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of

WASHOE LODGE NO. 35

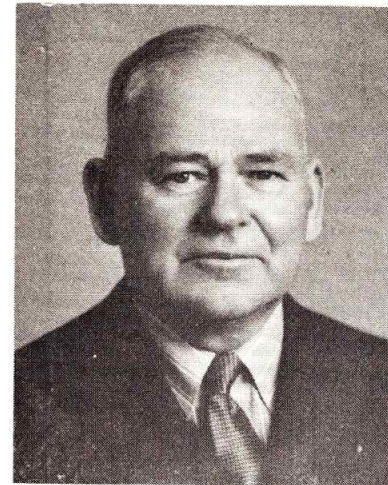
F. & A. M.

Reno, Nevada

1926 - 1976

OFFICERS — 1926

John W. Grant	Worshipful Master
Horace J. Brown	Senior Warden
Roy J. Johnstone	Junior Warden
Fred D. Black	Treasurer
W. M. David	Secretary
F. C. Murgotten	Chaplain
A. F. Aymar	Senior Deacon
M. D. Robison	Junior Deacon
W. M. Porter	Marshall
C. A. Carlson, Jr.	Steward
Rob't. Stewart	Steward
Thos. Mayne	Tyler



JOHN WILLIAM GRANT — 1926
 First Master of Washoe Lodge No. 35

John was born August 31, 1885 in Greenville, Plumas County, California, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus D. Grant.

When John was two years old, his father 'Angus' moved to Carson City to join in the building of the new post office building. After Angus Grant was situated, he sent for Mrs. Grant and John to join him.

John grew up in Carson and graduated from Carson High School and, shortly after, went to work in the Yellowjacket Mine in Virginia City about 1904. After working in the mine for sometime, John went to work in the V & T shops in Carson. It was there he learned a trade as a coppersmith.

John later left for North Dakota, where he took up banking with his brother.

John was in North Dakota when World War I broke out. He formed his own company and was sent into the fighting. He was in the war until it ended. He entered into the service as a Captain, and came out as a Major.

After John retired from the Army, he went to Chiropractic School and, on his return to Reno, he opened a chiropractic office and done very well.

In addition to being a Blue Lodge Mason and Past Master, John Grant was in Scottish Rite, Commandry and Shrine. In the Rite, he was a Past Wise Master and received the Dignity of Red Cap (K.C.C.H.). He was Potentate of the Shrine in 1932. John belonged to the DeWitt Clinton Commandry, K.T. He was also a member of the Jesters.

John had to retire some years later due to a broken hip and other injuries. He was hospitalized in the V.A. Hospital in Reno for several months and passed away in May of 1961.

A SHORT HISTORY OF FREE MASONRY

This is the oldest secret organization in the history of the world, and the charities it has dispensed have been of inestimable value to mankind. Its spread throughout every clime, and its introduction into all civilized communities of the globe, even in opposition to bigotry; its steady and progressive march and constantly augmenting numbers, is ample proof of its unbounded popularity, and its beneficial designs.

The origin, though somewhat enveloped in the mists of remote antiquity, is generally conceded to date from the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple. At that time, its members were operative architects, and their skill was displayed in every structure reared at that period.

Operative masons were known to Britain as early as the year 287. During the invasion of Britain by the Danes, between the years 835 and 870, nearly all the convents, churches, and monasteries were destroyed and - with them, the records and ancient documents of the Order which had been deposited in the convents. Fifty years afterward, King Athelstan desired his adopted son Edwin, who had been taught the science of architecture, to assemble in the year 926, in the City of York, all the Lodges of Free Masons scattered throughout the country, that they might be reconstructed according to their ancient laws. This done, he confirmed to them all the privileges which they desired, and at the same time, presented to the Masons the immortal document known as the Charter of York. Thereafter, Free Masonry flourished to an extraordinary degree in all civilized lands.

About the year 1649, the different lodges in England and Scotland, having admitted many honorary members into the society, generally for the influence they wielded - rather than for any qualification pertaining to the original design of the Order they may have possessed, Masonry in its speculative character became a matter of earnest discussion. With the completion of St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, the occupation of operative Masons seems to have come to a close, for we find that in the year 1703, the Lodge of St. Paul, so named because the operative Masons engaged in the erection of the Cathedral, held their lodge in a building situated in the church-yard on its grounds, passed an important resolution - the object of which was evidently to augment its members and, thereby, enlarge the area for the bestowal of its benefits. That resolution was as follows: **RESOLVED** - That the privileges of Masonry shall no longer be confined to operative Masons, but be free to men of all professions, provided that they are regularly approved and initiated into the Fraternity.

This important decision entirely changed the face of the society, and transformed it into what we find it today - a praiseworthy institution, existing as the conservator of art, religion and tradition, and perpetuated by the beautiful allegories of its legends and symbols and its eminently humanitarian doctrines.

SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY

In the short space of 25 years, speculative Freemasonry spread itself in a manner but little less than miraculous, into nearly every portion of the civilized world. Passing from England to France as early as 1725, thence to Belgium, to Holland, to Germany, to America; subsequently to Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, to Sweden, and to Poland. Lodges were to be formed as early as 1740 in Denmark, in Bohemia, in Russia, in the Antilles, in Africa, and in the British Possessions in Hindustan. The missing link in Masonry, which made the chain complete around the world, was welded at Japan, in the year 1874, by the establishment of a lodge in that country - the only land in the world at that time where the order had not established a foothold. Masonry now belts the globe. Taking pattern from it, all other secret associations have sprung into life; but none have yet reached an equal popularity, and probably the most prosperous of these will always remain behind its more paternal instigator.

If Freemasonry has ceased to erect temples; if it has ceased to engage in material architecture; if it no longer exhibits itself in the elevation of spires and turrets, or points from which eyes may be directed and hopes ascend toward a better and happier world; if it has not less continued its work of intellectual and moral culture; and its success in this respect has been far more satisfactory than those who planned its design as a speculative institution ever hoped to achieve. Its spirit is immortal; its wonderful craft is voiced in the towering pyramids and monumental obelisks of Egypt. It will live and thrive as long as mankind exists.

— History of Freemasonry
John McKay

FOUNDERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF WASHOE NO. 35

John W. Grant, W. M. David, PGM, E. H. Walker, P.M., W. McMahan, Fred D. Black, P.M., Roy J. Johnstone, L. P. Berriman, E. B. Dawson, Clyde D. Souter, A. F. Aymar, H. Charles Rawlings, Albert R. DaCosta, Thomas W. Bath, C. F. Watkins, M. D. Robison, Horace J. Brown, W. P. Lundell, Joseph L. Kirkley, Jake W. Wainwright, George A. Carr, Beal O. Sellman, Charles B. Mills, W. F. Helmick, Wm Edmond White, Roy O. Churchill, Harry Dunseath, True Vencill, E. Otis Vaughn, W. H. Duncan, P.M., Robert Stewart, George Kornmeyer, George M. Anderson, F. W. Lockman, Frank A. Fuller, Charles R. Hicks, Robert Thomas, J. W. Black, P.M., George F. Harris, P.M., C. A. Carlson, Jr., F. W. Traner, F. O. Packard, C. M. Bradner, P.M., A. A. Turner, Jonas W. Laufman, John C. Durham, Fred A. Sawyer, Carroll F. Morrill, Benj. L. Walker, Jr., Francis C. Murgotten, Paul T. Crosby, Elizer R. Smith, Thomas E. Buckman, Ian Mensinger, Jesse E. Smith, Warren Mecey, Wendell M. Porter, Arthur G. Larson, P.M., Thomas Mayne P.M., N. R. Smith.

WASHOE MASONS MEET TOMORROW

Washoe lodge, F. & A. M., under dispensation, will hold its first regular meeting tomorrow evening in the Masonic Temple. The grand master of Masons of the state, Clarence L. Young, is expected to be in attendance to deliver the dispensation. The new lodge starts with about sixty members. It will not receive its charter and number until the grand lodge meets in June.

A feature of the first meeting will be the use of an old Cromwell version of the Bible, the property of Mrs. A. F. Aymar, whose uncle was Oliver Cromwell of Carson, and who was a direct descendant of the original Oliver Cromwell.

John W. Grant is master of the new lodge; H. J. Brown, senior warden; Roy Johnstone, junior warden; A. F. Aymar, senior deacon; Mert Robison, junior deacon; William David, secretary, and F. D. Black, treasurer.

The new lodge has taken the name of Washoe, reviving to some extent early Masonic history in Nevada. The second lodge granted a charter in this state had the name Washoe, but when it surrendered its charter many years ago the name was not taken up by any of the new lodges.

NEW MASONIC LODGE ORGANIZED IN RENO

Reno's new Masonic lodge got under way at a meeting held at the Scouts club last night and first officers of the organization were elected and committees appointed to carry on the first business of the order.

John Grant was named worshipful master; O. J. Brown, senior warden; Roy Johnstone, junior warden; W. M. David, secretary, and F. D. Black, treasurer. The name selected was Washoe lodge.

Nearly 50 charter members were present at the first meeting last night.

WASHOE LODGE WILL HOLD MEET TONIGHT

Washoe lodge, U. D., F. and A. M., will hold its first regular meeting in the Masonic temple tonight, dispensation being granted by C. H. Young of Lovelock, the grand master of the Nevada grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. When the new lodge petitioned to be allowed to carry on work within the jurisdiction of Reno lodge, No. 13, on May 6 there were 58 signed up for membership. The charter will not be granted until the grand lodge convenes in June.

