

## TRESTLEBOARD

BRUCITE LODGE NO. 42,  
F & AM GABBS, NEVADA  
STATED COMMUNICATION SECOND  
SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:30AM AT  
THE GABBS VFW HALL  
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## MASONIC WIDOWS

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**BRUCITE'S GRAND LODGE OFFICER**

**WORSHIPFUL JAY DINI, PM (KATHY)**  
GRAND BIBLE BEARER

**BRUCITE'S 2007 PAST**

**GRAND MASTER**  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL**

**STANLEY E. WILLIAMS (MARY)**

**NOVEMBER**  
**RICH PARROTT (2)**  
**PAT O'CONNELL (20)**

Brethren,

As some of you get ready to attend Grand Lodge, I want every one to start thinking about our upcoming elections and the state of our lodge finances and how we can raise some money for the Lodge. I know this sounds not so good but we can put our heads and get through this. I had mentioned doing a dinner for the town of Gabbs.

## MASONIC LODGE OFFICER DUTIES

Worshipful Master-Lodge Officer Duties: His Jewel is the Square, which is a stonemason's tool as certain true and correct angles of the cut and smoothed stone...thus his Jewel symbolizes virtue. The Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge is the highest ranking of all Lodge Officers, which a Lodge may elect. The Worshipful Master sits in the East of the Lodge room (symbolic of the Rising Sun in the East) and directs all of the business of the Lodge. Note: Even if the building faces a different direction, the Master is said to be "in the East". He also presides over ritual and ceremonies.

His position is similar to a President of any other organization. As Master, his word is final over any and all actions pertaining to his Lodge.

It is his duty to "Set the Craft to work and give them wholesome instruction for their labor".

While the Worshipful Master's rank is highest of all members, his Lodge Officer Duties are the easiest to remember. The Worshipful Master is responsible for every single thing within his lodge during his year as Master. He is ultimately responsible for every other lodge officer and their duties, every lodge committee, ritual and degree work, Masonic education, social functions, fundraisers, District and Grand Lodge liaison, Trestle Board communication, etc.

All eyes are upon the Master. If lodge functions go smoothly, it is the Master who takes the credit. If lodge functions go awry, it is the Master who bears the blame. Therefore, the Master wears many hats. It is his duty to preside over business meetings, the conferral of degrees, and delegation of duties to all other Lodge Officers.

While Freemasons call the Master, "Worshipful Master", they do not, as some people may erroneously believe, actually worship him. "Worshipful" is an honorary title, which shows respect for his position. In France, the word "Worshipful" is replaced with the word "Venerable". It is no different than respecting the office of our President of the United States. He would be addressed, formally, as "Mr. President" rather than by his first name. Likewise, if you go before a judge, you would address him as "Your Honor", rather than by his first name.

## Senior Warden- Lodge Officer Duties:

His Jewel is the Level...symbolizing that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political or religious beliefs or status.

The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge is the second in command within the Lodge Officers. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden assumes the Worshipful Master's duties. The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge sits in the West (symbolic of the setting sun) and assists the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge. The Senior Warden is in charge of the Lodge when it is at labor. His position is similar to a Vice-President of any organization. His ancient duties were to pay the Craft (the members of

the guild) their wages and to handle disputes among the workers. It is his duty to support the Master and to prepare himself for that office during the following year.

#### **Junior Warden- Lodge Officer Duties:**

His Jewel of Office is the Plumb... which is a stonemason's instrument used for ascertaining the alignment of a vertical surface. It symbolizes upright behavior among Masons.

The Junior Warden of a Masonic Lodge is the third in command of the Lodge. The Junior Warden sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday) and is responsible for the Brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment. His position is similar to a Second Vice-President. The Junior Warden, too, may open the lodge if the Master is unable to attend the meeting. It is the Junior Warden's duty to arrange meals for the lodge, and, typically, the 2 Stewards act as his assistants in this responsibility. Symbolically, it is also his duty to make certain that the members do not convert their refreshment into intemperance or excess. This is a holdover from earlier days, which still remains as part of the Junior Warden's job description, even though in most U.S. jurisdictions, alcohol is barred from the lodge.

Which Officers Can Open the Lodge? The Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden or a Past Master.

#### **Senior Deacon- Lodge Officer Duties:**

His Jewel is the Square and Compass with the Sun in the middle. The sun signifies that his position is on the lower level, to the right of the Worshipful Master in the east. His duty is as messenger of the Worshipful Master; hence he does a lot of walking.

The Senior Deacon of a Masonic Lodge is an assistant officer of the Lodge. The Senior Deacon's principle roles are to welcome and escort both visitors and candidates into the lodge and introduce distinguished visitors. It is his duty to assist the Worshipful Master and carry orders between the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden. During degree rituals, he guides the new candidate and conducts him around the lodge room.

During the opening and closing ceremonies, the Senior Deacon opens the Bible to the correct passage of the degree being worked and closes it after the lodge is adjourned. He also lights and extinguishes the candles at the altar. In some lodges, he carries the ballot box around the lodge when new members are being voted upon. The Senior Deacon's position is similar to a Manager. The Senior Deacon (and the Junior Deacon) both carry long staffs (or rods), because as messengers of the Worshipful Master, the staffs are symbolic of the caduceus (or wand) that the Roman winged god and messenger Mercury carried during their duties. Atop the rods are the jewels of their offices.

Junior Deacon- Lodge Officer Duties: Like his senior counterpart, the Senior Deacon, the Jewel of his office is the Square and Compass, however the Junior Deacon's Square and Compass has a moon in the center (rather than a sun), which signifies that he is in the West. The Junior Deacon of a Masonic Lodge is an assistant officer of the Lodge. He sits to the lower right of the Senior Warden. The Junior Deacon's principle roles are to assist the Senior Warden by carrying messages from the Senior Warden in the West to the Junior Warden in the South and to guard the inner door of the Lodge. It is his duty to ascertain at all times whether the Tyler is guarding the door and only allowing visitors to enter after they have been properly vouched for. The Junior Deacon and the Tyler communicate with each other by knocking on the door

(the Tyler from the outside...and the Junior Deacon from the inside). Some jurisdictions split this position into 2 positions...that of the Junior Deacon and the Inner Guard. The Junior Warden's position is similar to a Manager.

#### **Fraternally Terry Worshipful**



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**JAY DINI III, PM (KATHY)**



**HARVEY WILLIAMS (MARY)**

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**EARL PURINGTON, PM (SHERI)**

#### **2-YEAR TRUSTEE**

**GARY SONGER, PM**

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**HARVEY WILLIAMS**

#### **DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER**

**STANLEY WILLIAMS, PGM**

#### **HISTORIAN**

**ARTHUR NOBLE, PM**

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#### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**GALE KARELS, PM\***

**ARTHUR NOBLE, PM**

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**\*Denotes chairman**