



The Quarterly Newsletter of Idaho Springs Lodge #26, A.F. & A.M.

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**Happy
January-March
Birthday!**

January

Doug Barbee Laurence Bolton Larry Olde
Robert Lanterman Robert Thomas

February

Stephen Baca Bart Corfee John Gould
Scott Pennell Charles Rizzuto Bill Skewes

March

William Achbach Wayne Barlow Caleb Holman
Gerald Olde Richard Olde Michael Richards
Robert Wildmann

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Stated Meetings

**January 2
January 16
February 6
February 20
March 6
March 20**

Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

**Dinner is at 6:30 PM, with a
freewill donation accepted.**

**Please come and join your
Brethren for an hour of fellowship
before Lodge opens.**

Guests are welcome for dinner.



From the East: A Message from The Worshipful Master



Greetings, Brothers and Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope that each of you and your families enjoy a safe, warm and joyous holiday season.

Please let me begin by saying once again what an honor it is to serve as the Worshipful Master of Idaho Springs #26 for the 2019 Masonic year. It is a responsibility that I don't take lightly, and I greatly appreciate the confidence and trust that you have placed in me and our officer line. We are looking forward to continuing the stability, growth and progress of our Lodge as we enter our 145th year. Special thanks to each of you for all that you do for our Lodge and for Masonry in general! And congratulations to WM Larry Olde for a very successful 2018 Masonic year. Well done, WB Larry!

As we look to the new year, several things come to mind. We have several Brother Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts that are just beginning their Masonic travels. What can each of us do to help and assist them in their journey? Let's work together to see them raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

What about our Temple? We have several minor deferred maintenance projects that we should address, as well as a need to put into place a long-term capital plan for our Lodge building and our grounds. We would welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions about how we can best preserve and protect our Temple.

How can your Lodge officers make our stated communications more valuable and interesting to you? Would you be interested in more Masonic education? Are there specific topics that you would like to see addressed in Masonic education? Maybe you would like to speak on a topic of interest to the Lodge? Let us know, please.

WB Bill Achbach continues to do an outstanding job of planning, coordinating and preparing our dinners and we greatly appreciate his efforts. WB Dean Clark and Brother Jim Thomas also deserve a special thanks for the work they do "behind the scenes". The kitchen, dining room and Lodge cleanup, dish washing, trash

disposal, snow shoveling, etc. all seem to get done without someone's mother showing up the next day to clean up after us! And WB Dennis Johnson keeps our grounds in great shape during the summer and fall. WB Al Brown keeps our old furnaces alive and working. WB Bill Skewes keeps our secretarial records up to the highest standard, as do WB's John Baird, Bart Corfee, and Dean Clark with our treasury and financial obligations. WB Dean cleans up the Masonic section of the cemetery every year, paying due respect to our departed Brethren that have laid down their working tools. It's a tricky road to go down to begin thanking everyone for the extra work they do, since inevitably someone will not be mentioned. I say this to let you know that this isn't a complete list of all the work that is done and deserves a special note of appreciation. Rather this is to let you know "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" and to say thank you to each of the Brothers for all that they do for our Lodge.

As one of the four "mountain lodges" (Nevada #4, Central #6, Georgetown #12 and Idaho Springs #26), we should recognize the opportunities that we have to work together with the other lodges. Hopefully, each of our members can enjoy a plural membership with each of the other three lodges. We can certainly assist each other with degree work. Are there other ways we can assist one another?

Central #6 usually goes dark during the months of January to April each year. WM Bill Skewes has decided not to go dark, but rather to have Central #6 meet jointly with Idaho Springs #26 during those months, on our first regular stated communication of each month. This will go a long way in easing some of the financial burdens of Central #6, and we are looking forward to enjoying the fellowship of our Central #6 Brothers.

Once again, Brothers, please let me express to you my most sincere and humble appreciation for the opportunity and responsibility you have placed in my hands. I look forward to working with each of you to continue our tradition of being the best little lodge in Colorado. ~Danny Tomlinson, WM

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A Message from The Junior Past



I want to thank the Brethren for the opportunity to serve as your Worshipful Master this year and for all of your hard work in making it a successful one. We have managed to do a good bit of work: starting several new Brothers on their Masonic Journey.

There is much work still to be done, to bring our Brethren still standing on the first two degrees through to that final step.

I encourage the Brethren to support your new Master and make 2019 an even more successful year for Idaho Springs #26.
~Larry Olde, PM



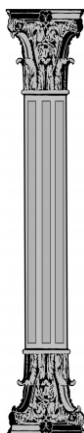
News and Upcoming Events



Reservations are still available for the **Annual Burns Supper & Whisky College**, sponsored by the Knights of St. Andrew. The event is **Jan. 19** at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Go to <http://denverburnssupper.com/> for details and reservations.

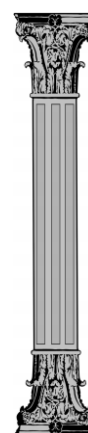
On **Saturday, Jan. 5**, District Lecturer, W.:B.: Joe Magoffin will conduct a workshop for the "mountain Lodges." We'll meet at Marion's, for breakfast, at 8AM and then go to the Lodge for a brush-up on ritual & floorwork. Officers especially encouraged to attend. We should be done by 11AM.

Brethren: This is your 2019 officer line for Idaho Springs #26, A.F. & A.M., elected, appointed & installed at the Dec. 5 Stated Meeting. W.:B.: Ted Brown served as Installing Officer.



Worshipful Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplin
Marshall
Tiler
Director of the Work

Danny Tomlinson
Robert Thomas, PM
Chris Boyd
Bill Achbach, PM
Don Hale
Javier Solis
Jim Thomas
John Baird, PM
Bill Skewes, PM
Wes Cannady, PM
Al Brown, PM
Dale Snow, PM
Ted Brown, PM



From the Editor's Desk & For the Good of the Order (combined this time around!)

Brethren, are you aware of the many on-line resources available for Freemasons to share information, ideas and fraternal contact? Blogs, chatrooms and discussion groups abound, and, while care should always be taken in establishing these associations, abundant opportunities certainly exist for contact and for sharing ideas via the internet. Virtual Lodges even exist, where fresh, creative and innovative thinking will give you much food for thought about our Masonic heritage and the future of the Craft. Here are a few of the better-known sites and services:

The *Masonic Society Forum* is a discussion group available to Society members that touches upon a myriad of topics of interest to members of the Craft. Membership in the Society is necessary for access to the forum. Go to <https://themasonicsociety.com/content/membership/membership-requirements/> to learn more.

W.:B.: Chris Hodapp maintains an excellent blog, for discussion of a variety of subjects of current interest to Masons, via his *Freemasons for Dummies* site. Check it out at <http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/>.

The *Freemason Information* page is an interesting site: a web magazine for Freemasons, with contributions by a variety of authors and, again, on a variety of current as well as traditional topics. You can check it out at freemasoninformation.com.

This is only a taste of what's out there to experience. Search, browse and enjoy!