



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.

February

Steve "Doc" Larson

Master



Brethren and Ladies,

Our new year started off with a couple of bangs with the New Years Eve party going off with greater success than was planned and a wonderful black eyed peas feast on New Years Day. Still getting caught up on things and trying to get Lodge work done.

We have a few events coming up including a Third Degree on January 29th, please try to be there. Our Sweethearts Luncheon will be February 10, and looks to be a very nice event. We had a very successful Crab feed with many thanks to Wor. Tompkins and Wor. Duffy and all the help we had from the Job's Daughters and not to forget Tim Scott, great steaks.

We have a First-Degree Practice on the 31st followed by cigars and Fellowship about 7:30 so be sure to plan on being there, rain or not.

We all have much for which to be grateful, and especially our family of friends and Brothers as we go on into the year. February is a Sadie Hawkins month, hence, in the old-fashioned remembrance, encourage your wives or significant others to take you to dinner or dancing.

February 22 is the birthday of George Washington, who was Master of his Lodge when he became the first President under the new Constitution. It is now, also, known as Freemason's International Day or International Day of the Freemason, chosen in 1994 to honor our First President. In many parts of the world, the day is celebrated not only by Freemasons, but many of their countrymen. I was surprised to learn that Freemasonry is alive and well in Cuba, and the day is celebrated there.

February 11, 1988, President Reagan received a Certificate from the Grand Master of the District of Columbia and also was made a Scottish Rite Mason as well as a Shriner.

Lincoln was never a Freemason but had an incredible respect for the fraternity. One of his idols and associates was Henry Clay, a Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, 1820-21. I had read several years ago, that Lincoln did apply for membership, but decided against it as he was running for President and felt that joining his "motives might be misconstrued". I wish we could make him a Freemason posthumously.

Do not forget Valentine's day

Yours in the Bond of Brotherhood,

Fraternally,

Steve "Doc" Larson, WM

Greg Treible

Senior Warden



Brothers, we're exploring the relationship of Freemasonry and the American Civil War. Last month, we looked at how Masonry was strained along with most other institutions – family, friends, business associates, etc. But, spoiler alert, the Craft survived. This month, I'd like to point out an example of how we survived.

A SAVANNAH STORY

Found in the records of a lodge in Savannah, Georgia is a story of how, with war raging, Confederate soldiers helped a Union Brother complete a Masonic degree. According to an article from the Georgia Masonic Messenger, shortly after the start of the war, Union soldiers captured the beaches on Hilton Head. Before long, the northerners sent a message under the white flag: A Union soldier had passed through the Fellowcraft Degree before shipping out, and they wanted to see if a nearby lodge could test and raise him to a Master Mason.

Within days, a detail of Confederate cavalry escorted the Fellowcraft Mason and several Master Masons of the north safely through the Confederate Lines and over 30 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah and the local Masonic lodge. The records note that this Brother was proficient in the Fellowcraft Degree, and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. After the ritual was complete, the Confederate cavalry returned their Brothers to Hilton Head without incident.

Now if this doesn't tug at your heart a little, your heart is too hard, and you need Jesus. We'll pick up here next month with another story of a masonic memorial ceremony during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Until then, please take a few minutes to reflect on why you petitioned the lodge and wanted to become a Mason to begin with. I am about to reach out to a few fellas who haven't paid their dues. Regardless of the reason, I want to make sure Masonry and our Lodge is meeting their expectations. God has blessed us all with different talents and our diversity truly is our strength. Bruce G. is a formidable photographer and he and Sharon make exceptional chefs; Rich and Diane D. (also great in the kitchen) are amazing event planners and hosts! Jeff R. is a stellar officers' coach; Paul C. (also handy with a camera) makes a great website for the Lodge; Gary M., Dave A. and Bill B. are stellar elders; Dick works wonders with wood; Tom T., is terrific trustee; John S., busts his tail behind the scenes to maintain and improve our building; Bob J., works harder than the stipend we pay him and Doc L... well, at least we have a doctor in the house. I could go on and on, but the point is, I joined 'to learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry' (which are rather selfish reasons), and what I've gotten back is way more than I could ever have imagined. The friendships we've made and the things we do to build each other, and our community are priceless and certainly worth the cost of dues (per capita is another story). If you've ever thought about leaving Masonry or our Lodge, I'd ask you to reconsider. And if there is anything YOUR lodge can do for you, or ways that we can improve it, please contact me and let's talk!