The name chosen for the new lodge has had a varied life in Masonic circles since the state of Nevada was a territory. In 1863 lodge No. 157 was granted a charter under the jurisdiction of the California grand lodge. Later it was changed and given the name of Washoe lodge, No. 2, under the Nevada jurisdiction, but with the death of the city of Washoe the lodge also died and until the present lodge was formed was not brought up again.

Officers elected to take their chairs at the first meeting, to be held tonight, are: John W. Grant, worshipful master; H. J. Brown, senior warden; R. J. Johnstone, junior warden; Fred D. Black, treasurer, and W. M. David, secretary. The other officers will be named at the meeting. Formal installation will take place after the new lodge receives its charter.

WASHOE LODGE NO. 2

This lodge was authorized by dispensation of the Grand Lodge of California on the 25th of July, 1862, and on the 14th of May, 1863, was chartered as Washoe Lodge No. 157 of California.

The first report made by the lodge was in February, 1863, giving a membership at that time of nineteen. In 1864 the number was given at thirty five.

In 1865, in common with all the other lodges in Nevada, which had been instituted by virtue of the authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, Washoe Lodge transferred its allegiance from its parental Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada. Its membership increased to fifty eight in 1868, and then the number declined gradually until the Grand Lodge Report of 1880 placed it at thirty five. Washoe Lodge No. 2 surrendered its charter on June 12, 1888.

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF WASHOE 35

1926-1931 It has been reported that minutes were taken for the years 1926-1932 but no record of them can be found. In December of 1931 the first open installation of Washoe 35 was held. The ladies were invited into the Lodge room for the first time to witness the solemn ceremonies of the installation of officers.

1932 Roll Call and Founders Night of 1932 was a very special night. After the call of the roll and the official visitation of Grand Master Jamison, Fellowcraft Bro. Games was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the impressive ceremonies of the Amplified Third Degree.

By the end of 1932, Washoe Lodge had 193 members. 1932 also had the very unusual occurrence of Lynford C. Butterfield as Worshipful Master, with Spencer L. Butterfield, his son, as Senior Warden.

1933 Roll call and Founders Night showed 114 out of 193 members answer to their names.

In 1933, the cornerstone was laid for the new post office, Virginia and Mill, with the assistance of Grand Lodge and members of Constituent Lodges in the Reno – Sparks area.

1934 In 1934, business and degree work were conducted on the same night. On April 25, 1934 at roll call and Founders Night, there were 283 members present, with 42 more answering by card or letter. This was the largest Founders Night of any held in the Reno area up to that time. In addition, a third degree was put on the same night. Some of the members who answered roll call that night are still with us. Namely: C. A. (Dutch) Carlson, Jr., Phil Cowgill, Less Drappo, Meyer Jacobs and Frank Linsey.

During the hard times of the depression years, many Brothers were suspended for N.P.D. but the greater majority of them were able to reinstate themselves as times got better for them. Even a well known Reno Attorney was, during 1934, forced to beg for more time to pay his dues. Some members paid their dues on a monthly basis.

Washoe Lodge in 1934 had ten sets of fathers and sons, with Brother Dunseath having two sons. The other father-son combinations were Brothers Butterfield, Stewart, Wainwright, Beecher, Kirman, Brown, Morrison, Robison and Miller.

1935 C. A. (Dutch) Carlson, Jr., Secretary since 1933, had many beautiful old funeral poems placed in the minutes of the Lodge, one of which is reproduced below:

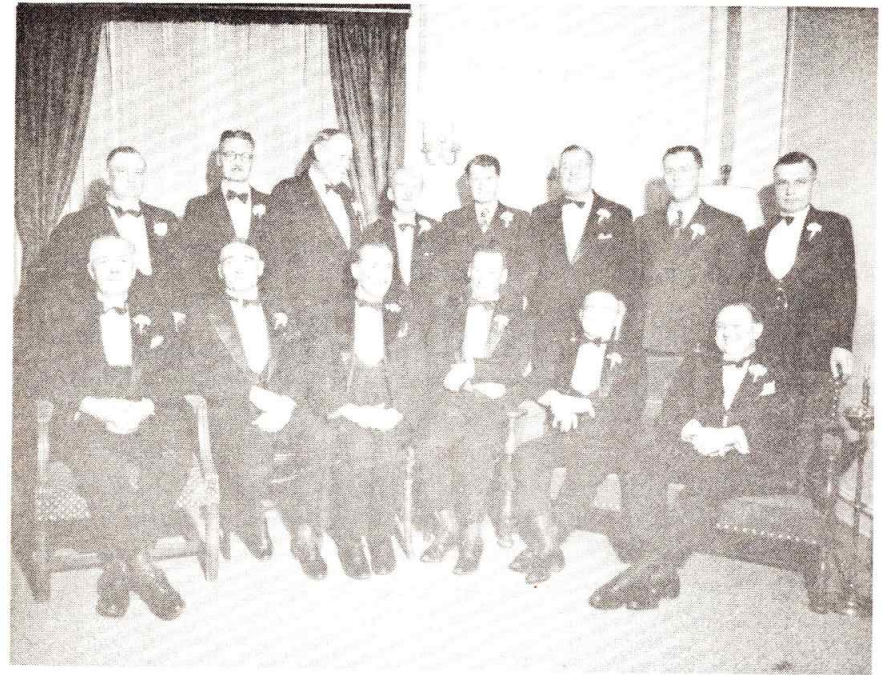
“FAREWELL OLD FRIEND”

