



The Trestleboard is the name for the newsletter of Freemasons. A Trestleboard was a tool utilized by Operative Master Masons to detail the daily work of the Craftsman. The plans and designs for the work were scratched or carved into or drawn on the surface of the board. The earliest Trestleboard (or more accurately Tracing Board), was thought to have been a wooden board covered in wax. The designs were cut or carved into the wax. The wax could be scraped off and renewed as needed. A modern-day Trestleboard in Operative vocations is the Blueprint.

May

Steve "Doc" Larson

Master



My Brothers & Sisters,

As we enter into May we will realize that it is busting out all over. So many things to consider and realize that the good weather, finally, will be for us to enjoy with family and friends. We are so blessed to belong to such a good Lodge and enjoy the love and respect of all of us for each other.

I hope that our EA's and FC's will want to really get involved in ritual and learn to understand that by learning and practicing ritual in will affect their fabric and teach them to be better men in all aspects of their lives. By practicing and learning the ritual it becomes second nature to affect how they will interact with all persons they come into contact with in their lives, at least I hope so.

This does not mean that we should all follow blindly, for as Masons we are taught to be independent thinkers, to seek truth for ourselves based on the lessons we have all received and to understand the meanings of life, and death, according to our own beliefs and reverence for God.

We should remember June 6, as that was the day of the invasion of Normandy some 80 years ago, D-Day, the beginning of the Liberation of Europe. Two Distinguished Master Masons led the attack. Brother General Omar Bradley, in overall command of U.S. Forces and senior U.S. General in command of ground troops, a position he held until the end of the war. He was raised at West Point Lodge #877 in 1923.

Brother General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr, first General to hit the beach that day (landing with the first wave), for action on D-Day, he won the Medal of Honor. He was the oldest man on the beaches, used a cane to get around as he had severe arthritis, and had a heart condition which cost him his life a month later in Normandy, a true son of the Bull Moose (Theodore Roosevelt).

Fraternally,

Steve "Doc" Larson, Master

Greg Treible

Senior Warden



Brothers, as a reminder, for the next several trestle-boards we'll explore the connections between Masonry and faith. This month (and perhaps for a few months), we'll look at aspects of Christianity and Masonry in particular.

"And now abided faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians 13:13.

It is in the First Degree that the candidate is introduced to the concepts of Faith, Hope and Charity in a Masonic context. Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, hope in salvation and charity toward all.

Translators of the King James Version used charity to describe the Greek word, *agape*, which actually means love. The ancient Greeks had four different words we could translate into English as **love**. It is important to understand the difference between the words, and why the apostle Paul chose the Greek word *agape* here.

i. *Eros* was one word for love. It described, as we might guess from the word itself, *erotic* love. It refers to sexual love.

ii. *Storge* was the second word for love. It refers to family love, the kind of love there is between a parent and child, or between family members in general.

iii. *Philia* is the third word for love. It speaks of a brotherly friendship and affection. It is the love of deep friendship and partnership. It might be described as the highest love of which man, without God's help, is capable of.

iv. *Agape* is the fourth word for love. It is a love that loves without changing. It is a self-giving love that gives without demanding or expecting repayment. It is love so great that it can be given to the unlovable or unappealing. It is love that loves even when it is rejected. *Agape* love gives and loves because it wants to; it does not demand or expect repayment from the love given. It gives because it loves; it does not love in order to receive. According to Alan Redpath, we get our English word *agony* from *agape*. "It means the actual absorption of our being in one great passion." (Redpath) Strictly speaking, *agape* can't be used to describe God's love because men are said to love (*agape*) sin and the world ([John 3:19](#) and [1 John 2:15](#)). But it can be defined as a sacrificial, giving, absorbing kind of love – which is VERY similar to the God-kind of love. The word has little to do with emotion; it has much to do with self-denial for the sake of another.

v. We can read this chapter and think that Paul is saying that if we are unfriendly, then our lives mean nothing. But *agape* isn't really friendliness; it is self-denial for the sake of another.

Why all this talk about love? Well, those of us who are Christians are commanded to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds and to love people. Masonry aims to promote friendship, morality and brotherly love among its members. And because Bob "the editor" hates when I exceed 500 words, we'll pick it up from here next month expanding on love, 1 Cor 13 and other connects between Christianity and Masonry.

Greg Treible, PM, Sr. Warden

Bruce Gavin

Junior Warden



Greetings from the South

April kicked off with Wor. Paul Cary receiving his Hiram Award. By request Wor. Tompkins and Scofield cooked up a delicious pasta and shrimp feast same as they do for the annual Crab Feed. Wor. Bill Boxell did the presentation honors as Master of Ceremonies and Master Doc Larson presided.

April also saw the passing of Virginia Kopchak, a longtime member of the Masonic community. Br. Ted Voudouris and his wife Suzi, Past Matron, gave her a Masonic future with her Eastern Star chapter giving their funeral service. After the funeral, she was remembered at a reception held in the Lodge dining room. Brother Masons and Eastern Star members pitched in to provide a wonderful setting and great food for all.

The April Stated Meeting dinner was a great selection of Rotisserie Chicken, a full salad bar and ice cream and cookies for dessert. Job's Daughters Honored Queen Erin Cahill, Junior Princess Kya Campbell, and the Jobie Moms served desserts and helped in the kitchen. Master Larson invited the DeMolay to give a presentation prior to the Stated Meeting.

