



Meridian Lodge # 47  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



December 2016

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**2016 Officers**

Worshipful Master	Shawn V. Gibbons, PM
Senior Warden	Roger Muzzy, Jr.
Junior Warden	Albert Miller, PM
Treasurer	Michael Long
Secretary	Mark H. Smith, PM
Senior Deacon	Chris Burgess
Junior Deacon	Randall Vanek, PM
Senior Steward	Hal Allerton
Marshal	Nason Hoyt
Chaplain	Mark Isserman
Tyler	Robert Fisher
Member-at-Large	Joby Hyman

**Pay Dues by Dec 31**

Dues notices for 2017 have come out, and are due by Dec 31. You may pay by credit card or in installments, with a small convenience fee, by using the lodge's PayPal account. You may access that on the lodge web site, [www.meridianlodge47.org](http://www.meridianlodge47.org).

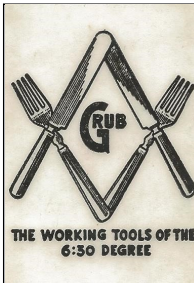
Donations to the Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship fund, and other Grand Lodge charities, are tax deductible. Look for them in the dues notice.

**Rusty on the work? No problem!**

Sometimes brothers don't come to lodge because it's been a long time since they attended, they don't quite remember the work, and are embarrassed. Don't let that stop you! Come a little early, pull a member aside and get a little coaching. We want to see you at lodge as a full and active member.

**Upcoming Meridian Temple Schedule**

December 2016	January 2017
<b>Meridian Lodge #47</b> 10 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am 13 Stated Communication 7:30 20 Installation of Officers 7:00 27 Degree or practice 7:00 pm	<b>Meridian Lodge #47</b> 7 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am 10 Stated Communication 7:30 17 Practice/Cmte/Coaching 7:00 24 Degree or practice 7:00 pm
<b>OES Chapter #66</b> 6 Stated Communication	<b>OES Chapter #66</b> 3 Stated Communication
<b>Job's Daughters Bethel 6</b> 7 & 21 Regular meeting 7:00 10 Installation of Officers 1:00	<b>Job's Daughters Bethel 6</b> 4 & 18 Regular meeting 7:00
<b>Meridian Gems Rainbow</b> 12 & 26 Regular Meeting 7:00	<b>Meridian Gems Rainbow</b> 9 & 23 Regular Meeting 7:00
<b>Treasure Valley DeMolay</b> 8 & 22 Stated Communication 7:00	<b>Treasure Valley DeMolay</b> 12 & 26 Stated Communication 7:00



**Meridian 47 Social Hour**

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

6:30 pm prior to stated communication on December 13. Come on out for a good time.

**Support the Monger Scholarship with your  
Fred Meyer Card**

Meridian Lodge is now registered with the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. Connect your loyalty card to the Lodge, and we will earn a portion of Fred Meyers' charity distributions, dedicated to the scholarship fund. You retain all of your Fred Meyer benefits. To date, only four have signed on and we earned a whopping \$10 this last quarter. We can do better. See details on page 4.

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### Area Installations

Dec. 04. Placer Lodge #3. Open Installation of Officers at 1:00 pm.  
Dec. 10. Silver City Lodge #13. Closed Installation of Officers following their 1:00 pm Stated Communication.  
Dec. 13. Boise Lodge #2. Open Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm.  
Dec. 13. Washoe Lodge #28, Payette. Closed Installation of Officers at 7:30 pm.  
Dec. 14. Ashlar Lodge #29, Nampa. Open Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm.  
December 16. Oriental Lodge #60, Boise. Meal catered by Brother Carlos Brown's Barbeque starting at 6:30 pm with installation commencing at 7:30 pm.  
Dec. 17. Capital City Lodge #93. Open Installation of Officers. TBD  
Dec. 18. Elmore Lodge #30, Mtn. Home. Open Installation of Officers at 4:00 pm.  
Dec. 19. Idaho Lodge #1, Boise. Open Installation of Officers at 6:30 p.m.  
Dec. 20, Meridian Lodge #47 Open Installation of Officers at 7:00 p.m.

### Thoughts from the Grand Master— "THREE STEPS UP"

Brethren, the Grand Lodge Planning Session held in Boise on October 22nd was well attended, considering other Masonic events happening on the same date. It is utterly impossible to schedule any event that doesn't compete with another Masonic Event. I want to thank everyone that attended the Grand Lodge Planning Session and the IMFA meeting that followed. The item on the agenda that led to most of the discussion at the session was regarding the upcoming training conferences in the spring. The Spring Communications have been revised to Training Conferences, which may include a name change for the conferences, to all those desiring further light needed to advance up the line as officers in their Lodges or just to gain further knowledge about our fraternity. The consensus on how to finance these conferences is that each Lodge would be asked to contribute \$30.00, which would cover the cost for all members from their Lodge that desire to attend the conference in their area. As advertised at the Fall Communications there will be 5 conferences held around the state in; Pocatello, Twin Falls, Boise, Lewiston and Coeur d' Alene. This should give everyone a choice of location to attend.