May Thy journey forth into the mystic skies bring peace unto Thy tired soul and turn Thy shiny face toward Thy God. Farewell, Old Friend, Farewell.

On November 23, 1935, a large group from Washoe Lodge journeyed to Yerington to confer the Third Degree. Grand Master and Past Master Gus Aymar delivered the lecture.

1936 A feature of the evening of July 22 was the introduction of Past Grand Master Gus Aymar, who - in turn - introduced his son, Ed Aymar, who had just recently been made a Master Mason in Oakland, California.

1937 Seventy three Masters were present on annual roll call and Founders Night. The years they were Master ranged from 1893 to 1936. A total of 337 Master Masons signed the Tilers Register, with 86 different lodges represented.



1938

Back Row (Left to Right): HARVEY C. MAJORS, CARLE B. STANLEY, FRED D. BLACK, CECIL GRINROD, HARRY DUNSEATH, P.M., GEORGE BAMBERGER, P.M., SPENCER BUTTERFIELD, P.M., C. A. (Dutch) CARLSON, Jr., P.M., P.G.M., Sect.

Front Row (Left to Right): WILLIAM GOTCH, ERCOLE CORECCO, MEYER JACOBS, W.M., PHIL McCALL, GUS AYMAR, P.M., P.G.M., JACK HOWELL

On May 15, 1937, Washoe Lodge No. 35 visited Tehama Lodge No. 3 in Sacramento, California to confer a Third Degree upon our Brother Jack Carrick, Sr. Brother Phil Cowgill presided as Worshipful Master. Brothers Robert H. Parker, P.G.M. and Acting Grand Secretary and P.M. C. A. (Dutch) Carlson, Jr. were seated in the East. A total of 350 members were present. The Lodge was opened and closed by the officers of Tehama Lodge No. 3.

Washoe Lodge No. 35 again presented the Amplified Third Degree under the capable supervision of Augustus F. (Gus) Aymar, P.G.M.

1939 On Founders Night, 325 members answered to their names. The Amplified Third Degree was conferred under the direction of P.G.M. Gus Aymar.

On August 2, 1939, Brother John V. Lewis told the Lodge of the discovery of an old Masonic grave alongside the highway near Verdi; which when the highway was widened, would have been destroyed. The grave was that of a man named Lovejoy, who died in 1877. The grave was relocated.

1940 On February 21, 1940 a joint meeting was held with Reno No. 13. Worshipful Master Clarence Jones of Reno 13 opened the Lodge with Bill McKnight of Washoe No. 35 closing.

At the Founders Night on April 24, 1940 Washoe Lodge received and welcomed its own C. A. (Dutch) Carlson, Jr. as Grand Master, along with 16 other Grand Lodge officers. 300 Master Masons were present. Washoe Lodge had progressed from its original 59 Charter Members to 257 by 1940.

Another poem from Dutch Carlson:

"And this brief journey that we know as life, must really be, the Gateway to a lovelier world, that someday we shall see."

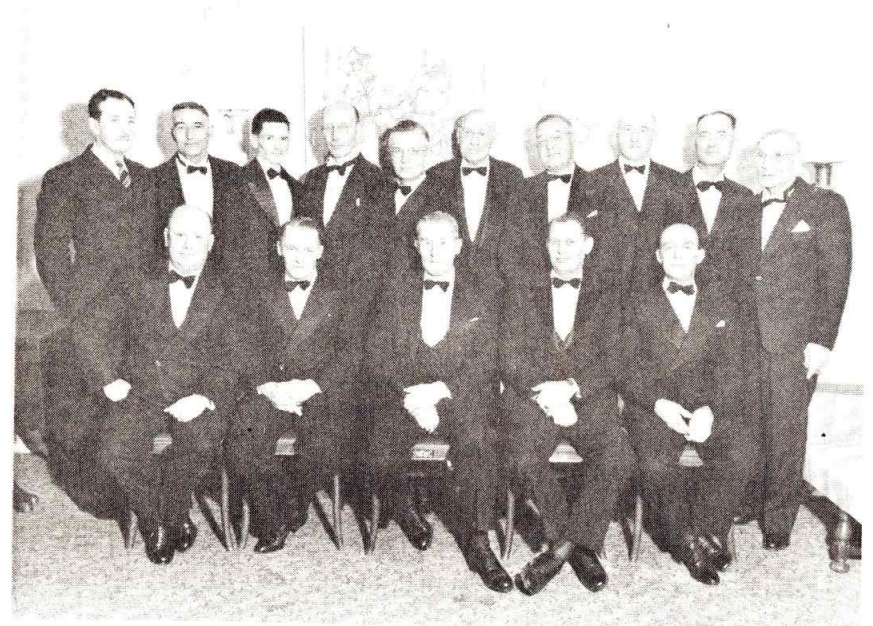
August 21, 1940 saw a visit from Past Masters Lynn C. Butterfield (1932) and his son, Spencer L. Butterfield (1933). On September 7, 1940, there was a meeting on the mountain (Mt. Davidson) to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the 1st meeting. Several Brothers of Washoe No. 35 attended.

