

CARSON LODGE No. 1

Free & Accepted Masons

Masonic Trestle Board

November 2018



Most Worshipful Mark A. Marsh
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 12th – 13th **154th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada**
Registration forms and room reservation information on -
Website at www.nvmasons.org

November 15, Thursday **Stated Communication** **7:00 pm**
Dinner open to all our guests and family **6:00 pm**

Future Event

December 20, Thursday **Stated Communication** **7:00 pm**
Election of Officers for 2019
Dinner open to our guests and family **6:00 pm**



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Chet Hayes, P.M., Chap. (Jean)

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Messages from the East, West, and South,

From the East



Greetings from the East my brethren:

What a night for our lodge! As I watched deacons with their floor work, heard the interchanges between myself and my talented officers, I found myself overwhelmingly impressed. There was no stumble, no California, no hesitation groping for words, just sheer perfection. When I shook hands with the grand lodge line at least 4 of them commented on the beautiful, smooth opening. That sentiment was echoed loudly when

various GL officers and sideliners spoke to me directly after closing. I would be remiss if I did not pass these compliments from these people on to the people who truly do the work. I could not have been prouder of our lodge last night.

Thank you all for your work, your practice, and your commitment to the craft.

"CARSON LODGE- #1 FOR A REASON"

David St. Onge, Master

From the West



Greetings, Brethren!

At our last stated meeting, we celebrated the return of our own Mark A. Marsh, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nevada. The dinner was excellent, thanks to WM Dave, JW Forrest Mack, WM Dave's lady Rhonda, Sisters Edwina Wiersma and Terri Storey of Esther #3 and everyone who brought a dish for the dinner. It could not have been better and if anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault!

I can only say that I was impressed with everyone's opening ritual performance. All of the officers are to be congratulated on a very fine job! I was most impressed, however, by the aplomb and ingenuity shown by Marshall Cliff Gordon when faced with the Herculean task of getting so many dignitaries to the right place, at the right time, and introducing them all. I'd like to personally recommend that we officially add the command, "Scatter!" to the OV ritual; not that I expect it to happen... but it does work!

As we wind down the year, I'll be contacting many of you to fill the roster for next year. I hope to have all of the details ready to present at November's communication. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who's already stepped forward and stated their willingness to serve!

And that, my brothers, is all that I have this month. See you in Lodge!

Glen Hallaway, Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings,

Thank you to everyone who helped with the GMOV dinner. It was good to see a full lodge.

Hope to see everybody at our next stated meeting.

Forrest Mack, Junior Warden

Alchemy

Let's talk quickly about Alchemy. Alchemy was the science of turning lead to gold. It was a many step process that had to be performed - just right - or - it would not work. Many people tried it and ultimately ran it problems in accomplishing the final goal i.e. turning lead to gold.

Of course, common sense tells us that you can't turn physical lead into physical gold. But, those that were looking for a "quick fix" or were just greedy would fall for the rhetoric and would make the attempt. And, of course, would ultimately fail. But, there were certain of the more renown Alchemists that claimed that they had mastered the technic and had done it.

Of course, there was much lore to go along with the concept and process. It involved assigning different metals to the different known planets and the idea that these metals had to go through a transformation process. It also tied in with astronomy and astrology and the basic building blocks of matter. At one time, Alchemists believed that everything was a combination of salt, Sulphur and mercury. It was believed that when you died, your soul would pass from this planet to the next one in the hierarchy and so on up until it reached the top and then it would begin the cycle back down again to start all over at Earth. This concept then ties into the concepts of the kabbalah where Earth is represented as the lowest sephiroth - Malkuth. (But, that is a whole other lecture, so back to where we were.)

Alchemy was not talking about the physical form of lead and gold in this world. Indeed, Alchemy's big secret is that it was talking about the transformation of the human spirit from lead (dross) to gold (Godliness). And, that a true Alchemist's goal was to refine himself from the dregs of humanity to something far above and more refined. Then, he could make the claim that he had turned lead into gold.

And so, even though you might think that Alchemy is no more, I know a few Alchemists that I have met along the way and I see their spirits as true gold.



CARSON YORK RITE UNIFIED TRESTLEBOARD

November 7th – Edward C. Peterson Commandery No. 8 opens at 7 pm

November 8th – Lewis Chapter No. 1 opens at 7 pm



Hello Companions,

This month is going to be busy again for a lot of us. We have back to back meetings on 7th and 8th for the Commandery and Chapter. Then the following week the Grand Lodge will hold their 154 communication in Reno on November 12 and 13. We also have Thanksgiving Day on the 22nd, don't forget it is on a

Thursday this year.

At the Chapter stated this month I will be giving our very first award to a lady for her support to her husband and the Chapter. After we have had dinner, and before we open (so we don't have the ladies waiting) we will present the award. What is the award you ask, well come to the stated meeting to find out. Companions, have a great Thanksgiving Day.

**Alan Troland, Excellent High Priest
Lewis Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons**



**Craig M. Lewis, Illustrious Master
Capital Council No. 7, Cryptic Masons**



Brethren,

Sir Knights, here a travel article by the Great Britain Full of historical details.

