



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.

April



Richard Duffy

Master

Brethren and Ladies,

Happy Easter to those that celebrate! It's hard to believe that we are now 4 months into 2023! The lodge has been active and it is great to see so many brothers and their families coming out to all the events. The March stated meeting dinner was well attended with a full dining room and over 60 people for dinner. The Harding San Juan Lodge Open House was well attended and we even had 2 Citrus Heights Councilmembers and a representative from Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost's office. We have a few potential prospects from the Open House, so overall it was a great success.

There are three great social events coming up in April and another in May that I want to highlight. First, please come out to our April Stated Meeting Dinner and stay for the Open Program and Stated Meeting. April is the lodge recognition of Public Schools Month. In the past we have given a few scholarships or cash prizes to students for writing essays. This year we plan to discuss a more robust scholarship program in the works. The details may still need to be ironed out, but we are hoping to have an annual scholarship program of significant value to one or a few college or vocational students in the local school district. Come to the dinner and stay for the meeting to hear more. Also, Diane has been having a great time with the ladies program while we have our stated meeting, so be sure to bring your wife or significant other.

The next big event on April 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm will be the 2023 Harding San Juan Lodge Hiram Award dinner and presentation. This year's recipient is Brother Tim Scott. Please come out for a dinner of low country boil and key lime pie for dessert. Look for further details in separate email/phone notifications.

The third big event on April 30th will be a Wine Education and Tasting. Donal Smith will be the wine educator. He is a professor at UC Davis and teaches about all things wine. The focus of this event will be history and lineage of Cabernet Sauvignon from California with a sampling of 5 wines selected by Donal between \$25-\$30 a bottle. There is a cost for this event and further details can be found in separate email/phone notifications.

On May 13th we will be doing a tour of the Masonic Homes in Union City and will be performing a Third Degree in the outdoor lodge. Buses/vans or rides are being arranged. If you and your spouse would like to attend the tour, please look for further details in an upcoming email/phone notification.

Lastly, we are directing everyone to go to the Harding San Juan Lodge website for updated information of events (see the lodge calendar) and for RSVP of all events. This helps us keep better records of who will be attending and how many. This is especially important when buying and serving food, so we need an accurate head count and there will be strict cut off dates as we anticipate "sold out events".

Two other events a few months out but are quickly approaching will be a Strawberry Festival with yard sale on June 10th and our 100 year celebration on July 8th. If you have anything that is in good shape and can be donated for the yard sale, hold on to it until June. We will have a drop off event and if you need assistance, we can arrange to have someone pick up the items from you.

Fraternally,

Steve "Doc" Larson

Senior Warden



Brethren and Ladies

It is St. Patrick's Day and I apologize for the tardiness of this article. Maewyn Succat, aka St. Patrick, was the second Bishop of Ireland. He had been enslaved as a youth and converted from Paganism to Christianity. He escaped to the mainland of Europe and sought refuge at Mar Moutier Abbey, a French Monastery. His calling was to convert non-believers to Christianity, and he returned to Ireland. He is given credit for chasing the snakes from Ireland, but as there were no snakes in Ireland, this is more of a metaphor or story. What he did, figuratively speaking, chase from Ireland were the Pagan Druids. These were the "serpents" from which his tale is told. He died in 461 A.D. and was never canonized by the Catholic Church, but became recognized as a saint. St. Patrick's Day was never really a big deal in Ireland prior to the late 18th Century, nor was it recognized in North America until around 1737 when the churches in Boston began to recognize the day.

About 20 years later, during the French and Indian war, a young Masonic Colonel saw the moral of his troops was very low, and many of his troops were of Irish descent. It was March, and to boost morale, he gave the troops a holiday on St. Patrick's Day.

Several years later that same officer, now a General, had a similar problem and the winter of 1779-80 had been brutally cold and morale was low after devastating losses. That General, George Washington, saw the opportunity to celebrate St. Patrick's Day to boost morale and it was the first day of rest for the troops in over two years. They celebrated with a "hogshead of rum", now we drink green beer. Washington is credited with establishing the first instances of a secular celebration of St. Patrick's Day which has grown to be a major event today.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Yours in the Bond of Brotherhood

Steve "Doc" Larson, PM

Senior Warden

Something many of you may not know, we have a daylight lodge that meets right here in this lodge. I know many of you can't travel at night or just don't think it is safe and this could be a solution to this problem and get you out of the house to enjoy some fellowship with other Masons that also miss the lodge experience.

Bicentennial Daylight Lodge #830 is your answer to this, headed up by Worshipful Gary Darrow and Secretary David Hugh, PM. They get together every Tuesday at 9AM for coffee & donuts followed by practice and on the 3rd Tuesday they have lunch (Pot Luck) with your partner/wife before the stated meeting at 12 noon.

