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FROM:    ERNEST H. ZEBAL, JR. P.M.  
             HISTORIAN  
             AMITY LODGE # 4  
             SILVER CITY, NEVADA

This is the annual Historian's Report of Amity Lodge #4, F. & A. M. of Silver City, Nevada  
For the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.



**Most Worshipful Kevin McCans  
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada  
2022-2023**

## **OCTOBER 2022**

Amity Lodge #4 opened its regular stated meeting on October 6, 2022 at 7 pm upon the Third Degree in Silver City, NV. Before the meeting we enjoyed a dinner at 6 pm.

Bro. Taylor Rudkin covered the report on the two resolutions to come up in November.

We will have our annual installation and dinner on Saturday, December 17th, at the Fandango in Carson City.

Lodge will have a practice on 11/19/22

For Masonic education, Our W.M. told about an event in Virginia City to commemorate Captain Edward Storey, a Master Mason whom Storey County was named for. It was held at the Virginia City Cemetery.

Lodged was closed in due form at 8:35 pm.

## **NOVEMBER 2022**

We opened our regular stated meeting on November 3rd at 7 pm in the 3rd Degree, in Silver City. Before the meeting at 6 pm we enjoyed dinner with 17 members and guests present.

We set a Valentine's dinner for February 11th at 4 P.M. with dinner at 5 P.M.

Upon approval of the Lodge we joined Dayton Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$75.00 per year.

Bro. Audie Robinson proved an excellent proficiency on his 3rd. Degree with Bro. Bob Behling asking the questions.

For Masonic Education our Master talked about the laying of the cornerstone for the White House in Washington, D. C. The stone was laid by Bro. George Washington, G.M.

It was reported that Bro. Lowell Higley passed away on November 20, 2022. He will be interred with Military and Masonic services in Boulder City, NV. Boulder City Lodge # 37 will officiate.

Lodge was then closed in due form in peace and harmony at 8:30 pm.

## **DECEMBER 2022**

We met in as stated communication on December 1, 2022 in our hall in beautiful downtown Silver City at 7 pm. We opened in the First Degree with 15 Brothers present. We enjoyed a meal of good treats at 6 pm.

The first order of business was to drape the Alter in memory of Bro. Lowell Higley who passed away on November 20, 2022.

The Secretary and Treasurer gave their annual reports which was approved by the LODGE.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the 2023 year.

W.M.	Nick Lazzarino II
S.W.	Mike Cushing, P.M.
J.W.	Pedro Leon-Rojas, P. M.
Treasurer	Ernest H. Zebal, Jr., P.M.
Secretary	Bob Behling, P.M.
S.D.	Leland Cross, P.M.
J.D.	Audie Robinson
S.S.	Robert Jordan, P.M.
J.S.	Taylor Rudkin, P.M.
Chaplain	Charles Sewchok
Marshal	Robert Ely, P.M.
Tyler	Mike Logue
DGL	Charles Sewchok
Historian	Ernest H. Zebal, Jr. P.M.
3 Yr. Trustee	Tony Martinez. P.M.

The installation and dinner is set for December 17. Dinner at Casino Fandango in Carson City.

Our annual Valentine/Sweetheart dinner will be at the Lodge hall on February 11, 2023. Doors open at 4 pm with dinner at 5 pm.

Lodge closed at 8:40 pm.

December 17, 2022 a called communication was opened on the third degree for the purpose of installing the officers for the year 2023.

Installing Officer: David J. Morgan, P.G.M., Reno Lodge #13.

Installing Marshal: Steven V. Robinson P.G.M., Grand Lecturer, Mt. Rose #40

Installing Chaplain: Paul Lunsford P.M., Brucite #42 and Pahrump #54.

Installing Secretary: Jim Ward, Amity #4 and Hope #22

Keeper of the Jewels: Bob Hall, P.M., Washoe #35



Missing was Bob Ely and Tony Martinez who will be installed at a later date.

After the installation Bro Chuck Sewchok was installed as DGL by Grand Lecturer Steven Robinson, Jr. P.G.M.

Lodge was closed in due form at 3:45 pm.

### **JANUARY 2023**

No meetings were held due to Snow.

A makeup meeting will be in August, 2023, along with the GMOV.

### **FEBRUARY 2023**

Amity Lodge #4 met for its regular stated meeting on February 2, 2023 at 7 pm. We met in our hall in Silver City, NV in the 3rd Degree with 17 members and guests present. At 6 pm we enjoyed a delicious meal in our large dining room. The meal consisted of Hot Dogs, chicken, and a salad provided by our J.W. Pedro Leon.

Prior to the meeting we welcomed Bro. Vince Travens, P.M. who gave a “real” presentation of George Washington, P.G.M. Bro. George wrote 99,000 pages during his lifetime and had a huge preference for Madera wine. He also liked to gamble but his wife, Martha, put an end to that!

After opening the Altar was draped in Memory of Bro. Robert W. Unsworth; Michael F. Lintner P.G.M. (2004 to 2005) and Ovid Moore, P.G.M., 1986 to 1987.

The next stated meeting on March 2 with the Rainbow Girls providing the meal. Should be great!

Dues for Bro. Art Mann and Harold Green were remitted due to hardship.

The scholarship Committee has delivered the proper paperwork to Dayton High School. We should hear from them soon?

It was announced that Bro. Gary Njirich, P.M. passed away in 2021. Final arrangements were handled by the Neptune Society of Northern California.

Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 9:00 pm.

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The Valentines Sweetheart Dinner was very successful.

