

TRESTLEBOARD

October 2015



ST. GEORGE MASONIC LODGE #33

Free & Accepted Masons of Utah

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE EAST

Wor. Travis R. Christiansen, Master



It was good to have the guys down from the Grand Lodge. We have some impressive men in statewide leadership. I feel that the men we have in this lodge could hold down any of the offices of the Grand Lodge. We truly are an amazing brotherhood here in Southern Utah. It is more a function of distance than ability that more of our lodge is not involved in Grand Lodge. Perhaps we can get a few brothers in the Grand Lodge line in the future. I am grateful for the growth our lodge has seen. However, we are basically flat on membership over the past several years.

After hearing the Grand Master clarify what "recruiting" is I feel that we all need to do more to tell the good men we run into in our day to day lives that "*You would make a good Mason.*" or something else similar to that. We need to work together and get our membership up from the mid 60's to 100. I think we should set a goal as a lodge to get our membership up to 100 brothers. We can do this over the next few years. Let's all be aware and find some good men who we can make better as they join us.

The other thing that we all need to remember as we deal with each other and the public is our obligation to the Lodge and Masonry in general to be good and true and act upon the square. Over the summer I will say that there was talk of a formal grievance being filed against a brother for un-masonic conduct. I was glad that it did not come to that, but it boiled down to a brother be deceitful in his dealings with a fellow brother. We all need to remember our obligations and the charges of our degrees and be good and faithful men in all we do.

MASONIC FIRSTS

The first evidence of Freemasonry in North America appeared in Nova Scotia. A stone engraved on the top with a square and compasses was found on the shore of Goat Island in the Annapolis Basin in the center of the flat slab was the date 1616.

OUR NEW SEAT OF DISTINCTION



Proudly Sitting in the West, the design was inspired by Masonic tradition by our true master craftsman, Brother Peter Brown. His handy-work integrates universal principles and concepts of Masonry through established symbolism as it relates to the specific office in the Lodge. Brother Brown invites you to carefully examine the chair and notes:

"There are inlaid subtleties which have not yet caught the eye of the casual observer. The Senior Warden's station which this chair represents, carries with it certain duties, allegories and hidden lessons, which if applied, would aid a brother in becoming a better man and brother. The invitation is, that each brother might be visually influenced and reminded of the sublime work which endeavors to accomplish through the camaraderie of mutual brotherhood, by listening more carefully and looking more intently." What do You see?

CONGRATULATIONS AND SPECIAL THANKS....

To the Brothers of St. George Masonic Lodge for their terrific support of our September 12th Events. The Grand Lodge Visitation was inspiring, the dinner was delicious and "Fiddler on Roof" at Brigham's Playhouse exceeded all expectations!

To the Silver Reef Chapter of Eastern Star for their very successful Rummage, Bake & Craft Sale held on September 19th. *Mary Meas, Secretary of O.E.S. reports a net profit of \$500.00 which has been earmarked to go towards the SOUND SYSTEM for the Lodge Building. All unsold merchandise following the event was donated to Habitat for Humanity. (Applause ,Applause!)*



To Sr. Warden Kent Burggraaf and his wife Amy Lee
on the August 12th birth of their son HENRY LEE

Henry Lee arrived a bit early, but dad reports he's a great eater and growing bigger every day.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



10/06 - George Teller
10/14 - Jack D. Davidson
10/19 - David W. Williams
10/21 - Gerardo Flores
10/21 - Fred J. Maes
10/31 - War. James R. Baker

COMING SOON TO ST. GEORGE MASONIC LODGE



Did you know that a child becomes missing or worse yet abducted every eight seconds of every day? There are at present over 113,000 children that are missing in the United States. That is a frightening fact and is the sign of the times we are living in. We Masons have been working on this problem for many years by promoting a national effort to combat the problem. We are doing this with our National Child Identification Program. This program is conducted by photographing, fingerprinting and videoing our children from 6 months to 17 years of age. The process starts by obtaining the parent's permission to photograph their children. Once they have signed in, the child is videoed noting any distinguishing scars or birthmarks. During the session questions such as: "Do you have a pet?", "What is your favorite food?" These questions do not make a lot

of sense, unless you know the abductors will threaten the child, telling them their name is no longer Mary but Sue. They often try to disguise them by coloring or cutting their hair for instance. During the interview of the child, we ask those questions, so if needed a law enforcement officer will know the correct answers to these questions. A child was recovered in Florida by the officer knowing that the child's dog's name was "rusty."

We produce an I.D. Card that can be used to identify a lost child at the local mall or park. We collect a complete set of fingerprints. All of this is saved on a CD and provided to the parents. We do not have or keep any of this information on the child. The parent has the only copy. We recommend that this be done once a year to keep everything current.