Gregory Treible

Junior Warden



My Brothers,

Brothers, I'm shamelessly borrowing a letter I read entitled "What is Special About My Lodge?" by RWBr. Teddy Goldstein of "La Fraternidad No. 62 Lodge," Tel Aviv, Israel for this month's Junior Warden Trestle Board article. As you read, ask yourself, "what is special about Harding-San Juan Lodge No. 579?"

"My Mother Lodge, the first Spanish speaking Lodge in Israel, has reached a very special and peculiar status that in these few lines I will try to describe.

To say that the promedia of assisting brethren to every meeting is over 75%, is very positive but, its not the most important factor that I want to point out and, please, do not forget to consider that we work every Thursday of the year besides the months of August and September that we are on vacation. There are other interesting factors that make my Lodge very special.

To mention that in every Lodge meeting the Ceremony and Protocol is strictly observed to the delight of all present brethren; that the speeches and conferences delivered by our brethren is each one better and more interesting than the other, demonstrating how much research work is invested by them; that the mutual respect, harmony and fraternity that is felt among all brethren of the Lodge, are only factual testimonies of circumstantial evidence.

In its almost 25 years of existence, my Mother Lodge has had success to elevate, to incomparable levels, the fraternity and love among its members, and more important, among and with our wives. In reality, in many Lodges, the relation between the brother and his own wife is many times negatively affected because, the man, leaves her home in order to assist to a Lodge meeting or activity, sometimes once a month, in other cases twice a month and in our case, the situation is apparently exaggerated as we meet every Thursday. There are some Lodges that the ladies don't even know each other.

It's already many years that our ladies, without a formal Masonic compromise and not pretending to become any organized Masonic feminine group, meet periodically and permanently to listen to conferences and expositions on issues of their interest, including Masonic themes, or other activities, coinciding these meetings on Thursdays with ours. It has become a tradition that the Reigning Master's wife presides the ladies' activities and everybody refers to her, in a fraternal and loving way, as the "Mother Superior", expression that was adopted spontaneously and empirically and that became inspiration to an excellent theatrical parody put on stage by our ladies representing our Lodge as a Convent where the nuns, compared to the brethren, are presided by the "Mother Superior", compared to the Reigning Master.

This situation of true fraternity, directly and indirectly fortifies the union among the brethren and their families, that comes to a practical and pragmatic manifest, with the opening of our respective homes promoting the virtue of masonic hospitality to such a degree that, besides the Thursdays that we meet the brethren in Lodge or at the White Table, tours, picnics and fraternal week ends together with our ladies and families, we also meet on Fridays at our homes to practice Masonry also "Out Side the Temple Walls". Some Fridays the brethren are invited and distributed in three homes simultaneously and we worry to specially invite the just initiated brethren and their ladies in order to facilitate their integration to our Masonic Family. All this is done voluntarily, no obligation and with a reciprocity expectation.

To the author of these lines is clear that, this peculiar integrated form of fraternity, is what characterizes primarily my Mother Lodge that, with this system, without making any transgression to Masonic law or principals of our Fraternity, has found a way and a perfect solution to the integration of the brethren and the ladies constituting a real great Masonic family that vibrates with the clear and happiness of its members and cries and sorrows with any pain and tragedy they have.

And with that, I'd like to compliment Worshipful Rich and Lady Diane for their leadership-by-example this year in strengthening bridges with the ladies of our lodge and building new ones with community outreach.

Until next month, my brothers...

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Greg Treible, PM, JW

Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your [Hallboard](#)

Spring has sprung and the rain is still here.

Your Hallboard had our meeting the other evening via zoom and many items were cussed and discussed. Hopefully, we will have these installed in the near future, we will have some cameras, and parking lot lights purchased and arrangements made to get this equipment installed. We have had a couple of cars broken into and items stolen out of those cars. Hopefully, the cameras and new lights will act as a deterrent. However, don't leave anything in your car that might tempt a thief to break in.



We still have a couple of homeless that think our breezeway is a great place to settle in for the evening.

These unwanted folks are getting increasingly bolder and more intrusive, this is not good. We have ladies and young girls who meet at our facility and their safety and wellbeing are of great concern. Our building manager, Brother Bob Jackson, is in the process of getting quotes on enclosing the entry breezeway and having an entry gate installed. Be on the lookout for this project.

Our facility will have a new tenant in April, Amaranth, a Masonic organization, will be joining our list of quality tenants. Welcome to Harding San Juan Amaranth.

