



Meridian Lodge # 47
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



January 2017

Volume 2017-01

Trestleboard

2017 Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Muzzy, Jr.
Senior Warden	Mark Isserman
Junior Warden	Chris Burgess
Treasurer	Michael Long
Secretary	Mark H. Smith, PM
Senior Deacon	Randall Vanek, PM
Junior Deacon	Nason Hoyt
Senior Steward	Hal Allerton
Junior Steward	Monte Richardson
Marshal	Ed Shaul
Chaplain	Sean Fuller
Tyler	Shawn Gibbons, PM

Pay Dues by Dec 31

Dues notices for 2017 have come out, and were due by Dec 31, 2016. 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.

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

If not picked up at Lodge, dues cards will be mailed out along with the 2017 directory.

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

January 2017

Meridian Lodge #47

7 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am
10 Stated Communication 7:30
17 Practice/Cmte/Coaching 7:00
24 Degree or practice 7:00 pm

OES Chapter #66

3 Stated Communication

Job's Daughters Bethel 6

4 & 18 Regular meeting 7:00

Meridian Gems Rainbow

9 & 23 Regular meeting 7:00

Treasure Valley DeMolay

12 & 26 Stated Communication 7:00
21 Installation of Officers 2:00

Meridian Shrine Club

19 Regular meeting

February 2017

Meridian Lodge #47

11 Temple Bd/Finance 9 am
14 Stated Communication 7:30
21 Practice/Cmte/Coaching 7:00
28 Degree or practice 7:00 pm

OES Chapter #66

4 Official visit
7 Stated Communication

Job's Daughters Bethel 6

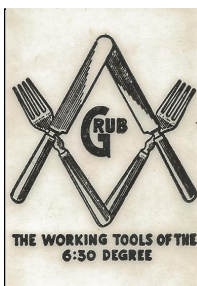
1 & 15 Regular meeting 7:00

Meridian Gems Rainbow

13 & 27 Regular meeting 7:00

Treasure Valley DeMolay

9 & 23 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 January 10. 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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I Went to an Installation Once

The Officers and Members of Treasure Valley Chapter,
Order of DeMolay

cordially invite you to their open Installation on
January 21, 2017 at 2:00 pm,

Meridian Masonic Temple, 800 E. 2nd St, Meridian, ID.

Retiring Master Councilor Colton Daugherty Fredrickson
Incoming Master Councilor Evan D. Larson



Bad Weather Results in Low Turnout for Installation

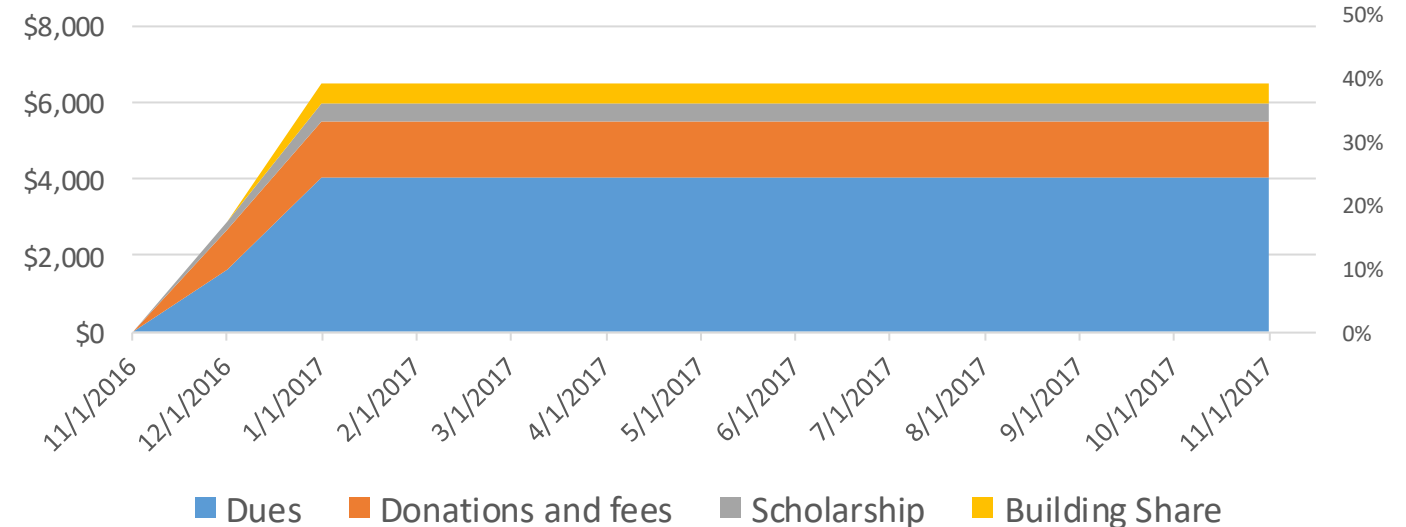
The installation of Meridian Lodge #47 officers for 2017 proceeded on December 20, 2016, despite foul weather which prevented a more robust attendance. Shown above are, front row: Sean Fuller, Chaplain; Chris Burgess, Junior Warden; Roger Muzzy, Jr., Worshipful Master; MWPGM Harry Black, installing WM; Mark Smith, PM, Secretary. Back row: Shawn Gibbons, PM, Tyler; Randall Vanek, PM, Senior Deacon; DDGM Robert Buoy, installing Chaplain; Ed Shaul, Marshal; Michael Long, Treasurer. Not pictured is RWGS Monte Bollar, installing Marshal.

