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Idaho State Capitol Building, circa 1921

John E. Tortellotte was born in East Thompson Connecticut in 1870. He removed to Idaho in 1890. He was Initiated on January 16, 1892, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 13, 1892, and Raised as a Master Mason on May 7 1892. All of his degrees were taken within Boise Lodge No. 2. He designed the Idaho

State Capitol Building (1906 - 1912), which completed construction in 1920. He also designed the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (1906 - 1921). He is considered to be one of the most prominent Architects of the Northwest. And we have the distinct honor of being able to call him our brother.

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*"Faith begins where reason sinks exhausted."
-Albert Pike*

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Fraternal Ties: The first plat is drawn up for Boise City by Brother Henry C. Riggs in Brother Thomas Davis' cabin.

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Master's Corner

In this, the second installment of our newsletter, I want to discuss my first point from last month in more detail. To restate the focus of our efforts presently: Our efforts this year are focused on restructuring our available membership to perform the necessary work in our lodge. This work is divided into 3 categories as I see it. **The first is to provide our membership with something of real value, something that is inspiring, and something that will leave a lasting impression on those they come into contact with.** The second is to reconnect with our history, and find out more about the men who carried on the tradition in order to improve themselves in Masonry and make the same opportunity available to us today. And lastly, to be certain that we are doing everything that we can be doing to fulfill the obligations we took in the lodges where we were initiated, passed and raised.

We have had the good fortune of electing by Affiliation a good brother by the name of Burx Norrod, who hails from Virginia. He wasted no time in helping W. Bro. Levi out with our lodge's Masonic Education night. We believe this will continue to be a compelling engagement that will bring the brethren from many of the lodges in our state together. As we learn more about our Craft together, we will be better poised to carry it out into the world with us, and with it a message of hope to those we meet on our respective paths.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Blue Room.

Christopher J Williams
Worshipful Master



2016 Officers

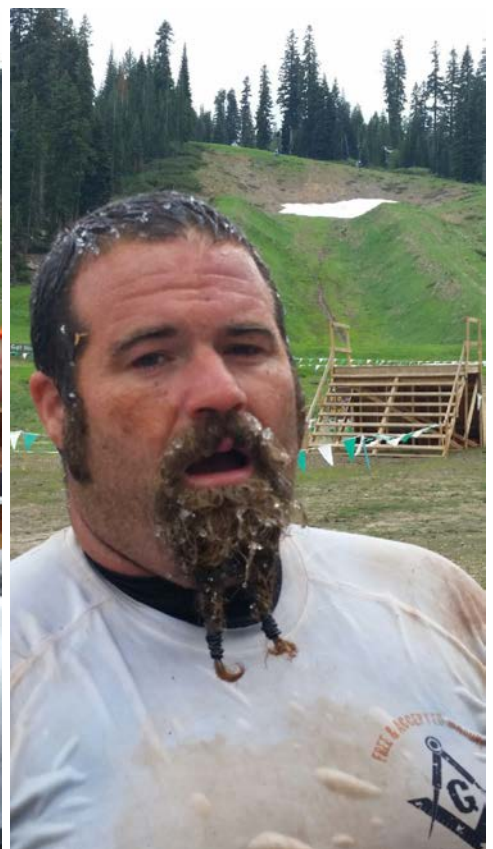
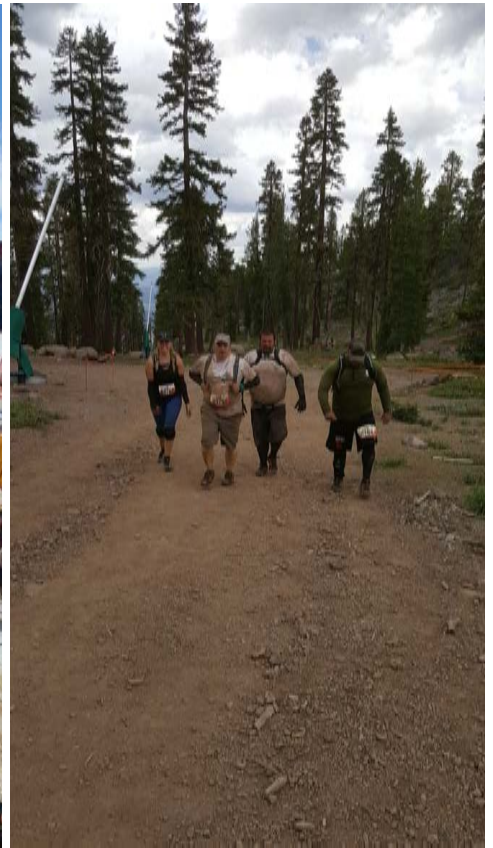
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Warden's Corner

