



# South Denver #93 Trestleboard



Stated communications the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month September–May

## Greetings from the East...

May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.....

## CALENDAR – October 2016

**October 04<sup>th</sup>** Lemon Chicken with Mandarin Salad, roast potatoes and market fresh vegetables and Blueberry Cobbler.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** Beef Stroganoff noodles and fresh vegetables and a garden salad, dinner rolls with butter and Cookies and Ice Cream.

## The month the lights stayed on

Brothers,

It was in October 1879 – the 21st, to be exact – that inventor Thomas A. Edison succeeded for the first time in producing continuous artificial electric light. After 14 months of testing countless materials, his latest incandescent bulb burned a carbon filament for 13½ hours in his cluttered laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

Soon, such bulbs were lasting 40 hours, and Edison, “a short, thick-set man, with grimy hands,” as *The New York Times* described him, was confident enough to put on a New Year’s Eve display of 40 glowing lights. His guests were amazed as he switched them on and off. Some immediately speculated on how different the future would be. The value of stocks in gaslight companies started their downward spiral.

While October has seen significant inventions, discoveries and enterprise – the first Model T Ford went on sale on October 1, 1908 – many of us see the 10<sup>th</sup> month simply as the time when deciduous forests turn into kaleidoscopes of color, when late crops are harvested, when sports fans can choose the World Series, football or hockey – and a month that closes with ghosts and pumpkins.

You, no doubt, have your own October traditions to build on. I wish you well as you work on them during the month, and perhaps you’ll think appreciatively of the inventors whose genius changed the world in which we live, whether it’s the late Steven Paul Jobs or that fellow with the grimy hands pottering around in Menlo Park so long ago.

Thank you for your continuing confidence in allowing me to serve your lodge this year.

Fraternally,

S. Todd Warburton W.M.

## Secretary’s notes...

It is almost fall and time to send out dues notices once again. This year the Grand Lodge voted to raise the Per-Capita dues to \$67.00 per member. The reason for the sharp increase is to finally balance the dues budget, so the Grand Lodge won’t have to supplement the budget. As for your Lodge, the job of continually updating our records continues. Please include your telephone number with your dues payment.

Bryan Schultz, Secretary

## Message from the West...

Brethren,

I hope this trestleboard finds you all well. The month of October will certainly bring a crisp change in the weather after a very warm September following an even warmer summer. We'll be reaching for warmer coats soon enough to keep us comfortable and warm during the day. But are we also reaching for our masonic clothing to satisfy our higher needs and desires? I feel really good when I wake up in the mornings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and put on a suit instead of the business casual attire that I typically wear to the office. But it still is secondary to arriving in the lodge room and putting on my apron and the jewel of my office. It's energizing to wear that badge of a Mason, that peculiar clothing known since time immemorial. I know that I will be engaging in extraordinary fellowship with my brethren, and that I will be actively participating in perfecting the ashlar that symbolizes myself and my masonic journey. It's an honor and privilege to do so with the fine men of our lodge, and I look forward to a great month of Masonry during October.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Schnackenberg  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Brethren,

There are a number of good things that I find in attending Lodge. One of the main reasons is for friendship. Each one of us has sat through a meeting where the business of the Lodge didn't appear to be the best use of that time, but I look around the Lodge room and find that I am happy to be with Brothers and friends. Research into the human condition have long linked the lack of human interaction with poor health. I have read that social isolation can create poor health roughly on the grade of cigarette smoking or obesity. Brotherhood, like we have in Masonry, has been linked to general good health and maintaining health longer. New research is working to qualify the relationships that enhance health. The results suggest that the quality of relationships is more important than the quantity. In short, it is better to have a few close friends in Lodge, than hundreds of Facebook friends that you hardly know. Aristotle wrote about three types of friendship: utility, pleasure and excellence. A friendship of utility is the most taxing kind of friendship - based upon what someone can do for you or you for them. This is the acquaintance at work that we are kind to in order to get work done and as pleasant as possible. A friendship of pleasure is going out with a good-time Charlie. There is an activity in which you both participate, but outside of that narrow scope you don't have much in common. The last type of friendship is the one we are most likely to find in Lodge: excellence. We make friends because we admire the qualities of the other person. That's Masonry in a nutshell - making good men better - and healthier. Just one of a number of reasons that Lodge is good for you.

-Paul