NELLIS LODGE No. 46 F.&A.M.

Dispensation
November 10, 1962

March 2020

Chartered
November 12, 1963

TRESTLEBOARD

Stated Meeting first Tuesday of the Month
Dinner at 6:00pm
Meeting 7:00 pm in the
Masonic Memorial Temple
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2019-2020

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The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

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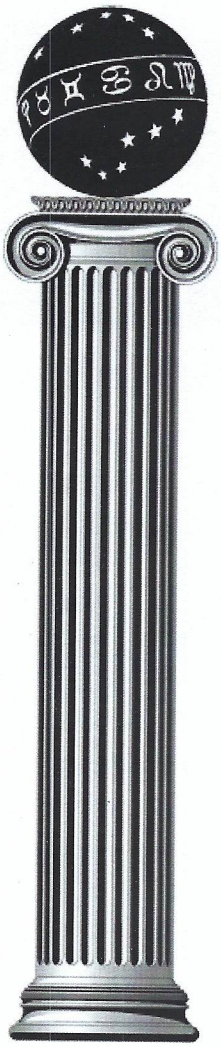

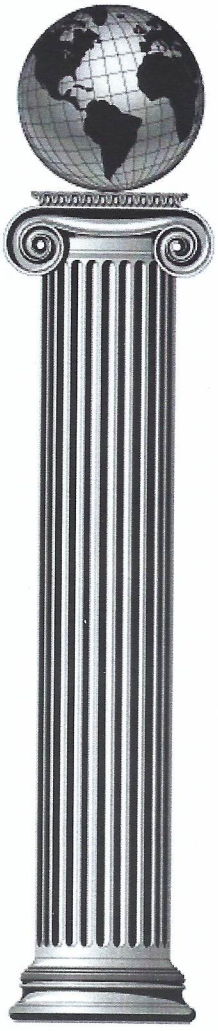

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The Master's Message

Greetings,

We are well underway this Masonic year. Congratulations to Dustin "Drake" Burke for being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Thanks to Christopher Lee, our Junior Warden, for putting on a wonderful George Washington's observance dinner, and to Richard Legon for appearing as our most beloved President.

Brethren, let's keep the fellowship momentum going and make March an even better month than February. To everyone reading this Trestleboard, I personally invite all Brothers to the March stated meeting. If it's been a while since you've been to Lodge, Nellis welcomes you back with open arms. If you've forgotten the due guards and signs, the Brethren will be more than happy to instruct you. Enjoy the benefits of your dues by savoring a good meal and libations with your Brethren. This is your Lodge. Come see what you've been missing.

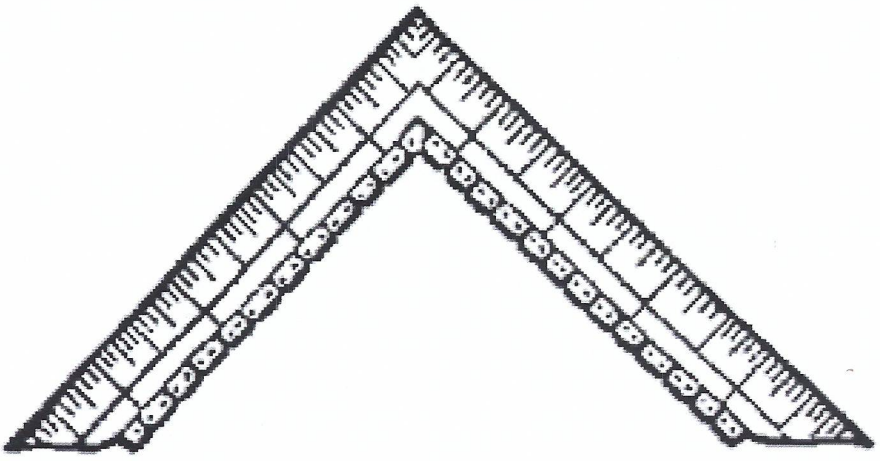
Coming up this month, we will be visiting Indian Springs Lodge #48 on March 7th, volunteering at the Three Square food pantry on March 10, enjoying a meal of corned beef and cabbage on 3/17 and an IORG visitation on 3/25.

Thanks for all your hard work, Brethren!