Our Worshipful Master, Rich Duffy, and his Lady, Diane, put on a wonderful open house March 11th. Lots of great food was had along with awesome fellowship. Thank you both for your hard work in helping to get our lodge and Masonry recognized in Citrus Heights.

Your officers are practicing two times per week to insure they put on quality degrees for our new candidates and advancing brothers. Please come out to these degrees and be a sideliner. You will undoubtedly be very pleased with what you see from your officers.

The food bank continues to serve more than 100 families per day, 5 days a week. Your donations of empty egg cartons, paper and plastic shopping bags, dry cereal and peanut butter are in great need for the less fortunate in our community. They also welcome monetary donations as well. Please keep remembering our food bank. Thank you.

Until next time

Be safe and stay well.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

Tom Tompkins, PM

SUNSHINE REPORT

Our Inspector John Knox is trying to get out more, his daughters have been taking him to a few breakfasts within his District. James Jackson is doing well in the rehabilitation facility and should be home soon. Ora Harman is doing so well his has been coming to our Breakfast club.

2023 HSJ Lodge Officers

Richard L. Duffy (Diane)	Master
Steven “Doc” Larson	Senior Warden
Gregory L. Treible (Kyra)	Junior Warden
Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine)	Treasurer
L.R. “Bob” Jackson (Terri)	Secretary
Richard E. Lewis (Violet)	Chaplain
Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon)	Senior Deacon
Douglas F. Jones (Heather).....	Junior Deacon
Christopher L. Globis	Marshal
Steven M. Rankin (Rae).....	Senior Steward
Thomas L. Pryor, PM	Junior Steward
Cris E. Bryceson (Joy)	Tiler
Tom Tompkins, III, PM (Lynn)	Head Candidates Coach
Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela)	Officers Coach

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HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10AM Jobs
2 2PM - OES Drill Team	3 6PM - Executive Mtg. 7PM - Officers Practice	4 10AM - #830 .Practice 6PM - ILA Neb	5 6PM HSJ Practice	6 8:30AM Coffee Zoom 7:30PM OES Mtg.	7 9 AM Leisure Hour	8
9	10 7PM Officers Practice	11 1PM - #830 .Practice	12 :30 PM HSJ Dinner 8 PM HSJ State Mtg	13 8:30AM Coffee Zoom	14 9 AM Leisure Hour ILA Neb Practice	15 12PM - Ameranth 7PM - JOBS
16	17 7PM Officers Practice	18 1PM - #830 .Stated Mtg.	19 7PM OSI	20 8:30AM Coffee Zoom 6/7:30PM - OES Dinner/Mtg.	21 9 AM Leisure Hour	22 8AM Lodge-Breakfast Tim Scott Hiram Award
23	24 7 PM Officers Practice	25 10AM ILA Neb Sew 10AM - #830 .Practice	26 6PM HSJ Practice	27	28	29
30 1:00PM Wine Class						



Brethren,
 Our dues for 2023 are \$140.00. Check your dues card, it should say: "Paid through December 31, 2023". If not: They are due now and delinquent after January 1, 2023. You can pay by snail mail directly to the lodge address or pay online a www.hardingsanjuan.com.
 Bob Jackson, Secretary

FOOD LOCKER

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



HARDING SAN JUAN NO. 579
STATED MEETING DINNER



BBQed Ribs and all the fixins

My Brothers & Sisters

April Stated Meeting Dinner, Please make your reservations with the Junior Warden, by going to www.hardingsanjuan.com and hit the button to make your reservations.

After dinner there will be a open program and before the tiled meeting, more details to follow.



NEED A HAND? Give Us a Call

We're starting a lodge handyman team to help our elder fraternal family! If you need assistance with small home repairs or yard cleanup, contact Rich Duffy, Master at (973) 214-8599 or rduffy753@comcast.net to be considered. As a reminder: If you're a Mason or a Masonic spouse or widow, you're eligible for a range of support services from Masonic Outreach Services. Call (888) 466-3642 for information.

2023 Masonic Services Available		
Name	Phone Number	Skill/Service
Rich Duffy	973-214-8599	smoke detectors, batteries
Paul Cary	916-224-9711	Tech/cable/Wifi
Derek McDaniels	415-319-3424	general yard work, pressure wash, rides
Tom Tompkins	916-961-3670	yard work, sprinkler and drip systems
Bruce Gavin	916-988-7551	Tech/cable/Wifi
Robert Henning	916-276-7521	yard work, nursing
Gregory Treible	406-231-2332	moving furniture, lifting heavy stuff
Scott Morrison Jr	916-752-8541	assistance
Joy Bryceson	916-996-5829	driving, store run, Dr. appt
Judi Stiles	916-834-2819	phone tree, computer
Diane Duffy	908-246-2598	downsizing, professional organizer