



The Trestleboard of Clovix Lodge #40 A.F. & A.M.



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Brethren,

If you can spare the time, could you write a column on The Trestleboard? We really need you. Our Senior Warden has written a second column this September. We need articles or bits of trivia or just announcements, pictures are welcome. Please, bring a Brother with you to lodge.

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From the Secretary's Desk

There will be a practice in the MM degree Tuesday September 9, 2008. If you are suspended for none payment of dues, you may pay before December 31, 2008 and you will be automatically reinstated. After that date you must repetition for reinstatement. Clovis lodge meets every first and third Tuesday of the month. On off Tuesdays we will practice on degree work.

It is the time of the Year when we will make preparations for our one hundredth Past Masters Night on October 18, 2008. Mark your calendar this should prove to be a very interesting night.



Members of Clovis Lodge #40 are presenting a check for \$1200.00 to Mrs. Bryant for school supplies. Members were pictured here are: Swede Johnson, Ron Kline, Dwight Waldo, W.:B.: Lindy Stansell, Duane Castleberry and Don Karna.



Same guys were presenting a check for \$2000.00 to Mr. Anderson of the NM Christian Children's Home.

Please remember to notify the Secretary if you have an address, E-Mail, or Phone # change so that he can keep the records up to date.

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Dates to remember:

September 2 Clovis Lodge #40, AF&AM..... 7:30 PMRegular Meeting
September 8 Columbia Chapter #7, RAM..... 7:30 PMRegular Meeting
September 16 Clovis Lodge #40, AF&AM..... 7:30 PMRegular Meeting
October 18 Clovis Lodge #40, AF&AM..... 6:30 PM Past Master Dinner

Clovis Lodge #40, September Birthdays

Burke, Edwin J.	9/5/1924	Hobart, William C.	9/27/1932
Castleberry, Cleo K., W.:B.:	9/6/1922	Kelley, Sam Anderson	9/16/1959
Curtis, Glenn O.	9/4/1920	Langton, Thomas L.	9/11/1959
Dindinger, Richard L.	9/15/1945	Mathis, Ronald D.	9/28/1970
Duncan, Harry A.	9/10/1944	Miller, Brian T., W.:B.:	9/8/1946
Fillpot, Bob	9/21/1934	Moss, James B.	9/20/1924
Gaspar, William A.	9/4/1947	Roberts, Charles H.	9/25/1938
Gibbs, Leo E.	9/19/1933	Stansell, Lyndell M., W.:B.:	9/19/1948
Haney, Benny L.	9/12/1937	Williams David W.	9/6/1947
Hazard, Philip A.	9/20/1982	Winn, Dennis E.	9/28/1944



This is from our Senior Warden

August has been another good month for the Clovis Lodge. The dew has descended on us like the dew on the mountains of Zion - in fact, 3.79” through the 29th (Clovis’ average for Aug is 3.43”). I think Lindy saw even more in Ruidoso. (It was also green in Ft. Davis, TX, where I went for a camp meeting.) Gerhardt was also back from vacation. While one of our brothers went to be with God this month, another of our new brothers, Wm “Buddy” Lang, received his 2nd degree. Congratulations Buddy and to Doc, his coach! (I understand Doc is going to a wedding in Australia. Congratulations and good travels, mate!) And thanks to Jimmy Denton for fixing us the meal beforehand. Swede and Bill Strachan made a visit to brothers C.K. Castleberry and C.P. “Jeff” Jefferson at the Retirement Ranch. (You guys get better real soon, now, ya’hear?) Then Woody and I went with Swede to observe a 3rd degree in Lovington on the 23rd. (Swede managed to get us there and back without even getting pulled over!) On the 27th, Dwight listened to Woody and I (and corrected my errors patiently) as we practiced to move up. I’m looking forward to the month of September. (My son may be home from the service for the first time since his mid-tour from Iraq, last October.) There’s a lot coming up at lodge too, so try not to miss it. See’ya there.

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Who was this? →



ABOUT THE SCOTTISH RITE

About the Scottish Rite

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is commonly known as the Scottish Rite. It is one of several appendant groups of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry. Each Valley has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees. In the Southern Jurisdiction these are the Lodge of Perfection (4°–14°), Chapter of Rose Croix (15°–18°), Council of Kadosh (19°–30°), and the Consistory (31°–32°). The Supreme Council confers the 33rd Degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General.