Fraternally,

Keith Levenson

Worship Master



From the West

March is the month we honor our youth. The three largest youth bodies within Masonry are The Orders of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls. Each of these organizations focus on imparting education, character, social skills and leadership development to young people.

The founders of these bodies sought to support the youth within their respective communities with the goal of developing good citizens and leaders. The Greek philosopher Diogenes wrote, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." The strength of any building is in its foundation.

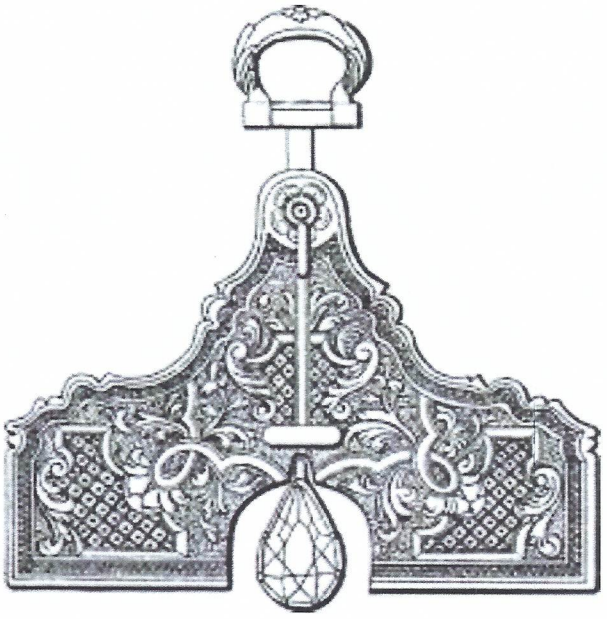
This is for several reasons. First, it supports the load of the entire building. Second, a strong foundation helps the building stand up the forces of nature. Finally, the foundation not only holds the building up, but it also holds it together. In this context, we better understand the importance of Diogenes' statement. Proper education, support and guidance for our youth allow us to build communities and organizations that stand firm through adversity, change and chaos.

We must look for opportunities to provide this support to our youth. DeMolay was conceived because founder Frank Land extended his hand to a 17-year-old boy whose father suddenly died. He saw a need to support the youth in his community and out of this simple act of charity grew the Order of DeMolay. This is powerful example of Diogenes' quote in action. May this inspire you to find a way to impact the young men and women in our community.

Fraternally

Tim Kaftanic

Sr. Warden



From the South

Ten Master Masons

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine; one listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late; one didn't like the "Master", then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven; one joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks; one grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive; one lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more; got into a dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be; one didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you? One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons, with so much to be done; one said "what's the use", then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother – true! Brought him to Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore; each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate; by showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodge's bright sheen; talked so much about it; they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true; we're pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So, we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door; it's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore. Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East; but keep your obligation by serving, even, the very least. -Author Unknown

While we benefit from an active and harmonious brotherhood at Nellis Lodge 46, I thought this poem was a good reminder that not all Lodges enjoy the blessings with which we are endued. I am confident that we will continue to be good examples of Masonry and that we can all do our part to help grow Masonry and our Lodge numbers.

Fraternally,

Bro. Christopher Lee,

Junior Warden

DUES INCREASE PROPOSAL

By W. Bro. Michael J. Clark & W. Bro. Terry Robertson

Brethren,

A change to the Nellis bylaws was suggested at the February stated communication. The change would involve an increase in dues by $10 annually beginning in 2021 and ending in 2025 bring the total to $105 plus the Grand Lodge expenses currently at $40.

Your dues money pays only some of the large uncontrollable expenses for the Lodge as well as the Grand Lodge uncontrollable expenses.

The Lodge currently charges $95 from each paying member yearly.
Of our current 201 members 172 of them pay dues. The other 29 are life members.
Theoretically we should have income totaling $16,340.00.
We usually have about 9 Brothers each year that don't pay their dues totaling $855 so we collect
$ 15,485.00

The following breakdown will show the expenditures of our current due's income.

