

# TRESTLEBOARD



Amity Lodge #4

1863-2017

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May 2017

## FROM THE EAST

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 31st**  
Visitation to Humboldt #27
- **June 1st**  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm
- **June 3rd**  
Lodge Clean up  
9:00 am
- **June 17th**  
Fun Night  
5:00 pm
- **July & August**  
Dark
- **September 7th**  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm

My Brethren,

On April 28th our Lodge raised Nick Lazzarino. I am so proud of our officers and of the dedication they put in to make our degrees a huge success. Special thanks go out Brother's Scott Mount PM and Lee Cross PM for their outstanding work in the first and second parts of the degree. Congratulations to all the Brothers who took part.



*WM Bob Ely and new Master Mason Nick Lazzarino*



*Scholarship winner Makenna Olsen and family with Bob Ely WM*

Our regular Lodge opened on the Third Degree on May 4th. Prior to opening the Lodge, Makenna Olsen, her family and a friend had dinner with us. They were shown around the Lodge and WM Bob introduced Makenna as Amity's Scholarship Winner. The Scholarship presentation was held at Dayton High School on May 18th.

Past Masters were asked to introduce themselves and Brother Bob pointed out how great it is for our Order to have them present and for their assistance. Other members present as per the Tyler's Register.

The minutes of the April stated were read along with the minutes of the Called Communication on April 28th. Both sets of minutes were approved. All bills before the Lodge were read and approved. One bill of note was the charge for our Web Site. Brother Tony Martinez has done a terrific job with this site. If you have not visited it, please do. The address is in the header of the Trestleboard.

WM Bob reported on the visit to Carson #1 on April 20th. It was a very good meeting. Brothers Jordan, Leon, Behling, Martinez and Sewchok were also there. A visit is being planned for Humboldt # 27 on May 31st.

Brother Mike Cushing PM gave a report on the roof repairs. He moved that we recommend a local contractor to do the repairs to the Trustees. Motion Passed. We are still waiting on 2 bids for the painting of the Lodge. If you know of anyone who would be willing to put in a bid to paint the front and 2 sides of the Lodge, please contact the Secretary.

A work party is scheduled for June 3 at 9:00 am to spruce up the Lodge and area around it. This is to get ready for FUN NIGHT. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, there is still time. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but if you are planning on coming, please let Ernie or myself know, so we can get enough food. FUN NIGHT IS JUNE 17TH - 5:00 P.M.

Since May was Public Education Month, WM Bob asked each of those in attendance to tell something about their education and if they were a product of Public Education. I believe most enjoyed it and it was very interesting. A lot of those present went to One Room Schools for Elementary.

For the June Stated, WM Bob asked Brothers Behling, Leon and Zebal to give presentations on Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners.

May

## FROM THE EAST (continued)

This may sound like a broken record, but our visitors keep telling me what a great job we do. The thanks can only go out to you the members and officers that help make Amity #4 such a Great Lodge. Thank You

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bob Ely  
Worshipful Master



## MASTER'S MESSAGE

I can hardly believe that it has been 6 months since I was installed as your Master. We have accomplished most of what we set out to do during that first 6 months. We had a successful Grand Master's Official Visit. We honored our Masonic Youth, the Rainbow Girls Assembly from Sparks and we presented our Scholarship to a Dayton High School Senior along with celebrating Public Education. We were able to pass a Fellow Craft and Raise a Master Mason. The only downfall was a miscommunication with the DeMolay Chapter in Reno. I am in contact with their Chapter to see if another visit is possible, either October or November.

We have had one 50 year presentation and 3 more to follow. We have added 2 Plural Memberships in addition to the new member. We have, however, lost a couple of members through Voluntary Withdrawal. We do need new members, as do all the Lodges in our area.



*Bob Ely WM, Harold Ward 50 year member and Mike Cushing PM*

I have been able to visit 6 Lodges and have found Masonry alive and well in Northern Nevada. One of those Lodges I visited was North Star Lodge #168 in Wichita, Kansas. This is an AF & AM Lodge. They, like the lodges in England, do things a little different than we do, but the principals are all the same. I find it odd, that even though our Lodge's originated from England, our Ritual Work is so very different. I am told this is because two different groups of Masons merged and took from both to have the Ritual they have today. We and the AF & AM Lodges have kept to the original concept, although, this concept depends on which state your Lodge followed. The AF & AM are from Pennsylvania and I believe that the F & AM are from New York. If you are traveling, be sure to try and visit a Lodge. It is very worthwhile.

We will be having our Annual Fun Night in June and we changed how we will be doing the food preparation. I along with brothers' Jordan and Sewchok will be preparing the food. We hope this generates more revenue. Please attend if at all possible.

We continue to work on maintaining our building with the front porch roof being repaired. We are still waiting on another painting bid, in order that we can keep our building up to the standards of a quality Masonic Hall. Brothers' Leon and Cushing help with the care and upkeep of the grounds around our building.

Tasks for the upcoming months are to have the DeMolay Chapter in for a visit, visits to 2 more Lodges, Grand Lodge in Las Vegas in November and finally Elections in December.

This has truly been a lifetime experience for me and I am still very grateful that the membership allowed me to serve as Worshipful Master of this great Lodge. The Lodge is in great hands with the leadership coming through the chairs and I have no doubt, that the Lodge will continue its success.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bob Ely  
Worshipful Master



MAY

G. Armstrong	05-31
M. Blake	05-20
A. Cartlidge	05-30
W. Dillwith	05-19
J. Howard	05-03
C. Perchert	05-22
D. Terry	05-09
B. Tessler	05-28



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
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2016.....	Michael Cushing



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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