



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

Steve “Doc” Larson

Master



Sorry, the Master
didn't submit a
article this month.

Fraternally,

Steve “Doc” Larson, WM

Greg Treible

Senior Warden



Brothers, for the last couple of months, we've been reviewing the relationship between Freemasonry and the American Civil War. Before that, we looked at the connections between Masonry and the American Revolution. Now, I'd like to steer us into an exploration of the Craft and faith. Faith, specifically Christianity, is vital to my life and primarily WHY I joined Masonry. My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did not come to be served, but to serve... (Mat 20:28, Mar 10:45). When asked by the Pharisees to identify the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself" Matt 22:36, 37 and 39). I strive to be like Him, and thus Masonry gives me a platform to demonstrate love for others through acts of service.

Freemasonry isn't a religion and is not a substitute for it. It also doesn't prescribe any particular religious belief. It only requires that a man believe in a Supreme Being in order that the obligations he makes during his degrees are binding. While in California and most Masonic Lodges the Holy Bible is considered the first of the three great lights of Masonry. In other jurisdictions it is considered the "Volume of Sacred Law." If a non-Christian man were to be initiated, we would place his religion's Volume of Sacred Law next to the Bible out of respect. So, over the next several months, I'd like to look at Masonic connections to the major faiths beginning with Christianity.

The connections between Freemasonry and the Bible are intricate and multifaceted, as Freemasonry draws inspiration from various religious and philosophical traditions, including Christianity. Here are some key connections between Freemasonry and the Bible:

1. **Biblical References:** Freemasonry incorporates numerous references to biblical stories, figures, and symbols into its rituals and ceremonies. For example, the building of Solomon's Temple is a central theme, symbolizing the pursuit of wisdom, knowledge, and spiritual enlightenment.
2. **The Volume of Sacred Law (VSL):** As mentioned earlier, Freemasonry requires its members to take oaths on a book considered sacred to them, which could be the Bible for Christian Freemasons. The Bible is often referred to as the "Volume of Sacred Law" (VSL), emphasizing its importance as a source of moral and spiritual guidance within Freemasonry.
3. **Moral and Ethical Teachings:** Freemasonry promotes moral and ethical teachings that are often aligned with the principles espoused in the Bible, such as brotherly love, charity, truth, and the pursuit of virtue. Many Masonic rituals and ceremonies incorporate biblical passages to illustrate these moral lessons.
4. **Symbolism:** The Bible is rich in symbolism, and Freemasonry likewise utilizes symbols to convey its teachings. Symbols such as the square, compass, trowel, and the letter "G" are commonly found in both Masonic and biblical contexts, representing concepts like morality, duty, and divine guidance.
5. **Influence of Christian Morality:** As indicated earlier, while Freemasonry is open to individuals of all religious backgrounds, many of its members have been Christians, and Christian morality has undoubtedly influenced Masonic teachings and rituals. This influence can be seen in the emphasis on virtues such as faith, hope, and charity, which are central to Christian ethics.
6. **Ceremonies and Rituals:** Freemasonry incorporates ceremonial elements that may echo biblical narratives or symbolism. For instance, the initiation ritual often involves symbolic journeys and moral instruction, similar to the moral lessons conveyed through biblical stories.
7. **Philosophical Connections:** Some Masonic teachings and symbols have parallels with biblical themes and philosophical concepts found in Christian theology. Concepts such as the search for light, the importance of self-improvement, and the idea of spiritual enlightenment resonate with biblical ideas of seeking truth and salvation.

It's important to recognize that interpretations of the connections between Freemasonry and the Bible may vary among different Masonic jurisdictions and individual Masons. While Freemasonry draws inspiration from biblical teachings and symbolism, it also incorporates elements from other religious traditions and philosophical sources, reflecting its inclusive and ecumenical nature. Next month, we'll dive deeper into Masonry's connection to Christianity.