1942 Washoe Lodge first became known as "The Friendly Lodge" in 1942 — the slogan first being suggested by M. R. Miller, with the assistance of Dutch Carlson, Jr.

In 1942, both Ben Bowles, Worshipful Master, and Jack M. Howell, Senior Warden, entered into active service in the Navy. Lyman R. Vawter, Junior Warden, moved up to fill the Master's chair for the remainder of the year. The following year, Brother Vawter was appointed to Grand Lodge as Worshipful Grand Bible Bearer.

1943 By 1943, Washoe Lodge had 29 of its members in active service.

Andy Anderson first became Tiler.



1943

Top Row: MEYER JACOBS, ERCOLE CORECCO, CONRAD WALKER, RAINS MILLER, DUTCH CARLSON, FRED BLACK, GEORGE BAMBERGER, CARL HOOLEY, GUY GRIFFITH, ANDREW ANDERSON

Bottom Row: TOM RUTHERFORD, H. GREG McCULLOCH, LYMAN VAWTER, FRANK WINCHELL, JACK CARRICK

In 1943 there was a total of 20 Third Degrees conferred, bringing the total membership to 303.

1944 During the year it was thought best to drop the use of our slogan, "Washoe, the Friendly Lodge" as it was being misinterpreted by some who were not members of Washoe Lodge, and while we no longer use the slogan, each one of us can exhibit that friendly spirit that has come to mark our Lodge, so that the new members and visitors can feel and know that ours IS a friendly lodge.

1945 During the years 1945 and 1946, dues were remitted for all members who were in service.

Two hundred members were present at roll call and Founders Night. This is almost 2/3 of the total membership which stood at 313.

Brother Curtis Hawcroft, at age 77, was still delivering Middle Chamber and Master Masons lectures.

In 1945, twenty percent of the gross income of Washoe No. 35 was invested in war bonds.

1946 At Founders Night, our first Master, John W. Grant, was present for the 20th time.

On August 17, 1946, during a visit by Tehama Lodge No. 3 of Sacramento, there was upon our altar as the great light in Masonry the famous old Tehama Bible and we were privileged to listen to a historical account of this famous gold rush relic, which was found on the Emigrant Trail in Nevada near the Humboldt Sink and taken by a miner to Sacramento before 1849, where it later became the property of Tehama Lodge and where it has been part of many historical events, the cornerstone ceremonies of the state capital, the inauguration of many California governors, as well as in the formation of the Grand Lodge of California.

On April 17, 1946, both Father Leslie Farr and son, Curt Farr, were raised as Master Masons. A very unusual event.

1946 was the year Brother Dutch Carlson presented the silver lapel pins to the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Wardens.

1946 was also the last year Brother Dutch Carlson served Washoe Lodge No. 35 as Secretary. He served very capably for 14 years.

1948 On September 22, 1948, both Raymond J. McGuire, father, and Raymond A. McGuire, son, were raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Another very rare event.

1948 was the first time Washoe Lodge was dark during the summer months. Up to this time, lodge was held twelve months of the year.

1950 During 1950, Washoe Lodge was happy to add another father-son team to its roster. Brother David Connie Walker was raised to a Master Mason by his father, Past Master Conrad H. Walker (1949).

1950 also saw the organization of the Masters and Wardens Association by Brother Ward Short.

On October 21, 1950, Washoe Lodge was privileged to receive a visitation from La Parfaite Union Lodge No. 7 of San Francisco. This is a French speaking lodge and it was a real delight to hear the work given in French. Washoe Lodge, in the past, has visited them in San Francisco.

1951 1951 marked the 25th anniversary of Washoe Lodge. At roll call 238 out of a total of 475 members answered to their names – the largest response up to that time.

Our Past Master (1943) and Deputy Grand Master Lyman Vawter accepted a new position at Oregon State University.

1952 In September of 1952, Les Drappo, Ward Short and Scott McKenzie made a visitation to Susanville Lodge to be present at the official visit of Louis Drappeau, Grand Master of Masons in California, who was also the brother of our Senior Warden, Les Drappo.

