TRESTLEBOARD

February

Bruce Gavin

Master

Greetings from the East

Worshipful Robert Henning, Past Master of the Harding San Juan lodge was installed as the Worshipful Master of Bicentennial Daylight Lodge No. 830. Worshipful Scott Morrison Jr was the installing officer, and Worshipful John Scofield was the installing chaplain. The Harding San Juan pillar officers attended the installation ceremony. Congratulations, Worshipful Henning!

The 2026 officers of Harding San Juan Lodge were recognized at the Officer Appreciation dinner and thanked for their service and involvement. Each officer was presented with a pin for their particular chair in the 2026 line.

Worshipful Scofield cooked the main tri-tip course, which was supplemented by baked potatoes, honey carrots, salad bar, drinks and cookies for dessert. Many thanks to all the brothers who pitched in for a fast and efficient cleanup.

Worshipful Tom Angello was announced as the Hiram Recipient which will be awarded after the February Stated Meeting dinner. He has requested a tasty Italian dinner of spaghetti and all the fixings.

Worshipful Greg Treible is waiting to present the Jewel of Silence to outgoing Master Tom Tompkins. This will be postponed until February, as Worshipful Tompkins is on vacation in sunny Miami and will miss the January stated meeting.

The annual Super Bowl party at the lodge begins at 2pm on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8. It is a potluck and open to all. The lodge will provide water and drinks.

Worshipful Scofield is planning our annual Sweethearts Luncheon with the assistance of Sharon Gavin and Teri Jackson who are sorting out the member lists and handling the contacts. The luncheon will be catered at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova.

Indiana Jones is coming to the Lodge for our March Movie Night. We are featuring “Raiders of the Lost Ark” on the dining room big screen TV and with surround sound. The lodge will serve hotdogs, potato salad, chips, drinks, and… popcorn!

In April, the lodge and Eastern Star are putting on a country line dance party. Worshipful Boxell’s younger daughter, Shelli Linsenbach will be teaching line dancing for those who yearn to learn. Eastern Star will have a country store set up as additional entertainment. Food and goodies will be found.

Philippine Independence Day is this coming June 12. Our brothers are planning a party for this event. Due to some of the brothers being away this time, the party date is pushed into July, date TBD.

Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Master

Doug Jones

Senior Warden

Greetings from the West

The Masonic Apron - More Than Regalia it's a Living symbol of legacy labor and brotherhood

Among all the regalia we wear in Freemasonry, none carries the same depth of meaning as the Masonic apron. Long before titles are bestowed or offices are assumed, each of us is first welcomed into the Craft by receiving an apron. Often called the "badge of a Mason," it is not merely an accessory of lodge meetings, but a constant reminder of who we are, where we come from, and the values we are expected to uphold.

For many Brethren, the apron represents a personal journey as much as a shared tradition. Passed down from generation to generation, it connects fathers to sons, mentors to students, and present-day Masons to those who labored before us. When we fasten an apron around our waist, we symbolically join hands with Masons across centuries.

History offers powerful examples of the apron's significance. Distinguished Freemasons such as George Washington, Winston Churchill, and President Harry Truman all wore aprons that reflected their commitment to the Craft. In 1784, Washington received a richly embroidered apron from the Marquis de Lafayette—an enduring symbol of fraternal affection and shared ideals that transcended borders and time.

The origins of the apron reach even further back. Operative stonemasons wore leather aprons to protect themselves while working in stone. As Freemasonry evolved from operative to speculative, the apron transformed from a practical garment into a symbolic one. Today, the plain white lambskin apron presented to an Entered Apprentice represents innocence, integrity, and upright conduct—virtues each Mason is called to practice both inside and outside the Lodge.

As Brethren progress through the degrees and accept leadership roles or service in appendant bodies, their aprons may become more ornate, reflecting increased responsibility and dedication. Yet every Mason begins the same way, clothed in simplicity. This shared starting point reminds us that in Freemasonry, growth is earned through labor, humility, and service.

Before you depart for your next Stated Meeting, degree, or installation, consider taking that old Masonic apron out of the closet. Dust it off. Wear it proudly in Lodge. We would be glad to see both the apron—and you—once again among the Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Fraternally,

Doug Jones. Senior Warden

John Scofield, P.M.

Junior Warden

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

.Upcoming Sweethearts Luncheon

As February approaches, I would like to remind everyone about our annual Sweethearts Luncheon. This special event is dedicated to honoring our Sweethearts and Belles (Widows). We are pleased to announce that the luncheon will once again be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova, located off Hwy 50 and Hazel Ave. We will gather at noon for social time, followed by lunch at approximately 12:30 PM.

If our group consists of 25 or fewer attendees, we will be able to order off the menu. However, should our numbers exceed this, there will be three meal selections available on the day of the event. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to help us plan accordingly.

February Stated Dinner

The February Stated Dinner is scheduled for February 11th, 2026. Worshipful Bruce Gavin and his wife Sharon will be hosting this event. Reservations are essential. The menu will feature spaghetti, a salad bar, French bread, and a delicious dessert.

Important Reservation Policy

Friends, I regret to mention that this issue seems to arise each month. There are two important points regarding dinner reservations that I must bring to your attention:

1. **There is no permanent reservation list.** There is no standing list with your name on it for dinner reservations. I, too, believed in this misconception. While such a list may have existed in the past, it is no longer maintained. **Reservations are required for every meal.**

Meal preparation is based on RSVPs. It is important to understand that we prepare meals according to the number of RSVPs received. While we may be able to accommodate one or two additional guests, it is not fair to attend with a group of four without making a reservation. We always prepare a few extra meals, but not many, especially given the current cost of food. We strive to provide a wholesome meal at a reasonable price, and several groups contribute to cooking for us. All food purchases are based on the RSVP list.