Greg Treible, PM, Sr. Warden

Bruce Gavin

Junior Warden



Greetings from the South

March was a busy month for activities in the Lodge. The officers of Rio Linda Lodge brought their new candidate, Mr. Edwin Caban, to Harding San Juan for his Entered Apprentice initiation. Many side liners attended this degree and the refreshments served afterwards. Our Brother Arnold Natano previously completed his Fellowcraft proficiency and was later raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brothers Natano, Maglalang, Past Master Cadorna, and their ladies provided a royal feast for refreshments after the degree. Worshipful Master Larson provided several huge pizzas in addition to all the cake, cookies, ice cream, Lumpia and other exotic treats enjoyed by all. Our newly raised Brother Natano was presented with the 3rd and a Half Degree by Past Master Bill Boxell. The March Stated Meeting was special both for the Roll Call of our brethren who have passed, and for the wonderful Saint Patrick's Day feast of an American traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner provided by Past Master Rich Duffy and his wife Diane. This was cooked at home then transported to the Lodge in foil covered restaurant pans and kept warm in the ovens.

Worshipful Larson added his Colcannon and Irish Stew to this fine dinner. Diane also arranged a delicious and fund raiser Dessert competition where the Masonic wives created desserts for diners to sample and vote on. Each vote was a \$1 ticket to be cast for the categories of Presentation, Authenticity and Taste. Diane Duffy won Presentation with her two-layer carrot cake; Sharon Boxell won Authenticity with her apple cake and Pat Henning won Taste with shortbread lemon bars. This fund raising activity was originally intended to provide name badges for the Masonic wives. However, in the following Stated Meeting, it was moved and seconded that the Lodge fund these badges, and for the dessert proceeds be kept with the Wives group for their future projects. Cheryl Lutz provided two well-received door prizes, one for the gents the other for the ladies. The Scottish Rite Degree Team consists of many members of Harding San Juan Lodge. Brothers Allmuth, Boxell, Gavin, Larson, Robertson and Tompkins traveled to Lodi Lodge #256 to confer the 3rd Degree. They opened Lodge, conferred the Degree and closed lodge with refreshments following. Past Masters Allmuth and Larson gave the Lecture, and Past Master Richard Orville Wright delivered an exceptional Charge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Jr. Warden

Tom Tompkins, PM Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard.

Worshipful John Scofield needs volunteers to help spread topsoil on our front lawn in preparation for our annual Strawberry Festival in May. There are many holes that need leveling, so visitors do not trip and fall. He has scheduled this for Sunday April 7th. Please contact Wor. Scofield @ (916) 997-2119 text/voice or jsco@winfirst.com. Your help is much appreciated. Also, if you see something broken or not working let us know.



Next time you are at our lodge, check out the plants that Worshipful Scofield has planted near the back patio. We will finally have some colorful flowers around our facility. Thank you, Worshipful Scofield.

We are currently getting some information on our roofing project as well as the resurfacing of our parking lot. We will keep you posted as the information is received.

Our dishwasher has decided to start acting up again, it is getting some age on it, and it has been worked hard. Hopefully, it can be fixed again and get us through a few more months. We shall see.

Please remember, this is our lodge. It is up to all of us to keep our facility clean and properly maintained. The lodge gets plenty of hard use, and it has served us well. It is a great investment that we all can be very proud of.

Thank you all for your continued support of the food bank. They need paper and plastic shopping bags, empty egg cartons, peanut butter, dry cereal, dry and canned soups, along with cash donations. If you choose to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to “**Sunrise Christian Food Ministry**”. Thank You again.

Until next time.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

Tom Tompkins, PM

2024 HSJ Lodge Officers

Steven “Doc” Larson	Master
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Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon)	Junior Warden
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Carl Yeager (Delila).....	Senior Steward
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Dinner starts at 6:30PM and stated meeting at 8PM, hope you all can make it on April 10th.



Rotisserie Chicken

Mashed potatoes and gravy

Green Beans, dinner rolls

Full salad bar

Cake and ice cream

Reservations must be in by Saturday 0 4/06

My Brothers & Sisters

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

Secretary's Desk

There is a great event planned for Paul Cary, PM to celebrate with him being awarded the Hiram Award on April 6, 2024 starting at 5pm social, dinner at 6pm and the award presentation at about 6:30pm. Please try and be there to help all of us join in this event.