Expected annual income	**$ 15,485.00**
$35 per capita to Grand Lodge	$ 6,020.00
$ 4 Grand Lodge Insurance	$ 688.00
$ 1 George Washington Memorial	$ 172.00
MMT Annual Contribution (Rent)	$ 6,102.00
Business Licenses & DMV	$ 91.00
Postage	$ 600.00
Office Supplies	$ 300.00
Phone	$ 200.00
TOTAL	**$ 712.00**

We are left with **$712.00** to pay for our usual events and other expenses. These things include but are not limited to:

Dinners for meetings.		$ 2,700.00
A parade.	$ 200.00	
A picnic.	$ 300.00	
Table Lodge.		$ 850.00
Repairs to office equipment.		$ 600.00
Scholarship.		$ 1,000.00
Charities, including:		
St. Baldrick's		$ 500.00
MSA		$ 100.00
Bikes for Books		$ 1,500.00
the VA Barbeque	$ 300.00	
Contributions to Masonic youth groups.		$ 750.00
Any funeral expenses		$ 200.00
Website expenses.		$ 250.00
Secretary Salary	$ 4,800.00	
FICA		$ 2,400.00
Gas allowance		$ 600.00
Replacement regalia		$ 300.00
Degree Expenses	$ 851.00	
Rituals, one letter keys & Monitors		$ 280.00
TOTAL		**$ 18,481.00**

If you take this **$ 18,481.00** and subtract the remaining dues of **$ 712.00,** we are left with a deficit of [$ 17,769.00]

We do get some other funding

Annual life member payback	$ 1,017.00
Fees for initiations (typically 5)	$ 1,250.00
Scholarship matching funds	$ 500.00
Member donations	$ 330.00
Dinners	$ 2,860.00
Table Lodge	$ 300.00
Investment Interest	$ 3,760.00
TOTAL	**$10,017.00**

That cuts the deficit to **[$ 7,752.00]**

Investment interest was to be reserved for things like Bikes for Books, the scholarship and other projects that Nellis takes part in every year.

We have fundraisers that have been very successful, but we can't rely on them. As an example, our NASCAR event was canceled last month. It should have brought in about $3,000. We average about 15 Brothers per event. Those brothers are doing all the work while over 90% of the Lodge members do little or nothing to help. When we can't get Nellis brothers to help we have to ask other Lodges to come bail us out and then we have to split the profits with them.

Because of this we are suggesting an increase in dues over a five-year period. It works out to be about .83¢ a month the first year. Your current dues work out to $7.92 a month. An additional .83¢ would make it $8.75 per month. As always, any member that cannot afford $10 more per year on their dues can get "dues assistance". This fund was set up several years ago to aid anyone who is having financial trouble. There are several other brothers who anomalously pledge dues money to help offset anyone having trouble paying.

It will be written as outlined in the Nevada Masonic Code, Section 4.260 and 10.220 and as presented in our Nellis Bylaws. There will be discussion of this proposal at the March Stated communication and again published in the April Trestleboard.

BEFORE AMMENDMENT

ARTICLE XI

Dues

SECTION I. *The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be Fifty-five [$55.00] dollars per year plus Grand Lodge per capita and any Grand Lodge expenses passed to the Lodge, commencing January 1 of each year.*

SECTION II. *Dues are payable to the Lodge by January 1 of the subsequent year. If current dues are not paid before April 15th of that year, a second notice will be mailed with an additional late fee of $20.*

SECTION III. *Any member of the Lodge against whom charges are not pending and whose dues and indebtedness to the Lodge are paid may withdraw from membership by presenting a written application therefor at a Stated Communication. The Lodge shall grant the request of the Brother by dropping his name from the rolls and his membership shall be thereby be terminated, and he shall be subject to the disabilities of an unaffiliated Master Mason; provided, however, that an elected officer cannot withdraw.*

AFTER AMENDMENT

Dues

SECTION I. *The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be Fifty-five [$55.00] dollars beginning in 2020 and will increase by ten [$10] dollars per year until 2025 totaling one hundred five [$105] dollars plus Grand Lodge per capita and any Grand Lodge expenses passed to the Lodge, commencing January 1 of each year.*

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Nellis Lodge #46

St. Patrick's Day dinner

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Corned Beef & Cabbage and Potatoes

Guinness, Harp and Jameson available

and for a little of the green

mint chocolate ice cream

Adults $15 w/reservation, $17 at the door
Children 12 and under $7

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or buy a ticket from any Nellis Lodge officer.

The old Nellis office.