The hidden world of the knights. Tucked behind London's Fleet Street, a patchwork of gardens and graceful buildings tell the story of the most famous knights of the Crusades.

By Amanda Ruggeri

13 May 2016

It was rush hour on a weekday and I was weaving my way down the Strand, one of central London's most famous thoroughfares. The street hummed with tourists, students and lawyers. Double-decker buses rattled. Cyclists sweated. Black cabs swerved.

Just east of the where the Strand turns into Fleet Street, beyond the 19th-century legal bookshop of Wildy and Sons, stood a small stone archway. Compared to the imposing structure above it – a timber-framed, Jacobean townhouse – it was almost unnoticeable. I turned in. Here, on tiny Inner Temple Lane, was a hidden world, one that was lovely, leafy and serene, overlooked by graceful Gothic and Victorian buildings and patchworked with gardens and miniature courtyards. The area, known as Temple, remains far less known to tourists than other nearby attractions like St Paul's Cathedral or Trafalgar Square. And most of those who do find their way here don't realize Temple's biggest secret: this whole area was once the stronghold of the Knights Templar. The medieval order, known for their role in the Crusades and as one of the Middle Ages' most powerful and wealthy religious orders, lived, prayed and worked here from about 1185 up until their dissolution in 1312. They built monastic dormitories, chambers and two dining halls – now known as Middle Temple Hall and Inner Temple Hall, though they've been rebuilt many times over the years – and, most famously, Temple Church. "They lived right here," said Robin Griffith-Jones, the reverend of Temple Church and a historian of the Knights Templar. (In a sign of how historic and traditional this area is, his official title is Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple). "The hall of the Templars was what is Inner Temple hall now – right over there. And the priest's house was where my house is."

In 1120, Christian knights had just captured Jerusalem in the First Crusade. But even while the holy city was safe, the pilgrimage routes to get there were not. Travelers were routinely attacked, robbed and even killed. A handful of knights took monastic vows and devoted themselves to protecting the pilgrims and their routes. In return, the king of Jerusalem gave them headquarters on the Temple Mount. The Knights Templar was born, and they were soon world-renowned for their courage. "They were a very disciplined fighting force – and hugely self-sacrificial. If there was a disaster in battle, they were decimated. They didn't run away. They just got killed," said Griffith-Jones. They also became extraordinarily rich. As well as owning land and other assets, they didn't have to pay tithes. They were also the first to issue what today we would call cheques. If a pilgrim was leaving home, they could give the Templars all the money they'd want in the Holy Land, get a promissory note in return and collect that amount when they arrived. By 1191, they were so wealthy they were able to buy the island of Cyprus.

Little surprise then that by the mid-12th Century they needed a grander headquarters for their London chapter. By 1185, they had built Temple Church. Today Temple Church doesn't seem that grand, particularly when compared to nearby St Paul's or Westminster Abbey. The surrounding buildings dwarf it, making its dome invisible from just a

short distance. The circular nave in the west, which was built first, is just 17m in diameter. There is no elaborate gold gilding, no side chapels, no mosaic or paintings. But as a round church modelled after the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem (there are only three others in Britain), Temple Church had one of the grandest claims of them all: to those in the Middle Ages, walking through it was the closest you could get to Jerusalem without actually undertaking the dangerous pilgrimage to get there: Inside, the round nave has the fortress-like walls, small windows and heavy, pointed arches of the early Gothic. Effigies of some of the knights – including William Marshal of Pembroke, without whom England's Magna Carta may not exist – lie grasping their swords in the stone. The 'new' chancel, built 65 years later, extended the church east, this time with all the hallmarks of the fully-flowered Gothic style: thin, graceful columns, wide-span arches and huge windows that flooded the interior with light. In the time of the Knights Templar, the painted walls and metal-plated ceiling would have shimmered in the candlelight. The floor was tiled. There were probably banners down the columns. And the windows, now mostly plain, may have been made of stained glass. It was in that lovely, light-filled environment that the English order of the Knights Templar would meet and worship. It was also here that they would be initiated into the order. According to charges levied against them in 1307, when King Philip IV ordered the arrest of the Templars in France, the initiation rites included spitting on the cross, denying Christ, and kissing each other on the mouth, belly button and base of the spine.

By that point, the knights were no longer needed as crusaders. Their military stronghold of Acre, in present-day Israel, had fallen in 1291. The knights were still engaging in smaller-scale raids, but the Crusades had effectively ended – and, for the Church, had not ended well. As well as no longer having any military purpose, the Knights Templars' wealth had made them potential enemies of some powerful people – including King Philip IV, who owed them a vast sum of money. The charges of devil-worship in their initiation rites quickly followed. Scores of knights were arrested on Friday 13 October 1307, and those who wouldn't confess were burned at the stake. The rest scattered. In 1312, the order was dissolved.