WM Muzzy appreciates the support of the brethren, and looks forward to seeing all of you at his first stated communication on January 10, 2017.

Meridian Lodge Income FY 2017

\$16,000 **Goal \$16,515**

Keep those dues and donations coming in. We need \$16,515 to meet our budgeted needs for 2017. On December 31, 2016, five members were dropped from the rolls for not having paid their dues for two years. Donations and gifts are keeping us going. If you still owe your dues, you can now pay them on line. Log in to www.meridianlodge47.org and click on the "Membership Dues" tab. There will be a small convenience fee.



The Masonic Streets of Boise

At my nephew's wedding a few years ago, his new grandfather-in-law from Boston asked me why the streets of Boise were so askew. I had noticed before that the downtown streets were decidedly not aligned duly to the compass points, but a cursory consultation of a map led me to conclude that the original city plan was aligned more or less parallel to the Boise river at that location, which is what I explained to my new acquaintance. I was, perhaps, too hasty.

Christopher Williams, Past Master of Idaho Lodge No. 1, also noticed the odd alignment, and inquired further. The report of his investigations are posted on Wor. Barry Newell's web site, Traveling Templar (www.travelingtemplar.com/2016/12/sacred-alignment-peculiar-arrangement.html). He discovered that, among the community of surveyors, it is well known that the Boise grid is Masonic. For instance, the Capitol is centered on 7th street, and the town grid is aligned to the solstices, not the E-W of the equinoxes.

Being an electrical engineer specializing in solar energy, he was familiar with a software package which would determine the position of the sun on any particular day. Indeed, he found that the position of the sunset on June 24 would align to the *E-W* streets of downtown Boise. (Masonic quiz: the summer solstice is June 21. Why would a street grid be aligned to sunset on June 24?*)

The principal architects of Boise and its landmarks are Masons Henry C. Riggs, Sr., who laid out the city plan, and John E. Tourtellotte, who designed many of its most enduring structures, including the Capitol building and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. H.C. Riggs was a pivotal character in Idaho history, as a politician leading the effort to move the state capitol from Lewiston to Boise, and in creating a new county named after his daughter, Ada, who was the first pioneer child born in the area. And while the tools and implements of architecture are appropriated by freemasons to teach wise and serious truths, they remain useful to the architect. Whether or not the alignments and illuminations of the Capitol, and of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on 8th Street are deliberately Masonic, the Mason can appreciate their significance to his craft.

Wor. Williams notes additionally that from the front of the Capitol Building, the Capitol Dome is illuminated precisely halfway at sunset on June 24, and again on sunrise on December 27. It contains Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns. No doubt there are further Masonic signs hidden in the streets of Boise.

*The feast day of St. John the Baptist is on June 24. That of St. John the Evangelist is December 27.



Left: Sunset on June 23, 2016, looking west on Bannock Street. Middle: Sunrise on the first clear day after Dec. 27th, 2016. Right: Titular statue atop the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist illuminated shadow-free at sunrise about December 27th. Photos by Christopher Williams.

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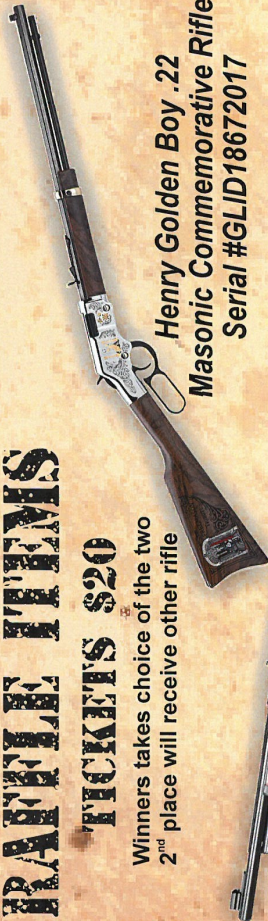
GUN RAFFLE

all proceeds to offset the cost of the
Sesquicentennial Activities

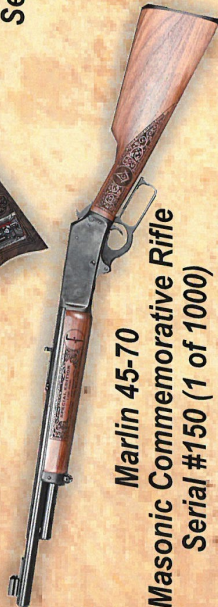
RAFFLE ITEMS

TICKETS \$20

Winners takes choice of the two
2nd 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

150th Annual Communication of
Grand Lodge General Membership Banquet

Ticket information:

any Grand Lodge Officer or Monte Bollar (208) 343-4562
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