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TAKE DUE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELF ACORDINGLY!

JANUARY 27, TUESDAY—7:30 P.M.
Official Visit of Most Worshipful Grand Master David O. Martinez: Dinner at 6:30
Roast Leg of Lamb, vegetable, garlic mashed, salad, rolls & dessert .

FEBRUARY 3, TUESDAY —6:30 P.M.
Fellowship Dinner followed by Stated Communication at 7:30
A visit from Worshipful Brother George Washington

FEBRUARY 10, TUESDAY—5:30 P.M.
Masonic Instruction Pizza Party—Boulevard Pizza, 1076 N. Rock Blvd.

FEBRUARY 17, TUESDAY—7:00 P.M.
Two candidates for Fellowcraft Degree

FEBRUARY 28, SATURDAY— 8:A.M.
Grand Lodge Education Class—Washoe Lodge No. 35, Peckham Lane

Masonic Youth Calendar— Please visit the youth groups. It's important to them.
Reno Chapter De Molay, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:PM Downtown Masonic Building
Reno Rainbow Assembly, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7: PM, Peckham Lane Masonic Building
Mt. Rose Rainbow Assembly, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:PM, Peckham Lane Masonic Building
Sparks Rainbow Assembly, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:PM, Sparks Masonic Building
Jobe's Daughter Bethel No. 2, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7: PM, Peckham Lane Masonic Building

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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

January was a very busy month for Reno Lodge. Nine Past Masters of Reno 13 attended, and they pledged their support to the new Worshipful Master, as is customary for the January meeting. Having so much knowledge and experience is vital to any lodge and its success, and I plan on utilizing their talents as much as possible. Thanks to those Past Masters who attended, and to those who were unable to attend, I hope that you will give me your support as well.

Another highlight of our stated meeting in January was an excellent presentation by Brother David Baba, who spoke to us about St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Our meal was also dedicated to St. John the Evangelist as we just passed the winter Solstice.

Brother Clifton did an excellent job on his first degree proficiency, and will be given the FC degree in February, please check the calendar for this and other events.

At the time this is being written, we anxiously await the Grand Master on his official visit on January 27

Our pursuit of the Silver State Award continues, we have scheduled a Pizza Party to reinvigorate coaches and brothers who are working toward becoming Master Masons, that social event is scheduled for February 10th at Boulevard Pizza, see the calendar for details.

Reno #13 officers are planning on attending the Grand Lodge education seminar on February 28th, bringing us one step closer to our goals for this year.

The agenda for our stated meetings has changed to reflect our program of continuing education and Masonic instruction. The minutes will be posted at the stated dinner to review, rather than reading in open lodge. This allows more time for presentations and education. February stated meeting will be dedicated to Brother George Washington, with an additional presentation by Brother James Stanley from the Chaman Grotto. March and April will bring youth groups represented by Demolay and Rainbow Girls, so please try to attend to support our youth groups.

Keep your eye on the calendar as there will be more events and opportunities to support your lodge.

Fraternally, Rick Graver, W.M.

Masonic Neighbors

CRAFT LODGES

Amity #. 4 , Silver City, 7:PM—1st Thursday
 Escorial #.7, Virginia City, 10:AM—1st Saturday
 Wadsworth #. 25, York and Pyramid Way, Sparks, 7:PM—1st Friday
 Washoe #. 35, Peckham Lane, Reno, 7:PM—1st Wednesday
 Mount Rose #. 40, First and Virginia, Reno, 7:PM—1st Wednesday
 Pyramid #. 43, First and Virginia, Reno, 7:PM—1st Thursday
 Ben Franklin # 45, York and Pyramid Way, Sparks,7:PM—1st Wednesday
 Golden #. 50, Peckham Lane, Reno—2nd Monday

SCOTTISH RITE, First and Virginia, Reno, 6:PM—2ndWednesday

YORK RITE BODIES

Royal Arch, No. #7, York and Pyramid Way, Sparks—1st Thursday
 Reno Council #4, Sparks, 8:15PM—1st Thursday
 Commandery #1, 40 W. 1st, Reno, 7:30PM—3rd Thursday
KERAK SHRINE, 4935 Energy Way, Reno 6:30PM—4th Wednesday
DEMOLAY, Reno Chapter, 1st & Virginia., 7:PM—2nd & 4th Mondays

February Landmarks 2009

Joe Gardella, PM	322-2244	Feb 1
Ken Slack.,	359-7786	Feb 1
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Lenard J. Rainwaters, PM	849-7642	Feb 9
James F. Elston	329-8336	Feb 14
David R. Thompson		Feb 16
Stephen V. Robinson (239)	253-0221	Feb 18
Charles G. Gregor Jr. (760)	775-3178	Feb 21
Morris A. Sonderegger	826-8480	Feb 21
Michael J. Wilhelm, PM.	622-3213	Feb 23
Robert N. Ewers	322-1081	Feb 24
David L. Buckman	827-8114	Feb 24
David O. King		Feb 24
Hoyt B. Miles	825-0146	Feb 25
Dwain B. Thornton, PM	746-2772	Feb 26
Larry D. Lessly	786-7739	Feb 27
James M. Coffman	358-6587	Feb 27
Everett E. Corporon (530)	993-4232	Feb 29



NOTICE: Dues for 2009 are now \$70.00 due to Grand Lodge per capita increase from \$15 to \$25.