Greg Treible, PM, Sr. Warden

Bruce Gavin

Junior Warden



Greetings from the South!

Last month's Chili Charcuterie at the Stated Meeting Dinner was a complete success. Kudos to Sharon Gavin for her family chili recipe that was so well received. A sure sign of customer satisfaction is how little chili was left in the serving trays and how the bowls came back empty when the tables were cleared. More kudos to the Jobie's and Jobie Moms for their help in the kitchen.

The full salad bar was a big hit with all. Everybody was pleased with the wide variety of condiments and dressings available for their individual selection. This was so well received that the full salad bar will be a regular feature of all Stated Meeting Dinners we put on.

For the February Stated Meeting Dinner, we will be serving Sharon's family recipe of handmade Meatballs, Sausage and Spaghetti, along with the full salad bar. Dessert will be ice cream with handmade Pizzelle cookies.

The end of January saw the return of the monthly Breakfast at the Lodge event after going dark for the Christmas holidays. This event occurs every fourth Saturday of each month from 8 to 10am. For a \$5 donation, this is the "Best Breakfast West of Reno."

The annual January Lodge Crab Feed was a big success. Ticket sales were limited to 200, yet both dining areas were full up. The 50/50, Silent Auction and crab sales were excellent fund raisers this year. Many thanks to the Brothers Scofield, Tompkins, Duffy, Scott, Loebach, Butts, Bryceson, Robertson, Boxell and all the others who put in the long hours to make this event a success.

The Sweethearts Luncheon is coming on February 10 to honor the wives of our brothers who have passed. The Officers of the lodge will be serving our Belles with a delicious lunch of chicken salad croissants, pasta salad, green dinner salad with dressings on the side, fruit cup and cake for dessert. A variety of appetizers and beverages will be served.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Jr. Warden

Tom Tompkins, PM Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard

I hope you all had a great time at our crab feed. Worshipful Duffy did a great job as our MC and supervising the festivities. There was plenty of great food and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



The solar lights have been installed on the light poles and we are waiting on the cameras which have been ordered.

The crack in the kitchen sink finally gave way and the sink failed just before the crab feed. Worshipful Scofield temporarily sealed the crack, and we are looking into options for replacing the sink.

The lodge mailbox was broken into, and the hall board decided to rent a P.O. Box at the Citrus Heights Post Office. So, from now on please use the new P.O. Box in Citrus Heights and not our physical address to send mail to the lodge. P.O. Box # 594, Citrus Heights, CA. 95621.

A special thanks to Worshipful Scofield for his work getting the patio ready for the crab feed. The floor was power washed and cleaned again after the crab feed.

Our carpets are going to be cleaned very soon.

Our building roof is getting some age on it so we are looking at getting several roof bids and also, see how much roof life we have left. This project will not be a cheap one and we may entertain solar panel on the roof as well. We will keep you posted on this project.

Thank you all for your continued support of the food bank. We have taken several nice loads across the street, and they are very happy with our efforts. Please keep up the great work.

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
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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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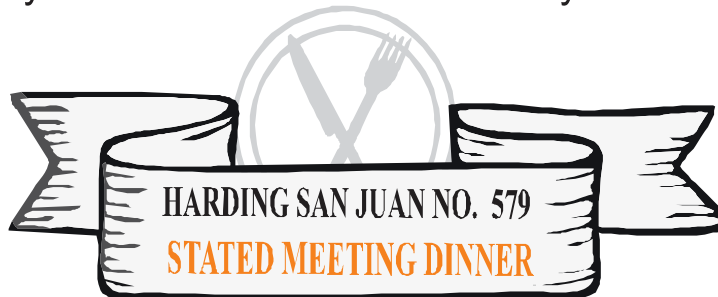
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Dinner starts at 6:30PM and stated meeting at 8PM, hope you all can made it on February 14th.



