



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.

# January

## Richard Duffy

Master



Brethren and Ladies,

When I was growing up in NJ, I would spend my summers at the Jersey Shore with my grandparents. My grandfather was a Mason and by my recollection, a very wise man. He taught me many lessons, some unintentionally. One lesson I was recently reminded of was to “use the good rope”. Almost sounds like a reference to the cable-tow, and maybe in his way it was, or at least as I remember it.

We had a boat which we kept anchored to a mooring in the shallows of Barnegat Bay. At the beginning of each summer, we rigged up the ropes for the mooring lines and the boat sat there in the water waiting for us to use it for crabbing, fishing or exploring the bay. Each year we used the same weather beaten rope, splicing new sections and mending where needed. But “pop-pop” as we called him had this beautiful brand new, never been used before, nylon rope that we would always ask to use, but were always told, “no, save the good rope.”

Year after year it was the same, save the good rope. Then one day, when the old rope was just too thread bare and worn to be reliable, Pop-Pop said it was time to use the good rope. I climbed up into the attic and grabbed it and when we started unraveling the coiled up rope, it crumbled and fell apart. It seemed the heat and dryness of the attic had dry rotted the good rope and it was useless. Pop-pop said, “From now on, we use the good rope.”

So, if you received a new candle for Christmas, burn it. If you got a nice bottle of wine, drink it. If you recently made a new friend, get together and have a laugh. And if you have been thinking about coming out to lodge, join us!

Let's remember that a cable-tow has two ends. If it binds a Mason to the Fraternity, by the same fact it binds the Fraternity to each man in it. Your lodge and your Master are here to serve you.

We have a lot planned for 2023 which is also our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Come to the stated meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us for dinner and an open presentation afterwards and stay for the first business meeting of the year. Bring your spouse or significant other, too. Diane will be meeting with the ladies to plan out what activities they can do while we are in our tiled meetings.

Lastly, thank you for allowing me to serve you as Worshipful Master for our centennial year.

Fraternally,

*Rich Duffy*, WM

## Steve “Doc” Larson

Senior Warden



Brethren and Ladies,

I have had to do a lot of T-Board articles over the past 15 years, and it is sometimes hard to think of original things to share. However, as much as I had hoped American River Lodge may have found a way to survive, It was with great relief and a feelings of much pleasure to have become a part of so wonderful a Lodge as Harding San Juan. I have so many friends here and have been made to feel so much at home with a great sense of belonging as though it was always as it now is. I know I speak for my fellow brothers from ARL that they all feel the same. It is now home and long overdue. My especial thanks to Wor. Henning for his time served as well as his love and welcoming to the Lodge. Also, to Wor. Duffy for his assistance and promise to help me adapt to this new Lodge and it nuances. And to Wor. Greg Treible for his warmth and indoctrination to Ancient and Accepted Masonry. 🙏

The dedication of so many members of this Lodge to the Craft is inspiring, as well as their dedication to Ritual. Those who get involved in Ritual become so much more aware of what Masonry is all about as it certainly reminds of our devotions to our Supreme Ruler, our Craft and our brothers.

This is the season when giving and accepting is so important, and I have been given the gift of love and acceptance by you all. Thank you.

Try to remember what Christmas is all about. Remembering our Father in Heaven, his Son and our obligations to our fellow man by rendering him every kind office which mercy or justice may require, to relieve his distresses, soothing his afflictions and to compassionate his miseries. Thus, are we linked together forever in the bond of Brotherhood.

*Steve “Doc” Larson, PM*



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# Gregory Treible

## Junior Warden



My Brothers,

Masonry is often described as a 'system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.' I intend for my trestle board articles to explore these topics.

Let's unpack the famous scripture of Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (those who don't recognize this in a Masonic context – wait with patience).

*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,*

Solomon knew that youth are often those most likely to discount the reality of eternity and the eternal God. This is natural, but regrettable, in youth — they are often the most difficult to convince that this life is merely a brief prelude to eternity.

*While the evil days come not, Nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*

The Preacher advised young people to remember God and eternity before they suffered greatly by subjecting themselves to an *under the sun* premise and all the meaninglessness associated with it.

*(while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: <sup>3</sup> in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, <sup>4</sup> and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; <sup>5</sup> also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:*

Most agree that what follows here is a poetic description of the effects of advancing age.

