

# THE TRESTLE BOARD

ST. JOHN LODGE # 18, F.&A.M.

PIOCHE, NEVADA

Chartered 20 November 1873

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 1999

VOLUME 126, NO. 4

## From The Oriental Chair



Brethren soon another year will pass before us. It has been a fast one indeed. As this year's Master of the Lodge it has been a great learning experience for me.

As for our most recent and highly successful activities, I would like to thank all the Brothers that worked at the Labor Day pancake breakfast. It turned out very well and represented us in a good light to the entire community. I would like to thank all the Brethren that worked the re-roof project on our old building. It is now complete and this new metal roof looks great and should last for many years to come.

The biggest and most glorious accomplishment is, of course, the opening of our new Lodge Room. So much work by so many hands are represented in this long and complicated project that I could never be able to give full credit where it is truly due. We all know who among us deserve the thanks and honor. Please be open and generous in doing so. The best way to show your gratitude would be to bring every lodge member you know with you to our meetings and proudly show it off. In these days of declining membership it is remarkable that a humble little community like ours can show such a positive and dedicated commitment to our future. Remember, an empty room makes no history.

All is not over how a project for the near future will be to level off or terrace the ground behind the Lodge for the construction of a picnic area where we can have fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters. it will be a great place to sit and look out over this great town of Pioche and let our minds wander over the history that has taken place all around us in past years... and plan for a great future.

With four candidates in the anti-room we have degree work to perform. You are all needed to assist us in this most important, interesting, and rewarding activity. Call me for your part assignments we would love to have each of you take a part.

I would like to thank Brother Ron Orr for the work he has put into publishing our Trestle Board and for our own Web Pages. They are great communications tools.

God Bless Everyone. I will see you at the next Lodge meeting. Just remember that united we stand... divided we will fall....



## A View from the West

This year has streamed by very fast. There are so many things to be done, and yet we accomplished some very important projects.

The inventory and movement of our important documents and records from the Lodge building to a fire safe vault in the Book Mine should make us all breathe easier.

The new roof on the old part of the Lodge building will help us protect it much better.

The opening of the new Lodge room is so great that I cannot tell you with sufficient detail. You must experience it for yourself. Those who could not make it up the stairs to the old room have an easy access ramp to the new one. We will be proud to see you at our next meeting.

The Christmas party for the School Children was well received and much thanks goes to our Worshipful Master in the "red suit".

We are anxiously ready to start our new year and new projects. We hope you will join in and become a regular here.



## From the South

I have enjoyed the view from the south during this year. The guys and gals that get together up there in our Lodge are really great. It is good to see the spirit and drive that they display in working on all of our projects and in just living their lives. They are more than just members of a fraternity... they become family. I am sure that this is the feeling they often experience as well, and hope that it warms their hearts and souls as it does mine.

Grand Lodge in Reno was a great experience. There are so many things that occur there that it is impossible to share it all.

This year has been very difficult for me personally and yet the burdens have been greatly lightened by the assistance from the craft. For that I thank you very much.

I look forward to next year and wish you all a great 2000.



## In Seeking More Light

### THE YEAR 2035

*Unless we take action, the year 2035 may be the  
"Year of the Last Mason."*

It was Lodge night, December 31, 2035, 7:30 p.m. The 98-year-old Tyler could still remember the words of the Worshipful Master, "Flail the water boys, you're still sinking." The Tyler, who was Master of his Lodge 70 years previous, repeated those prophetic words as he slowly placed the officer's aprons and jewels on the proper station and places, then walked to his place at the outer door and waited.

He waited and waited. It was 7:30 pm, then 8:30 pm, and nobody came.

He slowly walked around the Lodge, to the Worshipful Master's station and then to all the officer's chairs, retrieved the aprons and jewels, and placed them neatly in the storage locker. He turned the lights off in the Lodge, closed the outer door, and walked into the darkness sadly muttering over and over "No one listened to the Worshipful Master in 1966 when his message sounded the alarm, "Wake up Master Masons! Wake up!"

The Tyler, the Last Mason, tears streaming down his face, thought, "They didn't listen, they were complacent." .....Freemasonry slipped into the darkness.

*In 1959, there were 4,103,361 Masons in America. In 1995, there were 2,153,316 -- a loss, over 36 years, of 1,949,845. That comes to 54,162 lost each year. Do the numbers; divide the 2,153,316 Masons left in 1995 by 54,162 lost each year. The answer is 40 years or the year 2035..... "The Year of the Last Mason."*

**Joseph Bureski, 33° P.M.**

*Reprinted with author's permission*

## The New Lodge Room

The new Lodge Room is now in use. This important and ambitious project is really something to be proud of. Not many Lodges have accomplished such a feat, in recent years. Every worker and contributor should be especially congratulated. It is really a great feeling to work in this beautiful room.

