



# Masonic News

Harding San Juan Lodge Trestleboard

# APRIL

Robert Henning

Master



Brethren and Ladies,

March was a “very busy month”. We celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day with a wonderful Corned Beef Cabbage dinner prepared by our Senior Warden Rich Duffy and his wife Diane. Our dinners are prepared by our brethren and wives until we can find a suitable caterer in the future. Any brothers willing to prepare a meal please contact me and we will plan to get this going for our meals.

Roll Call shortly followed with 23 brothers being passed to our Celestial Lodge above in the years of Covid-19.

April, we have a Rusty Trowel on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, this event is an opportunity to reunite with our brethren who have not participated for some time in our lodge.

The 13<sup>th</sup> is our Stated Meeting dinner prepared by myself and my wife Pat. At this meeting we will be voting on several to our fraternity, your attendance will be much appreciated at this event if you can make it and, also it is our annual inspectors visit, so be prepared brethren.

Officers School of Instruction will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the Lodge breakfast will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Fraternally,

*Robert Henning*, WM

# Richard Duffy

Senior Warden



What is Freemasonry?

How many times have you been asked this and wished you had a readily available answer. Something simple and easy to remember that encompasses all the great things we do and have to offer. Growing up in a Masonic family and having been a DeMolay, I had some idea of Freemasonry, but whenever I asked my dad, his go to response was, “We are not a secret organization, but an organization with secrets.” He must have gone to the same school as my old boss who used to say, “You don’t know what you don’t know.”

So, what do you say? Do you use the Grand Lodge Motto; Masonry “takes good men and makes them better”. Ok, how? Why is it that we Masons feel we have to talk in riddles? Why not just say what is in your heart? Talk about what Masonry means to you. Create an elevator speech and have it always at the ready when you are asked the question.

When thinking about how you may answer the question, consider you may have less than a minute to capture their attention. That’s why they call it an elevator speech. Be prepared! Sure that is a Boy Scout motto, but scouting is not much different than DeMolay or Freemasonry. Aren’t they all fraternal groups or organizations to “help better the man” and also help others through charity and service to the community?

Some other things to think about when preparing your elevator speech: “Who are we?” “Why am I a Mason?” “How does Freemasonry benefit society or others?”

Don’t feel you have to convince someone to be a Mason; we want them to want to be a Freemason. Be the example. Tell them your story of why you became a Mason, why you continue to be a Mason and how it changed or made you a better man.

Lastly, don’t end your elevator speech with asking them if they want to join or if they want an application, but keep them interested in learning more. Ask if they are interested in getting more information about Masonry. Keep it open ended. What have they heard? What are they looking for? Maybe have them come to the lodge and talk with others to find out their story. Come see Masons in action at a dinner or breakfast. Walk through a lodge room and feel the atmosphere as you tell them your personal journey through Freemasonry.

What is your elevator speech?

Fraternally,

*Rich Duffy*, Senior Warden

## Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard,

Things have been quiet so far this year around our lodge. We are currently waiting for a water bottle filler that would fit over our existing water fountain. That way you can fill your own water bottles with cold, filtered water.

Your Hallboard is looking at getting some cameras and commercial lighting installed around the lodge building and in the (2) parking lots. Hopefully, this will help with any unwanted visitors from hanging around our premises. Along with the cameras and lighting we are checking into changing our entry door lock to a keyed system where each organization has their own access code and key. There will be a keypad by the front door and the rear kitchen door. More information to come. Stay tuned.



Our March stated meeting dinner was excellent, our Senior Warden, Rich Duffy and his lovely wife Diane fixed a wonderful meal in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Judy Hastings also baked fresh soda bread for the dinner. Great job and thank you.

We have made several deliveries to the food bank. Thank you to all who have made contributions of peanut butter, dry cereal, canned goods, paper and plastic shopping bags and egg cartons. Someone also dropped off some grapefruit. We also received a couple of monetary donations. With the prices of food and fuel, folks living on a fixed income or from paycheck to paycheck need extra help. Please keep the donations coming.

Until next time,

Fraternally,

*Tom Tompkins, PM*

HSJ Hall Board President

**SUNSHINE**

My Brothers and sisters we have 2 of our members are down , Brother Eldon Vipond Is home in hospice care with lung cancer and Brother Ross Van Arkel fell and is also recovering at home.

