



# Meridian Lodge # 47

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho

# Trestleboard



October 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, donate on line

Dues notices for 2017 will come out soon. Due to an increase in Grand Lodge assessment, the new dues will be \$160. You will have an opportunity to pay in installments using the lodge's new PayPal account. There will be a small convenience fee.

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

### Traveling Opportunities

**Oct 9 8:30-noon.** Homedale. Silver City Lodge #13 Scholarship Breakfast

### 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

#### Oct 2016

##### Meridian Lodge #47

8 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am  
11 Stated Communication 7:30  
18 Practice/Cmte/Coaching 7:00  
25 Degree or practice 7:00 pm

##### OES Chapter #66

4 Stated Communication  
29 Holiday Bazaar

##### Job's Daughters Bethel 6

5 & 19 Regular meeting 7:00  
15 Ladies tea

##### Meridian Gems Rainbow

10 & 24 Regular Meeting 7:00

##### Treasure Valley DeMolay

13 & 27 Stated Communication 7:00  
8/9 State event/sleepover  
29 Halloween party  
Meridian Shrine Club  
13 Meet a 6:00 (Change from 20th)

#### Nov 2016

##### Meridian Lodge #47

5 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am  
8 Stated Communication 7:30  
15 Practice/Cmte/Coaching 7:00  
22 Degree or practice 7:00 pm  
29 Fifth Tuesday

##### OES Chapter #66

1 Stated Communication

##### Job's Daughters Bethel 6

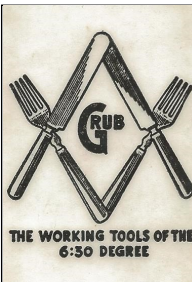
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##### Treasure Valley DeMolay

13 & 27 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 October 11. Come on out for a good time.

### Win a Golden Boy or Marlin Commemorative Rifle

The Grand Lodge of Idaho is raising funds for its sesquicentennial celebration in 2016 by raffling a couple of collectable rifles. Raffle tickets may be obtained from the Lodge Secretary. See details on page 4.

### 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. See details on page 4.

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## " BUILDING CHARACTER" FROM THE ORIENTAL CHAIR

Putting into words what it means to be a Freemason is quite an undertaking. As I have, and I am sure many of you have tried to do that. It most likely isn't necessary for the majority of our Brethren. But being from the hill country of West (BG) Virginia many years past, I always try to do the impossible.

**First** of all, each of us should be a shining example of what Freemasonry represents, always willing to go that extra step to aid a Brother and his family.

**Second** of all, we should always put forth the best effort possible to make everything and everybody as comfortable as we can, to make everyone feel at home and happy to be where they are and enjoy what they are doing.

**Third** of all, everything we do should be on the square, out front for all to see, enjoy and learn from. All men should endeavor to attain this height.

**Fourth** of all, we should all put forward a challenge to our fellow Brothers to be all that they can truly be, exemplifying the tenets of Freemasonry to their fullest splendor. What better example could any Brother transmit?

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all each and every one of you do to promote Freemasonry in Idaho. I say from the bottom of my heart a simple "Thank You" for just being you. When you attend your Lodge please remember to shake everyone's hand, give them a kind heartfelt greeting and a friendly smile. It doesn't take much effort to do that and it will in turn make your day also.

Helen and I have thoroughly enjoyed the first six District meetings. Turnout has been a little light for Helen's sewing project, but she will continue the program through the year. Please invite your Lady to attend the District dinner and participate in the sewing program.

Helen's "Pillow Case" project is for the children of the Shriner's Hospitals. I guarantee it will make you feel good!

Fraternally, MWGM Jim and GL Helen Hensley



Meridian Chapter #66 OES is holding its  
Annual Holiday Bazaar!

October 29th, 9-3

Meridian Masonic Temple

Come shop awesome products and grab some tasty  
lunch!!



Job's Daughters Bethel 6 Tea Party and Brunch!

October 15 at 11 am

An assortment of delectable goodies and teas will be served by  
the wonderful Daughters of Bethel 6!

There will be a silent auction on assorted baskets of goodies!

Proceeds will go towards Hailey Montgomery's Honored  
Queen's Project supporting Job's Daughters of Idaho scholar-  
ships, promotional activities and Bethel 6 - all very worthy caus-  
es!

A suggested donation of \$5 can be paid at the door.

Highlights of the  
**149th Annual Communication**  
of the  
Grand Lodge AF&AM of Idaho,

Forty-nine of 51 Idaho lodges were represented. Only Cataldo #34 and St. Maries #63 were missing.

William K. "Bill" Curtis, Jr, was elected to be RW Deputy Grand Master; Kent R. McCandless as RWSGW; Steven L. Hall as RWJGW; N. Randell "Randy" King as RW Grand Treasurer; Monte B. Bollar as RW Grand Secretary; and Thomas W.

Gaugh as RW Grand Lecturer. George White, Jr. was appointed as W Grand Pursuivant.

Resolutions:

- #1 failed. (Would have relieved a lodge of sending representatives to GL at least one of three years if a GL communication was not held in their "region" at least once in three years.)
- #2 passed. Clarifies how to process members 1 and 2 years in arrears on dues.
- #3 passed. Collects \$1 from each member to fund the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund.
- #4-9 passed as a block. Changes Grand Lodge "per capita dues" to an "assessment." Clarifies that lodges collect dues from their members. Grand Lodge collects an assessment from its holden lodges.
- #10 and 11 failed. Would have deleted dues exemption from 50 year members.

Report of accounts and finance:

Maintained Grand Lodge budget at its current level. However, due to declining enrollment, the assessment to each lodge must increase from \$45 per dues-paying member, to \$60 per member.

Wor. H. Sherman Burger III was named Mason of the District for the 8th Masonic District. Wor. James C. Herndon was named Mason of the Year for the Idaho Grand Lodge. Meritorious Service awards were presented to Cyndie Bollar, Art Shoemaker, Randy King, and Jean Leonard.

Wor Robert Bouy was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master for the 8th Masonic District.

The 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Idaho will take place September 21-23, 2017, and Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boise.





# GRAND LODGE AF & AM OF IDAHO SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

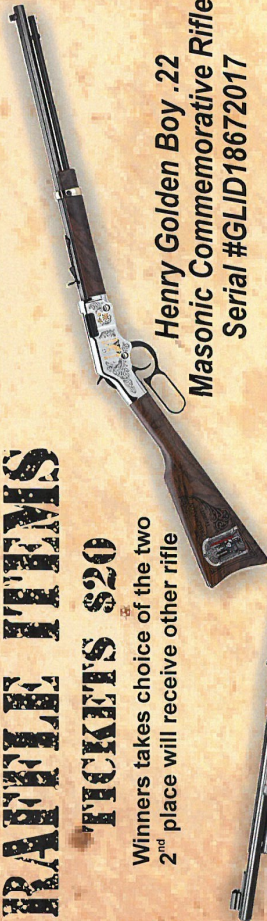
## GUN RAFFLE

all proceeds to offset the cost of the  
Sesquicentennial Activities

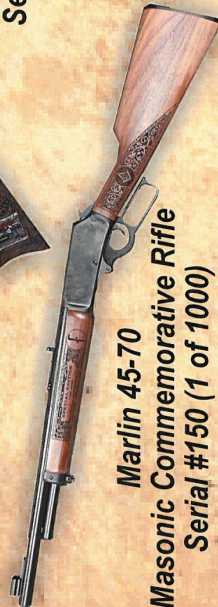
### RAFFLE ITEMS

#### 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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- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Meridian Masonic Lodge earn a donation! All proceeds will be applied to the scholarship fund.
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[www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).