

TRESTLEBOARD



Amity Lodge #4 1863-2019

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April 2019

FROM THE EAST

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 2nd**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **June 6th**
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- **June 15th**
Fun Night
Doors open 4 pm
Dinner 5 pm

My Brethren,

Amity Lodge #4, was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry after a delicious dinner served by Chef Tony and Assistant Chef Ray. Dinner consisted of scalloped potatoes, ham, hot dogs, rolls and cookies for dessert, As always dinner was outstanding and enjoyed by all Brothers present.

The Altar was draped in memory of MW Stanley Williams PGM 2006-2007 and Paul Keife PM who was Master of Amity in 1974. The Secretary read a summary of the obituaries and they will be filed with the hard copy of the minutes. A moment of silence was then observed in honor of these Brethren.

The Lodge was called free from restraint for the preparation of the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers: MWGM Stephen V. Robison Jr., RW Richard M. Graver Jr. SGW, W Michael E. Chaption G. Standard Bearer, W. Christopher P. Shoemaker G. Organist, W. David J. Warren G. Tyler, W. Thomas A Collins G. Trustee and W. Wendell A. "Skip" Hammargren G. Trustee. Also were introduced our visiting Worshipful Masters: Mark Jones #12, Skip Hammargren #19, Vince Travens #33 and David Warren #53. The Lodge came back to order and business resumed. We were proud to have all our Past Masters introduce themselves and thank them for their continuous support and service to Freemasonry. The minutes were read and approved from our March stated meeting. The bills were reviewed and voted on for payment.

Ernie says that we have Fun Night tickets available for \$35. Part of the Menu has been changed to Pulled Pork instead of Ribs. The doors open at 4pm with dinner at 5pm on June 15th. As always, we encourage all to start bringing raffle and auction items. Personally, your WM will be donating another awesome Alpaca blanket and several Peruvian unique and rare Shaman's beanies.

PM Paul Keife's funeral was held at Masonic Memorial Gardens on Stoker Ave. in Reno on Monday April 8th at 1 pm. Officers of Amity conducted the Funeral. Jim Henry's Wife Lee Anne, passed away and her services were on April 10th at Walton's on West 2nd St. A reception followed at the Kerak Shrine Temple. Very grateful for all our Brothers present for these events.

The message of our most Worshipful Grand Master was the last communication of our meeting. The Grand Master's message focused primarily on Membership. Masonry has lost nearly 3 million members since 1959. However, that is changing with younger men looking for guidance. Fifty percent of our candidates fall out of membership through FTA. This needs to be addressed as much time is consumed by Lodges preparing for Degrees. He also stated that "good men" can be solicited for membership as long as there is no coercion.

Regarding last year's Edicts, he mentioned that only 9 Lodges complied with reporting them. Looking to the future the Grand Master said that it might be possible to have Lectures and Charges done at a later time and could be done with several



FROM THE EAST (Continued)

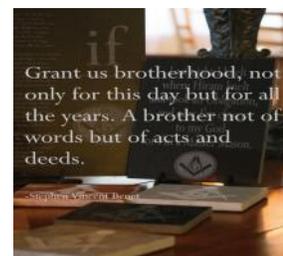
Lodges at the same time. Given the very low membership in some Lodges he mentioned the possibility of becoming a Historic or Occasional Lodge with some restrictions attached.

Mentioning Resolutions, the GM mentioned the 2 carryover Resolutions. That being raising the per-capita by \$10 to cover ever increasing expenses. Also, having the percentage dropped to 67% instead of 90% to make changes to the Code. A resolution committee headed by PGM Mark Marsh is beginning to make fruit so that resolutions can be introduced in the proper form. I must mention that PM Ely had mentioned an idea floated by the GM of members in the process of Degrees but not yet being a Master Mason having to start over when moving to Nevada from other Jurisdictions. "Change can be made for the better" was the closing quote by the GM.

The Grand Master complimented Amity's floor work and as a footnote from the Secretary I can say that I also am proud of our Lodge's Ritual work. The guys on the wall downstairs were smiling that night. The Grand Master then closed the Lodge in Ample form at 8:15 p.m. in peace and harmony and a good time was had by all.

Most Sincerely and Fraternally,
Pedro Leon, W.M.

If you would like to attend any of our meetings or activities and need a ride please contact one of the officers.



FUN NIGHT 2019

JUNE 15th is the date! SILVER CITY is the place!



Come join us for our annual Fun Night.

PULLED PORK & BBQ CHICKEN

Pulled Pork * BBQ Chicken * Pedro's Magic Beans * Salad * Rolls * Dessert
Refreshing Adult Beverages and Lots of Fun



Door opens : 4:00 pm
Dinner: 5:00 pm
Tickets - \$35.00

This is a STAG dinner, but we encourage you to bring any non-Mason friends.

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