The land at Temple went to the Knights Hospitaller, another military religious order. That order leased the land to lawyers in 1346, and today the Temple area is well known to England's barristers, all of whom must belong to one of London's four Inns of Court – medieval legal associations – in order to practice. Two of these Inns of Court, the Inner Temple and Middle Temple, are based here. The Inner Temple still has a section of its medieval hall, complete with 15th-century fireplace. And with its hammer-beam ceiling and rich oil paintings, Middle Temple's hall is largely what it would have looked like when it was built under Queen Elizabeth in 1562. Today, though, you'll see London's barristers walking through the courtyards with small, rolling suitcases – the preferred method for transporting the stiff horsehair wigs they have to don at court. And visitors can usually peek in over lunch hours, or – better – advance book a tour of the Inner Temple. Until 13 years ago, hardly any tourists came to this area at all. "It was the classic hidden gem," said Griffith-Jones. "Part of its joy is that it is really tucked away: it's as if you go into a secret garden as soon as you come in from Fleet Street. It is absolutely, ravishingly beautiful. And it was a disappointment to us that London's residents, the people who work here, the people who visit it, so few knew about it."

But then a certain novel was published.

"One Monday morning [in 2003], there was a queue of young Americans standing outside the door," Griffith-Jones said. "The verger opens up and they ask him, 'Have you read the book?' And of course the verger thinks they're talking about the Bible." Instead, they were talking about Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code*. It would turn out to be one of the most popular novels of the 21st Century – and one of its main scenes was set at Temple Church. In those boom years, the church saw around 500 visitors every day.

However, those days seem to be over. When I was there, there were just two families and a couple wandering through the space. Today, Temple Church – and Temple – are back to feeling like a hidden world in the heart of London, one that's serene and rich with secrets. And that, in many ways, feels how it should be.

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SK Pedro Leon Rojas

Eminent Commander

From Our Recorder's Desk

York Rite meetings this month will be:

- Wednesday, November 7 - Commandery at 7:00 p.m. Dinner before the meeting at Tito's.
- Thursday, November 8 – Chapter at 7:00 pm. Dinner before the meeting at Tito's.
- We will be greeting our new Frater JOE DONATO who received his Degrees and Orders at the Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, NV, Oct. 21-23. We will be planning our Christmas Observance to be held on Sunday, December 16 at the Gold Dust West in Carson City at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, November 8 - Chapter will open at 7:00; Council will declare. Please wear RED COATS. High Priest Alan Troland will give the program which will include the proper manner of making introductions.

Please remember that we need a minimum of 9 present to meet the quorum.

Due to the way the calendar falls this year we have meetings two nights in a row which makes meeting the quorum especially important. Please put BOTH dates on your calendar.

If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, be safe. Best wishes for a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. This time of year is definitely a time to GIVE THANKS!

James D. Phelps
Secretary/Recorder





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STATED MEETINGS 1st and 3rd Mondays 7:00PM
(Dinners 6:00 PM prior to meetings unless otherwise stated)

Meetings held at Carson Lodge No.1
113 East Washington Street, Carson City, NV

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Worthy Patron David St. Onge, PP

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Ms. Madisson Jacobs

Grand Worthy Advisor

- We look forward to seeing you soon!

Do you know any girl who would love to make everlasting friendships, gain leadership training, and give service to their community? Let them know about our small but mighty assembly! Rainbow love, Worthy Advisor Madisson Jacobs

CARSON ASSEMBLY No. 7 ADVISORY BOARD

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Schedules for Our Masonic Neighbors

1st Thursday	Amity No. 4 Silver City	Stated Meeting Dinner	7:00 pm 6:00 pm
1st Saturday	Escorial No.7 Virginia City	Stated Meeting Breakfast	10:00 am 9:00 am
2nd Wednesday	Douglas No. 12 Genoa	Stated Meeting Dinner	7:00 pm 5:30 pm
3rd Tuesday	Carson Valley No. 33 Gardnerville	Stated Meeting Dinner	7:00 pm 6:00 pm

NEW CHANGE to the luncheon held at Douglas Lodge No. 12, Genoa. - Every **Friday, starting at 10:30 am**. The Lodge will be **open at 9 am** with coffee and donuts, the buffet lunch **starts at 11 am**. Questions, call 775-297-5180 for **Byron Morgan**. Come and join the Fellowship.

Remember – to schedule an event at Carson Lodge send an e-mail to: scheduling@carson1.com

The **website address** for Carson Lodge #1 is www.carson1.com.

Check our Calendar of Events for current information.

The **office phone** number is 882-3931.

Office hours: ~ 9 A.M. to ~ 11:30 A.M., Mondays through Fridays. depending upon what must be accomplished for the week.

We have received several inquiries about having the Trestle-Board sent electronically. If this is your wish, please e-mail your interest to our e-mail address: secretary@carson1.com so we may include you in our distribution.

Also, if there is anything the Brethren would like to see added to the electronic Trestle Board please forward your suggestions to the Secretary, or if you wish to forward a submission for inclusion into the Trestle Board, a special need, request, or an item you wish to sell, again forward to the Secretary.