



Meridian Lodge # 47  
Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons of Idaho

## TRESTLEBOARD

January 2020

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Upcoming Meridian Temple Schedule  
(for updates, see  
[www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar](http://www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar))

### February 2020

#### Meridian Lodge #47

8 Temple Board 9:00 am  
11 Stated Communication 7:30  
18 MM°  
25 MM°

#### OES Chapter #66

4 Regular Meeting  
28 OV practice 7:00

#### Job's Daughters Bethel 6

5 & 19 Regular Meeting 7:00  
15 Pancake Feed

#### Meridian Gems Rainbow

10 & 24 Regular Meeting 7:00

#### Treasure Valley DeMolay

13 & 27 Stated Meeting 7:00

### March 2020

#### Meridian Lodge #47

7 Temple Board 9:00 am  
10 Stated Communication 7:30  
17 EA°

#### OES Chapter #66

3 Regular Meeting  
6 OV practice 7:00  
21 Official Visit

#### 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 Meeting 7:00



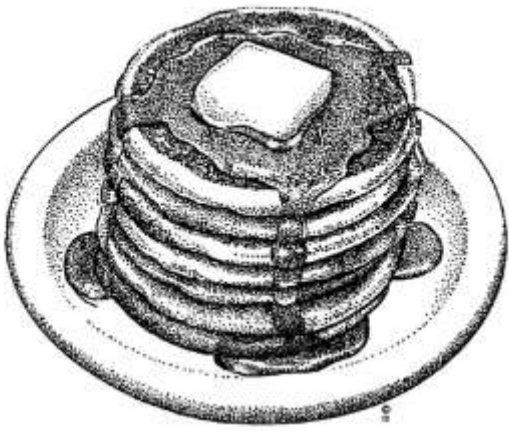
### All-Temple Cleanup

March 7, 2020

10:00 - ?

Lunch provided

All Meridian Masonic bodies invited to  
participate



## Pancake Feed

**Job's Daughters Bethel 6**

**February 15th, 2020**

**Meridian Masonic Temple**

**8:00 - 11:00am**

**\$5 for single and \$15 for a family of 4**

**Raffle Prize \$600. Cash Money!**  
Meridian Freemasons Fundraiser Raffle  
supporting the Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship  
for 2020 graduates of West Ada and Kuna High Schools.

2020

**Meridian Freemasons**  
Masonic Lodge #427 - FIDG-9111  
West C. 2nd Street, Meridian ID 83402  
www.MeridianMasons.com • PO Box 4684, Meridian ID 83406  
Ticket Price: \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10.00

2020

Meridian Masonic Scholarship  
Fundraiser Raffle

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Raffle Ticket Sales Begin**

**Proceeds benefit the**

**Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship**

**\$5 per chance or 3/\$10**

### **MERIDIAN MASONIC LODGE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Meridian, ID, January 16, 2020--** The

Meridian Masonic Lodge invites applications from worthy graduating high school seniors for its annual Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship. For many years, the Meridian Masonic Lodge has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors of Kuna and Meridian school district high schools who enrolled in further education the following semester. The scholarship program is named in memory of Charles Monger, whose dedication to the fund was instrumental to its success and is an inspiration to future generations.

The Charles Monger Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior graduating from the West Ada or Kuna school district. Members of Job's Daughters International, Order of DeMolay, and Order of Rainbow in Idaho are also eligible. Three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1000. To receive the award, scholarship winners must enroll in an institution of higher learning in the fall term immediately following their graduation. Acceptable post-high school educational institutions include universities, colleges, junior or community colleges, and trade schools. Selection is based primarily upon an essay written by the applicant, but also considers activities engaged in during high school, including awards, extracurricular activities and

projects, community service and/or personal achievement. A written recommendation/character reference from a teacher or counselor will also be required. Awards are not based on grades, but all applicants must show that they are capable of successfully continuing their education after high school. Further information about the scholarship, including downloadable applications, may be obtained at the scholarship web site, [www.meridianlodge47.org/scholarship](http://www.meridianlodge47.org/scholarship). Applications are due by March 31, 2020.

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### **Masonry's "Three-Point Lessons"**

Freemasonry has for centuries created various concepts and descriptions of 'good work' or the "right way of living," as lessons to its members.

Often, these concepts consist of what can be called "three-point lessons. "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and "Faith, Hope, and Charity" are perhaps most quoted of these "three-point lessons. "

They are thoughts that help Masons build character and pursue the tenets of our institution during a diligent, creditable and honorable life. In fact, those last three concepts are mentioned to a Worshipful Master when he is being installed: "You are to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law, to work diligently, live creditably and act honorably by all men."

According to Albert G. Mackey, "In Freemasonry, the ternary (composed or arranged in threes) is the most sacred of all the mystical numbers." In fact, Mackey says in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, "Everywhere among the ancients, the number three was deemed as the most sacred of all numbers. "

He adds: "There are in all the degrees three principal officers, three supports, three greater and three lesser lights, three movable and three immovable jewels, three principal tenets, three working tools in the Fellowcraft, three principal orders of architecture, three chief human senses, three Ancient Grand Masters. "

In a 2006 issue of MSA's Short Talk Bulletin, the point is made: "The preponderance of triads, or sets of three items, strikes the newly made Mason. In Freemasonry, there seems to be three of everything.

The columns described in our work may represent Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Entered Apprentices are taught to serve with "Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal." Fellowcrafts are admonished to utilize the "Attentive Ear, Instructive Tongue, and Faithful Breast."

Freemasonry teaches us to "judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice. '

This writer's personal favorite is the "three" that comes from the Entered Apprentice lecture, when the candidate is told that the

lambskin he has just received is 'a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements. "

When he was Grand Master of Indiana in 2004, Richard J. Elman wrote that our goals should include "Making Freemasonry recognizable, desirable and honorable." Perhaps this is a new set of "three-point lessons" for the future.

Think about it. What is your favorite Masonic "three-point lesson?"

-MWPGM George O. Braatz, Grand Lodge of Ohio  
Past Executive Secretary Masonic Service  
Association

Emessay Notes, December 2019

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