The Scottish Rite is one of the two branches of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry. The other branch is known as the York Rite, consisting of Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters and the Knights Templar.



Lodge of Perfection



4° - Secret Master - Duty, reflection and study are the gateway to opportunity; as such one honors those relationships to God, family, country and Masonry. The apron of the 4th degree is white and black, with a letter "Z" and all-seeing eye. The jewel of this degree is an ivory key with the letter "Z" on the wards. The teachings: secrecy, obedience and fidelity.



5° - Perfect Master - The degree teaches Masonic honor; that honesty and trustworthiness is the cornerstone of the foundation of such. This virtue should be in all of our undertakings with mankind. The apron of the 5th degree is white and green, with a cubic stone and a Hebrew YOD. The jewel is represented by a compass open on a segment of a circle, to an angle of sixty degrees. The teachings: honesty, sincerity, and good faith.



6° - Intimate Secretary - In this degree one should expand their knowledge of duty, charity and toleration. We are instructed to reshape ourselves and our thinking into charity, self-control, and success i.e. to be a peacemaker. The apron of the 6th degree is white and red, with Hebrew letters YOD HEH in the center and a small triangle containing the Hebrew letters (clockwise from top) BETH, NUN, and SHIN. The gold triangle with the same three letters inscribed is the jewel that represents this degree.



7° - Provost & Judge - We learn that impartial justice protects person, property, happiness and reputation. We are instructed to judge with patience and impartially. The apron of the 7th degree is white, edged with red, with a key and five rosettes. The jewel is a golden key.



8° - Intendant of the Building - We should strive for perfection by using the great principles of "God's inherent love, charity, morality and kindness". The apron of the 8th degree is white, with red and green, with a balance, a nine-pointed star, and a triangle with the Hebrew letters BETH (for Ben-Khurim), YOU (for Jakinah), and ALEPH (for Achar). The jewel of this Degree is a gold triangle with the same three letters.



9° - Elu of the Nine (Elected Knight of the Nine) - Truth, candor and generosity; the foundation of Scottish Rite Masonry is most reflected in this degree. We should use these truths to shape our lives and conduct. The apron of the 9th degree is white, lined with black, and sprinkled with blood, with an arm holding a dagger and a severed head held by the hair. The jewel of this degree is a dagger, hilt of gold and blade of silver.



10° - Elu of the Fifteen (Illustrious Elect of the Fifteen) - This degree teaches us to be tolerant and respect the opinions of others. Freedoms of political and spiritual ideologies should be shared by all. The apron of the 10th degree is white, with a black flap, and with three arch-shaped gates - over each a head on a spike. The jewel of this degree is a dagger as in the 9th degree.



11° - Elu of the Twelve (Sublime Knight Elect of the Twelve) - This degree teaches sympathy. We should be compassionate to our brother Masons and to all mankind as well. The apron of the 11th degree is white, lined with black, with a flaming heart in the center. The jewel being a dagger suspended from a black cordon inscribed with the words "Vincere aut Mori" the pledge "that you will rather die than betray the cause of the people, or be overcome through your own fear or fault."



12° - Master Architect - This degree teaches faith in morality and virtue and in God. "Life is what each man makes of it; the optimist turns a trial into a blessing. The apron of the 12th degree consists of a white outer shell, lined with blue and gold (symbolizing the Craft degrees), with a protractor, plain scale, sector, and compasses. The jewel is a heptagonal medal of gold.



13° - Royal Arch of Solomon (Knight of the Ninth Arch) - Liberty; in our mind and our hearts, motivated by duty and honor are the lessons of this degree. The apron worn is purple, bordered with white, and with the "Enochian delta" (hexagram with inscribed Tetragrammaton) in the center. The jewel comprises a circular medal of gold.



14° - Perfect Elu (Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason) - This degree teaches us to reflect and scrutinize oneself. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. The apron being of white silk, bordered in gold, with the Ineffable Delta in the Center is truly emblematical of the degree. The jewel of the 14th Degree is split; one being a quadrant (compass open to ninety degrees) topped by a crown and with a nine-pointed star on the obverse, the other being a five-pointed blazing star (with the Tetragrammaton) on the reverse. The compass is opened on a segment of a circle, inscribed with the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9.

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The Lodge was active during the war years and raised more than twenty Master Masons. General John J. (Black Jack) Pershing was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska, throughout his military career.

