

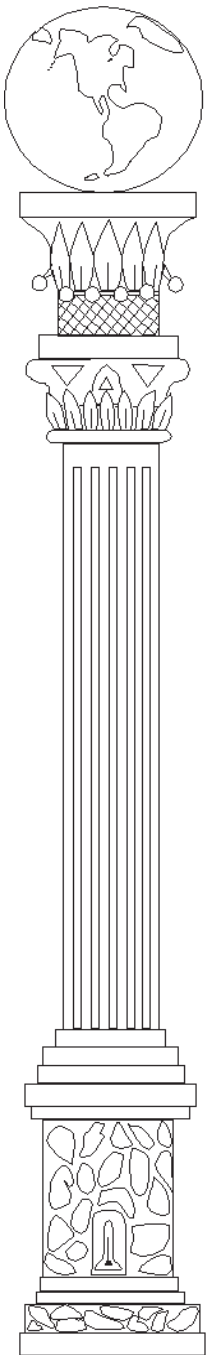
# The Trestleboard



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## From The East



It was another busy month at Lodge 12! During this past month we raised a new Master Mason, we visited Colorado Lodge #96, we held our second Past Masters' Night, we had our second Date Night, we initiated a new brother into our fraternity, and we had two Entered Apprentices turn in their work.

I particularly enjoy putting on degrees. One of the most pleasing things to me in Masonry is watching the excitement and joy on the candidate's face when he goes through this special ceremony. I also get a kick out of the look of relief on the brother's face when he finishes turning in his work. If you haven't experienced this in a while I recommend that you come on down and enjoy.

Our second Past Masters Night was a lot of fun. All of us officers stayed out of the Lodge room and let the Past Masters open the Lodge. From what I understand they did a great job – no surprise there. Once the Lodge was opened we entered the room and took our regular stations and places. We then presented the Past Masters with this year's Grand Master's pins, and then they all joined me in the East. A great time was had by all.

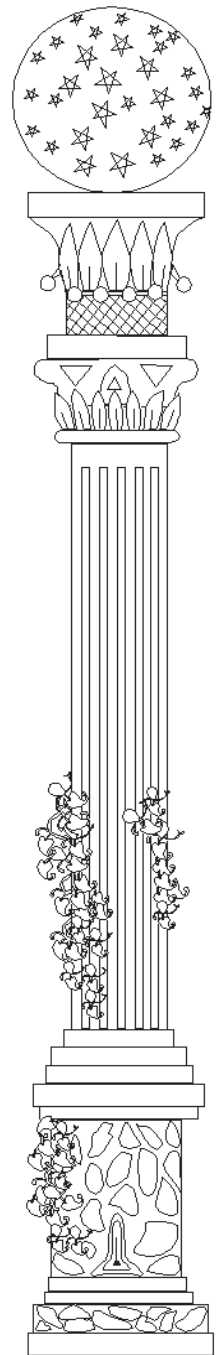
Our second Date Night was a little more intimate than the first one. We had a great time spending time with each other, and letting our wives become better friends. Thanks to Brother Brengle for putting this together.

We continued our Lodge Visitation Program by visiting Colorado Lodge #96 this past month. We shared a great meal and had a wonderful time with our brethren. Like all the Lodges in this district, Colorado has a wonderful Lodge and a very hospitable and dynamic membership. By the time you read this, we will also have visited T. Neal Porter Lodge #1354, leaving only Parsons #222 left to be visited. We will be visiting them on Wednesday May 14th. I heartily recommend that you join us.

Our Stated Meeting in March will be our second Widows Night. I personally look forward to spending time with the wives of our fallen brethren. Please try and attend and show these women who have sacrificed so much how important they are to us.

Finally, we have quite a few degrees coming up over the next couple of months. Please see the calendar for details. Please try and make an effort to attend and help make the night special for the brother receiving the degree.

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Next Stated Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2008

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Take care of yourselves and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Goldman, Worshipful Master

## From the Secretary's Desk

My how time flies... We are three quarters through another Masonic year and there are only three more months for those of you who have not yet paid your dues, to send in that check. Yeah, I know, your Secretary is on that subject again. But consider this, had Austin Lodge 12 not sold the building and established a Permanent Fund, from which we are able to use a part of the interest, in April, we would be passing the hat at our meetings to pay for lights, air conditioning, etc. for the remainder of this Masonic year. One-fourth of our dues paying members have not paid their dues for 2008.

It is easy to set that dues notice aside, but Brethren, now is the time.

We are a fortunate lodge to have the assets available to us to fund over half of our budget and blessed that Masonry is again on the upswing and we have many young enthusiastic candidates knocking at the door of Masonry. Let us be sure they have available to them all the "Light" this Lodge can bestow.

