meeting**
Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153
Stated Communications are on the first and third Mondays at 7:30pm.

High Plains DeMolay

May 12th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

May 26th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

June 9th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

June 23th, Monday, 7:00 PM @ St Matthews - Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting

- DeMolay State Conclave in Glenwood Springs
June 26-29th

All business meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
Formal Business Meeting - shirt, tie, slacks, no tennis shoes
Casual Business Meeting - collared shirt, slacks, no tennis shoes
Keep current on all Colorado DeMolay events by visiting: www.coloradodemolay.org and High Plains DeMolay on Facebook

2014 Committees

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