Unfortunately, if you do not make a reservation, we cannot guarantee that dinner will be available for you. Those who have reserved will be given priority, and late arrivals without reservations will be served last. The reservation list is finalized four days prior to each event to allow sufficient time for food purchases.

I apologize if this policy causes any inconvenience, but I hope you understand our position regarding this matter.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John Scofield, P.M., Jr. Warden

John Scofield, P.M.
Hallboard President

Greetings from your San Juan Hallboard.

Recent Board Meeting

Your Hallboard recently held its first meeting of the year. During this session, we reviewed last year's projects and began discussing potential initiatives for 2026. The most significant undertaking ahead is the construction of a new patio roof.

Maintenance and Beautification Efforts

We are addressing several maintenance items to keep our facilities in top condition. Work is also ongoing to enhance our plantings. In preparation for the upcoming spring season, new raised beds have been purchased and will soon be installed. Composting has been a major focus, and efforts are underway to ensure we have plenty available for our gardens.

Insurance and Safety Inspections

On another note, our Grand Lodge has engaged a third-party company to conduct insurance inspections. For those who may not be aware, the Grand Lodge provides our Liability insurance policy. According to the inspector, out of the 12 Lodges in our area that have been evaluated, our Lodge was ranked number one. This is a great accomplishment for our community.

Appreciation and Looking Ahead

Thank you for all of the positive feedback regarding our lodge beautification project. Your support is greatly appreciated. I am enthusiastic about starting new projects this year and continuing our progress.

Contact and Feedback

If you notice anything that isn't working properly, please let me know, and I will make sure it is addressed promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

John Scofield, PM

Hallboard President and "Resident Horticulturist"

2026 HSJ Lodge Officers

Bruce Gavin (Sharon) ……...Master

Douglas F. Jones (Heather)……..Senior Warden

John Scofield, P.M (Lady Bug)…….……Junior Warden

Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine) ……Treasurer

Bob Jackson (Terri) ……..……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 (Theresa)……....Junior Steward

Cris Bryceson (Joy) …….. Tiler

Tom Tompkins, III, PM (Lynn) ……..… Head Candidates Coach

Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela) ……..Officers Coach

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February 2026
Birthdays

John	Gaskins, Jr.	1-Feb
Gerhard	Haynes	1-Feb
Steven	Larson, PM	1-Feb
Barry	Blum	2-Feb
Ernest	Givens, PM	2-Feb
Joseph	Millican, PM	2-Feb
Lloyd	Minor, PM	5-Feb
Fairell	Young	6-Feb
Kenneth	Robinson	8-Feb
Fanny	Allassane	10-Feb
Peter	Durgen	11-Feb
Joseph	Igbinadolor	11-Feb
Larry	Severns	13-Feb
Richard	Lewis	16-Feb
Claire	Cook	17-Feb
Christopher	Chediak	19-Feb
Brian	Evers, PM	19-Feb
Michael	Nichols	21-Feb
Babak	Rastekhiz	22-Feb
George	Vela	23-Feb

February 2026
Masonic Anniversaries

Joe	Chastain	67
Dennis	Micheletti	60
John	Gaskins, Jr.	41
Sean	Blasy	24
Mark	Young	18
Paul	Cary, PM	16
Joseph	Freitas	15
Stephen	Rankin	15
William	Brill, IV, PM	13
Julius	Cadorna, PM	11
Brian	Vierria	9
Donald	Leow	7
Eric	Rimbey	7
Peter	Durgen	4
Bradley	Greer	3
Eric	Kathman	3

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 - 6PM - Executive Mtg 7PM - 1st Degree Practice	3	4 6PM - 1st Degree Practice	5	6	7
8 1PM - Super Bowl	9 7PM - 3rd Degree Practice	10	11 6:30PM - HSJ Dinner 7:30PM - Tom Angello, Hiran Award 8PM Stated Mtg.	12	13	14 12PM Sweethearts Luncheon
15	16 7PM - No Practice	17	18 7PM - OSI @HSJ	19	20	21
22	23 7PM 1st Degree David Christiansen	24	25 6pm - Practice Staircase Fellowship on patio	26	27	28 8AM - 10AM Lodge - Breakfast

February 11, 2026 Stated Meeting Dinner

Tom Tompkins Famous Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,
Fresh Salad Bar with all the fixing and dessert to top it all off.

Please RSVP early so we have an accurate head count for food.
www.hardingsanjuan.com
6:00 - Social
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 Open Program before the Stated 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 Lea Ave.
Ample parking available.

My Brothers & Sisters
Reservations must be in by Saturday, 02/07/2026
Please make your Reservations online by going to
www.hardingsanjuan.com
and go to the Store button to make reservations.
Plus there is a Cool video to watch.

You're Invited!

Bring your family and friends to have breakfast and socialize with us
at the Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge in Citrus Heights
We are located at 5944 San Juan Ave at Northlea

This is the Best Breakfast West of Reno for only a small $5 Donation
Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Pancakes, Waffles, Biscuits & Gravy

Saturday, January 24, 2026 8am - 10am
Outdoor Seating is Available, Weather Permitting