I recently had an outstanding experience with several Brothers from various states whom I hadn't met before and now consider great friends and Brothers. I had seen for the past few years Brothers such as Daniel Gardiner and Jason Bogstie post pictures and stories from an event that piqued my interest, but I was hesitant to commit, as I doubted I would be able to do it. The event I am talking about is the Tahoe Tough Mudder with the Scottish Rite Tough Mudder Team. This year I put aside my doubts and fears and committed. I am only regretting one thing about that decision, and that is that I hadn't committed in the years passed. It was one of the most rewarding Masonic events I have had the pleasure of attending, and plan to attend for years to come. This event was filled with many rewards from the fellowship and educational discussions at the command center to the benefit of helping others through the challenges of the course. All the Brothers that I met, as well as their spouses and families, were great people. The camaraderie that is built by taking the hill together is unparalleled, as you truly have to rely on each other to make it through this challenge that consists of 10 plus miles at high altitude with steep inclines and descents, not to mention obstacles that one cannot get past alone. I recommend that anyone who is remotely interested in this should commit now and start doing some kind of training and join us next June in Tahoe for what will surely be a weekend to remember.



Levi Billman, PM, Senior Warden



Yes, that is ice...

Right Worshipful Brother Dr. John A. Raymond – WM Idaho No. 1 – 1863, 1864

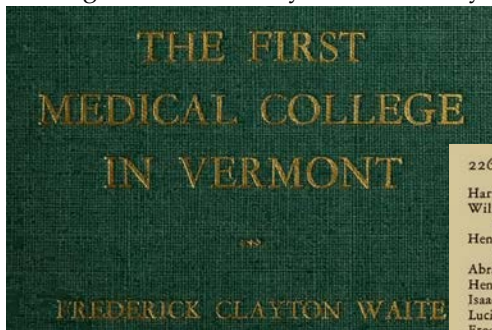
NO.	NAME
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Washington Lodge No. 3.	
INITIATION	Nov. 9, 1849.
PASSING	Nov. 9, 1849.
RAISING	Nov. 9, 1849.
BY DIMIT	
ELECTED	
LOCATION	
	LODGE NO.
	DIED
	DIMITTED
	SUSPENDED
	EXPELLED
	REINSTATED

True Masonic Charity

The record of Dr. John A. Raymond's life that can presently be grasped through the wonders of the WWW, goes back as far as his graduation from Medical School. He is listed on several Census forms as having been born in Vermont around 1821, but this may just suggest that he lived there prior to moving to California, and subsequently Idaho.

1844

Records for Castleton Medical College show that he graduated in the Spring of 1844. These records are recorded in a book entitled "The First Medical College In Vermont" by Frederick Clayton Waite published in 1949.



226 FIRST MEDICAL COLLEGE IN VERMONT

Harvey Henry Proctor, 1824; N. Y.
 William Pitt Proudft, Jr., 1831; N. Y., b. Argyle, N. Y., 10-12-1806; d. Milwaukee, Wis., 3-11-1842.
 Henry P. Prouty, 1857S; N. Y., b. West Kendall, N. Y., 1-18-1833; d. River Forest, Ill., 1-7-1903.
 Abraham Pulling, h1837S; N. Y.
 Henry Perry Pulling, 1837S; N. Y.
 Isaac Purdy, 1850F; N. Y.
 Lucius Martin Purple, 1847F; N. Y.
 Frederick Augustus Putnam, 1837S; Mass., b. Sutton, Mass., 5-30-1813.
 George E. Putney, 1850F; N. Y.