Spaghetti, Meatballs & Sausage

Sharon Gavin's family recipe with a full salad bar & garlic bread
Desert will be ice cream with handmade Pizzelle cookies.

Reservations must be in by Saturday 02/10.

My Brothers & Sisters

February Stated Meeting Dinner , Please make your reservations online , 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.

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

February 2024 Birthdays

Gerhard	Haynes	Feb. 1
Steven	Larson	Feb. 1
John	Gaskins	Feb. 1
Barry	Blum	Feb. 2
Ernest	Givens, PM	Feb. 2
Lloyd	Minor, PM	Feb. 5
Fairell	Young	Feb. 6
Kenneth	Robinson	Feb. 8
Bruce	Wildenradt	Feb. 10
Fanny	Allassane	Feb. 10
Joseph	Igbinadolor	Feb. 11
Peter	Durgen	Feb. 11
Larry	Severns	Feb. 13
Richard	Lewis	Feb. 16
Claire	Cook	Feb. 17
David	Allmuth, PM	Feb. 17
Chris	Chediak	Feb. 19
Brian	Evers, Jr., PM	Feb. 19
Michael	Nichols	Feb. 21
George	Vela	Feb. 23

February 2024 Masonic Anniversaries

Joe	Chastain	65
George	Dudley, Jr.	58
Dennis	Micheletti	58
Sean	Blasy	22
Damion	Provost	16
Paul	Cary, PM	14
Thomas	Pryor, Jr., PM	14
Joseph	Freitas	13
William	Brill, IV	11
Donald	Leow	5
Peter	Durgen	2
Bradley	Greer	1
Eric	Kathman	1

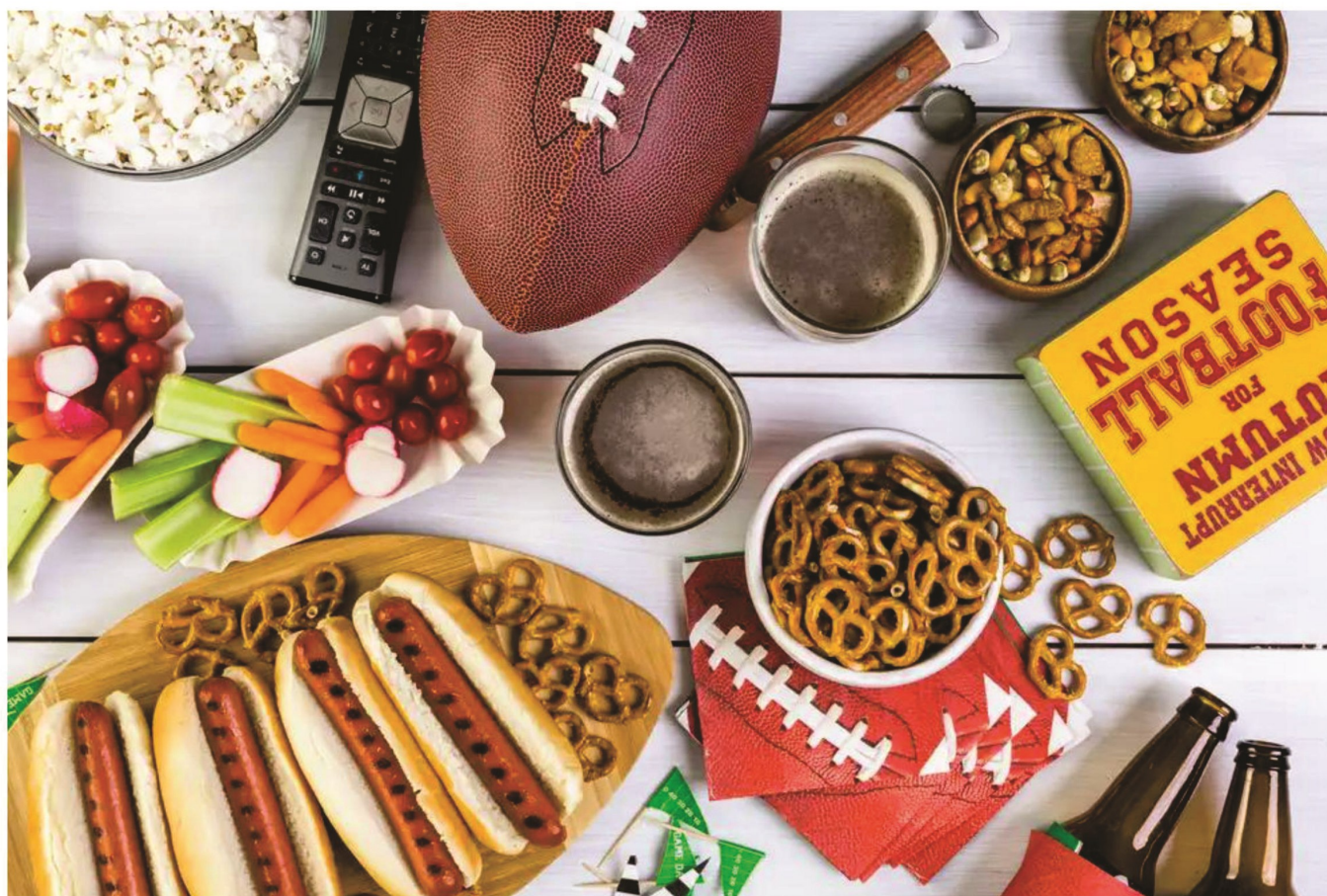
HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 6PM - Exec. Mtg. 7PM - HSJ 1st Degree	6	7 5:00PM Rusty Trowel 6PM 1st Degree Practice	8	9	10 12PM-Sweetheart's Luncheon
11	12 7PM—1st Degree for Earl Dayanghirang	13	14 6:30PM - Stated Mtg. Dinner 8:00PM - Stated Meeting	15	16	17
18	19 7PM HSJ 2nd Degree	20	21 6pm - 1st Degree for Rio Linda @ HSJ	22	23	24 8AM Lodge - Breakfast
25	26 7PM HSJ 1st Degree	27	28 6pm - HSJ 3rd Degree			