The 500th member of Washoe Lodge, Brother Malcolm W. Short, was raised to the Degree of Master Mason by his father, Worshipful Master Ward W. Short.

1953 In September of 1953, more than 50 Brothers made the trip to Quincy, California to put on a Third Degree for Brother Ralph J. Menante in the Lodge Hall of Plumas Lodge No. 60.

1953 showed a net gain of 33 members, the largest of any year to date.

1954 Chester G. Winkel, Sr., was seated in the East to witness the raising of his two sons, Robert A. Winkel and Chester G. Winkel, Jr.

During the conferring of the Third Degree on Brother James A. Patterson, Brothers William Patterson, Sr., and William Patterson, Jr., father and son respectively of the candidate, were seated in the East.



1956

Back Row (Left to Right): CARL HOOVER, GEORGE McTIGUE, HENRY DUCKER, H. GREG McCULLOCH, P.M., Sect., C. A. (Dutch) CARLSON, Jr., P.M., P.G.M.

Front Row (Left to Right): RALPH TYLER, HARRY P. NIELSEN, RALPH F. CARDINAL, W.M., GEORGE HAMMERSMITH, ALTON A. RODONI, PAUL RUBIN, ANDY ANDERSON, Tiler

1956 May 30, 1956 Brother Charles R. Poppe was seated in the East to witness the raising of his son, John J. Poppe. Brother Charles R. Poppe was the first Master Mason raised in Washoe Lodge in 1926.

1957 The three aluminum gavels now in use by Washoe 35 were presented by Brother Grant Drappo, a cousin of Past Master Les Drappo.

1959 Worshipful Master Paul Rubin had the pleasure of raising his son, Marvin Rubin, to the Degree of Master Mason on June 10th.

1960 Past Masters Jack Carrick and Harry Nielsen both had sons elected to receive the Degrees of Freemasonry in 1960. Brother Jack Carrick, Sr., acted as Worshipful Master during the raising of his son Jack, Jr. Brother Harry Nielsen did the same during the raising of his son, Howard E. Nielsen.

Valdo A. Sei was raised by his father-in-law, Worshipful Master George N. Hammersmith.

1962 On April 11, 1962, the Third Degree of Masonry was conferred upon Brother Lawrence J. McCollum, with his father, Irvin J. McCollum and his grandfather, Brother Andrew Anderson, being seated in the East to witness the Degree.

1963 Our Secretary, Past Master and Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden H. G. McCulloch had the pleasure of seeing his son, William H. McCulloch, raised to the degree of Master Mason. In addition to the officers and Brethren there was present Most Worshipful Grand Master James P. (Timmy) Whitmore.

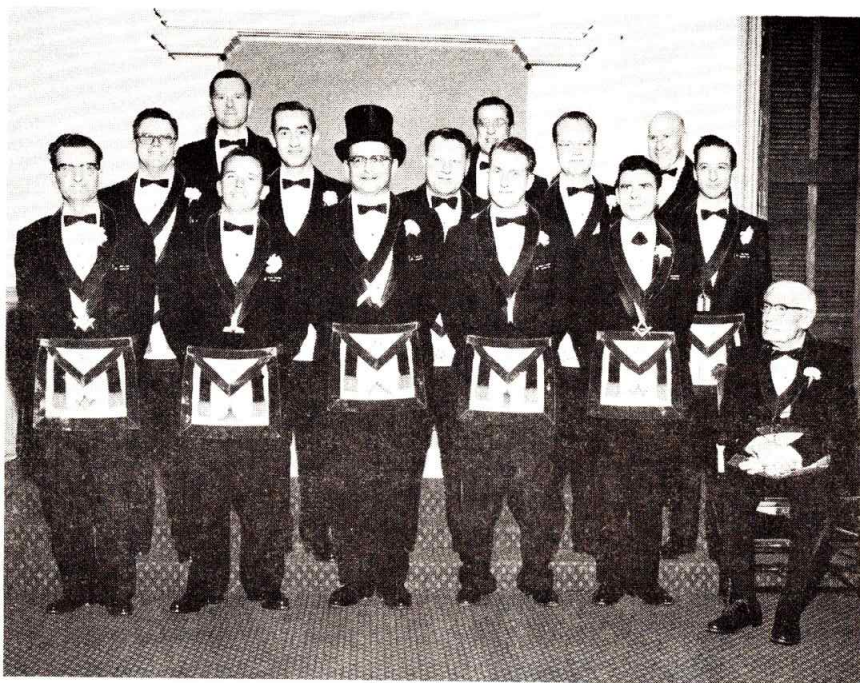
1964 In 1964, Brother Walt Ducker and Brother Dan Ducker were both raised by their father, Worshipful Master Hank Ducker.