John Edwin Quidor, 1858F; N. J.

George F. Ramsdell, 1848S; Mass.
 Alvah Randall, 1826; Grafton
 David Randall, 1848S; Vt., b. Fayston, 11-28-1823; d. Morrisville, 10-25-1898.
 William H. Randall, 1857S; Me., b. Wilton, Me., 6-14-1832; d. Augusta, Ia., 12-23-1899.
 Waitstill Randolph Ranney, h1826; Chester, Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, 1841-43; b. Chester, 5-23-1791; d. Townshend, 8-23-1853.
 Erasmus Darwin Ransom, 1843S; Vt.
 Farnsworth Fletcher Ransom, 1826; Townshend, b. Townshend, 8-22-1800; d. Kalamazoo, Mich., 6-3-1867.
 Matthews Rogers Ransom, 1832; Benson.
 Seth Sheldon Ransom, 1827; Benson, d. Burlington, Ia., 1872.
 John Ratchford, 1848F; S. C.
 Clark Holden Rawson, 1846F; N. Y., b. Shrewsbury, 6-7-1818; d. Strawberry Point, Ia., 7-28-1901.
 Peter William Ray, 1850S; N. Y., d. Williamsburg, N. Y., 11-27-1906, aet. 82.
 Don Alonzo Raymond, 1845S; Vt.
 John A. Raymond, 1844S; Vt.

Masonic Career of Right Worshipful Brother Dr. John A. Raymond

Vermont

1849- Initiated, Passed and Raised on November 9, 1849 in Washington Lodge No. 3

California

Western Star Lodge No. 2

1853 - Treasurer

1854 - Worshipful Master

1855 - Worshipful Master

1858 - Worshipful Master

Grand Lodge F&AM California

1855 - Senior Grand Warden

1856 - Deputy Grand Master

Idaho

1863- First Worshipful Master in Idaho Lodge No. 35

1864- Second Term as Worshipful Master in Idaho Lodge No. 35

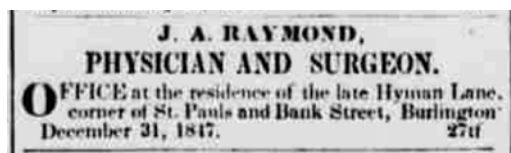
California

1869- Masonic Funeral provided by Western Star Lodge No. 2 on December 5, 1869

John A. Raymond, 1844S; Vt.

1848

In a Vermont newspaper, The Burlington Free Press, dated January 28, 1848, we see an advertisement for his medical practice.



1849

The next mention of him is on January 29 of 1849 announcing the birth of his daughter – Caroline Eliza Raymond (later known as Caro). His wife is listed as one Susan Sophia -.

BIRTH-FEMALE

Name of Child *Caroline Eliza Raymond*
 Color _____ No. of Child of Mother _____
 Date of Birth *1849* Month *Jan* Day *29*
 Maiden Name of Mother *Susan Sophia*
 Mother's Birthplace _____ Age _____
 Mother's Residence _____
 Full Name of Father *John A. Raymond*
 Father's Birthplace _____ Age _____
 Father's Occupation *Physician*
 Condition of Child as to Live or Still Born *Live*
 If Still Born the Cause _____
 Name of Informant _____
 Town Clerk _____

Then, tragically, on May 19, 1849, we see his wife, Susan S. Raymond, passing away at the age of 26. She was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Burlington, VT.

Full Name of Deceased *Susan S. Raymond*
 Age *26* Yrs - Mos - Days
 Date of Birth ?
 Name of Parents ?
 Name of Husband or Wife, if married *J. A. Raymond M. D.*
 Date of Death *May 19, 1849*
 Name of Cemetery *Elmwood*
 Remarks _____
 A True Copy.
 Attest: *Edmond R. Galey*
 NOV 4 1921 19
 Attest: *Edmond R. Galey*
 Town Clerk of BURLINGTON.