Brother Ken Gregory is planning to bring this VERY IMPORTANT SAFETY PROGRAM to St. George Masonic Lodge SOON. Brother Gregory, who recently affiliated with our Lodge, was the District 17 Florida Chairman of the Child 1.0. Program for a long time. He has all the necessary equipment required, but is asking for volunteers to help him with this ongoing and very important project.

Please call him at 407-306-0849 Your help could save a child's life!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER 2015

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|  | Sat. | Oct. 3 | <p>ST. GEORGE YORK RITE Chapter #10 Royal Arch Masons 9:00am - 10:00am Zion Council #7 Cryptic Council 10:00am - 11:00am Golgotha Comm U.D. Knights Templar 11:00am - 12:00pm</p> |
|  | 7:00pm Wed. | Oct. 7 | <p>ST. GEORGE LODGE #33 Stated Meeting Refreshments Served</p> |
|  | 7:00pm Tues. | Oct. 13 | <p>SILVER REEF CHAPTER #26 Order of the Eastern Star</p> |
|  | 7:00pm Wed. | Oct. 21 | <p>ST. GEORGE LODGE #33 Meetup Meeting Public gathering for Brothers and those considering petitioning to become a Mason. Family welcome. Refreshments Served</p> |
|  | 12:00pm Sat. | Oct. 24 | <p>VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH Please join us for a catered lunch or just be present as we host this very special event from the V.A. Hospital and Home in Ivans, Utah. Brothers, Family and Friends are urged to attend. Lunch Reservations Required</p> |
|  | 2:30pm Sat. | Oct. 24 | <p>ST. GEORGE LODGE #33 Master Mason Degree Bro. Victor Price Come for the V.A. Lunch and then join us for the Raising of our newest Brother!</p> |

VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH



To honor those who have defended our country in the true spirit of Masonic Patriotism.

St. George Masonic Lodge welcomes Veterans from the VA Hospital and Home, Ivans Utah.

Brothers, family and friends are invited to a full catered lunch or just be present to show your support for these American Heroes.

[Lunch Reservations Required](#)

Reservations for the lunch must be received no later than October 17th.

Yes _____ Accept _____ reservations for \$20.00 each.

Make Checks payable to:

St. George Masonic Lodge, and mail to:
 M.W. Dean Rein
 2161 N Gunsight Dr.

MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brother Victor William Price



*Wor. Brian Hastings poses with
the candidate, his son, Brother Victor Price
after his fellowcraft degree.*

THE VOICES OF MASTERS PASSED

The Masonic Journey of a Past Master of Los Cerritos Lodge

If you search far, far back among the list of Past Masters, you will find the name of David Reinitz. That's me. I had the honor of serving the Lodge in 1976; the unique year when as the Master, I opened meetings wearing a Colonial Ti-cornered hat to honor our country's Bi-Centennial and our brothers who were there at the very beginning. It was a year and an experience that I will always cherish. Then life changed. Oh boy did it change! To start with, our family furniture store in Compton was burned down, my first wife died far too young of cancer.

To add to that, I unexpectedly lost more than eighty percent of my eyesight and through all these changes moved far from the Lodge. I'm not complaining, because life has been good to me. I eventually found love and remarried, moved to Utah, worked for many years successfully (although legally blind) as an interior designer and along the way studied the craft of songwriting and composed over a thousand original songs. What was lost on my journey was Freemasonry. Life got in the way. Although I retained my membership, Masonry had ceased to be important. Almost forty years had raced by when I finally retired and moved to the community of St. George, Utah. Last November, almost by accident, I discovered there was a Masonic Lodge nearby. I visited that Lodge and sat on the sidelines as a new brother was raised.

I remember watching with nervous, yet eager anticipation as the candidate was led in. Had I forgotten everything? Forty years is a long time, I thought anxiously. That was until the unfamiliar suddenly became very, very familiar. Although I was a stranger surrounded by strangers, I had returned to a place I'd been to so many times before. This might sound overly dramatic, but I could almost hear the voices of the Past Worshipful Masters of Los Cerritos Lodge I was so close to all those years ago: Nemer, Saslow, Thompson and Haberman all whispering in unison, "David.....David....what took you so long?"

I knew from that night that although I couldn't make up for lost time, that Masonry would again become a major part of my life. Within days I petitioned to affiliate with St. George Lodge and after being voted in at their Stated Meeting in December, I have become very, very active. I am now the Editor of their Trestle Board, coaching candidates with proficiencies, and taking major roles in degree work. To most of you, my brothers present, you have to search hard to find my name in your archives. However, I am alive and still benefiting from the outstanding Masonic experience and guidance I received so long ago. And yes, I did listen to those voices of Masters Passed from Los Cerritos Lodge....."David.....David.....what took you so long?"

Hoping to meet you all some day,

Fraternally,
Wor. David Reinitz