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The President's Message

What a wonderful meeting we had at the Carson Valley Inn! A packed house, and a new record for attendance with 107 people. We were enlightened about the pros and cons of the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Storage Facility by our speaker Richard Morissette, recently retired nuclear engineer. Many of our members asked him some good questions that we all had in our minds about how safe we will be.

We had a reporter from the Reno Gazette-Journal at the meeting, and she did a nice-sized write-up about our speaker, and even mentioned our organization.

Dennis has some very interesting speakers lined up for the coming meetings, and some potential speakers that should be really great.

PLEASE call in your reservations, and don't forget the POT OF GOLD. We will be seeing you at the Nugget on February 19th

Dorman



From the Vice-President

Wow! What a turnout! We had 107 people in attendance at the January meeting. What a great way to kick off the new year.

Dorman was back at his post and looking great. Glad to have you back, Dorman. We all missed you.

Our speaker was Richard Morissette who was an engineer on the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Project. He gave us a fresh view on the safety of storing nuclear waste. Richard was a great speaker and he answered a lot of your questions on this very controversial subject.

Our next meeting will be at the Carson Nugget on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Robert Ellison. He is the author

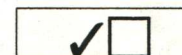
of "Territorial Lawmen of Nevada" and "First Impressions, the Trail Through Carson Valley 1848-1952. He has an extensive law enforcement background and, before that, served in the United States Marine Corps as a Drill Instructor. Bob's talk will be on the nature of a Territorial Lawman and the conditions under which he served.

Dinner will consist of four assorted salads, a fresh fruit platter, three hot entree of the chef's choice, potatoes and gravy, fresh vegetables and dinner rolls. There will also be assorted desserts. All of this for \$17.00. I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

Don't forget the Pot 'O Gold, and put something in the pot. It all goes to good causes.

Dennis

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Vernon Fix	16	Tobert Lechien	17
Frank Woomer	21	Bill Neumann	25
Jerry Webster	26	GeeGee Gust	29

Happy Birthday!

No man is ever old enough to know better!
Holbrook Jackson

ANAGRAM-OF-THE-MONTH

The end of the world is nigh! =
Down this hole, frightened!
(Sadaam Hussein?)



The Sec'y/Treas. Message

I'd like to start off this column with a reminder to be sure and call with your dinner reservations. We had our biggest crowd ever at the January meeting - 107 in attendance. We were anticipating about 20 less than that. Luckily, the Carson Valley Inn was able to take care of our extra folks. We may not always be so fortunate with extra space and prepared food. On the front page of our excellent newsletter, you will find the phone numbers to call. Remember, everyone who calls to say that they are OR EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT going to attend, their name goes in the hat for the Early Bird Drawing. This drawing is for a free dinner at a subsequent meeting. Be an early bird and let us know your intentions.

Our Pot of Gold in January also broke a record - you bought \$330 worth of raffle tickets. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to convey our sincere appreciation for your generosity. Our donations to our annual projects this spring (the ones you will decide on) will be a little fatter.....

Our President will appoint a Nominating Committee in February in preparation for our annual election of officers and directors. This Nominating Committee will make its

report to the membership in March. Additional nominations from the floor will be taken both in March and in April. The elections will be held in April, for terms beginning July 1. The reason for the early elections is the Grand Chapter requirement to report our new officers to the Grand Chapter by May 1. Anyone interested in being an officer or director is urged to contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

The Mid-Winter meeting of the Grand Board of Directors is scheduled for February 6-7, 2004 in Fresno, California. At the time of this writing, it appears that our Grand Director, Clay Hill, and I as your District Governor will be in attendance representing Chapter 72. There are a number of contentious Grand Bylaws changes being proposed which the Grand Board of Directors will consider and discuss. A general overview of these changes were presented to the membership at the January meeting, and the views of the membership duly noted by Clay Hill and I. The final vote on these proposals will occur at the Annual Convention in late June.

Well, I've rambled on long enough. See you at the February dinner at the Carson City Nugget.

Ray



From the Newsletter Editor

I can tell I'm getting older, not so much by how I feel but by all those around me. It seems every week I hear about a new shoulder, knee, or hip operation on tap. Are we really in that bad shape? After the two goes at rehab following my own shoulder operation I joined the therapy center as an on-going member where I can continue to strengthen the shoulder and also work on my weak knees. The equipment that's available is wonderful at directing exercise toward specific areas of the body and you know all doctors recommend resistance work. I've always been rather anti-gym but the environment is friendly and I actually enjoy challenging myself to get through the program.

It's been a rather mild winter so far, so harping on the "Drive Careful Program" seems unnecessary, but with the slightest moisture I see reports of cars going way too fast and crashing. Please don't let that be you!

Paul

Did you know that the term "tank" for armored vehicles started in World War 1 in England when this new secret weapon was developed and workers were told it was a portable water tank for use in the desert?



Richard Morissette
with Dorman



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