The Lodge offices have moved from upstairs to the site of the "Small Lodge Room. It looks very quiet & empty up there now!

2020 Events at a Glance

(Subject to Change)

March

6) Elementary School Reading Day—Don Hayden Elementary School
7) VISITATION to Indian Springs Lodge No. 48—Masonic Memorial Temple (MMT)
10) VOLUNTEER SERVICE—Three Square Food Pantry
17) St. Patrick's Day—EVENT! Corned Beef & Cabbage
25) Rainbow for Girls Visitation at the MMT

April

10) VISITATION—King Solomon Lodge No. 58
17) Past Master's Dinner

May

9) Las Vegas Day's Parade (Formally "Helldorado Day's Parade) meet at the MMT parking lot 8:30 am
16), 17) & 18) Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) Fundraiser LV Motor Speedway

June

9) Table Lodge—MMT 6:00
20) Blood Drive & CPR Class MMT

July

1), 2), 3) & 4) Fireworks Booth Fundraiser
18) Officer Ritual Practice & Barbeque

August

15) VOLUNTEER SERVICE—Shade Tree
23) Family Picnic

September

8) GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATION
25), 26) & 27) NASCAR Fundraiser LV Motor Speedway

October

10) Widows Dinner
20) Chili Cookoff

November

7) Veterans Admin. Annual Barbeque
9) & 10) Grand Lodge Sessions

December

1) 2021 Election of Officers
8) 2021 Installation of Officers

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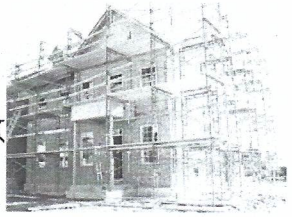

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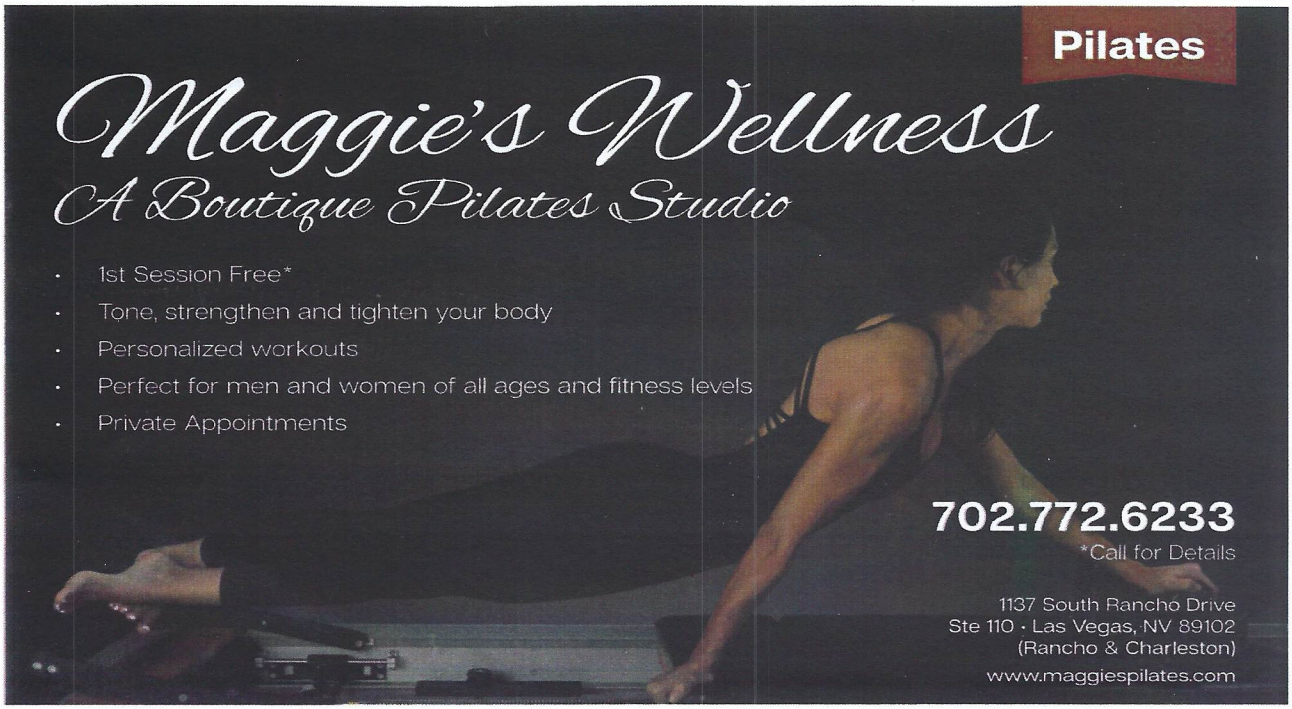

