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From The Oriental Chair

To the newest Past Master, Jack Lee and his most helpful spouse I wish to express deepest Thanks from us all. 1998 was a vintage year bringing us many good memories and great fellowship. Jack, we are pleased you will continue to be a significant part of our work through your active participation as our Tyler and Treasurer.

This year starts off with an opportunity for us to show off our stuff. The February stated communication is also the occasion of the Official Visit of the Grand Master of the State of Nevada. His Worshipful will bring a group of his Grand Officers to our humble Lodge room on February 13th. It is my most urgent request that every capable member be present for this most important meeting.

One of my goals for this year is to sit in open Lodge with each and every member of St John Lodge. There are many members of the Lodge that I have never met and I want to shake the hand of each and every member before my year is up.

I am quite excited about being in the East. I will work hard to make you proud of me in my part as Master. But, I will need all of you to help... if we are to make 1999 a successful year. Thank you very much.



A View from the West

Over the past 125 years, St. John Lodge # 18 has been fortunate to have had such a number of fine men and masons. Many of them, of course, are now gone. Just this month, a memorial service was held for John Orr, P. M. from 1958. I was honored to be asked to take part in the Masonic aspects of the service.

The final words of the Masonic funeral service offer great comfort to relatives and friends. but, they do more than that. They remind us all of the ancient and honorable tenets of the fraternity: of purity of life; rectitude of conduct; higher thoughts; nobler deeds; and brotherly love and affection to which the world was not a witness. They remind us to conduct ourselves so that in another 125 years, when we too will have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, the members of the Lodge will remember us as fine men and masons as well. .



From the South

It is with extreme pleasure and honor that I find myself sitting in the South. There is something very special to me, to follow in a Lodge where seven men of my family have gone before me. I look forward to the work and fellowship. I will do my best to hold up my end. I am confident that we will have an excellent year. But, I also know that it follows no less than 125 excellent years of Brother Masons doing their best each and every day. It is my prayer that there will be many many times that number of years of Masons to follow in our footsteps.

Missing Brothern:

Do you know how to contact these Brothers?

Derick C. Anderson, Henry L. Brown, Douglas D. Gault, William P. Gault and Orvall Meador.

Please give the information to the Secretary.



1998 Grand Lodge Statistics

Reports from Nevada Grand Lodge contained membership statistics that were not very pleasing. The 1998 year started with 5687 members. Gains by degrees performed in our halls were: 106 EA, 79 FC, and finally only 70 MM. However, Losses chalked up were: 43 Demitts, 87 Dropped for NPD, 32 Other, and sadly, 188 were called by the Lord. Some 16 were Restored and there were 114 Affiliations. The Year Ended with the total membership of our Lodges of 5539 for a net loss of 148 Members. Please help us reverse this trend this year.



In Seeking More Light

The February meeting will contain a special presentation by Brother Jack Huston P.M. on one of our most revered members, George Washington, P.M. I know that every member will be anxious to share in this important chapter of our Masonic History.

Book reviews will be featured in this spot in future editions of our trestle board. If you have read any good Masonic related books, send us your review so that we can share it.

The Trestle Board

Please understand that this publication was done on a computer that has never done this before. If it made mistakes please call it to our attention and we will attempt to teach the new computer old tricks. We would welcome any constructive comments or suggestions concerning content or format as well. Send them to "Trestle Board" 1015 Crescent Moon Drive, NLV, NV 89031. Or Call 702 649-8447 (evenings please). Thank you for your help.



For the Widow's Son

Our ranks are thinner by four. In 1998 we draped the alter for Brother Charles Thompson, P.M., Rolf K. Klein, and Jack I Novak. The January meeting had us bringing out the black drape for Brother John A. Orr, P.M. John, an over 50 year member, was Entered, Passed and Raised here in 1947 and served as Master of St John #18 in 1958. He and Marion later moved to Hemet, California where he held dual membership at Hemet Lodge #615.

Anyone knowing of a distressed Brother or deserving family needing our assistance be sure to communicate the circumstances to the Master or Secretary for our immediate consideration. Keep in mind the support available through the Scottish Rite Burn Centers and the Shriners Children's Hospitals as well. It may be that you will be the hero who takes much needed action.



The Treasurer's Report

At the last business meeting a report was received that the transition between treasurers was ongoing and a trustees audit was underway. A full report would be forthcoming very soon.

The entire membership would like to give the retiring Treasurer, Brother John P. Names, P.M. our public honors and hardy thanks. His years of loyal and accurate service are much appreciated.



On the Historian's Scroll

The history of St John's Lodge #18 for the year of 1998 is presently being drawn up and will be ready for you to see and comment on soon. As you may know, once approved, it is forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Nevada for incorporation into the history of the Masonic Bodies in the State of Nevada.



To Receive and Welcome

Your attention is sought to properly welcome of a newly affiliated Master Mason. Brother **Lawrence (Larry) Dagenais**. New to the area Larry works at Mercury. He has accepted the position of Senior Steward and states that he is eager to get settled into the community.

A new E.A. Brother **Ronald L. Hibbard** was entered at our 14 November meeting. and is preparing to be passed to the Fellowcraft very soon.



