



CENTURY LODGE No. 190, AF&AM TRESTLE BOARD

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Dispensation:

August 2, 1961

Chartered:

January 23, 1962

Meeting Place:

Masonic Hall
2532 9th Ave.

Greeley, CO

1st & 3rd

Thursdays

7:30 p.m.



**TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER**

Upcoming Dates:

- Century Stated Communications: 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- Masonic Hall Assoc.: 4th Thursdays
- Nov. 3: EA Degree
- Nov. 17: Step-Up Night

See calendar for Greeley Masonic Bodies' regular meeting days.

Master's Message



Brothers of Century Lodge,

Century recognized and thanked their Past Masters and current line officers at their Thursday, October 20 meeting. There was a good attendance for this open meeting. Each PM or officer shared an important item during their Masonic year.

November is going to be busy for the Lodge beginning with a First Degree on November 3. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and Degree; the young candidate has shown a lot of interest and excitement about becoming a Mason. If you have not been to Lodge for a while, this would be an excellent meeting to attend. You will see some great floor and memory work during the meeting.

November 17 is Step-Up Night with Gary Lindblad moving to the east. Election of Officers for the 2017 Masonic year will be Thursday, December 1, and the Installation of Officers will be Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 am with lunch to follow.

The Garden City Harvest Dinner Fundraiser is Saturday, November 13 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the officers and members who helped with the numerous Lodge duties during my term. I feel my year has gone extremely well thanks to the support and dedication of so many members.

Jerry Hager WM

A Good Story



A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The moneylender was standing in front of his shop and the young man noted he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After walking another block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him.

"I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason, too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me, but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note."

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

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A Good Story, concluded

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About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand. "Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25," the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you."

The pawnbroker responded, "Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you."

November 2016

Greeley Masonic Bodies

| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Weds. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 6 | 7 | 8  Eastern Star | 9  Job's | 10 | 11  White Shrine | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15  York Rite | 16 | 17  Century 190 | 18 | 19  Amaranth |
| 20 | 21 | 22  Eastern Star | 23  Job's | 24  MHA, 7 p.m. | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | November 3: EA Degree and Potluck dinner November 17: Step-Up Night | | |



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