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 **Daylite 44** **Oasis 41** Stated Communications	3 **NELLIS STATED COMMUNICATION** Dinner at 6:00pm Lodge at 7:00pm Youth Observance	4 Acacia 49 Stated Communication 7:00pm	5 Dhahran Daylight 55 Noon AASR Stated Communication 7:30pm	6 Elementary School Reading Day Don Hayden School 2:00pm Vegas 32 Stated Communication 7:00pm	7 Indian Springs Lodge Lodge 48 NELLIS OFFICIAL VISITATION 10:00am
8	9	10 VOLUNTEER SERVICE—Three Square Food Pantry 5—7 pm	11	12 Silver Cord 51 7:30pm	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day—EVENT! Corned Beef & Cabbage	18 1	19	20	21
22	23	24 Zelzah Shrine Stated Communication **DARK**	25 Rainbow for Girls Visitation at the MMT **MMT Board of Directors 6:00**	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Past Masters

*Denotes Deceased

Albert Schouten	1963	Bart Bonar	1992
Donald G. Hines*	1964	Michael Holmstrom	1993
Albert W. Cutler*	1965	Craig Johnson	1994
Joseph Bureski*	1966	Fred Barr	1995
Virgil M. Babbs*	1967	Jeff Byrne	1996
Ivan H. Joyce, Sr.*	1968	Scutter Newton	1997
Herbert T. Edgar*	1969	John Messana	1998
Robert P. Braner*	1970	Andrew D. Craig	1999
Woodrow W. Thompson*	1971	Terry Robertson	2000
William B. Berk*	1972	David Swallow	2001
Robert E. Broughton	1973	John Feustel	2002
Donald L. Vines	1974	Sam Ruiz	2003
Stuart E. Pirie*	1975	Franklin E. Merica	2004
Richard C. Ehrensing*	1976	Ray Troche	2005
Walter T. Jones*	1977	James T. Greely	2006
Charles R. Rinehart*	1978	John Gjonola	2007
William J. Schoenholzer*	1979	Michael J. Clark	2008
Gerald H. McCorkle	1980	Bjorn E. Sundquist	2009
Robert B. Riggs*	1981	Arcangelo Cocco	2010
Dale K. Dean Sr.	1982	Michael J. Clark	2011
Stephen M. Thompson*	1983	Scott Keiser	2012
Billy R. Huffman*	1984	Jeff Byrne	2013
John C. Richardson	1985	Harold Scalzo, Jr.	2014
Theodore M. West*	1986	Miguel Zavala	2015
John W. Startt, III	1987	Dennis G. Tyson	2016
Alan J. Clark*	1988	Travis C. Lindsey	2017
Harold R. Hamilton	1989	Michael Riitano	2018
John Kiehlbaugh	1990	Jason Cunningham	2019
Gerry Cunningham*	1991		

Past Masters by Affiliation

Frank Fiedler
Franklin E. Merica
David Lublin
William Robinson
Bryant E. Day
Gregory Curtin
R. Kevin Cutsinger
R. Darce Wilson
Wade A. Schneiderman
John H. Russell

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3 Year
Jason Cunningham PM

2 Year
Dennis G. Tyson PM

1 Year
Travis C. Lindsey PM

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Fundraising	Bro. Timothy Kaftanic
Education & Examination	DeChadre Robinson
Cognizance	Jeff Byrne
Funeral Service	Arcangelo Cocco PM
Refreshments	Christopher Lee
Delinquencies	James Greely PM
Investments	Terry Robertson PM
Archiving	Bryant Day PM
Special Events	Isaac Chevez

Happy March Birthdays

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W. Bro. Gregory F. Curtain
W. Bro. James T. Greely
Bro. Donald E. Huie
W. Bro David C. Swallow
Bro. Andrew Wade
Bro. Richard R. Wall
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