Santa Arrived On Time

The Annual Children's Christmas Party and visit of Santa came off with with our usual good Masonic sprit. This is an important event for our children and it is equally rewarding for all of us that participate. There is nothing that lifts and renews the sprit like the excitement and innocence of children. Be sure to put it on your calendar for next December. You will all be asked to play a part in this glorious event. We are always looking for "talent" so if you are into growing a long white beard or have red and green cirley toe shoes be sure to let us know. By the way, Jerry Evans did a super job in the red suit this year. Just to let you know, our Labor Day Pancake Breakfast makes enough profit to cover most of the costs for the stockings and other things for the kids.



Our Good Harvest

The abundant harvest of dinners and refreshments following meetings of St John Lodge continues to be a high point of each gathering. It is not possible to adequately tell those responsible how much it is appreciated by all of us. Credit for all this work, good cooking, and great socializing is due the ladies of Mizpah Chapter. Thankyou seems totally inadequate, but we must remember to say it as often as we can.

It has been reported that a roast beef dinner and all the trimmings is on the menu following the February Official Visit of the Grand Master. Don't Miss it.



Mizpah #19 Notes

The Ladies and Gentlemen of Mizpah Chapter #19, OES will have their Official Visit of the Grand Matron and Patron at their Meeting on the second Saturday in March. They make this into a real occasion... where people from all over the State of Nevada come together. The dinner, between the Lodge meeting and the Eastern Star meeting cannot be better. Be sure to put this on your calendar. Plan to come early and stay late.



Upon The Desk

Brothers, Please look at your dues card to see if you are paid up for this new year. If you are not current send in a check and save us the expense of mailing a reminder notice. Remember, dues, including, the levy from the Grand Lodge, have gone up to \$35.00 per year.

The bad part of the Secretary job is the sending out of dues notices. Especially, when I have to send one to a Brother I have never met. I think that it would be wonderful to see every one of our nearly sixty members in the lodge during this year. If you havn't been here for a meeting in some time please come and share our fellowship and some good food afterwards.

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Activities

- 09 Jan 1999 - Installation of Officers
- 13 Feb 1999 - G.M. Official Visit & Stated
- 13 Mar 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 10 Apr 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 08 May 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 12 Jun 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 10 Jul 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 14 Aug 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 04 Sep 1999 - Labor Day Pancake Breakfast
- 11 Sep 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 09 Oct 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 13 Nov 1999 - Stated Meeting
- 10 Dec 1999 - Santa's Visit
- 11 Dec 1999 - Stated Meeting & Election
- TBA 1999 - Grand Lodge (Reno)
- TBA 1999 - Gilbert Visit (Moreno Valley)



Officers

MASTER:	<i>BRO. RICHARD L. VANLANDINGHAM</i>
SENIOR WARDEN:	<i>BRO. RICHARD L. SIDFORD</i>
JUNIOR WARDEN:	<i>BRO. RONALD R. ORR</i>
SECRETARY:	<i>BRO. JERRY B. EVANS, PM</i>
TREASURER:	<i>BRO. JACK LEE, PM</i>
CHAPLIN:	<i>BRO. JIM KELLEY, PM, GSB</i>
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JUNIOR DECON:	<i>BRO. PAUL SEYLER</i>
MARSHALL:	<i>BRO. VELL WASHBURN, PM</i>
SENIOR STEWARD:	<i>BRO. LAWRENCE DAGENAIS</i>
JUNIOR STEWARD:	
TYLER:	<i>BRO. JACK LEE, PM</i>
HISTORIAN:	<i>BRO. JACK CAMBURN, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (1):	<i>BRO. JOHN UTZ, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (2):	<i>BRO. JAMES E. DENNEY, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (3):	<i>BRO. JOHN D. CLIFTON, PM, PGM</i>

Our Stated Meetings

St John Lodge #18 meets at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. All Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons are urged to attend.

Mizpah Chapter #19 meets at 4:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. All members of the Eastern Star are invited to join us.

Masters & Wardens Meetings

The Southern Nevada Masters & Wardens Association meet at Vegas Lodge #32 at 6:00 p.m. The 1999 Scheduled dates are: 9 Feb, 10 Mar, 15 Apr, 13 Sep, 12 Oct, 10 Nov, and 13 Jan of 2000.



Our Building

Things are going well with most of our projects, The new Lodge Room is looking splendid. We hope to be using it at one of our upcoming meetings very soon We can never express enough appreciation due the few that have spent untold hours to bring it to its present condition.

The beautiful old Lodge building contains many things of great historic value. It is our intentions to maintain it just as it is... as a museum. To that end we will be anxious to receive any masonic regalia or memorabilia you may wish to put on display or donate. If we are to keep the original furniture in the "Museum" we will need some new items of furniture. Things like an alter; the lesser lights; Four Stations (including one for our lady in the north); A set of pillars - maybe a bit bigger would be nice; A Rough and Smooth Ashlar; A set of nine chairs for officers; and many other things. Brother Paul Seyler, our Junior Deacon, is working with a number of Dark Lodges to see what may be made available. In the meanwhile keep your eyes and ears open.