

# TRESTLEBOARD



Amity Lodge #4 1863-2017



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*November 2017*

## FROM THE EAST

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **December 2nd**  
Lodge Clean-up  
9 am
- **December 7th**  
Election of Officers  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm
- **December 16th**  
Installation  
Lodge Opens 2 pm  
Installation 2:30 pm  
Dinner to follow
- **January 4th**  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm
- **February 1st**  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm



My Brethren:

We opened Amity Lodge #4 on the third degree, on November 2nd, at 7:00 pm with all officers present. It was step-up night and all chairs were filled by next years' prospective officers. All officers did an outstanding job and we are in good hands for next year.

The Altar was draped in memory of Donald Parke. His nephew Cary Parke, PM gave some insight in to what Don had been doing. Starting with his grandfather, all had been members of Amity.

Minutes were read and approved along with all bills. Brother Bob Jordan reported on visits to Hope #22 for the GMOV and to Carson Valley #33.

I, along with several members of Amity attend Reid Ross's 50 Year Pin Presentation. Reid looked good and said he wished he could make a meeting at Amity, but his health would not allow. He has been a member of Carson #1 for 50 years and Amity for 30 years.

The 2 Resolutions before Grand Lodge were discussed. Of the 2 resolutions, the one that was new was found not in compliance with the Code of Rules and the other one that was brought back from last year for reconsideration, failed. Most Worshipful Gerald added a bit of humor to the meetings and nothing of great concern was brought forth. I would like to congratulate newly installed Most Worshipful Mark A. Marsh, as Grand Master of Masons in Nevada and his corps of officers.

It was approved that the lodge pick up Arthur Abbott's dues for the next year. Arthur is 100 years old.

PM Raymond Bisel of CA and MO talked about how he was able to sit in Lodge with then Grand Master and President Harry Truman. What an honor that was.

This is my last message for the Trestle Board and I would like to say, what a pleasure and privilege it has been to serve Amity this past year. We could not have accomplished the things we did this year without the help of all of you, the members. Many people ask me why I travel an hour both directions to this Lodge, when there are Lodges closer. There are some reasons that as a Mason I will not discuss, but there is something about this old Lodge that attracts you. The history, the fellowship, even the idealistic setting, stirs your heart. Being able to survive in a town of this size and still succeed in all we do is a testament to all our members, past and present. When they handed out the "Silver State Awards" at Grand Lodge, I naturally compared ourselves to those Lodges and in my opinion, we do things as well, if not better, than some of those Lodges. We are hampered by our size and the size of the town we are based in. I would still not trade it for anything. A proud moment for me was when they introduced me as Worshipful Master for Amity #4 at Grand Lodge and to receive the congratulations from both the outgoing and incoming Grand Masters.

Again, I want to thank all of my brothers for putting your trust in me this past year and I want to thank my officers who have served alongside me. We are truly on the "Level".  
Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Ely  
Worshipful Master



**FROM THE SECRETARY**

Brethren:

Just a quick note to inform you that the Grand Secretary's office is still getting its feet on the ground from Grand Lodge. Those of us expecting Life Membership Cards and other items at this time will experience delays. Please be patient and understanding during the transition of staff.

S&F:

Bob Behling PM, Secretary

**Living Past Masters**

- 1962.....George J. Armstrong
- 1970.....Douglas R. Boyd
- 1972.....Ernest H. Zebal, Jr.
- 1973.....Eldredge T. Porch
- 1974.....Paul J. Keife
- 1975.....Kenneth Hemphill
- 1976.....Duane Moore
- 1980.....George D. Wilkerson
- 1982.....John Flangas
- 1986.....Bill Young
- 1988.....Pat Bacon
- 1989.....Gary Njirich
- 1990.....W. Reid Ross
- 1991.....Cary Parke
- 1993.....David L. Thompson
- 1994.....Daniel T. Lee
- 1996.....David R. Hill
- 1997.....Robert Behling
- 1999.....Harold J. Ward
- 2000.....David W. Terry
- 2002.....Robert Behling
- 2005.....George J. Armstrong
- 2006.....Robert Behling
- 2009.....Leland W. Cross
- 2010.....J.D. Weiss
- 2011.....Leland W. Cross
- 2012.....John Angleson
- 2013.....Scott Mount
- 2014.....William E. Dillwith
- 2015.....Pedro Leon-Rojas
- 2016.....Michael Cushing

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**NOVEMBER**

- G. Njirich            11-08
- H. Ward                11-24



**OUR MASONIC NEIGHBORS**

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|---------------|--------|------------------|
| Ben Franklin  | No. 45 | First Wednesday  |
| Carson        | No. 1  | Third Thursday   |
| Carson Valley | No. 33 | Third Tuesday    |
| Douglas       | No. 12 | Second Wednesday |
| Escurial      | No. 7  | First Saturday   |
| Fernley       | No. 34 | Second Thursday  |
| Golden        | No. 50 | Second Monday    |
| Hope          | No. 22 | Second Thursday  |
| Lander        | No. 8  | Third Saturday   |
| Mount Rose    | No. 40 | First Wednesday  |
| Pyramid       | No. 43 | Second Thursday  |
| Reno          | No. 13 | First Tuesday    |
| Wadsworth     | No. 25 | First Friday     |
| Washoe        | No. 35 | First Wednesday  |
| Kerak Shrine  |        | Fourth Wednesday |
| Chaman Grotto |        | Third Wednesday  |
| Scottish Rite |        | Second Wednesday |

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CHARLES F. SEWCHOK

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