



Meridian Lodge # 47
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



Trestleboard

December 2019		Volume 2019-12	
<p align="center">2019 Officers</p> <p>Worshipful Master Robert Mahar, PM Senior Warden Chris Burgess Junior Warden Robbie Swofford Treasurer Bill Rogers Secretary Mark H. Smith, PM Senior Deacon Steve Siebers Junior Deacon Jason Gokei Marshal Randall Vanek, PM Chaplain Don LeFave Tyler Roger Muzzy, PM Member-at-Large Hal Ford</p>		<p align="center">Upcoming Meridian Temple and Activity Schedule (for updates, see http://www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar)</p>	
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A Message From The Worshipful Master

Another Chapter Closed – Another Door Opens

It has been a good run! I had the pleasure of being Worshipful Master for the last couple years and we got this lodge back on track. We have a line of Brothers dedicated to learning the work, and to move with enthusiasm toward making it even better.

I am humbled by the commitment of several of our Brothers. The officers of the lodge work very hard and are setting great examples for the coming years. Keep that up gents!

This brings to mind this great work that we do as Masons. Let us reflect a moment on the three degrees.

Firstly, the new workman, not sure what the ultimate design will be, has to learn how to use the tools through study and preparation. In time it enables him to shape the stone. Next, the skilled craftsman, knowing what is required by the plan, must test the work, and for this purpose he must have a full knowledge of the tools of proof; the Master has to prepare the plan for the skilled craftsman, and for this purpose he uses all the tools at his disposal.

Another important lesson for us Initiates is time,

and how to use it, and how that time is divided. Remember the 24 inch gauge.

I wish for the incoming officers and the newest Masons, to understand that patience and perseverance will continue to make the Meridian 47 Lodge even better under the care of other Masters in the coming years.

Divide your time so that there is time for the other important things in life, as well as refreshment and repose. However, don't forget to keep busy on the work you have obligated yourselves to maintain.

Are you doing what you can to help? Look around... Are the same few people carrying the weight? Ask the Master how you can contribute. We are a community of Brothers, and this is a lifetime journey that, if you are willing, can be walked along together and not from the sidelines.

Good luck to everyone. I'll be there too. (Maybe just outside the door.)

Fraternally,

Past Master – Robert Mahar



Election of Officers Members present at the November 12, 2019 meeting were, Back row: David Lindsay, Dave Brannan, and Max Bearden. Middle row: Steve Siebers, Matthew Thompson, Randall Vanek, Robbie Swofford, Mark Isserman, and Don LeFave. Front row: Roger Muzzy, Jr., Chris Burgess, Bill Rogers, Robert Mahar, Mark Smith, Harry Black, and Jason Gokei. Officers elected at that meeting for Masonic Year 2020 were Worshipful Master Chris Burgess, Senior Warden Robbie Swofford, Junior Warden Steve Siebers, Treasurer Bill Rogers, and Secretary Mark Smith. WM-elect Burgess has appointed the following officers: Senior Deacon Don LeFave, Junior Deacon David Brannan, Marshal Danny Arnold, Chaplain Matt Thompson, Senior Steward Randall Vanek, and Junior Steward Roger Muzzy. Steve Siebers was also elected to be the Temple Board Member-at-Large.

The installation of officers will be held on December 14 at 3 pm at the Meridian Masonic Temple. The public is invited to attend.

2020 Membership Dues

Dues for 2020 should be paid prior to December 31, 2019. The Lodge is required to pay its membership assessment to Grand Lodge by January 15 whether all members have paid us or not.

I sent notices the middle of November to those owing dues. To save postage and a bit of labor, I will not be sending notices to pre-paid life or 50 year members, but will instead send your dues cards along with the Lodge directory in late December. Look for them in the oversize envelope.

Thank you all--Your Secretary

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GrandView is the central database for Masons of Idaho. It is not just for secretaries. Individual members can log in, change their personal information, and read minutes and news about their home Lodges and Masonic activities throughout Idaho.

In addition, GrandView will accept advertisements from members, which can offset the cost of the software to the Grand Lodge.

To access GrandView, go to id.grandview.systems, or click the link from the Grand Lodge web site (www.idahomasons.org). Once there, click on Member Portal and register with your email and your Grand Lodge member number, found on your dues card.

This software is relatively new, so some kinks are still being worked out, and some features are not yet in place (pay no attention to dues balance for the time being), but stay tuned for future developments.