We still need some special furniture for it. Every member is urged to pay us a visit and help us decorate and appoint it in the style it richly deserves.

The dedication and placement of the cornerstone will be done by the Grand Master and his officers next year. More info to follow.



## In the Record...

We must record that once again we have lost a Brother of our Fraternity, and his wife, who was a Sister as well.

Robert Roy Orr and Evalyn Mae McMillan-Orr have come to the end of their illustrious path among us. Each having lived eighty years or more, sharing their lives for sixty, and serving our Lodge and Chapter for over fifty, they leave behind a record of many good memories and deeds, and many that will miss them very much.

Bob was Master in 1954 and Life Member of Saint John Lodge #18, F.& A. M. and a Past Patron of Mizpah Chapter #19, O.E.S. At his passing He was the oldest living member of our Lodge. He follows his Father, Roy, and two Brothers, Bill and John, who also distinguished themselves as Past Masters of Saint John Lodge. He leaves his Son, Ronald, and Grandson, Ron, to follow in his footsteps. Bob died 28 May 1999 and was buried with a Masonic Service in our cemetery.

Evalyn Worthy Matron of Mizpah Chapter #19, O.E.S. in 1957 and the 55th Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Nevada in 1959-60. She worked tirelessly in support of both the Lodge, Chapter, and Grand Lodge projects. Evalyn died 16 August 1999, a mere 81 days after Bob, and buried with the assistance of her Sisters of Mizpah Chapter in our cemetery.

All of the Orr Family wish to thank all the members of Saint John Lodge and Mizpah Chapter for their love, concern, assistance and support during this most trying of times.

## The Trestle Board

IF, I must apologize for not getting a 3rd quarter edition of the Trestle Board out. I know that there are many great communications to get to our membership. But it just did not happen.

We plan to have one out for each quarter of 2000. The single most important thing is for each of you, having information suitable for these pages, to get it to me as early as is possible.

Thanks,  
Ron Orr



## To Receive and Welcome

We are preparing a Second Degree for at least three candidates. Entered Apprentices Ronald Hibbler, Denny Woolman, and Ron Orr Jr. Practice sessions are planned for the near future.

Every Mason within the length of their cabletow are asked to join in to share in the work and welcome these new Brothers... in due and ancient form.



## Mizpah Notes

The time has passed so quickly this past year as I was serving as Worthy Matron of Mizpah No. 19 and now it has come to an end. I have truly felt honored to serve as your Worthy Matron for 1998-99. I had the honor of presiding at the first meeting of Eastern Star in the New Lodge room, however I will miss the small upstairs room which is steeped in so much magic and history.

Our saddest moment this year in Mizpah was the loss of Evelyn Orr, PGM and Bob Orr. Our faithful sister and brother will be greatly missed. In October our Chapter was represented by a number of Mizpah Officers and members at Grand Chapter in Reno. Nancy Evans was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Camille Shaver as Grand Chaplain. I hope that many of you come out and support Lynn Berzins as Worthy Matron this coming year and also show support to our Worthy Grand Matron Nancy. Thank you for the honor of serving as you Worthy Matron and for all of your support. Jean Tilley

## CEMETARY COMMITTEE

We have formed a committee of Brothers Richard VanLandingham, Richard Sidford, and Ron Orr to manage the arrangements of our Masonic Cemetery. Anyone may contact one of them for information and assistance in making needed arrangements.

A diagram of the graveyard has been constructed and will be available for your information. It also contains a copy of the by-law governing the operation of this most precious Lodge facility.

Contributions toward the upkeep of the grounds and monuments would be very welcome and should be directed.

Monuments have been emplaced for both Rolf & Edith Klien as well as Robert & Evalyn Orr.



## Upon The Desk

It is my pleasure to report that all of the business of Saint John Lodge #18 is in good order.

We have made a change to our By-Laws to include the arrangements for operating our cemetery. The required reading, vote, and submission of the proposed change to the Grand Lodge for their approval has been done. A framed copy of the cemetery plot plan, procedures, and committee members will be placed on the wall of the entrance hall of the Lodge building.

At our October Stated I was pleased to read a petition for affiliation from Brother Clarence Stephen Hilburn. He has ...

It is with considerable reluctance that I have informed the members at our Stated Meeting that I will be stepping down from the position as Secretary of Saint John Lodge at the end of this year. I have been honored to serve in that capacity and will remember it fondly for the rest of my life.

With my wife's busy schedule for the next year as the Worthy Grand Matron of the Nevada Grand Chapter of the OES I know that there just will not be enough hours in the day.

Jerry B. Evans, P.M.



