

TRESTLEBOARD



Amity Lodge #4
Celebrating 153 years



January
2016

FROM THE EAST

My Brethren:

Good news from our Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Mancha, he has agreed to change the date of his official visit to Amity #4 to April 7th 2016, our stated meeting for that month.

Amity Lodge No. 4 was opened on the Third Degree on January 7th, 2016 for our first stated communication of the New Year after a delicious dinner prepared by our J.W. Robert Jordan.

We were proud to have all our Past Masters introduce themselves and thank them for their continuous support and service to Freemasonry. The Altar was draped in honor of Past Grand Master Edward M. Block who laid down his working tools for the last time on December 8th, 2015.

The minutes were read and approved from our December stated meeting and our December Officer Installation called communication, the bills were reviewed and voted on for payment. The Digest of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, 2016 Proclamations and the Grand Masters Edict No. 1-2016 were read by the Secretary. An Invitation from Contessa Ferguson WA – Elect to the Sparks Assembly #3 Officer Installation was read and took place on January the 9th. This event was attended by your Worshipful Master and brother Robert Behling P. M. Secretary.

The Scholarship Committee reports that the “Scholarship packet” has been received from Grand Lodge and the applications will be mailed to Dayton High School this coming week. The Lodge membership has approved the application of \$500.00 to be matched by a Grand Lodge contribution of \$500.00 so that Amity #4 can provide a \$1000.00 scholarship to a deserving student from Dayton High School.

Brother Robert Behling has volunteered once again to chair the Sickness and Distress committee. He has taken on this duty for a few years now and his service in this regard is greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Our change in start time for Lodge meetings from 7:30 pm. to 7:00 pm went off in good order and all seem to appreciate the new time schedule.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Mancha made a special appearance at Doug Boyd’s home on January 12th to install him as Secretary Emeritus of Amity Lodge #4 and at the same time installed him as Trustee of Amity #4 for a 3-year term. The installation was witnessed by Brothers Bob Behling, P.M. and George Armstrong, P.M. Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Mancha also accompanied brother Bob in a visit to see our Past Master Bill Young and his wife Ardell.

Our Masonic education centered on the definition and a discussion of what it means to be a member of the Cognizance Committee and the Delinquency Committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 4th**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **March 3rd**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **April 7th**
Official Visit &
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **May 5th**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **June 2nd**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting 7 pm
- **June 18th**
Fun Night 2016

FROM THE EAST..... continued

Coming up at our February stated meeting we will remember our most famous Grand Master George Washington, we will share our memories of his great achievements and many adventures. All brothers are encouraged to bring their recollections of this great leader and the Father of our country to share with the brethren.

I hope to see you all at our stated meeting on February 4th. Please don't forget that we have a new time for opening of the Lodge, 7:00 pm, with dinner to begin at 6:00 pm.

Fraternally,

Mike Cushing, W.M.



+40 YEARS AS SECRETARY OF AMITY #4

M.W. Mark visited W. Brother Douglas R. Boyd at his home to honor him with the presentation of a plaque indicating his status as Secretary Emeritus for Amity Lodge #4. Doug Boyd has been Secretary for Amity Lodge #4 for over the last 40 plus years and he is the first in Amity Lodge #4's 153 year history to receive such an honor.

The importance of any lodge's secretary is impossible to overestimate, let alone one who has faithfully and cheerfully served their lodge for over 40 years. Worshipful Douglas R. Boyd served as Master of Amity Lodge #4 in 1970 and served as secretary for +40 years. The bestowment of Secretary Emeritus is well deserved by this outstanding brother.

Amity Lodge #4 is located in Silver City, NV. It was founded 1863 as Silver City Lodge #163 by the Grand Lodge of California and was one of the original 8 lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Nevada in 1865 (receiving the #4 role number in Nevada).

To see this article on the Grand Lodge of Nevada website here is the link - <http://nvmasons.org/boyd-emeritus>



DOUG BOYD, P.M. (SEATED). BEHIND FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GEORGE ARMSTRONG, P.M.; M.W. MARK L. MANCHA, GRAND MASTER; BOB BEHLING, P.M., SECRETARY.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Just a reminder to send your dues to the PO Box.

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The Secretary has a new email address
secofamily4@outlook.com



January

D. Boyd	01-23
David Hill	01-28
P. Keife	01-23
D. Moore	01-24
C. Parke	01-29
D. Person	01-10



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



OFFICERS 2016

MICHAEL CUSHING (Norma)	MASTER
ROBERT ELY (Verl-Lee).....	SR. WARDEN
ROBERT JORDAN (Janine).....	JR. WARDEN
ROBERT BEHLING, P.M.	SECRETARY
ERNEST ZEBAL, P.M. (JoAnn)....	TREASURER
PEDRO LEON-ROJAS, P.M.	SR. DEACON
ED MEAGHER (Judith).....	JR. DEACON
TONY MARTINEZ (Phyllis).....	SR. STEWARD
RUSSELL DILLWITH	JR. STEWARD
CHARLES SEWCHOK (Sandy).....	CHAPLAIN
LELAND CROSS, P.M. (Lanie).....	MARSHAL
MICHAEL LOGUE (Elayne).....	TYLER
ERNEST ZEBAL, P.M. (JoAnn).....	HISTORIAN
LEE CROSS, P.M. (Lanie).....	TRUSTEE
WILLIAM DILLWITH, P.M. (Karen).....	TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS BOYD, P.M. (Jan).....	TRUSTEE

DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER

CHARLES F. SEWCHOK

COGNIZANCE COMMITTEE

GEORGE J. ARMSTRONG, P.M.
LELAND W. CROSS, P.M.
ROBERT BEHLING, P.M.

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ERNEST ZEBAL, P.M.
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ED MEAGHER, J.D.

ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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RUSSELL DILLWITH, J.S.
TONY MARTINEZ, S.S.

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OUR MASONIC NEIGHBORS

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