



Fort Collins Masonic Trestle Board

April 2018

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March 17th many members of the various Masonic bodies in Northern Colorado came together to march with Collins 19 in the *Lucky Joe's St. Patrick's Day Parade*, representing Freemasonry in Ft. Collins. Many of our brothers worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Dusty Bengford, at great personal expense to himself, supplied the centerpiece of the event; *Bonecrusher*, his "monster truck." When brothers join together in unity, we can accomplish many great things for our fraternity. We are all Masons and brothers, together. Masonry is not a competition, we are all here to make ourselves and each other, better men.

Just as we are reminded by our rituals to have a balance between our devotion and assistance to God and our fellow men, our work and labors, and our time of rest and refreshment; so too, should our lodges do the same in our corporate activities. Our lodge activities and our personal lives should reflect the same balance. We are consistently creating programs that attend to the work, serve our fellow man, provide brotherly fellowship and refreshment.

We are also excited that our numbers continue to grow. The Wardens and myself have enacted a more formal process of posting. Brother Alex Appelhans, our Senior Warden, is now providing monthly posting reports based on a consistent metric at our monthly officers meetings, which are conducted via video conference. This ensures that our brothers are progressing and our posting process is effective. The Junior Warden is also administering a similar process for growing our membership.

We have a Master Mason degree planned for brother Dusty Bengford on Saturday, April 14 at 9am, and an EA degree planned for April 24. The secretary will send out notices confirming this.

We have endeavored to focus our meetings on topics of Masonic education that are of interest to all brothers, with the desire that we grow and perfect ourselves. I also attempt to create an atmosphere of fun, where appropriate. We hope, that if you have not joined us recently, that you will take the time to attend lodge in the near future.

Fraternally
Carl Hartman
Worshipful Master

Fidelity #192 AF&AM

Brothers of Fidelity Lodge #192,

We are now in full swing, and staying plenty busy. Degree work has begun, and we will be performing many of them over the next few months. Congratulations to Brother Nikolas Foster on passing to the Fellow Craft degree! We have a couple of Entered Apprentice degrees coming up, followed by Master Mason degrees. Public Schools Recognition Night is probably the next biggest fire to put out on April 19th. As that date approaches, please try to clear your schedules so that we might assist Brother Russ Mason who is coordinating the event.

The Grand Masters Dinner was a success. Jr. Warden Paul Stutzman did a very nice job organizing the dinner, and the meat was particularly tasty. I believe Grand Master Phil Moss and his escorts enjoyed visiting both of our lodges, and I think we all enjoyed hearing him speak. He certainly commands the room, and we appreciated his message. He made it very clear that we are to follow the chain of command should we need assistance. I believe our Grand Master loves our fraternity and wishes to preserve its integrity.

Easter is just around the corner and signifies the beginning of Spring, and symbolizes renewal and rebirth. As Masons, we should remember that the three Blue Lodge degrees, along with Royal Arch, correlate with Christ's life journey, and that we, in many ways, symbolically walk in his shoes as we go through them. He lived, died, and was resurrected as he experienced enlightenment, and again reunited with God. We should be conscientious of these similarities as we progress as Masons toward enlightenment, and follow his example. Every day is another chance to improve ourselves.

Fraternally yours,
Greg Beaumont WM

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Larimer County Council #21, Cryptic Masons
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The Summer York Rite Festivals will soon be here!

Our York Rite Bodies are growing, and these summer festivals present a great opportunity *for interested Master Masons* to consider advancing in the York Rite by receiving the various York Rite degrees, and *for our member Companions and Sir Knights* to attend and refresh their memory of the degrees and orders. There are 4 Chapter degrees (Royal Arch Masons), 3 Council degrees (Cryptic Masons), and 3 Commandery Orders (Knights Templar). The festivals are all held on Saturdays, and each York Rite Body will confer its respective degrees or orders at its one-day festival.

Here are the Festival dates for your planning:

Chapter Degrees: Saturday, June 2, 2018 –in Akron, CO (Pasture Degrees)
Council Degrees (pick just one): Saturday, June 16, 2018 – in Delta, CO
Saturday, June 23, 2018 – in Sterling, CO
Commandery Orders: Saturday, July 14, 2018 – TBD in south central, CO

Any Master Masons interested in learning more about York Rite Masonry or potentially becoming a candidate at these summer festivals should contact either York Rite officer below for a petition and instructions. Participation as a candidate in any of these festivals must be in the order listed above, and is initiated by submitting a petition to our York Rite Bodies before May 1st for approval. Details regarding registration, meals, etc. for Candidates, Companions, and Sir Knights planning to attend will be available later this spring and will be provided at our meetings and in the Trestle Board.

Fraternal Thanks,

Paul Stutzman, Excellent High Priest
Larry Wilson, Thrice Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander

Public Schools Recognition Night

Collins Lodge #19 AF&AM and Fidelity Lodge #192 AF&AM continue a decades-long tradition in recognizing outstanding students, teachers, and programs within the Poudre School District on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 pm at the Fort Collins Masonic Temple.

The Lodges will honor students from 5th, 8th, and 12th grades who have been selected by their teachers for their traits of citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and general positive character that distinguish them as outstanding. This recognition continues a 54-year-old tradition of the two Fort Collins Masonic Lodges and gives the public a positive exposure to Freemasonry and the Fort Collins Masonic Center that many have never experienced.

Brethren of Fidelity Lodge #192 and Collins Lodge #19 are requested to arrive early between 3 and 6 pm to help set up, to assist in the final preparations and hosting of our guests from the community. We expect that over 350 guests will be in attendance.

