



# THE TRESTLE BOARD

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

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## From The Oriental Chair

At our next meeting we will welcome two new Master Masons, Danny Woolman and Ron Hibble. Danny and Ron attended the one-day session in Las Vegas on February 12 at which they received both the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. The special session was approved by the Grand Master and involved Grand Lodge officers as well as a large number of other Masons from around the Nevada. I understand that the day went very well and that around 62 Masons received their Third Degrees. The First and Second Degree proficiencies were not required, but the new Master Masons must demonstrate their proficiency in the The Degrees within 60 days. It is encouraging to see so many Masons seize the opportunity to complete their Blue Lodge work. Congratulations to Danny and Ron.

The cornerstone of the new Lodge building will be laid by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful George "Pat" Williams, at 10.00 a.m. on May 13. The ceremony will be followed by the Grand Master's official visit to St. John Lodge. That date also marks the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Nancy Evans, to Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It certainly will be a busy day, and all of the meetings should be well attended by members of both organizations. As usual, an excellent dinner will be organized by the members of Mizpah. The weather should be warmer then, and I hope to see a good attendance of members of Saint John Lodge for these important occasions.

I wish to express my thanks to all of those who put so much effort into the construction of the new building and the maintenance of the old. We really have a fine meeting place. The old building may need some additional work very soon, and advice is being sought on the requirements.

**Richard Sidford**  
Master



## A View from the West

As the newly appointed Masonic Education Coordinator for the Lodge I will be looking for suggestions and ideas that will meet each of your needs in obtaining further light in Masonry. There are many of you that have knowledge and experience that should be shared. Let me help you to do just that. Many of you have questions you would liked answered. Let me help there too. Give me a call, drop me a note, or an e.mail. Thanks.

To this end, I will, at our next stated meeting, give a short presentation on the Lecture of the First Degree and show the slides made from an Old Lantern Slide Collection (circa 1860). They are wonderful items of hand painted art work from the era of the very beginnings of Saint John Lodge.

**Ron Orr**  
Senior Warden



## From the South

My congratulations to our two new Master Masons, Ron Hibble and Danny Woolman. Congratulations also to our new Worshipful Master. Somebody told him that the Master is responsible for "everything" in the Lodge during his year. Taking this literally, before the February meeting he began shoveling snow around the Lodge, nearly becoming a human snowman when the snowpack on the roof gave way, missing him by inches and covering up his freshly shoveled path. The Master may have to do most things.... but, try not to do everything twice!

Thank you also to Jerry Evans for many years of service as Secretary. We appreciate Dick VanLandingham's move to the desk in the Southeast corner, as we all know which officer really runs the Lodge!

**Robert C. Sidford**  
Junior Warden



## In Seeking More Light

### Y2K CHANCE TO ADVANCE

On 12 February of this year the Grand Master of the State of Nevada made history with his institution and direction of the conduct of a one-day class conferring the Second and Third Degrees of our Order on 62 in attendance. We understand that he has also decreed that their proficiency, on all three degrees, shall not need to be more than the displaying of that knowledge necessary to gain entrance into any regular Lodge in this jurisdiction. He has placed a 60 day time limit on that process. The Worshipful Master of each Lodge is to satisfy himself on the performance of its own newly made Master Masons and report the same to the Grand Lodge. This proficiency requirement level is to be available only to those who were a part of this class.

The Degree Teams, made up of members of the Lodges of this area, are to be commended. There is no doubt that each candidate for the degrees will be able to look back on the occasion as having witnessed great and beautiful Masonic work. I know that as a member of the gallery, I enjoyed the work immensely and appreciated the opportunity to visit with Brothers from all over the State.

It will be interesting to see the long range effects of this departure from tradition. However, we cannot look to this type of event to be the solution to our declining membership. We need to work harder and do our own conferral in each of our respective Lodges if we are going to keep the Fraternity alive. Each and every member of this Lodge is challenged to bring in their own candidate and to be prepared to help in the degree work.

### The Lodge Building

The new Lodge Room has received much deserved praise. We do need some items of furniture for this new facility. If any of you know of a source for such things as chairs suitable for the officers stations or pillars to serve their role just inside the inner door please let us know. The Old Stone Building is unfortunately showing its advanced age. Much of the Stone work is seriously starting to crumble. We are in need of professional assessment and advise on how to stabilize the situation and make the proper repairs and restoration. Again we must appeal to the membership for their help and financial support. This will not be an inexpensive operation.



## In the Record...

### 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

We have received a 50 year Pin for Brother **John P. Names**, PM. This recognition will be bestowed upon him at his home by the Worshipful Master and a group of Lodge members very soon. It is an honor to this Lodge to have such members serve our fraternity for such a time.

We have also been notified that Brother **Homer Fletcher**, currently of Spring, Utah has requested that his 50 year pin be presented here in our Lodge in the near future. It has been approved and forwarded thru the Grand Lodge. Hopefully it will arrive so that it may be presented at our corner stone ceremony in May. I would not be surprised to see him affiliate or demit to join our Lodge as well.

