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Amity Lodge #4 1863-2020
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June-July 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July & August - DARK
- September 3rd
Stated Meeting
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- October 1st
GMOV
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- November 5th
Officer Step-up
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm
- December 3rd
Elections
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren All,

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is difficult to really understand the state of our health and safety environment, and impossible to predict its future. A primary concern continues to be the well being and safety of our Brethren, their families and loved ones. That principal provides the light and guidance for our Masonic activities.

Nevada entered it's Phase Two Reopening at the end of May. Phase Two results have been varied and Governor Sisolak has directed that Phase Two restrictions are to remain in affect through July.

As with other major local events; Reno Rodeo, Hot August Nights, Burning Man and Candy Dance, our June 13th Annual Fun Night was canceled. We all missed the fellowship and camaraderie that resulted from that event.

Sadly, Brother David Lowenthal gave up his working tools on June 26th. Brother Lowenthal received all three Degrees in 3 months at Keystone Lodge #81 in Pocatello, Idaho; Initiated on 1/18/1974, Passed on 2/8/1974 and Raised on 3/22/1974. He demitted to Amity Lodge #4 on 5/7/2012. David was born in Cleveland Ohio on 1/4/1935 and passed on 6/26/2020 at the age of 85 years old. Brother Lowenthal embodied our Masonic values and characteristics. He will be missed.

SW Tony and SD Mike have been in contact with three men who are interested in Amity Lodge #4. These men reached out to Amity via the Grand Lodge Media Campaign. We are looking forward to meeting with these interested men as soon as possible, within COVID-19 restrictions.

Most Worshipful Castle's Edicts 4 and 5 are included for your review. Please note that, with the Phase 2 extension, Edict 4 remains in effect. Also, all GMOVs scheduled during July have been canceled.

The safety of our Brethren is most important. Follow the behavior guidelines. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. If there is anything you need, please contact me or any of the Lodge officers.

I am hopeful we will have a Lodge Workday in August and meet on Tuesday, September 3rd for our next Stated Communication. Stay safe and stay in touch.

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



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DATE: May 29, 2020
TO: All Masons in Nevada
EDICT NO. 4 – COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Brethren,

Pursuant to my Edict No. 3 that no Masons may meet in defiance of our Governor's Directive or recommendations, I am strongly advising to have no Masonic meetings while we are in Phase Two of our Governor's Nevada United: Road map to Recovery expected to end June 30. Please schedule your meetings for later in the year. We still average well over a hundred new cases daily in Nevada, a number that may even go up as more business begin to open.

I realize there has been much publicity about Section 10 prohibiting gatherings of 50 people or more. That is only one specific prohibition and does not imply recommendation of meetings with 49 or less are in anyway safe or advised. Our standards as Masons require us to be good examples and follow the civil law and my order was specific to follow all recommendations, not just the legal requirements. A wise man once told me that just being a "law abiding citizen" is a pretty low standard.

Governor Sisolak's Phase 2 actual Directive has been released online and can be found here:
<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Directive-021-Phase-Two-Reopening-Plan.pdf>

Specifically, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 (attached) apply to our gentle Craft and at this time I believe the wording clearly indicates our Governor would not want us meeting and I certainly advise against it. Masonry is a glorious institution, but we have no hard requirement to meet and doing so puts our Brethren and their loved one's safety at risk.

As a reminder, my Edict No. 3 expressly removes the penalties for all Lodges who remain closed while Governor Sisolak's Directives and my Edicts prevents our regular meetings. My previous communication extends the removal of those penalties for the month of June. I want to add that I prohibit any Master of their Lodge to punish any officer that prefers not to meet at this time.

Accordingly, should any Master of their Lodge decide to disregard my advice and still call a meeting I have some guidance to offer. You cannot vary your standard work beyond dispensing with the pass for Brothers the Deacons know are of the required degree. This is only to enhance safety and strictly limits any Lodge activity to reading of petitions, hand votes and proficiencies, only if the candidate describes rather than acts on any points of contact. Again, this is to enhance safety. You must all wear masks and avoid contact. You may not hold any Degrees, conduct any ballots or any other work that requires personal contact or repeated contact with a common object.

I will offer guidance as new directives, recommendations and guidelines are published.

Above all, please be extra cautious in all your actions for our members and for their families. Remember this virus often has no symptoms so it is best to presume everyone, including yourself is contagious.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Fraternally,

Louis J Castle, II
Grand Master



Attest:

David O. Martinez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

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EDICT NO. 5 – COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Brethren,

In respect of the authority of our Masters to govern their Lodges and in anticipation of our Governor's steps to begin recovery from Covid-19 by moving to Phase 3 on July 1, 2020, I am issuing this Edict No. 5.

During Phase 3, expected to begin July 1, 2020, Lodge Masters continue to have the discretion to cancel any meeting of their Lodge for the safety of its members. Cancellations of Stated Meetings due to Edicts 2-5 will not be considered a recess under NMC 4.230.

Members, including Lodge Officers, may not be penalized for failing to attend Lodge or other Masonic events due to concerns over their health or the health of others. If you cannot perform a Lodge duty, please be sure to let your Brothers know so that others may take your place where appropriate. I assure all Brothers that neither I nor any Masonic leader will feel slighted should you decide not to attend Lodge or a Masonic event.

All Brethren attending Lodge or other Masonic events should act as if every member is contagious, including themselves. I hereby Order that all members must always follow current Nevada recommended guidelines including wearing a face mask. Brethren should avoid all unnecessary physical contact, including shaking hands as a greeting. Greetings can be a slight bow and Deacons can nod to a known qualified Brother instead of collecting the pass. Degrees should otherwise follow our approved work with members and candidates taking care not to touch their face and thoroughly washing their hands at the earliest opportunity. Lodge furnishings and items used in Degrees, including candidate uniforms must be sanitized before and during each Degree for the safety of our candidates and members. Lodges should be opened on the First Degree whenever possible, including Stated Meetings, Official Visits and Called Communications, as long as the work performed can be done on that Degree.

While we are all anxious to get back to our Masonic work and fellowship please note that many Lodge By-laws designate July and August as dark months when Lodges are not permitted to hold Stated Meetings. Please also consider that any votes taken while some members are not attending for their own safety or due to social distancing limits may result in future concerns from those Brothers so avoid controversial votes when possible.

Finally, should Governor Sisolak extend Phase 2 into July, my prior Edict No. 4 will remain in effect, including the mandate to wear masks at all times, with one alteration. It is permissible to hold ballots or conduct other work providing common objects are sanitized between uses.

Thank you all for keeping to our principles during these trying times.

Faternally,

Louis J Castle, II
Grand Master



Attest:

David O. Martinez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary



JUNE

R. Peterson 06-04
H. Ruedy 06-25
M. Swanson 06-11
R.W. Unsworth 06-07

JULY

A. Abrott 07-19
R. Dillwith 07-31
L. Estabrook 07-18
H. Green 07-30
K. Hemphill 07-30
D. Lee 07-25
S. Mount 07-03



Living Past Masters

1962.....George J. Armstrong
1972.....Ernest H. Zebal, Jr.
1973.....Eldredge T. Porch
1975.....Kenneth Hemphill
1976.....Duane Moore
1980.....George D. Wilkerson
1982.....John Flangas
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
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2019.....Pedro Leon-Rojas



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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