A schedule of our needs is as follows:

3:00 PM: We need help with setup of chairs in the Blue Room
6:00 PM: We need help from the Brothers to host our guests. This includes guiding them upstairs to the Blue Room; helping them find their seats; handing out programs; and in general, making them feel welcome.
7:00 PM: Program begins

After the program: Help moving chairs and cleaning up

We hope you can attend!

Russ Mason, Public Schools Night Committee

Job's Daughters

Bethel #28 - Job's Daughters: All Masons and OES members are welcome at our regular monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. The young ladies love having sideliners! Know a young lady that may be interested in joining our Bethel, email skmcd74@gmail.com or call/text (970) 222-7159.

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Brethren,

The divine order of things is both movable and immovable. There are constants in life and things that change. As Masons we must be changing and improving ourselves, yet adhere to the unchanging rules provided by the Great Architect of the Universe. Our lives must function within moral boundaries, yet we must be ever growing and changing ourselves, creating and expanding our world.

A lodge must also adhere to the guidelines given us, while seeking to grow in numbers and in knowledge. As a group we are always on a quest for corporate as well as individual light. That light should attract others to Masonry naturally, just as a moth to a flame. The world should see our deeds and want to join Masonry.

Do those around you see the change in our lives? Is the development of both our moral and spiritual virtues demonstrating to the world that we are different? Are we attractive to those around us because of our actions?

Surely, we all know that Masonry is more than a social club; that, we are set apart as Masons with a greater mission and purpose and those around us should see the light.

This month we will take part in the Fort Collins St. Patrick's Day Parade as we begin preparations for the celebration of the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Collins 19 in the year 2020 as a beacon of Masonic light to our neighbors and community. We invite all members of the Masonic community to join with us in this public celebration.

Fraternally
Carl Hartman
Worshipful Master

Fidelity #192 AF&AM

Brothers, it's been a very busy year so far. We had another extremely enjoyable date night at the Moot House. Worshipful Brother Gary Malara put on a very fine event that was enjoyed by some 40 or so people. The roses and candies added a special touch for the ladies. He tentatively has another date night scheduled in May, so please plan to attend. We also had a good showing of brothers attend the Robert Burns Table Lodge in Cheyenne. It was good food, good drink, and quite a few laughs.

As many of you already know, Worshipful Brother Carl Hartman has advised that Collins Lodge #19 would like to see some changes to the Trestle Board. Specifically, to cut costs, their lodge would like to receive the Trestle Board primarily as an email, rather than as a printed off copy that is received in the mail. No changes will take place for a few months. For the time being, I have decided that Fidelity Lodge #192 members will still receive a printed copy as usual, and in addition, will also receive a duplicate emailed copy. Worshipful Brother Larry Moline, our secretary, believes the printed version provides a better means of retaining records for brothers' contact information. Still other brothers simply prefer the printed copy. Everyone will receive an emailed version to see how that works for them. Again, right now there are no real changes taking place for Fidelity's members besides receiving an additional emailed copy.

There are consequences to these changes that you should be aware of. Because we will fall below 200 copies being mailed out, we will no longer be able to use the bulk permit which reduces the cost of each copy. A regular stamp would have to go on each Trestle Board, causing the mailing expenses to more-or-less double. This means that the cost will go down for Collins Lodge #19, and it will go up some for Fidelity Lodge #192. We are trying to find ways to reduce the expense. A brother may specifically choose to opt out of the printed copy, and only receive it by email, by notifying Brother Larry. And, if you do not receive the emailed copy and would like to in the future, please notify Larry and make sure he has your correct email address. There has been some talk that Eastern Star may join the Trestle Board, pushing the number of copies back up over 200, which would thereby enable the use of the bulk permit once again. Please be patient as we work through these issues.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the Grand Masters Dinner on March 8th. Supper will precede a tiled meeting so that the Grand Master can speak openly about Freemasonry. Since the format will be like any other meeting night, Brother Paul Stutzman will not be sending out invitations in the mail like we have done in years past. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally yours,
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3rd or 4th Saturday in June 2018 – Council degrees in Delta, CO or in Sterling, CO respectively

2nd Saturday in July 2018 – Commandery orders in Salida, CO

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Fraternal Thanks, Paul Stutzman, E.H.P. Larry Wilson, TIM and Commander

The Grand Master 's Visit

The Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, MWB Phillip Moss, has accepted Fidelity Lodge #192's invitation for an Official Visit on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Fort Collins Masonic Temple. The Grand Master has requested this official visit be a "Tiled Meeting" with no wives or non-Masons present so he can discuss Masonry with Masons and what the Grand Lodge can do to help at the local Lodge level. A dinner will be held for the GM prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 PM and wives and non-Masons are invited for dinner; however, they will be excused from the Grand Master's visit during the Tiled Meeting portion which will begin at 7:30 PM. Cost for dinner will be a free will donation with a suggested donation yet to be determined. RSVP's for dinner are appreciated by March 1 by contacting Brother Paul Stutzman at pstutzman@lpbroadband.net or 970-703-3790.

Job's Daughters

Bethel #28 - Job's Daughters: March 12th meeting has been changed to March 9th at 7 pm. Official Visit is Saturday, March 24 at 10 am, followed by our 60th Birthday Celebration at 12:30 pm. All Masonic Family is welcome! - Stefanie McDaniel, Bethel Guardian (970) 222-7159

Order of DeMolay

Interest young men, contact Poudre Valley Chapter Dad Glenn Maxey @ 970-232-6505 to be included.

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