Your thoughts and prayer are very much needed for them and their family during these tough time.



### **April Birthdays**

Shane Larson  
 Bob Jackson  
 Wayne Bercier  
 Morgan Zumaeta  
 Timothy Loree  
 Cris Bryceson  
 Brett Eutsler  
 Paul Di Loreto  
 Ora Harman, PM  
 James D. Jackson  
 Lloyd Phillips, Jr.  
 Robert Scott  
 Richard Heins, PM  
 Russell Holland  
 Larry Carnes  
 Gary Darrow  
 Blaine Nickens  
 Thomas Tapp, PM  
 Tom Tompkins, III, PM

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### **April Masonic Anniversaries**

Darrell Redding 66 Years  
 Roy Dutter 63 Years  
 Richard Hile 60Years  
 Richard Ware, PM 57 Years  
 Ora Harman, PM 51 years  
 Robert Kerr 46 Years  
 Wayne Bercier 41 Years  
 James Duvaras, Jr. 39 Years  
 Merle Hutton 39 Years  
 Jay Hyde 37 Years  
 Eugene Hoover 34 Years  
 Blaine Nickens 31 Years  
 Michael Spears 26 Years  
 Jess Shrum, Jr., PM 21 Years  
 William Dreher 21 Years  
 Thomas Martin 20 Years  
 Aaron Crosby 14 Years  
 Don McCracken, Jr. 13 Years  
 Drew Shepherd 6 Years  
 David Bushman 4 Years  
 Raj Pillay 4 Years  
 David Mark 3 Years



**Brethren,**  
**Our dues for 2022 are \$135.00. Check your dues receipt. It should say: "Paid through December 31, 2022". If not: They are due now and delinquent after January 1, 2022. You can pay by snail mail directly to the lodge address or pay online at [www.hardingsanjuan.com](http://www.hardingsanjuan.com).**

**Fraternally,**

**Bob Jackson, Secretary**

**2022 HSJ Lodge Officers**

Robert D. Henning (Pat) ..... Master  
Richard L. Duffy (Diane).....Senior Warden  
OPEN..... Junior Warden  
Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine) .....Treasurer  
L. R. “Bob” Jackson (Terri) .....Secretary  
Richard E. Lewis (Violet) .....Chaplain  
Greg Treible, PM (Kyra).....Senior Deacon  
Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon) ..... Junior Deacon  
Christopher L. Globis ..... Marshal  
OPEN..... Senior Steward  
Thomas L. Pryor, PM ..... Junior Steward  
OPEN..... Tiler  
Tom Tompkins, PM (Lynn) ..... Head Candidates Coach  
Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela) .....Officers Coach

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# FOOD LOCKER

Remember to drop off your food donations at the Sunrise Food Ministry at 5901 San Juan Ave, across the street and they can also use empty egg cartons and paper bags.



Master Henning & wife Pat will prepare Dinner  
of  
Spinach Salad & Dinner Rolls  
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Loaded Baked Potatoes,  
Green Beans with Bacon & desert.

My Brothers & Sisters

It is absolutely necessary that you make reservations with Rich Duffy, 973-214-8599, if you don't have one you will not be eating dinner with us & we only get enough for the reservations called in.

# HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

## April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10: 00 Jobs Mtg.
3	4 6 PM Executive Mtg. 7:00 PM 2nd Practice	5 6:00 PM Ila Neb Stated Mtg.	6 8:00 PM 2 Degree	7 7:00 PM OES	8	9
10	11 6 PM Rusty Trowel 7:00 PM 1st Degree	12 7 PM Sons of Nor- way	13 6:30 PM Stated Diner 8 PM Stated Mtg.	14 6/7:30 OES Diner/ Mtg	15	16 7:00 PM Jobs Mtg.
17	18 7:00 PM 1st Degree	19 1 PM #830 Stated Mtg.	20 7 PM OSI	21 6 PM - OES Dinner 7:30 PM OES Mtg.	22	23 - 8:00 AM Lodge Breakfast
24	25 7:00 PM HSJ Practice	26	27	28 :	29	30