In the IMFA meeting, lots of ideas and suggestions were discussed. The new Rainbow Assembly scheduled to be instituted in Twin Falls had a problem with withdrawal of several of the new girls due to their parent's decision that the Masonic Fraternity is a cult. I don't know how we are ever going to get rid of this stigma perpetrated by those that do not understand who we are or what we do. The unfounded claims that are printed on the internet are unworthy of consideration. It is truly

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You are invited to the public

## Installation of Officers

**Meridian Lodge #47**

**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7:00 pm**

**Meridian Masonic Temple**

**800 E 2nd Street**

**Meridian, ID**

**Reception Following**





### In Memoriam—Dick Hildebrand

Brother Richard Lee “Dick” Hildebrandt, passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 30, 2016 at age 93 in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service, including the Masonic Tribute of Affection, was held at the Idaho State Veteran’s Cemetery on November 22, 2016. Dick was born in Enid, Oklahoma on January 4, 1923 to Ida (Davis) Hildebrandt and Gust Hildebrandt. His father passed away when Dick was just 10 years old and he moved with his family (3 brothers, 3 sisters) to Kuna, Idaho. He often talked about working for various farmers and riding his bicycle from Kuna to Meridian to go to school. His mother passed in 1939 after a long illness, and his eldest sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Basil Lamb, took him in and raised him with their twin daughters, Jean and Joan, until he joined the army to serve our country in World War II. He fought in battles in North Africa, Germany, and France and received ranger training in Italy. Dick was awarded the bronze star in WWII and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was also called to serve in Korea, honorably discharged in 1953. After the war, Richard married Virginia Warrick and they had three children. Following his military service, Dick drove bus for his good friend, George Taylor at Pacific Trailways. He also loved driving truck and drove for several freight lines including PIE and Garrett. Dick was a gifted mechanic and retired as shop foreman from the Boise Project Board of Control in 1987 after 24 years of service. He married Phebe Marchington (Morris) June 30, 1978. Dick and Phebe had a wonderful life together, traveling and exploring in their retirement; snowbirds in Yuma, Arizona where they enjoyed many friendships. He and Phebe enjoyed many years together in their home in Boise where they enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening and lots of family fun. His hobbies were reading westerns and gardening, especially his garlic crop. Dick was a 53-year member of the Masons, having been a member of Kuna Lodge #79 and then of Meridian Lodge #47 when the two lodges merged in 1969. He is preceded in death by his parents and all his brothers and sisters (Bernice, Charley, Henry, Dwaine, Dorothy, and Ruby). Dick is survived by his wife, Phebe, his three children (Vicky Frost, Susan Hildebrandt, Michael Hildebrandt), Step-daughter and son-in-law (Marlene and Robert Puckett); he was grandpa to 11 (Justin and Ryan Sorensen, Mike and Patrick Hildebrandt, Melanie Munson, Eric Hamilton, Shawna Billings, Alana Desaro, Felisha Lechland, Allen Puckett, Heidi Mireles & numerous great grandchildren. While his record will be laid away in the archives of his lodge, we will long cherish the memory of his many good deeds, and his future now rests with an all-wise and loving father.

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amazing to me how much people are influenced by the statements made on the internet and other writings. It is certainly frustrating that those that believe those writings don’t take the time to do their own assessment of Freemasonry and make their own decisions.

I for one am not ashamed to say that Freemasonry has improved my life. Freemasonry has lots to offer to those that seek to improve their lives. We do require a belief in a Supreme Being of your choice as part of the requirement to join Freemasonry. If that is a cult, I am part of it! In your contact with those that have the belief that we are a cult, ask them what their standards are for becoming a better human being in this journey we are all pursuing? What are they doing to improve themselves? Freemasonry means just as the name applies, “FREE”. Freemasonry encourages all of us to be Free thinkers, Freedom of religious choice, Free from persecution, Freedom to assemble, Freedom of choice in our lives and Freedom to speak without accusation of cultism.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are our great standards! We live by Faith, Hope and Charity. Being a cult is the farthest thing from my mind. Please exercise the Freedom you have, the Freedom of being who you are.



# GRAND LODGE AF & AM OF IDAHO SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

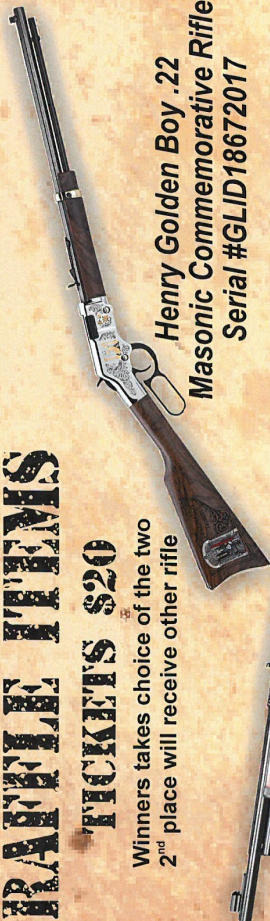
## GUN RAFFLE

all proceeds to offset the cost of the  
Sesquicentennial Activities

### RAFFLE ITEMS

#### TICKETS \$20

Winners takes choice of the two  
2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive other rifle



Henry Golden Boy .22  
Masonic Commemorative Rifle  
Serial #GLID18672017



Marlin 45-70  
Masonic Commemorative Rifle  
Serial #150 (1 of 1000)

Sesquicentennial Colins embedded in the backside of butt stock



## September 22, 2017

at the

150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of  
Grand Lodge General Membership Banquet

#### Ticket information:

any Grand Lodge Officer or Monte Bollar (208) 343-4562  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho Office  
219 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Boise, Idaho, 83702  
gs@idahomasons.org



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