### Life Membership

As a member in good standing you may become a Life Member of Saint John Lodge. Send your check for \$720.00 to the Lodge Secretary (\$35 X 21 years). Your money will be deposited with the Grand Lodge of Nevada in a special and dedicated Endowment Fund. Each year thereafter your dues are paid by the fund and will continue to be paid "in perpetuity" giving the Lodge a long-term stream of this income.

If each member took advantage of this program they would find themselves saving money, more able to provide for themselves in their retired years, and at the same time, insure the Lodge a steady income from this endowment fund forever.

Give your membership LIFE...! You'll be glad you

### The Trestle Board

We appreciate the many good comments received about our last issue and have been looking forward to getting this first quarter issue of 2000 out. As you know, we must depend greatly on input from each of you, so please be generous with your time and ideas. This is the best vehicle we have to share all of our ideas and ideals. The present schedule would have our input deadline at the first stated meeting of each quarter and have it out to you by the second stated meeting quarterly. We hope it meets with your needs.

**Ron Orr**  
Editor



## To Receive and Welcome

We have two new Dual Member Affiliations of Brother **C. Steve Hilburn** and **John E. Harney Jr.** both of Las Vegas.

The first one-day class on the 2nd and 3rd Degrees was a tremendous success adding 62 new Master Masons to the ranks of the State of Nevada. We now can count two of those as our own newly made Master Masons. Be sure to help us give a warm welcome to Brothers **Danny Woolman** and **Ronald Hibble**. Little do they know how we appreciate their involvement nor how much all this will mean to them in their lives ahead.



## Mizpah Notes

The new chapter officers are into their work and we are looking forward to a very good and very busy year.

Our new meeting room is not only a great place to do our work but it is both the setting and the reason for one of the greatest day of events our Chapter and Lodge have jointly held in their 127 years. May 13 will bring us: 1) the dedication of the Corner Stone for the new building, 2) The Official Visit of the Grand Master of Nevada to Saint John Lodge, and 3) the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron of Nevada to Mizpah Chapter. It will be a very full day, most of all, it will be filled with wonderful work, good food, and even better, interaction of members, visitors, and friends from all over the State and more. We hope that you will want to be part of all this special occasion and make arrangements to be there to help us show how active the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star can be and how memorable we can make this very special day.

The rest of the year should be fun too. Especially if you are a part of it.

**Lynn Berzins**  
Worthy Matron

## CEMETARY COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that there have been no changes or additions to our memorial grounds since our last publication. It is always a good thing when we do not have to break ground in the cemetery.

It has been suggested that we mark each of the graves that date back to the very beginnings of this facility. It seems that there are a number of graves that are plotted on the old maps but are without names, markers, or monuments. It has been said that the records were lost in the fire at Delamar. If anyone has a suggestions or information concerning this we would appreciate hearing from them.



## Upon The Desk

It was mentioned in the last issue that Jerry Evans gave up his post as our secretary to be Nancy's traveling companion and as he puts it... her "baggage handler" over the next year as she tours as the Worthy Grand Matron. We will miss his wealth of knowledge about our craft and its business as well as his good humor. He assures us that he will drop in occasionally (to see if we are still afloat) and that he will be very much in the swim of things again next year. This does, however, make it necessary for us to remember to direct all communications and such business matters as paying dues and making generous donations to the Lodge to your new Secretary, and Junior Past Master, Richard VanLandingham. Be sure to change your address book and such. Saint John's Lodge #18 has a Post Office Box #356, Pioche, Nevada 89043. That would be a good address for most things. However, for something more urgent, I may also be reached via World Wide Web E.mail at: [peprdawg@aol.com](mailto:peprdawg@aol.com).

The year has started well and the Treasurer has asked me to report that all is in proper order with our finances. We will be reviewing the appropriate figures and balances as part of each monthly business meeting. If I may be of any assistance please contact me

**Richard VanLandingham P.M.**  
Secretary



## PAST MASTERS PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

The Past Masters photo gallery is in need of a number of photographs of our esteemed leaders. If you have access to any please let us know. We will make a suitable copy and return the original to you.