**PHOTOGRAPHS AND MASONIC  
MEMORABILIA NEEDED FOR  
OUR MUSEUM**

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit Number 7777  
Las Vegas, Nevada



St. John Lodge #18 F.&A.M.  
P.O. Box 356  
Pioche, Nevada 89043  
E-Mail: stjoh18@intermind.net  
Web: http://intermind.net/~stjohn18

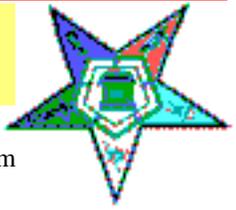


## Saint John Activities

All Masons may attend.

## Mizpah Activities

All OES may attend.



### Dates

<p>Installation of Officers 1:00pm - 09 Jan 1999</p> <p>Stated &amp; G.M. Official Visit 1:00pm - 13 Feb 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 13 Mar 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 10 Apr 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 08 May 1999</p> <p>1° Work 10:00am, Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 12 Jun 1999</p> <p>Work Days on new Lodge Room 9:00am - 26-27 Jun 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 10 Jul 1999</p> <p>2° Work 10:00am, Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 14 Aug 1999</p> <p>Gilbert Interstate Visit (Moreno Valley) - 20-22 Aug 1999</p> <p>Labor Day Pancake Breakfast 9:00am - 04 Sep 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 10:00am/Steak Fry for Ladies noon - 11 Sep 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 09 Oct 1999</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Nevada Grand Lodge (Reno) - 7-9 Nov 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting 1:00pm - 13 Nov 1999</p> <p>Santa's Visit 11:00am - 10 Dec 1999</p> <p>Stated Meeting &amp; Election 1:00pm - 11 Dec 1999</p>	<p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm</p> <p>- G.M. Official Visit &amp; Stated 4:30pm</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm (Fathers of the Chapter Day)</p> <p>- Work Days on new Chapter Room 9:00am</p> <p>- Short Stated Meeting &amp; Friendship Picnic</p> <p>- Stated Meeting (Nancy Evens A.G.M. Dinner)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>- Labor Day Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm (Honor Grand Representatives)</p> <p>- Stated Meeting 4:30pm (Election &amp; Farewell Dinner)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>- Nevada Grand Chapter (Reno)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>- Installation of Officers 4:30pm</p> <p>- Santa's Visit 11:00am</p> <p>- Stated Meeting/Cookie Exchange 4:30pm</p>	
---	---	--

## Lodge Officers

## Chapter Officers

MASTER:	<i>RICHARD L. VANLANDINGHAM</i>
SENIOR WARDEN:	<i>RICHARD L. SIDFORD</i>
JUNIOR WARDEN:	<i>RONALD R. ORR</i>
SECRETARY:	<i>JERRY B. EVANS, PM</i>
TREASURER:	<i>JACK LEE, PM</i>
CHAPLAIN:	<i>JIM KELLEY, PM, GSB</i>
SENIOR DEACON:	<i>ROBERT SIDFORD</i>
JUNIOR DEACON:	<i>PAUL SEYLER</i>
MARSHAL:	<i>VELL WASHBURN, PM</i>
SENIOR STEWARD:	<i>LAWRENCE DAGENAIS</i>
JUNIOR STEWARD:	
TYLER:	<i>JACK LEE, PM</i>
HISTORIAN:	<i>JACK CAMBURN, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (1):	<i>VELL WASHBURN, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (2):	<i>EDWARD ST. JOHN, PM</i>
TRUSTEE (3):	<i>JOHN D. CLIFTON, PM, PGM</i>

WORTHY MATRON:	<i>JEAN TILLEY</i>
WORTHY PATRON:	<i>JERRY EVANS</i>
ASSOCIAT MATRON:	<i>LYNN BERZINS</i>
ASSOCIATE PATRON:	<i>JIM KELLEY</i>
SECRETARY:	<i>MARION BENDER</i>
TREASURER:	<i>MARIAN GRIFFIN</i>
CONDUCTRESS:	<i>MARTY DUFOUR</i>
ASSOC. CONDUCTRESS:	<i>CAMILLE SHAVER</i>
CHAPLAIN:	<i>RICHARD SIDFORD</i>
MARSHAL:	<i>NANCY EVANS</i>
ORGANIST:	<i>JEAN ORR</i>
ADAH:	<i>JUDY DENNEY</i>
RUTH:	<i>DIANE BERGEMEYER</i>
ESTER:	<i>KRISTI OLSEN</i>
MARTHA:	<i>SHARON DUFFIN</i>
ELECTRA:	<i>GERALDINE STEINBACH</i>
WARDER:	<i>LEA SIDFORD</i>
SENTINEL:	<i>JACK LEE, P.P.</i>
TRUSTEE (1):	<i>BOBBIE WASHBURN, P.M.</i>
TRUSTEE (2):	<i>JIM DENNY, P.P.</i>
TRUSTEE (3):	<i>SHARON DUFFIN</i>

**Be sure to log on to our web site at:**  
[http://intermind.net/~stjohn18.](http://intermind.net/~stjohn18)