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Message From the East

Greetings, Brethren!

As we roll into another snow-filled month in Idaho, I hope this message finds you and yours doing well. It's been a great first month for our Lodge, and I'm looking forward to keeping the momentum going through February and beyond.

At our last Stated Meeting, we put the Lodge room television to good use by showing an informative video on the History of the Masonic Apron. The young men of our local DeMolay Chapter provided a nice dinner for the Lodge, and also appeared before the Brethren that

Upcoming Events

Stated Mtg: Wed, Feb 1st, 7:30pm

DeMolay Advisors Mtg: Mon, Feb 6th, 6:00pm (Library)

Refresher 1st Degree: Wed, Feb 8th, 7:30pm

DeMolay Officers Mtg: Thurs, Feb 9th, 6:00pm

DeMolay Stated Mtg: Thurs, Feb 9th, 7:00pm

York Rite: Mon, Feb 13th, 7:30pm

Eagle Rock 19 Dinner: Feb 15th, 6:30pm

Stated Mtg Following: 7:30pm

night to ask for help with finding young men who might be interested in becoming a member of DeMolay. They were also asking for adult help with their group as well, so if you're interested, give them a call.

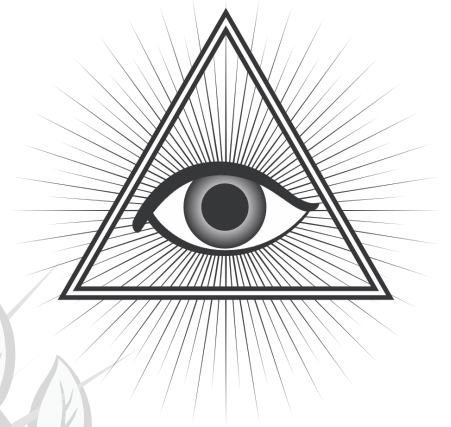
Brother Stephen Smith will be providing the dinner for our second Stated Meeting in February, and it sounds delicious! Carnitas with all the fixings! Dinner will be at 6:30, followed by our Stated meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you there. Also, we will be doing a "refresher" first degree for a Brother on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 in the Lodge room. It will be a casual event, primarily as a refresher for ourselves as well as the Brother who needs it, so I encourage you to come, teach, and learn with us.

Thanks again for all that you do for our Fraternity and I look forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master

Jason Cheke



History of Freemasonry in Idaho (Continued from last month)

Among these adventurers were many Masons, and there were no doubt many unrecorded convocations on the high hills and in the low valleys of the Basin. There were miners from California, Oregon, Washington, and Missouri who were Masons, with scattered members from almost every jurisdiction in the world.

From wherever they hailed, their meetings prior to March 3, 1863, would have been in the governmental and Masonic jurisdiction of Washington Territory. On that March day President Lincoln ended the governmental jurisdiction of Washington Territory. On that day the Boise Basin entered both governmentally and Masonically, a sort of no-man's land. Where should the Masonic groups



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of this divorced domain apply for dispensation? Virginia City, then in Idaho but now in Montana, went to Nebraska and later to Kansas; other Montana groups were approved by Colorado; Pioneerville by Washington Territory. First of all there was the Lodge at Bannock City, which, followed by Boise City, Placerville, and Owyhee Lodge of Silver City, applied to Oregon.

In July, 1863, upon the recommendation of Wasco No. 15, The Dalles, Oregon, the Grand Master of Oregon granted a dispensation to Idaho Lodge U. D. located at Bannock City, Idaho Territory. The Grand Master of Washington immediately charged invasion of his jurisdiction. The controversy went on for years and spread all over the United States.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon, however, in the face of this controversy granted a charter on June 22, 1864, to Idaho Lodge No. 35 at Idaho City. The brethren banded together, donating their spare time, and in 1863 built the first Masonic Temple at Bannock City, (Idaho City). It was totally destroyed by fire which swept over Idaho City, May 18, 1865.

Nine days following the fire, a meeting was held in the school house at Idaho City “to take into consideration the propriety of

building a Masonic Hall for Idaho Lodge No. 35, A.F. & A.M. as their Lodge Room”. The new temple was completed in September of that year. During this time other groups of Masons had also applied for dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Oregon to form lodges. A group in Pioneerville petitioned the Grand Lodge of Washington for a dispensation. Dispensations were granted to Boise Lodge and Owyhee Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The Grand Lodge of Oregon also chartered a Lodge at Placerville. The Grand Lodge of Washington granted the dispensation to Pioneer Lodge.

Between 1865 and 1867 a movement originating with Idaho Lodge No. 35 gave consideration to the formation of a Grand Lodge in the Idaho territory. Finally in December 1867 the five lodges then working within the territory met and organized the Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF&AM.

Great Masonic Quotes

The Society or Fraternity of Freemasons is more in the nature of a system of Philosophy or of moral and social virtues taught by symbols, allegories, and lectures based upon fundamental truths, the observance of which tends to promote stability of character, conservatism, morality and good citizenship. -H. W. Coil

Freemasonry is “veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols” because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart. -C. H. Claudy

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