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Amity Lodge #4 1863-2022
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January
2022

FROM THE EAST

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 3rd
Stated Meeting
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Meeting
- April 7th
Stated Meeting
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Meeting
- May 5th
Stated Meeting
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Meeting

As I pen this article, the Grand Master of Masons in Nevada has issued Edict No. 4-2022. As it appears the COVID mandates are easing, the Edict states “Recognizing that each Lodge is different, prior to March 1, 2022, the Master of each Lodge is to determine what health and safety protocols are to be put in place within his Lodge.” That being stated, and with Edict No. 3-2022 terminating effective 28 February 2022, I plan to conduct our regularly stated communication on Thursday, 03 March 2022. I ask each participant to consider their personal health priorities, and wear a mask if you feel comfortable with that. I also encourage all Officers to remain diligent and continue to review your rolls in whatever Degree we may meet.

February is traditionally when we honor George Washington, I offer the following article taken from the Library of Congress:



Most Americans are familiar with George Washington's role as the leader of the Continental Army against the British forces in the American Revolution or as the first President of the United States, but many may be unaware of Washington's lifelong association with geography and cartography.

Beginning with his early career as a surveyor and throughout his life as a soldier, planter, businessman, land speculator, farmer, military officer, and president, Washington relied on and benefitted from his knowledge of maps. Between 1747 and 1799 Washington surveyed over two hundred tracts of land and held title to more than sixty-five thousand acres in thirty-seven different locations.

Early in the Revolutionary War, even with the responsibility of leading the army on his shoulders, Washington sometimes found it necessary to make his own field sketches, as the quotation above suggests. Recognizing a need, Washington appointed Robert Erskine as the first geographer to the Continental Army in 1777.

Since his death in 1799 more than a thousand biographies have been published exploring various aspects of George Washington's life. Most nineteenth-century works give little attention to Washington's early years, when he worked as a surveyor. The majority of twentieth-century biographies do not discuss Washington's surveying and land acquisition, however, and in recent years a number of works have been specifically devoted to the subject.

FEBRUARY



The George Washington Atlas, initially published in 1932 by the George Washington Bicentennial Committee, was the first attempt to compile a bibliography of maps drawn or annotated by George Washington. The atlas was conceived as part of the nationwide observance of the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth and identified 110 extant maps or surveys drawn or annotated by Washington. The editor, Colonel Lawrence Martin, chief of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, attempted to list all known Washington maps and brought more than twenty new items to light. These range from Washington's first survey exercise in 1747 to his last survey of the Mount Vernon lands and include pencil sketches, pen and ink drawings, roughly drawn field surveys, and finished survey plats. Recent research has uncovered additional items not included in the 1932 inventory.

Washington's cartographic career can be divided into two phases: public surveyor and private land speculator. Undoubtedly, the close association with and practical knowledge of the land that Washington gained as both a surveyor and land speculator contributed to his development from surveying apprentice to one of the leaders of Virginia, and later, of the United States.

Fraternally,
WM Tony Martinez



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To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada

Edict No. 4-2022

Greetings:

Since issuing Edict 3-2022, on a daily basis I have been reviewing the positive test rates and hospitalization rates related to Covid-19 as well as the wastewater monitoring numbers. It appears all those numbers are declining. When you consider the drop in numbers, the ample supply of vaccines and the monoclonal antibodies that have been distributed throughout the state we appear to be in much better shape than just a short time ago.

Considering Governor Sisolak's recent Directive #052 and the above-mentioned decline in numbers, Edict 3-2022 will terminate on February 28, 2022. Recognizing that each Lodge is different, prior to March 1, 2022, the Master of each Lodge is to determine what health and safety protocols are to be put in place within his Lodge.

Keep in mind that we are not out of the woods with this illness. It is likely that we will just have to learn to live with the virus much as we do the annual flu and the common cold. It is up to each member to use common sense about their health; if you do not feel well or are running a temperature, for the safety of all our Brothers, stay home.

Fraternally,

Michael R. Giles
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Grand Master

Attest: *D.J.J. Martinez*
David O. Martinez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary





February

B. Behling 19-Feb
 L. Higley 24-Feb
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 1991.....Cary Parke
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 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
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OUR MASONIC NEIGHBORS

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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