1966 Fellowcraft Donald Drum was taken to Alameda Lodge No. 396 in Alameda, California and raised by his father, Byron C. (Barney) Drum.

1967 On roll call and Founders Night, April 22, Brother Andrew Anderson, our Tiler and Grand Tiler, was made an Honorary Past Master of Washoe No. 35, and presented with a Past Masters Apron by Worshipful Master Gene J. Samproni.

On April 8, 1967, Washoe Lodge assisted at the laying of the cornerstone of the newly rebuilt Masonic Temple at First and Virginia Streets in Reno.

1968 In 1968, three Brethren of Washoe Lodge No. 35 received 50 year pins: C. A. (Dutch) Carlson, Jr., Carleton E. Coffin, and Raymond B. Callahan.



1968

Top Row: HAROLD PEARSON, GENE MOSS, RAY WACKER, GIL BRANSTETTER, GENE SAMPRONI, JACK CARRICK, Jr., GEORGE McTIGUE

Front Row: AUBREY ALLEN, BILL KNIGHTON, VALDO SEI, CHARLES WILLIAMS, JIM BALLENTINE

Seated: ANDY ANDERSON

1969 In 1969, two Brethren of Washoe Lodge No. 35 received 50 year pins: Jonas A. Laufman and George A. Rogers. Also a total of 147 twenty-five year pins were presented during the year.

On March 19, 1969, a joint meeting was held with Reno 13, Mt. Rose 40, Pyramid 43 and WASHoe 35, participating in honor of Nevada Chapter No. 1 Order of DeMolay, who were conferring an initiatory degree on one of their candidates.

1970 On June 10, 1970, the Sierra Pacific Power Company Degree Team put on a Third Degree for two of the Fellowcrafts of Washoe No. 35. Some 50 members were present to witness the raising of Robert A. Klump and David W. Brown. Six of the members of the Power Company Degree Team were also members of Washoe No. 35. The Fathers of both candidates were present.

It was in 1970 that one of our few remaining charter members, Brother Floyd O. Packard, passed on to that celestial lodge above.

1970 saw three members of Washoe No. 35 receive 50 year pins; Worshipful Master Charles E. Williams presented pins to Floyd O. Packard and Frank R. Lindsay and Thomas C. Reid. Twenty-five year pins were presented to Brothers B. Fay Stanley, Charles A. Folk, and Albert H. Guardia. These pins were presented by M.W. Embree D. Wilson, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, on behalf of Washoe 35.

1971 In 1971, seventeen members of Washoe No. 35 received twenty-five year pins. A fifty year pin was presented to Brother Paul T. Crosby by P.G.M. Richard Cowles. Brothers Crosby and Cowles' friendship extended back to their childhood days.

Washoe No. 35 was deeply saddened in 1971 by the loss of both the Secretary, George M. McTigue and the Tiler and Grand Tiler Andrew Anderson.

1972 A fifty year pin was presented by Worshipful Master Harold Pearson to Brother Thomas E. Buckman.

In 1972, nine twenty-five year pins were presented and an additional seventeen were awarded.

1973 On Feb. 3, the Lodge was witness to the crowning ceremony of Callie Moss as Worthy Advisor of Pyramid Assembly No. 20 Order of Rainbow for girls. Callie is the daughter of our treasurer Gene Moss.

On March 21 the Lodge witnessed a second degree presented by Edwin C. Mulcahy Chapter of De Molay. This degree was conferred by Kim Knighton, son of Past Master Bill Knighton.

At roll call and Founders Nite, May 16, there were 26 members of Washoe 35 eligible for 25 year pins of which 9 were present. Three were eligible for 50 year pins of which 2 were present. Grand Master Lee Griswold made the presentations assisted by Worshipful Master Fred Parisi.

1973 will have to be called the year of the Rainbow Girls as Washoe Lodge took part in another memorable event. September 26 was the crowning ceremony of Kathy Butler as Worthy Advisor of Sparks Assembly of Rainbow for Girls. This was performed by the officers of Washoe Lodge No. 35. Kathy is the daughter of Senior Warden Chas. L. Butler.

1974

APRIL 17 At our Annual Roll Call and Founders Nite Washoe Lodge welcomed Seventy of its members with fifty-three more answering by letter. Bro. Les Lerude was presented with a fifty year pin by M. W. Gerald A. Roberts, Grand Master. Fourteen members were eligible to receive 25 year pins of which five were present to receive theirs in person.