### **MARCH 2023**

Lodge was opened on the Third Degree at 7:00 pm in its hall in Silver City, NV. The date was March 2, 2023. Before the meeting, at 6:00 pm the Rainbow Girls from Sparks and Carson City provided tacos, beans, rice and cupcakes. 16 members and guests enjoyed the meal.



After the meal the girls provided entertainment and an explanation of their duties. We voted to send them a donation of \$300.00. We also voted to take a ½ page ad in the Rainbow Girls Newsletter. The cost is \$56.00.

The first order of business was to drape the Altar in Memory of Bro. Gary Njirich, P.M.

Bro. Bob Ely, P. M. was installed Marshal.

Lodge was then closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:00 pm.

#### **APRIL 2023**

We opened a stated meeting on April 6, 2023 in the 3rd degree at 7:00 pm. This was in our hall in Silver City, NV. Before the meeting at 6:00 pm we enjoyed a Mexican fiesta.

Mr. Steven Saylor who represents the Comstock Foundation and the Donovan Mill in Silver City gave a talk. The Lodge plans on visiting the Mill on April 29th. Then Mr. Tony Argenta who does Cowboy Poetry, talked to us, in poetry about Tom Mix and Audie Murphy.

We voted to add another \$500.00 to the Dayton High School Scholarship.

Lodge then closed at 8:15 pm.



## **MAY 2023**

Amity Lodge opened at 7:00 pm, its regular stated meeting on the 3rd Degree. The date was May 4th 2023 in the Hall in Silver City. Before the meeting, at 6 pm we enjoyed a meal of fried chicken, potato salad and bread. We had 17 Brothers present.

We had two guests, to commemorate Public School Week. They were Mr. Jim Giannotti who is Director of Student Services to the Lyon School District and Rachael Stewart who is Director of Special Services.

Fun Night is set for June 24th. \$40.00 for the dinner and only 40 tickets to be sold.

This was our annual roll call night. All were present or accounted for.

Bro. Sewchok reported that we had a good turnout for the Donovan mine and mill tour.

The Lodge approved sponsoring a hole at the Dayton Valley Golf Tournament. The cost is \$250.00

Our scholarship will be presented to two recipients, Cheyenne Clayson and Patricia Howerton on May 25th at 6 pm at the high school. Our Lodge and the Grand Lodge will contribute \$1,000.00 and the Lodge will give an additional \$500.00

Lodge closed in due form at 8:30 pm.



## **JUNE 2023**

We opened Lodge at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd degree, June 1, 2023 in the hall of beautiful downtown Silver City, NV. Prior to the meeting we enjoyed our usual meal at 6:00 P.M. The fare consisted of chicken, coleslaw, apple pie and cake. There were 16 Brothers present.

J. D. Audie Robinson who had just received his Bachelor's Degree in business administration and will soon receive his Master's Degree in Library Information Science gave a short presentation from a book named Masonic Events in Silver City 1863 to 1874 regarding clippings that covered Silver City. The presentation was very informative and left the Brethren wanting more! Audie is a collector of books.

The meeting closed in peace and harmony at 7:50 pm.

## JULY 2023

As per usual we were "Dark" in the month of July.

## AUGUST 2023

Our makeup stated meeting from January was held on August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We opened on the 1st Degree in the Hall in Silver City. Before the meeting at 6:00 P.M. we enjoyed our usual meal of meatloaf and mashed potato dinner with green salad.

Prior to the meeting Mr. Mark Amodei dropped by some documents pertaining to his family's involvement in Free Masonry. J.D. Audie will research and report.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive Most Worshipful Kevin P. McCans on his GMOV. This was his first visit to Amity lodge and he was very impressed.



Grand Lodge officers present: MWGM Kevin P. McCans; W. Grand Standard Bearer Thomas Colling; W. Grand Steward Skip Hammargren and W. Grand Trustee William H. Palmer III.

Also introduced were David J. Morgan, P.G.M. Mark A. Marsh, P.G.M. and Richard M. Graver, Jr. P.G.M.

We had sitting Masters from Carson #1, Douglas #12, Winnemucca #19, and Humboldt #27. All were properly introduced.

We read a letter from DeMolay Nevada notifying M.W. McCans that he will be receiving the DeMolay Legion of Honor, the highest the Order can bestow.

The last word came from the M.W.G.M and it was brief, but informative.

Lodge then closed at 8:33 pm in peace and harmony.

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

Amity Lodge met in the Master Mason Degree at 7:00 pm on September 7, 2023 in its hall in Silver City, NV. Before the meeting, at 6:00 pm we enjoyed our usual good food.

The W.M. announced that we will hold a "Pink Elephant event on October 21st at 2:00 pm and a pot roast meal will be served. This is a couple event. The cost is \$25.00 per couple and opened to all.

There was a discussion on having a Chamber mixer at the Lodge. It was voted not to have it at this time.

Lodge then closed at 8:25 pm in peace and harmony.

## **SUMMARY**

Membership on September 30, 2022 began with 54 Master Masons. We have a total of 36 Life Members of which 14 are living life Members.

Initiated:	0	
Passed:	0	
Raised:	0	
Reinstated:	0	
Affiliated:	0	
Deceased:	4	Robert W. Unsworth, Gary Njirich, Lowell Higley, Art Mann
Demitted:	0	
Dropped:	0	
Suspended:	0	
Expelled:	0	
Voluntary Withdraw	0	

We ended the year with 50 Master Masons

Respectfully Submitted:

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