LONG TIME BROTHERS OF RENO LODGE

70 YEARS

KENNETH L. ELGES

It should be noted that 36 additional Brothers have from 50 to 60 years of Lodge membership

65 YEARS

C. DONALD BROWN
EDWARD F. BEAUPEURT
JOSEPH F. BRIDGMAN

60 YEARS

JACK IRVIN, P.M.
HARRIS A. HANSON
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Reno Gazette-Journal – Monday, December 15, 2008

Reno's first Masonic hall, cornerstone

The oldest commercial building in downtown Reno is the original Masonic Building.

Chartered in 1869, the Reno Lodge No. 13 was incorporated in 1872 to build a meeting hall. Their association issued \$20,000 in bonds to finance the project. The Masons bought two lots on the corner Commercial Row and North Sierra Street. In October 1872, the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons (F. & A.M.) of Nevada laid the cornerstone.

The cornerstone contained a time capsule. The Masons placed not only Masonic memorabilia, but also the usual types of artifacts and documents deposited in cornerstones. A few of these items were a set of Masonic studs, a specimen of Horn Silver from the Eberhardt mine in White Pine County, a corkscrew, Carson and San Francisco silver dollars and a Mexican dollar from 1872, an English Half Sovereign, lists of names of the Nevada Grand Lodge Officers, the State Officials of Nevada and Washoe County, current copies of the Nevada State Journal, Reno Crescent and Carson Register, and the Bylaws of the Lodge.

This cornerstone was the first in Reno. Cornerstones are typically laid in the northeast corner of a masonry building. In Nevada cornerstones have been laid in numerous public buildings, churches and Masonic temples.

The architectural design of the building combines the elements of the Romanesque Revival style of semicircular arches over the windows and the Italianate features of recessed doorways and eaves with carved support brackets for the roof.

A unique element is a keystone in the center of the top of each arched window. Pilasters or columns with a base and capital separated the arched windows. The original building had a wooden balcony that wrapped around the front and west side of the building over the sidewalk.

The Masonic activities took place on the second floor. The entrance to the upstairs was off North Sierra Street toward the rear of the building. Later, the original building was extended south to Douglas Alley. The extension was built to add a banquet room to the Masonic Hall. In 1881, the property was valued at \$10,000. The membership in the Reno Lodge increased to 84 men and after 20 years, the organization outgrew the building.

From the time the building opened, the facility was used to generate outside income. The main floor was rented to a variety of retail businesses and many of the tenants were Masons.

The merchants displayed their goods behind large storefront windows facing Commercial Row and the railroad tracks. In November 1873, Past Master Mason James C. Hagerman formed a partnership with Jerry Schooling, a Master Mason, to sell groceries and provisions on the ground floor. While they were partners, Schooling was also the Nevada state treasurer from 1871 to 1879.

When the Great Fire burned the commercial section of town

down on March 2, 1879, the Masonic Building was spared. Schooling and Hagerman stayed in their store to fight the blaze. They stuffed the ventilators full of rags and put out fires started by falling debris.

Hagerman and Schooling advertised in the Nevada State Journal in January 1880 the dissolution of their firm.

They were selling their immense stock of groceries, hardware, queens ware (cream-colored Wedgwood pottery) and notions at cost. Hagerman assumed the company's debts and received the income, while Schooling continued the business at the same location.

Schooling remained politically active after the partnership dissolved. He served in the state senate representing Washoe County from 1881 to 1885.

In January 1883, Schooling added other merchandise for sale, such as, tobacco, wines and liquor. Apparently, he could not turn a profit, so he sold the store at the end of month.

When Schooling died in February 1887, his funeral service was held in the Masonic Building and attended by nearly 100 people. A special train car was arranged to carry about 40 Masons from Carson City to Reno for the ceremony.

After the Masons built their new Temple on North Virginia Street in 1905, they sold the building. Reno Mercantile Company conducted business in the "old" Masonic Building for many years thereafter.

Today, the building sits among newer and taller buildings with the doors chained shut and windows bricked in.

The first Masonic Building silently reminds Renoites of the glory days of the downtown commercial district along the railroad tracks.

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MASONIC MEMORIAL GARDENS

Reno Lodge No 13, owns and operates a full service cemetery including a chapel, crematory and mausoleum.

The facility exists to serve the final needs of the Masonic Family. For information regarding Masonic Memorial Gardens call 329-2635 or 322-1933.