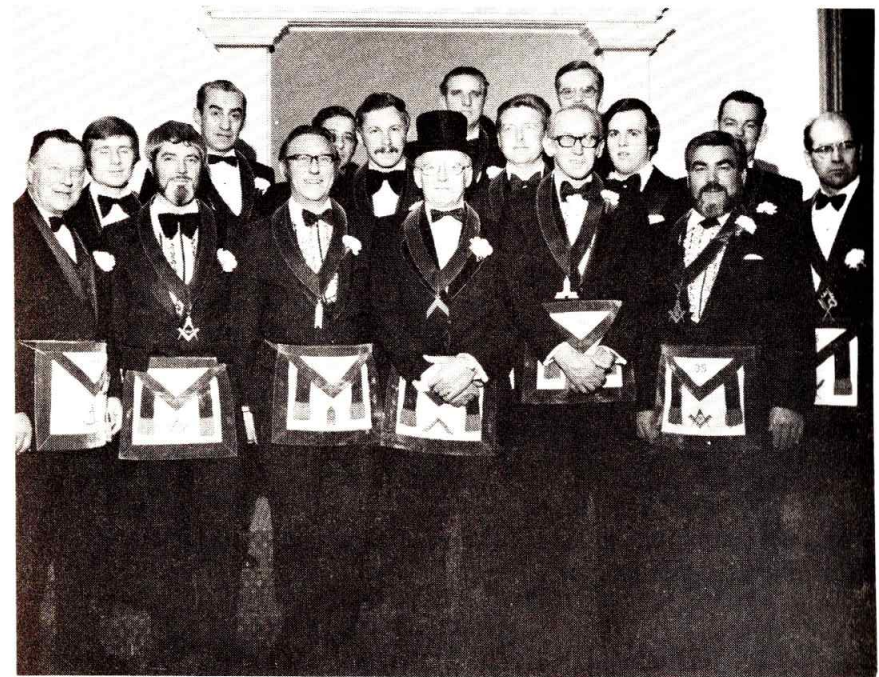
OCT. 30 Washoe Lodge's annual Past Master Nite was well attended this year with Past Masters of almost every lodge in the area either present as sideliners or participating in the work. This event has become an annual affair and is looked forward to by all the brethren.

1975

APRIL 16 At the Annual Roll Call, Founders Nite and visitation of Grand Master Alex Coon, 67 master masons answered to their names with 35 more accounted for with 15 past masters of Washoe 35 present.

JUNE 28 San Leandro Lodge No. 744 in San Leandro, California made a visitation to Washoe 35 to confer the third degree on one of their candidates. A luncheon was enjoyed by all prior to the meeting.

SEPT. 19 A return visit was made to San Leandro Lodge to confer the third degree on one of our candidates. All the members who made the bus trip were well received and treated to a beautiful luncheon on the bay.



1975

Back Row: ED SADLER, GENE MOSS, P.M.

Middle Row: MANFRED ORTHBANDT, FRED PARISI, BYE SPRENGER, JR.
DAN WESTON, DAN HURLEY, GARY HENDERSON

Front Row: GIL BRANSTETTER, P.M., WALT DUCKER,
CHAS. L. BUTLER, JOE ANDRE, THOMAS A. SMITH,
KENNETH W. JOHNSON, STAN SHANE

NAMES TO REMEMBER

These brethren and many more like them too numerous to mention have all been most willing to assist in whatever capacity they were most needed in whether it be lodge business or ritual. Some have been officers who for one reason or another did not go on to become master.

Scott McKenzie
H. Edgar Walton
Clyde Munn
A. O. (Jack) Packard
Richard A. Hatfield
Grant Bowen

Frank Lindsey
Milton B. Roberts
Earnest Threadwell
William Dunseath
Charles L. Fite

FIRE

Masonic lodges in Nevada have been plagued by fire in the past. Of the ones which were completely destroyed were Hamilton No. 14 in 1872, Virginia City in 1875, Eureka No. 16 in 1879, Winnemucca No. 19 in 1890, Hope Lodge No. 22 in 1893, and Montezuma Lodge No. 30 in 1923. Wadsworth Lodge No. 25 was partly destroyed by fire in 1903. Washoe Lodge has been no exception as the Reno Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire twice. Once in February of 1957 when an explosion resulted in a general alarm fire and again in August of 1965 when a fire of unknown origin started on the second floor causing a two alarm fire.

— IN CONCLUSION —

The taking of notes and highlights from the minutes of Washoe 35, although it was very informative, it does not begin to tell the story of the lodge. It can not tell of the wonderful brotherhood, the meeting and making of new friends, the nights and days on your spare time studying ritual and the many other events that make a lodge function. It has been an extreme priviledge and an honor to go through the minutes of Washoe 35. It was in a sense like looking into the heart and soul of the lodge and I feel I now know personally so many of the brethren who passed in review through all the 50 years. Washoe Lodge has had some tough years but many, many more good years with I am sure many more ahead of it. As a closing note of interest Washoe Lodge No. 35 has raised a total of 1,021 Master Masons through the end of 1975.

Worshipful Master,
Thomas A. Smith

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Raymond G. Wacker	Junior Deacon
Manfred Orthbandt	Marshall
Daniel R. Weston	Senior Steward
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