Brother Derick McDaniels gave his Fellowcraft proficiency and the Officers are preparing to confer the sublime degree of Master Mason upon him in May. Brother Jesse Barba passed his Fellowcraft proficiency with high marks and received his Master Mason degree at the end of April. Brother Dennis Butts gave his Entered Apprentice proficiency and will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in May.

The pillar Officers attended the annual Master and Warden's Retreat. Master Larson attended in the Bay Area, and Officers Treible, Gavin and Jones attended in Lake Tahoe.

Past Master Scofield put together an excellent Rusty Trowel dinner with all the fixin's. This is normally outside on the patio with the fire pit, but due to inclement weather everyone stayed indoors this month.

All brothers are encourage to continue making donations to the Food Closet across the street from the Lodge. They are an active service in the community and provide a huge amount of groceries to the community.

Reminders are given for Breakfast At The Lodge every 4th Saturday of each month from 8 to 10am. This is the "best breakfast west of Reno" for a very modest \$5 donation. The Masonic Club dinner is the 4th Tuesday of every month, and rotates between several great places to dine. This is open to all who would like to join us. RSVPs are mandatory to ensure sufficient seating.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Jr. Warden

Tom Tompkins, PM Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard.

We are getting a new roof. All the paperwork has been sent to Grand Lodge for their approval. The accepted bid was \$ 59, 285.00 for the tear off and new 50-year composition shingle. There was a total of five bids submitted ranging from \$51K to \$ 91K. Hopefully, it will not take Grand Lodge too long to approve the project. The lodge has a special building account that has sufficient funds to cover the roof project. When the project gets started it will take about a week to complete. If you are at the lodge during this time, please be mindful of the equipment and materials that will be present.

Wor. Scofield installed our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the dining room area. Let's hope we never have to use it. Thank You Wor. Scofield.

The carpets have been cleaned and look great, thanks to our building manager, Brother Bob Jackson.

The dishwasher is working for now. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

The crack in the kitchen sink has been sealed and is holding. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Please keep up the great work donating to our food bank. They really appreciate all your efforts.

If any mason or their family need assistance, do not forget the Masonic Outreach Services (888) 466-3642 or masonicassistance@mhcuc.org.

Until next time.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

Tom Tompkins, PM

2024 HSJ Lodge Officers

- Steven “Doc” Larson Master
- Gregory L. Treible (Kyra)Senior Warden
- Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon) Junior Warden
- Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine)Treasurer
- L.R. “Bob” Jackson (Terri)Secretary
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- Steven M. Rankin (Rae)..... Junior Deacon
- Christopher L. Globis Marshal
- Carl Yeager (Delila)..... Senior Steward
- Cris E. Bryceson (Joy) Tiler
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It took us way too long to get this flag pole up and displaying who we are, but thanks to Wor. John Scofield he got it taken care.



Dinner starts at 6:30PM and stated meeting at 8PM, hope you all can make it on May 8th.



Burrito Bar

Full Salad bar.

Mexican ice cream for desert

Reservations must be in by Saturday 05/04

My Brothers & Sisters

May Stated Meeting Dinner, Please make your reservations online, by going to www.hardingsanjuan.com and hit the button to makr your reservations.

Secretary's Desk

We have a New Mailing address for any letters or correspondence you send to the San Juan Masonic Center or Harding San Juan Lodge #579 in the future it is: P.O. Box 594, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0594.

Bob Jackson, Secretary

May 2024 Birthdays

Bob	Leal	2
Willie	Seirer, Jr.	2
Kevin	Seirer	2
James	Duvaras, Jr.	3
Thomas	Wentz, PM	9
Creg	MacFarlane	9
Dennis	Redding	10
Scott	Raab	11
Christopher	Meadows	18
Gregory	Voetsch, Jr., PM	19
Merle	Hutton	21
Mark	Van Allen	22
Zack	Bolling	23
Donald	Leow	27
David	Schwartz	28
Edward	Vandiver, PM	30
Momo	Larmena, Jr.	30
Leo	Mc Clatchy	31

May 2024 Masonic Anniversaries

Rolf	Owre, PM	73
Clifton	Stauff	70
Wm. Martin	Haley	65
Richard	Lewis	56
Arthur	Hawkins	55
Murray	Cannedy	52
Wayne	Steving	48
Gary	Roberts	47
Larry	Lawrence	45
Gary	Kiddie, PM	39
William	Boxell, Jr., PM	38
Christopher	Globis	37
Loren	Schilder	31
Kevin	Kemper	22
Timothy	Scott	17
Larry	Severns	16
Leo	Mc Clatchy	16
Brian	Evers, PM	13
Brian	Cummins, PM	13
Mark	Van Allen	12
Joseph	Igbinadolor	11

HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1st Degree Pro. Dennis Butts & 3rd Degree Practice	2	3	4
5	6 6PM - Exec. Mtg. 7PM - 3rd Degree Dereck McDaniels	7	8 6:30PM - Stated Mtg. Dinner 8:00PM - Stated Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 7PM - 2nd Degree Practice	14	15 7pm - OSI	16	17	18
19	20 7PM 2nd Degree Dennis Butts	21	22 6pm - HSJ Degree Practice	23	24	25 8AM Lodge - Breakfast
26	27 7PM HSJ Practice	28	29 6pm - HSJ Degree 7pm - Cigars & beverages	30	31	

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

Brother Wayne Thayer Spratt

We lost Bro. Spratt on April 17, 2024.
He was raised to EA March 24, 1976
FC May 17, 1976
Master Mason June 23, 1976