On November 9 of that same year filled with so much activity, both wonderful and horrid, Dr. John A. Raymond is Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Vermont at Washington Lodge No. 3. (This record is shown at the beginning of the article as it was received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont) It is difficult to say why another man approaches the portals of Freemasonry, but I would have to imagine that searching for a deeper connection to life was on Dr. Raymond's list.

1850 - 1852

Next, Dr. Raymond makes his way to California, with his sister and daughter in tow. He likely needed her assistance in order to take care of his infant daughter. We see him possibly in 1850 in California (Federal Census taken on October 7, 1850 shows a John A Raymond aged 29 years from Vermont working at a Hotel, which seems odd given his occupation, and living in Sacramento City in Sacramento County, California), but definitely by 1852, he is residing in Shasta County, California and once again practicing Medicine. (California Census taken on September 7, 1852 shows a John A Raymond aged 32 years from Vermont working as a Physician, and living in Shasta County, California).

1853

There were 2 significant events that were recorded in 1853 concerning Dr. John A. Raymond. In the Shasta County Marriage Records, we learn that Dr. John A. Raymond gets married for the second time to Sophia Read on January 3, 1853 in Shasta County. Official records have not been obtained, but should be in Book F Page 4 in Shasta County Recorder's records.

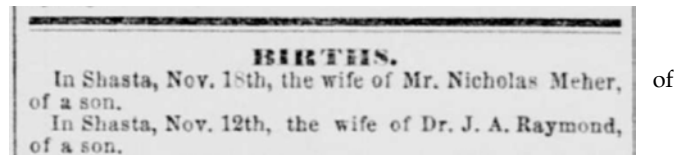
Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Shasta, California burned to the ground in 1853. It was rebuilt the same year, and the first regular meeting was held on November 5, 1853. J. A. Raymond is listed as being the Treasurer at that meeting. As an interesting side note, the meeting was carried over until the next day, at which meeting we find one Jonas W. Brown is listed as Secretary. Jonas W. Brown later went on to become Grand Master of Idaho in 1869 (the same year that Dr. John A. Raymond passes away), and again in 1871. This information was gleaned from a book entitled "Fifty Years of Masonry in California" Compiled and Edited by Edwin A. Sherman, 33°. This information was found on pages 101 and 102 of this book. On pages 176 and 177, R.W. Bro. John A. Raymond is listed as a member of St. John's Lodge No. 37 in Yreka, Siskiyou County, California.

1854

Dr. John A. Raymond is elected Worshipful Master for Western Star No. 2 in Shasta, California. This information was gleaned from a book entitled "The History and Business Directory of Shasta County" compiled by B.F. Frank and H.W. Chappell on page 98.

1855

Dr. John A. Raymond is elected again as Worshipful Master for Western Star No. 2 in Shasta, California. This information was found in a book entitled "The History and Business Directory of Shasta County" compiled by B.F. Frank and H.W. Chappell on page 98. He is also listed as being elected to the office of Senior Grand Warden for the Grand Lodge of California. This information was found in the 1860 "Proceedings of the MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California at the 11th Communication" on Page 483. In the Sacramento Daily Union Newspaper dated November 26, 1855, we see the following notice the birth of a son to Dr. J. A. Raymond on November 12, 1855 in Shasta, California.

