



# April



Bruce Gavin  
*Master*



Greetings from the East

Masonic relief is one of the three core tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Relief is the moral duty to provide charity, comfort, and aid to distressed individuals, particularly fellow Masons, their families, and the community.

In addition to financial assistance, Relief encompasses emotional support, friendship, and practical assistance in times of misfortune.

In the First Degree we are taught that relieving the distressed is a duty incumbent on all Masons.

Relief is a duty to help anyone in need, particularly those facing unexpected hardships or misfortunes.

Charity is a component of this, but relief also includes giving time, counseling, and emotional support to "soothe the unhappy" and "restore peace to their troubled minds".

Relief is considered an integral part of a Freemason's duty to uphold the "one great family" of mankind, treating the distress of others as their own.

This is considered as one of the pillars of Masonic life, often termed as the "Column of Beauty" represented by the station of the Junior Warden.

The focus is often on supporting the deserving in the community and Masonic families, but also extends to the broader community at large.

This can be direct aid provided by a Mason to another, often referred to as "taking care of each other".

This can be financial aid to a brother or widow with expenses, but also with assisting in job skills training, or providing support after natural disasters.

It is not just about giving money, but providing a "helping hand" to help a person overcome challenges in their personal lives.

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The Harding San Juan lodge provides Relief for the community by being a strong supporter of the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry located in the Advent Lutheran Church across the street from our lodge. In 2025, the Ministry served just under 30,000 households and nearly 86,000 individuals. This includes some 1.8 million pounds of food items and 500,000 pounds of fresh produce and canned foods.

Fraternally,

*Bruce Gavin, Master*



Doug Jones  
Senior Warden



Greetings from the West

As April arrives, we are reminded that spring is a season of renewal. The earth awakens, days grow longer, and new life appears all around us. In many ways, this season reflects the spirit of Freemasonry itself—growth, renewal, and the continual building of something greater than ourselves.

Here in California, Freemasonry has deep roots that go back to the early days of the Gold Rush. In 1849, as prospectors flooded into the region seeking fortune and opportunity, Masons from across the country arrived as well. Despite the rough conditions of mining camps and rapidly growing towns, they recognized the importance of fraternity, morality, and mutual support. That same year, brethren gathered in Sacramento and other parts of the young state to establish lodges that would soon lead to the formation of the Grand Lodge of California.

These early Masons understood something important: while fortunes could come and go, the bonds of brotherhood and the principles of the Craft were lasting. They built not only communities but also a legacy of fellowship, charity, and personal improvement that continues today.

This spring, our Lodge is seeing a great deal of renewed energy and interest. Several prospective members have begun visiting, and their curiosity about Freemasonry is both encouraging and inspiring. It is always a positive sign when good men seek the light of Masonry.

The months ahead will likely be busy with degree work and Lodge activities as we continue to grow. With new prospects joining us and our brethren remaining active and engaged, the Lodge is well positioned for a strong and vibrant spring and summer. This renewed momentum reminds us that our Lodge continues to serve an important purpose—providing a place where men can come together in friendship, learn from one another, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that define our Craft.

As the Lodge continues to grow and thrive this season, let us remember the example set by the early Masons of California. They built their lodges not only as places of meeting, but as places of support, mentorship, and lasting friendship. The true strength of our fraternity has always been found in the men who gather within its walls.

As we welcome new faces and continue our work together, let us remain mindful of the principles that unite us. Freemasonry gives us the opportunity to improve ourselves, support our brethren, and leave the Lodge better for those who will come after us.

The future of our Lodge looks bright, and the energy we are seeing today reflects the same spirit of renewal that comes with the spring season.

Fraternally,

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Doug Jones**, Senior Warden



## John Scofield, P.M. Junior Warden



Greetings from the South, John Scofield, P.M.

March was busy. Congratulations to Mr. Greg Blankenbuehler on receiving his First Degree and joining the Fraternity.

Thanks to Worshipful Rich Duffy and Diane for a fantastic, corned beef and cabbage dinner at our March Stated Meeting. April's dinner will be provided by the Leisure Hour ladies with Brother Bill Foster, featuring meatloaf, mashed potatoes with mushroom gravy, and sides. Please make reservations by Saturday, April 4th, 5:00 PM.

