



# THE TRESTLEBOARD

GRAFORD MASONIC LODGE #1026

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**From the East:**

**Indisposed**

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**From the West:**

Brother, a reminder about our penny's cleaning them and help the Lodge with them. Also 2025 pennies are needed. I saw on the news that the government is doing away with them. If you have spare time reach out to the Coin Committee help out. Don't I will help you just let me know what you need. Thanks

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**From the South:**

As we welcome the warmth and renewal of summer, we also mark the beginning of a new Masonic year—a time to reflect on the work we've done and set our sights on the labor ahead. This season brings not only longer days but also renewed opportunities to strengthen our bonds, support our community, and live out the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Let us carry forward the light of Masonry with purpose and

pride, engaging in the work that keeps our lodge strong and united. May this summer be a season of refreshment, fellowship, and rededication to our sacred craft.

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## Masonic Birthdays:

GRAFORD LODGE has a triad of Masonic birthdays this month with (2) of our own being minted the same day.

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| <b>Matt</b>   | <b>Biery</b>   | <b>JUNE</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>2002</b> |
| <b>Travis</b> | <b>Bridges</b> | <b>JUNE</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>2002</b> |
| <b>Doug</b>   | <b>Ray</b>     | <b>JUNE</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1999</b> |



## From the Secretary's Desk:

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

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## 113th District and Grand Lodge news

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## Lodge events:

The Lodge was represented at the Graford Senior Awards and presented Kamryn Glover with a \$1000 scholarship and the Lamar Award



We had a 50<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> service awards for Brothers, Jerry Garland and Alvin Ray Blue.



The ceremony was performed by Rite Worshipful Monty Seymour and Worshipful Master Pro Tem Dudley Webster

Graford Lodge attended Lipan Lodge and displayed our penny fundraiser we have orders pending.

## **HOT OFF THE TRESTLEBOARD: SQUARE & COMPASS COIN CEREMONY TAKES FLIGHT!**

Dear Brothers,

Get ready to ignite the spirit of Freemasonry with our latest venture! Our website, **WWW.WEMINTMASON.ORG**, is LIVE and evolving weekly! It's your one-stop shop, featuring slick brochures for our two products. Ready to grab some Masonic swag? Fill out the forms online and send us a check, or give us a call for quick electronic sales over the phone. Plus, lodge members can claim a professional **wemintmasons.org** email address—reach out to the committee to get yours!

### **New Product Alert: The Coin Ceremony Coin!**

Launched last month, our **Coin Ceremony Coin** is a transformative addition to the Entered Apprentice (EA) degree! This specially minted penny, proudly embossed with the Square and Compass, isn't just a token—it's a powerful symbol of one of Masonry's most profound lessons. During the EA degree, when the candidate is asked for a metallic substance and has none, he's given this coin with a timeless charge: if you ever find a Brother in need, do all you can to help. This lesson in charity, one of the first and most impactful in Freemasonry, teaches the new Brother to extend a helping hand with compassion and brotherhood. Presented at the ceremony's close, the coin becomes a lifelong keepsake, etched with the Square (for living uprightly) and Compass (for keeping passions in check), reminding every Mason of their duty to support their Brothers. Imagine the moment: a new Brother holding this coin, inspired to carry its lesson of generosity throughout his Masonic journey! Let's get every Mason you know fired up about this tradition and urge other lodges to adopt this meaningful ritual!

### **Brother Larry Coupland's Game-Changing Donation**

A massive shout-out to Brother Larry Coupland for donating a sleek, portable minting press to our lodge! This compact powerhouse has been cleaned, painted, and is ready to roll. We've received a \$300 quote for a

new die, and with a few more penny sales, we'll fund this upgrade to double our output for big events and make it super easy to bring the minting experience to other lodges. Picture this: traveling to sister lodges, firing up the press, and letting them mint their own Coin Ceremony pennies—a hands-on ritual that strengthens our Brotherhood!

## **How You Can Make Waves**

- **Spread the Word:** Tell every Mason you meet about our fundraiser and **WWW.WEMINTMASON.ORG!** Share the Coin Ceremony Coin with other lodges and watch this tradition grow.
- **Bring the Press:** Offer to take our portable minting press to other lodges so they can craft their own pennies. It's a showstopper!
- **Share Your Ideas:** Got a brilliant suggestion for the committee? We're all ears—let's keep the momentum going!
- **Get Your Email:** Lodge members, claim your **wemintmasons.org** email for official lodge business.

Brothers, this is our chance to forge a lasting legacy in Freemasonry! Let's rally together, share this exciting initiative, and bring the Coin Ceremony to lodges far and wide. Mint the moment, strengthen the Craft, and let's make this fundraiser a roaring success!

**THE COIN Committee will be at the lodge BY 5:00 PM ON LODGE NIGHT 06/12/205 to clean and sort coins so as a great American Huckell Berry Fin once said come join the fun.**

## Sick and Distressed:

Brother Karl Walston Past Master is in Hospice at Palo Pinto Nursing and rehabilitation. Please find time to call or visit him,

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## Memorials:

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## Calendar:

### Dates of interest

| Date  | Event  | Location  | Time  |
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| 06/05/2025<br>06/10/2025<br><b>06/12/2025</b><br>06/17/2025<br>06/21/2025 | Santo Stated <u>125th year</u><br>Mineral Wells Stated<br><b>GRAFORD STATED</b><br>Strawn Stated<br>Lipan Stated | Santo Lodge<br>Mineral Wells Lodge<br><b>GRAFORD LODGE</b><br>Strawn Lodge<br>Lipan Lodge | Meal 18:30 Meeting 19:30<br>Meal 18:30 Meeting 19:30<br><b>MEAL 18:30 MEETING 19:30</b><br>Meal 18:30 Meeting 19:30<br>Meal 18:30 Meeting 19:30 |
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