**1856**

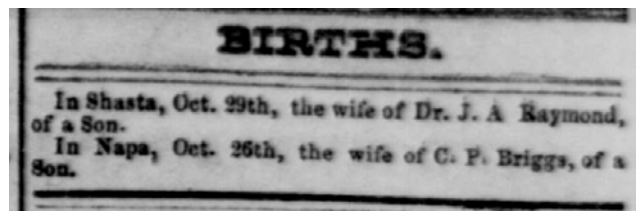
Dr. John A. Raymond is elected as Noble Grand (same as Worshipful Master in Masonry) for I.O.O.F. Shasta Lodge No. 57 in Shasta, California. This information was found in a book entitled "The History and Business Directory of Shasta County" compiled by B.F. Frank and H.W. Chappell on page 102. He is also listed as being elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of California. This information was found in the 1860 "Proceedings of the MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California at the 11th Communication" on Page 483. We also learn of the marriage of Dr. John A. Raymond's sister to fellow Western Star No. 2 brother, the Judge William P. Daingerfield, in a book entitled "History of the Bench and Bar of California" by Oscar T. Shuck, on Page 542. He was also elected to the office of High Priest in Shasta Royal Arch Chapter No. 9.

In 1856 the Judge was married to Miss Raymond, sister of Dr. J. A. Raymond (then a prominent physician in Shasta).

In 1864 Judge Daingerfield removed to San Francisco, and subsequently entered into a partnership with the late J. D. Hambleton and Henry E. Highton.

1857

In the Daily Alta California Newspaper dated November 10, 1857, we see the following notice of the birth of a son to Dr. J. A. Raymond on October 29, 1857 in Shasta, California.

**1858**

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1860

In a California Census taken on June 20, 1860 shows a J A Raymond aged 39 years from Vermont working as a Physician, with a personal estate valued at \$1,000, and living in Scott Valley Township in Siskiyou County, California.

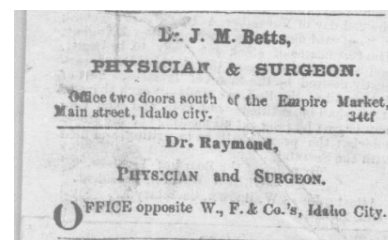
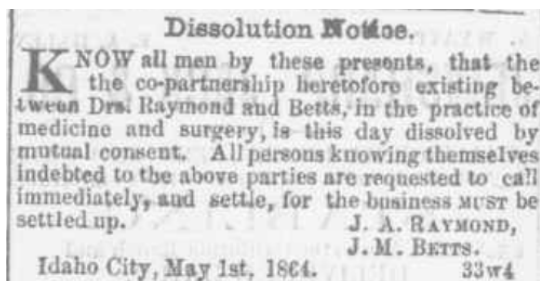
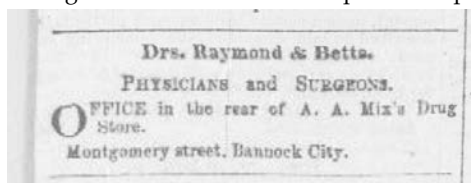
1863

Dr. John A. Raymond is elected the first Worshipful Master of Idaho Lodge No. 35 Under Dispensation from The Grand Lodge of Oregon. On a side note, this dispensation was given on **July 7, 1863**. (On this very same day, Bro. Henry C. Riggs draws up the first plat for Boise City in Bro. Thomas Davis' cabin.) The August 29, 1864 issue of the Red Bluff Independent newspaper published this article:

Masonic.—We copy the following from the Boise News: Idaho Lodge, No. 35, having received a charter from the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, met in their hall on Wednesday evening last, the 9th inst., the Grand Lodge of Oregon being represented by the following: Deputy Grand Officers, viz.: Jonas W. Brown, Grand master; Saml. A. Merritt, Grand S. W.;—Griffiths, Grand J. W.; John S. Gray, Grand secretary, M. J. Gilkey, Grand Marshal, and Thomas J. Butler, Grand Chaplain. At eight o'clock the procession left the Hall and moved to the Baptist Church, where the new lodge was duly constituted, consecrated and dedicated,—after which the newly elected officers were regularly installed by Deputy Grand Master Brown, to wit: J. A. Raymond, W. M.; Frank Campbell, S. W.; James A. Pinney, J. W.; J. B. Atkins, Treasurer; S. S. Rice, Secretary; A. H. Turner, Tyler;

1864

Dr. John A. Raymond is elected again as Worshipful Master of Idaho Lodge No. 35 Under Dispensation from The Grand Lodge of Oregon. He also dissolves his partnership with Dr. Betts.