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.



*We would like to invite everyone to the
Harding San Juan Superbowl Watch Party*

Date & Time: Sunday February 11th, 2:30pm until 9pm.

This is a **FREE** event sponsored by **Ben Maglalang** and **Arnold Natano**. Chicken wings, pizza, nachos, Lumpia along with healthy choices will be served. Brothers are encouraged to bring chips or a side dish of your choosing as well as your favorite beverages.

Come on down to watch the game and spend time with all of us, we look forward to seeing you.

Please RSVP by Friday Feb 2nd so we know how much food to purchase.

[Doug.Jones25@gmail](mailto:Doug.Jones25@gmail.com) or Text 916-947-2375.

Harding San Juan 2024 Crab Feed



Are they having fun yet?.



Great deserts provided by our Jobs Daughters



Looks like the kids know how to have fun.



Are we having fun yet, we are just holding up the wall.



John & Dennis just getting warmer by the fire



Thanks Dad, I will pay U back some day.



Just buy one more group of tickets we need to meet our quota.



We love those shooters!



What a happy couple after Crab & Drinks



More Crab & Drinks please !!!

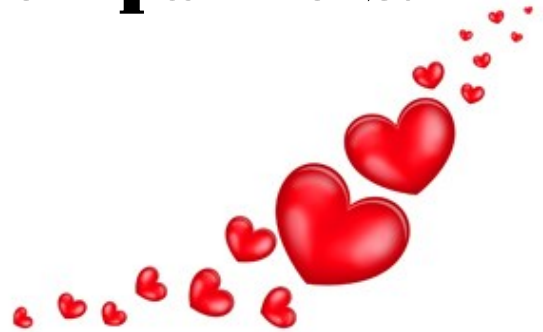


We had better feed this mob before it gets out of hand!



Serious business, take it outside

**This event is open to all Harding San
Juan members and their partners.**



Sweetheart Luncheon

\$15.00

San Juan Bells are Free

February 10, 2024

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Avenue

Citrus Heights, CA

12:00 Social

1:00 Lunch

Reservations are Required - No Later than February 5
Email to doug.jones25@gmail.com or (916) 947-2375