Our Fellowship night at the end of March was a hit with pulled pork sliders, mac and cheese, and coleslaw. Stay tuned for more events.

Movie night featuring Raiders of the Lost Ark was a success - thanks to Worshipful Bruce and Sharon.

April will bring Candidate proficiency and Degrees; check your email for updates. Don't forget Lodge breakfast on April 25th.

That's it for now folks. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*John Scofield, P.M., Jr.* Warden

### **Please take the time to read this! this.**

Your 2026 dues is vital to sustaining our Lodge. Your contributions keep operations running smoothly, support youth groups that nurture future leaders, and help other lodges in need, such as those affected by disasters like the LA fires. Timely dues payments ensure our community thrives and allow us to extend support where it's most needed. Thank you to everyone who has already paid and continues to uphold our shared values.

*Bob Jackson*, Secretary

**John Scofield, P.M.  
Hallboard President**



Greeting from the Hallboard,

The San Juan Hallboard reports a quiet period at the Lodge with no new updates. March brought unexpectedly beautiful weather, and the garden is being planted with tomatoes, onions, peppers, potatoes, and garlic, promising fresh veggies in the kitchen this summer. You are encouraged to enjoy the blooming flowers, I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful flowers this year, it's all for you, so enjoy them. John Scofield, reminds everyone to report any issues for prompt resolution. Remember, if something isn't working right let me know, I'll get it taken care of.

Our Hallboard will have its quarterly meeting on April 9th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

*John Scofield*, PM

Hallboard President and "Resident Horticulturist"

Brethren,

**Ken Hickman Memorial Scholarship Program**

As many of you know, as part of our commitment to public education, Harding San Juan Lodge has implemented the Ken Hickman Memorial Scholarship Program designed to offer financial assistance to graduating high school seniors from both Rancho Cordova and San Juan School District high schools aspiring to higher education at either 2- or 4-year colleges as well as trade schools. This program was made possible through a sizable donation from Worshipful Hickman's family upon his passing. The money for these scholarships is the result of income generated by the investment of the principal amount of the Scholarship fund and the performance of those investments. We never dedicate all the income earned each year to scholarships, which allows us to continue to grow the principal amount of the fund and will provide significant assistance to students for many years to come. This year the Lodge has scholarships of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for deserving graduates. What some of you may not know is that these scholarships are also available to "Legacy" graduates. In short, this means that a graduating senior related to a Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge member is eligible for scholarship consideration regardless of where they are currently attending high school if they meet the scholastic requirements of our scholarship program. This is an outstanding program we can all be proud of. Let's not keep it a secret. If you know a graduate in the class of '26, please encourage them to apply.

Tom Awalt, P.M.

Scholarship Committee Chairman

**2026 HSJ Lodge Officers**

Bruce Gavin (Sharon) .....Master  
 Douglas W. Jones (Heather).....Senior Warden  
 John Scofield, P.M (Lady Bug).....Junior Warden  
 Edward E. Rose, P.M. (Elaine) .....Treasurer  
 Bob Jackson (Terri) .....Secretary  
 Paul W.A., P.M. Cary (Jaime) .....Assistant Secretary  
 Christopher Globis (Laura).....Chaplain  
 Mike Ramirez (Jordan) .....Senior Deacon  
 Mark Young ( Annette)..... Junior Deacon  
 Abtin Hassani (Parisa)..... Marshal  
 Stephen Rankin (Rae) ..... Senior Steward  
 Tom Angello, P.M. (Theresa).....Junior Steward  
 Cris Bryceson (Joy) ..... Tiler  
 Tom Tompkins, III, P.M. (Lynn) ..... Head Candidates Coach  
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*Trestle Board Editor, Bob Jackson*