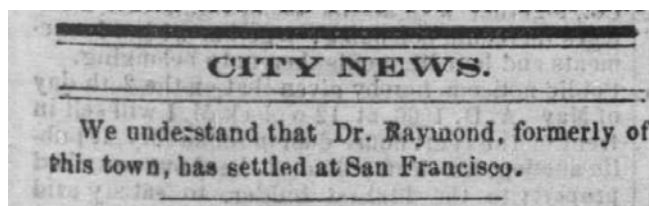


1865

Dr. John A. Raymond shows a loss of \$3,000 from the Idaho City fire of 1865

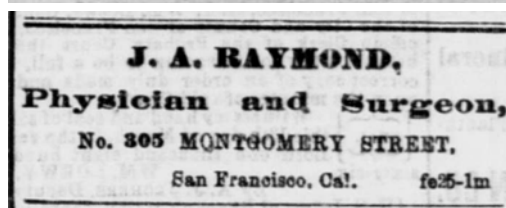
1866

Dr. John A. Raymond moves back to San Francisco according to the Boise News Newspaper.



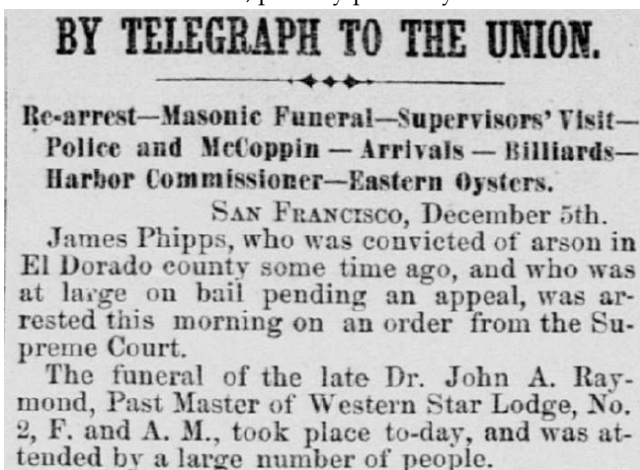
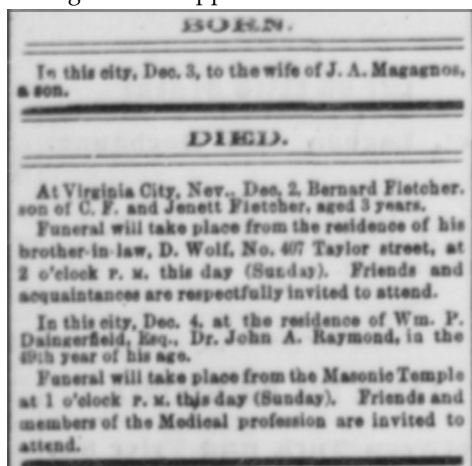
1867

Dr. John A. Raymond takes up office again in San Francisco.



1869

Dr. John A. Raymond passes away on December 4, 1869 in the home of his brother-in-law and Masonic brother Hon. William P. Daingerfield. It appears that he received a Masonic Funeral in San Francisco, possibly put on by Western Star No. 2.



The thing I find most striking about Dr. Raymond's life, is how interwoven his Masonic family was with his blood relations. His sister married one of Dr. Raymond's brethren from Western Star #2. The fact that Bro. Hon. William P Daingerfield took him into his home to care for his distressed worthy brother at the end of his life, and then follows it with taking care of his daughter (now orphaned) until she is married on April 11, 1877, speaks to the resolve these men had in carrying out the obligations they made in the lodges in which they were Raised. Dr. Raymond may have moved west seeking to escape the tragedy of his wife's death, but his character revealed itself over and over in the positions of leadership he held in the communities he found himself in. His Masonic career shows a dedication to the Craft, and a willingness to sacrifice his time and effort for the good of his brethren. I have heard a story from a descendent of his that his second wife and 2 sons may have died in a horse and buggy accident. There are also numerous other stories of his involvement in the community, accounts of lives that he saved, unsuccessful political campaigns for Lt. Governor of California, and other offices, and his involvement in the incorporation of the Idaho, Oregon and California Wagon Road Company. Much more could be added, but in summary, Dr. John A. Raymond served his community well, and honored our Fraternity by his service.