April 2024 Birthdays

Bob	Jackson	4/5
Scott	Morrison, Sr., PM	4/5
Wayne	Bercier	4/6
Morgan	Zumaeta	4/7
Timothy	Loree	4/10
Cris	Bryceson	4/10
Brett	Eutsler	4/10
Steven	Loebach	4/11
Paul	Di Loreto	4/15
Ora	Harman, PM	4/17
James	Jackson	4/18
Richard	Heins, PM	4/21
George	Wales	4/23
Larry	Carnes	4/26
Gary	Darrow, PM	4/27
Blaine	Nickens	4/28
Robert	Crook	4/30
Thomas	Tapp, PM	4/30
Herbert	Tompkins, III, PM	4/30

April 2024 Masonic Anniversaries

Darrell	Redding	69
Richard	Ware, PM	59
Blaine	Nickens	33
Michael	Spears	28
Jess	Shrum, Jr., PM	25
Scott	Morrison, Sr., PM	14
Andrew	Sanchez	8
Gunaseundran	Pillay	6



HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

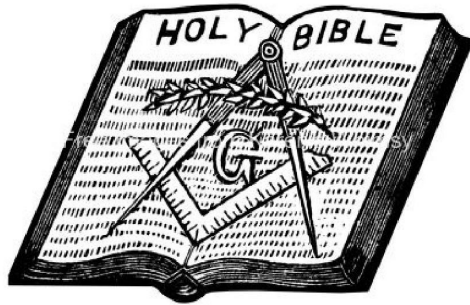
April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6PM - Exec. Mtg. 7PM - HSJ Degree Practice	2	3 5PM—Rusty Trowel 6PM Degree Practice	4	5	6 5PM – Paul Cary Hiram Social 6PM - Dinner
7	8 7PM - HSJ 2nd Degree Practice	9	10 6:30PM - Stated Mtg. Dinner 8:00PM - Stated Meeting	11 7:00PM - Hallboard On-Line	12	13
14	15 7PM - HSJ Degree Practice	16	17 7:00PM- OSI	18	19	20
21	22 7PM HSJ Practice	23	24 6PM Degree Practice 7:00PM Cigars & Drinks	25	26	27 8AM Lodge - Breakfast
28	29 7PM HSJ Practice	30			29	30



DIVINE LIGHT

The Craft's Sacred Ties to the Holy Writings



A Night for Master Masons

7 Course Meal

Theatrical Affair

Toasting and Fellowship

Where: Auburn Masonic Lodge

956-1/2 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA

When: June 1st at 6pm

Attire: Formal

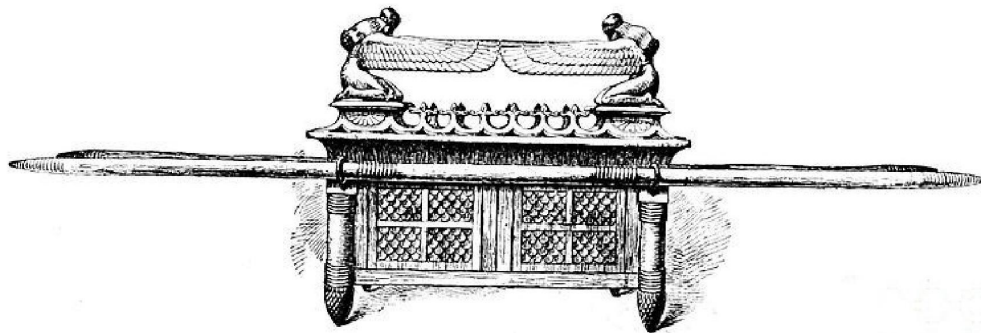
Ticket Price: \$80

Purchase Tickets Online Only at:

<https://www.simplertix.com/e/2024-auburn-masonic-festive-board-the-holy-tickets-156403>



Eureka Lodge #16 2024



For Questions Call Rick Hodkin (916) 580-4911

**Order of the Eastern Star
Natoma San Juan Chapter #233
Happenings**

Our 2024 year has started off with fun, themed meetings; including Comfy Slipper night, Black & White Formal night in January, and our Barbie Party in February, which was so much fun! Our March dinner, last meeting, was fabulous with Russ Meadows cooking his famous Corn Beef meal! Thank you all who attended and special thanks to Russ and his family kitchen crew! We have some more fun planned in the next few months, and non-Star members are always welcome to our dinners. You can call Brothers Bruce Gavin or Barry Pavan to RSVP.

Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 pm, is our Drill Team Party night which is an Open meeting for both Star and non-Star members. Please join us to watch our Drill Team perform, as they'll surprise us I'm sure. RSVP to Jana Wesche, 916-342-4151, to reserve your Drill Team Party Night light snacks