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## Saint John Activities

All Masons may attend

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|---|-----------------------|
| Installation of Officers 10:00am -              | 08 Jan 2000           |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | 08 Jan 2000           |
| Washington Memorial & Stated Meeting 1:00pm -   | 12 Feb 2000           |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>11 Mar 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>08 Apr 2000</b>    |
| Laying of Cornerstone 10:00am -                 | <b>13 May2000</b>     |
| G.M. Official Visit/Stated Meeting 1:00pm -     | <b>13 May2000</b>     |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>10 Jun 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>08 Jul 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>12 Aug 2000</b>    |
| Dinner for Mizpah Chapter O.E.S. 3:00pm -       | <b>12 Aug 2000</b>    |
| Labor Day Pancake Breakfast 7:00am -            | <b>02 Sep 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>09 Sep 2000</b>    |
| Gilbert Interstate Visit (St George, Utah) -    | <b>22 Sep 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>14 Oct 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting 1:00pm -                         | <b>11 Nov 2000</b>    |
| Nevada Grand Lodge (Reserve Hotel, Henderson) - | <b>13-14 Nov 2000</b> |
| -----   | <b>1-4 Oct 2000</b>   |
| Santa's Visit 1:00pm -                          | <b>08 Dec 2000</b>    |
| Stated Meeting & Election 1:00pm -              | <b>09 Dec 2000</b>    |

## Dates

## Mizpah Activities

All OES may attend

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| - 10:00am Installation Masonic Officers                |
| - 4:30pm Honor Officers/Members & Stated               |
| - 4:30pm Honor Grand Representatives & Stated          |
| - 4:30pm Honor Grand Officers & Stated Meeting         |
| - 4:30pm Chapter Birthday & Stated Meeting             |
| - 10:00am Laying of Cornerstone                        |
| - 4:30pm Homecomming, Official Visit, & Stated Meeting |
| - 4:30pm Honor Fathers & Stated Meeting                |
| - 4:30pm Short Stated Meeting & Friendship Picnic      |
| - 3:00pm Dinner for Mizpah Chapter O.E.S.              |
| - 4:30pm Honor Star Points & Stated Meeting            |
| - 7:00am Labor Day Pancake Breakfast                   |
| - 4:30pm Honor P.M./P.P. & Stated Meeting              |
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| - 4:30pm Election, Farewell Dinner, & Stated Meeting   |
| - 4:30pm Installation of Officers                      |
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| - Nevada Grand Chapter (LV ShowBoat)                   |
| - 1:00pm Santa's Visit                                 |
| - 4:30pm Stated Meeting/Cookie Exchange                |



## Lodge Officers

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|--------------------------|---|
| MASTER:                  | <b>RICHARD L. SIDFORD</b>               |
| SENIOR WARDEN:           | <b>RONALD R. ORR SR.</b>                |
| JUNIOR WARDEN:           | <b>ROBERT C. SIDFORD</b>                |
| TREASURER:               | <b>JACK LEE, PM</b>                     |
| SECRETARY:               | <b>RICHARD L. VANLANDINGHAM SR., PM</b> |
| SENIOR DEACON:           | <b>PAUL SEYLER</b>                      |
| JUNIOR DEACON:           | <b>LAWRENCE DAGENAIS</b>                |
| CHAPLAIN:                | <b>C. STEVE HILBURN</b>                 |
| MARSHAL:                 | <b>JERRY B. EVANS, PM</b>               |
| SENIOR STEWARD:          | <b>JAMES G. KELLEY, PM</b>              |
| JUNIOR STEWARD:          |   |
| TYLER:                   | <b>JACK LEE, PM</b>                     |
| HISTORIAN:               | <b>JACK CAMBURN, PM</b>                 |
| TRUSTEE (1):             | <b>JOHN D. CLIFTON, PM, PGM</b>         |
| TRUSTEE (2):             | <b>JAMES E. DENNY</b>                   |
| TRUSTEE (3):             | <b>C. STEVE HILBURN</b>                 |
| DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER    | <b>JERRY B. EVANS, PM</b>               |
| TRESTLE BOARD/WEB MASTER | <b>RONALD R. ORR SR.</b>                |

## Chapter Officers

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| WORTHY MATRON:      | <b>LYNN BERZINS</b>           |
| WORTHY PATRON:      | <b>JAMES G. KELLEY</b>        |
| ASSOCIAT MATRON:    | <b>MARTY DUFOUR, PM</b>       |
| ASSOCIATE PATRON:   | <b>JACK LEE, PP</b>           |
| SECRETARY:          | <b>MARION BENDER, PM</b>      |
| TREASURER:          | <b>MARIAN GRIFFIN, PM</b>     |
| CONDUCTRESS:        | <b>CAMILLE SHAVER, PM</b>     |
| ASSOC. CONDUCTRESS: | <b>SHARON DUFFIN, PM</b>      |
| CHAPLAIN:           | <b>RICHARD SIDFORD, WM</b>    |
| MARSHAL:            | <b>C. STEVE HILBURN, P.P.</b> |
| ORGANIST:           | <b>JEAN ORR, PM</b>           |
| ADAH:               | <b>JEAN TILLEY, PM</b>        |
| RUTH:               | <b>GERALDINE STEINBACH</b>    |
| ESTER:              | <b>DIANE BERGEMEYER, PM</b>   |
| MARTHA:             | <b>LIA SIDFORD</b>            |
| ELECTRA:            | <b>KAREN KELLEY</b>           |
| WARDER:             | <b>LUCILLE HILBURN</b>        |
| SENTINEL:           | <b>JERRY B. EVANS, P.P.</b>   |
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