May Bowling Event...



May 31, 2016

At 6:30pm, several brethren from Idaho Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M assembled with their significant others/families at Westy's Garden Lanes, and commenced bowling. While Donnie, Walter, and Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski were notably absent, their spirit was not. The kids had lots of fun, and the parents also had fun in between chasing children around, and keeping them on their own lanes. And of course, the food was fantastic! Westy's was very accommodating to our group, and we promised to return again with more brethren in tow. We had 10 lanes reserved, and there were more to be had. We plan to do this again in 2 months time, so if you would like to attend, please let us know and we will reserve the necessary lanes. We also had a brother who was ready to give his proficiency, and Westy's allowed us to use a private meeting room for the purpose. Fantastic evening! Thanks to W. Bro. Levi Billman for making all the proper arrangements!

Welcome Brother Amos to Capitol City No. 93!



April 18, 2016

At 7pm, Capitol City No. 93 held a Called Communication to Initiate Amos, and several brethren from Idaho Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M had the honor of participating by way of invitation from Capitol City No. 93 Worshipful Master Justin Boyer.

Congratulations to our newest Fellowcraft: Brother Kyle!



May 16, 2016

At 7pm, we held a Called Communication to Pass Brother Kyle, and now welcome him as our newest Fellowcraft in Idaho Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. We had quite a distinguished guest list. You will notice there are 2 photographs shown, and one of them contains the rare occurrence of Jerry Parsons, who is usually taking them. MWPGM Carlos Brown was kind enough to take the camera from him and force him into the photo.

Congratulations to Idaho City High School Graduate Timothy Gawrys, our 2016 recipient of the Dove-Curtis Scholarship!



May 26, 2016

At 7pm, Worshipful Brother Levi Billman, and Worshipful Master Chris Williams made the trip to Idaho City for the graduation ceremony at Idaho City High School to present Timothy Gawrys with the \$500 Dove-Curtis Scholarship. His essay stood out for many reasons, but his focus on community service was very admirable. He has been accepted to and will be attending the College of Western Idaho, here in Boise, for their Diesel Mechanic program. We extended an open invitation to him to come out and dine with us on the first Monday of the month starting in September as he begins his college career. We wish him success on his journey, and hope to see him soon!

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason: Brother Kyle Deline!



June 13, 2016

At 7pm, we held a Called Communication to Raise Brother Kyle Deline, and now welcome him as our newest Master Mason in Idaho Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. We had an amazing cast put together by W. Bro. Levi Billman. MW Bro. Dave Triplett provided a fantastic walking lecture. W. Bro. Ron Lowe provided the bible presentation. There were many other fine characters involved, and we are very grateful to all of you for making it out to our lodge to support us in raising this fine young man.



Idaho City gathering in 1930

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason: Brother Casey Goold!

June 18, 2016

At 10am, we held a Called Communication to Raise Brother Casey Goold, and now welcome him as our newest Master Mason in Idaho Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. We had an amazing cast put together by W. Bro. Levi Billman. MW Bro. Harry Black and W. Bro. Rick Holloway provided an amazing and most entertaining lecture. RW Bro. Monte Bollard performed a very moving walking charge/bible presentation. There were many other fine characters involved, and we are very grateful to all of you for making the trip to Idaho City for such a fantastic occasion.

*Idaho City gathering for Brother Casey Goold's
Master Mason Degree on June 18, 2016*



TRESTLEBOARD

July and August – Dark

July 12 – Bowling Night at Westy’s Lanes in Garden City at 6:30pm

August ? – Summer Picnic at Stan’s place – time and date TBD

September 12 – Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Don't forget to get registered early for the 149th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which will be held in Boise this year on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Wyndam Hotel by the Boise Airport.

Idaho Lodge No. 1

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