## April 2026

### Birthdays

Bob	Jackson	5
Scott	Morrison, Sr., P.M.	5
Wayne	Bercier	6
Morgan	Zumaeta	7
Cris	Bryceson	10
Brett	Eutsler	10
Timothy	Loree	10
Steven	Loebach	11
Michael	Pulsipher	13
Paul	Di Loreto	15
Ora	Harman, P.M.	17
James	Jackson	18
Richard	Heins	21
George	Wales, Jr.	23
Larry	Carnes	26
Gary	Darrow, P.M.	27
Bill	Foster	27
Blaine	Nickens	28
Earl	Dayanghirang	29
Robert	Crook	30
Thomas	Tapp, P.M.	30
Herbert	Tompkins, III, P.M.	30

## April 2026

### Masonic Anniversaries

Darrell	Redding	71
Ora	Harman, P.M.	55
Robert	Kerr	50
Wayne	Bercier	45
Merle	Hutton	43
Jay	Hyde	41
Eugene	Hoover	38
Blaine	Nickens	35
Michael	Spears	30
William	Dreher	25
Aaron	Crosby	18
Don	McCracken, Jr.	17
Scott	Morrison, Sr., P.M.	16
Barry	Blum	15
Andrew	Sanchez	10
Gunasundran	Pillay	8
Douglas	Jones	4

**Congrats to Greg Blankenbeler on his 1st Degree, wish him well !!!**



# April 8th Stated Meeting Dinner



Meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, seasonal vegetables, Hawaiian rolls along with that great salad bar and desert of course.

**Please RSVP early so we have an accurate head count for food.**

[www.hardingsanjuan.com](http://www.hardingsanjuan.com)

**6:00 - Social**

**6:30 - Dinner**

**7:30 Open Program before the Meeting**

**Bring your family and friends to have dinner and socialize with us at the San Juan masonic Center in Citrus Heights.**

**We are located at 5944 San Juan Ave at Northlea Ave.  
ample parking available.**

**My Brothers and Sisters  
Reservations must be in by Saturday, April 4th, 5PM  
Please make your  
Reservations online by going to  
[www.hardingsanjuan.com](http://www.hardingsanjuan.com)  
and go to the Store button to make reservations.**

# BEST BREAKFAST WEST OF RENO!

Bring your family & friends to socialize & eat with us!



**Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge**  
5944 San Juan Ave at Northlea, Citrus Heights

4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8-10AM

**\$5 DONATION**

Indoor & Outdoor Seating (Weather Permitting)

## APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm - HSJ 2nd Degree	2 7:30pm - OES Meeting	3 9am - OSE Leisure 4pm - GDM Practice	4 9pm - Jobs 4pm - Henning Party
	5 9pm - Exec. Mtg. 4pm - HSJ Practice for Inspectors visit	6 10am - #830 Practice 6:30pm - ILA Neb	7 6:30pm - HSJ Dinner 8pm - HSJ Meeting	8	9 4pm - GDM Meeting	10 4pm - Amaranth Meeting
11 10am - 4pm Jobs - Bunko	12 7pm - HSJ 1st Degree	13 10am - #830 Practice 6:30pm - ILA Neb	14 7pm - OSI *Rio Linda	15 6pm - OES Dinner 7:30pm - OES Meeting	16 9am - OES Leisure Hour 4pm - GDM Meeting	17 6pm - Jobs
18 4pm - Country Line Dance	19 7pm - HSJ Practice	20 12pm - #830 Pot Luck 1pm - Stated Meeting	21 6pm - HSJ Degree Practice	22	23 9am - OES Leisure 4pm - GDM Conferal - Albert	24 8am - Lodge Breakfast 9am - Legion of Honor
25	26 7pm - HSJ Practice	27 9:30am - ILA Neb Sewing 12pm - #830 Practice	28 6pm - HSJ Degree Practice	29	30	

# FREEMASONRY AND THE

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

FREEMASONSANDTHEDECLARATION.COM

### TIME & LOCATION

AUG 8, 2026  
10 AM

Sacramento  
Scottish Rite  
Center

6151 H St,  
Sacramento,  
CA 95819

## JOIN US

Our speakers will be presenting their thoughtful insights into our country's history and how the Masons might have influenced the creation of the United States.

### OUR SPEAKERS

Ric  
Berman

John L.  
Cooper

Susan  
Summers

## BUY TICKETS



Early registration is \$42 and includes lunch with a grab bag and challenge coin!