See you at Lodge,

Victor

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## March Birthdays

Thomas Alvis	3/1/1954	Kenneth James Aune	3/15/1946
Billy Ken LaRue	3/2/1935	Gary L. Jones	3/15/1962
Richard Eugene Mitchell	3/3/1941	Floyd L. C. Hopkins	3/16/1927
Melvin Rosser Mason	3/5/1927	Milton Joseph Simons	3/16/1917
Clifford A. Estes	3/6/1939	Tory Benjamin Bond	3/18/1972
Thomas Charles Singer	3/9/1951	Wayne E. Denton	3/19/1943
James Riley Wise	3/9/1922	Fred Henry Heidemann	3/19/1948
Jose Ramon Pena	3/10/1966	Claude Everett King	3/19/1932
Richard Allen Bohls	3/11/1924	Charles Keith Orrison	3/19/1962
William Hickman Lockett	3/12/1947	David Bennett Garing	3/21/1952
Morris Shapiro	3/12/1925	George Harold Davis	3/22/1933
Joshua Gresham Gunn	3/13/1973	Felix Monroe Ware	3/26/1968

## A View From The West

Building upon what Brother Junior Warden wrote about last month, being that of proper Masonic decorum during degrees, this month will be about maintaining proper decorum and Masonic etiquette during Lodge Meetings, more especially during Stated Meetings.

Respect of the officers is the rule of the Lodge and always should be. For instance, as I stated in the November article, the Worshipful Master should always be addressed as such or at least "Worshipful Sir". Then, when addressing the East, you should stand and await to be recognized by the Worshipful Master before speaking. But don't forget the Junior officers. They should be deferred to and shown much respect as well, since, should traditions prevail, they will soon be attending the East.

As in a degree, the sidelines should maintain a silent demeanor, especially while someone else is speaking. We have all been in Lodge during a Stated Meeting, when one or more Brothers have had a not-so-private conversation along the sidelines, and noticed how disruptive it can be. Please, Brethren, if you must speak, and there are times where this is so, be circumspect and keep your voice low, and do not talk just to have a conversation. That you can do without the door when you will not be disruptive to the other Brethren attending and paying attention to the goings on in the Lodge room.

Remember also, that, while what we say in our meetings may not be "on the square", we should also be circumspect about repeating things said in those meetings. If a question arises out of what has been said in a meeting, the question should be asked of the appropriate Officer, and his answer returned, to avoid any confusion.

The last line of Brother Junior Warden's last article also bears repeating:

~YOU ARE SOMEONE'S IMAGE OF MASONRY!~

So act the part and be the best representative possible.

Brethren,

The following Lodge 12 Brethren remain on our prayer list as they are either ill at home or staying in nursing facilities. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from any of you, either by phone, personal visit or a card:

Samuel Baker  
Everett Bohls  
George Davis  
Marvin Feil  
Bill Fogle  
Herbert Jackson, Jr.  
John Kavanaugh, Jr.  
Gordon Kelso  
Claude King  
Robert Pugh  
Paul Quinn  
John Sheffield, Jr.  
William Riley  
Walter Schlueter

If you know of any other Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge office at 454-8009.



# Lodge Schedule

March, 2008



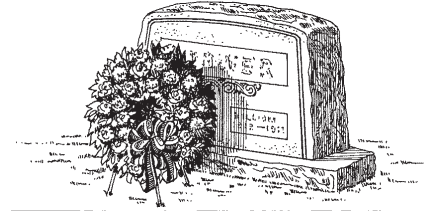
- Mar. 17: Dinner ..... 6:30 P.M  
**Stated Meeting** ..... 7:30 P.M  
**Widows Night**
  
- Mar. 20: Light supper..... 5:30 P.M  
 Fellowcraft degree to follow for certification
  
- Mar. 24: Light supper..... 5:30 P.M  
 Fellowcraft degree to follow
  
- Mar. 31: Light supper..... 5:30 P.M  
 Fellowcraft degree to follow
  
- Apr. 7: Called meeting if necessary.

Schedule is subject to change based on the availability and schedule of candidates.

For the latest, most up-to-date information on what is scheduled to occur at the lodge, please call 454-8009. The answering machine message is updated every Monday evening. We invite all interested brethren to attend our floor work and degree work sessions! **Remember, all stated meetings are Family Night!**  
*We hope you will all bring a dessert for everyone to share!*

You can also view the schedule online here:  
<http://www.austinlodge12.com/schedule.php>

# In Memoriam



“Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!”

**Hansel Thompson**

**Feb. 9, 2008**

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