- The arms and hands that keep the body now begin to tremble (**the keepers of the house tremble**).
- The legs and knees begin to sag (**the strong men bow down**).
- Teeth are lost and chewing is more difficult (**the grinders cease because they are few**).
- The eyes are dimmed (**the windows grow dim**).
- The ears become weaker and weaker (**the sound of grinding is low**).
- Sleep becomes more difficult and one is easily awakened (**one rises up at the sound of a bird**).
- Singing and music are less appreciated (**the daughters of music are brought low**).
- One becomes more fearful in life (**afraid of height, and of terrors in the way**).
- The hair becomes white (**the almond tree blossoms**).
- The once active become weak (**the grasshopper is a burden**).
- The passions and desires of life weaken and wane (**desire fails**).

*or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.*

Solomon again pleads with his reader to remember God before this life is over, and he repeated a variety of metaphors to describe the ending of this life.

*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

**Remember your Creator in this life** – because when it is over, we will answer to our eternal God and to eternity.

Until next month, my brothers...

*Greg Treible*, PM, JW

\*Scriptural commentary by David Guzik / Enduring Word

## Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard

We hope you had a great, safe, and prosperous holiday.

By now we have installed our new Officers for the 2023 Masonic year. In case you missed this event the Grand Master of California Masons was our Installing officer. We have a great slate of officers this year, many events will be taking place. Get involved with your lodge, start putting our events on your calendar and join us. We would love to see your smiling face.



We had the floors of the kitchen and dining room cleaned and sealed before the installation as they were showing the wear and tear of the many meals that are prepared and enjoyed in our kitchen and dining area.

Our lodge is celebrating 100 years this year, that is quite an honor. Just to let you know there are many young masons joining our lodge, that is great news for our lodge. Young blood, new ideas and hopefully some relief for us older farts.

Our annual crab feed is coming up January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will get the carpets cleaned after this event. The lodge looks great considering the use that it gets. There are many organizations, celebrations and memorials that are held at our building.

Our building manager, Brother Bob Jackson, is in charge of renting our facility. If you have an anniversary, birthday or other event and would like to rent our facility, give Bob Jackson a call and he will put the event on the lodge calendar.

Thanks to all for your continued support of the food bank. They appreciate everything that we take over there. Empty egg cartons, paper and plastic shopping bags, dry cereal, peanut butter, canned and boxed foods. They also can use fresh fruit if you have a fruit tree that produces more than you can use. They are serving over 100 families per day 5 days per week. Please keep up the great work.

Until next time.

Stay well and safe.

*Tom Tompkins*, PM

Fraternally, Hallboard President



**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
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*Trestleboard Editors, Bob Jackson*

# HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

## January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>NEWS YEARS DAY</b> 11AM - Black Eyed Peas & Cornbread	2 6PM - Executive Mtg. 7PM - HSJ Practice	3 10AM - #830 Practice 6PM - ILA Neb	4 6PM HSJ Practice	5 8:30AM Coffee Zoom	6 9AM Leisure Hour	7 10AM Jobs
8 2PM - OES Drill Team	9 7PM - HSJ Practice	10 10AM - #830 .Practice 4PM - Sons of Norway	11 6:30 PM HSJ Dinner 8 PM State Mtg	12 8:30AM Coffee Zoom	13 9 AM Leisure Hour	14 7PM - JOBS Installation
15 1PM - Lynda Hoisington Service	16 7PM HSJ Practice	17 1PM - #830 .Stated Mtg.	18 7PM OSI	19 8:30AM Coffee Zoom 6/7:30PM - OES Dinner/ Mtg.	20 9 AM Leisure Hour	21 5PM HSJ Crab Feed
22 2PM - OES Drill Team	23 7PM HSJ Practice	24 10AM - #830 .Practice	25 6PM HSJ Practice	26 8:30AM Coffee Zoom	27 9 AM Leisure Hour	28 8AM - 10AM Breakfast
29	30 6PM - Rusty Trowel 7 PM Officers Practice	31 10AM ILA Neb Sewing 10AM - #830 .Practice				



**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](http://www.hardingsanjuan.com).  
**Bob Jackson, Secretary**

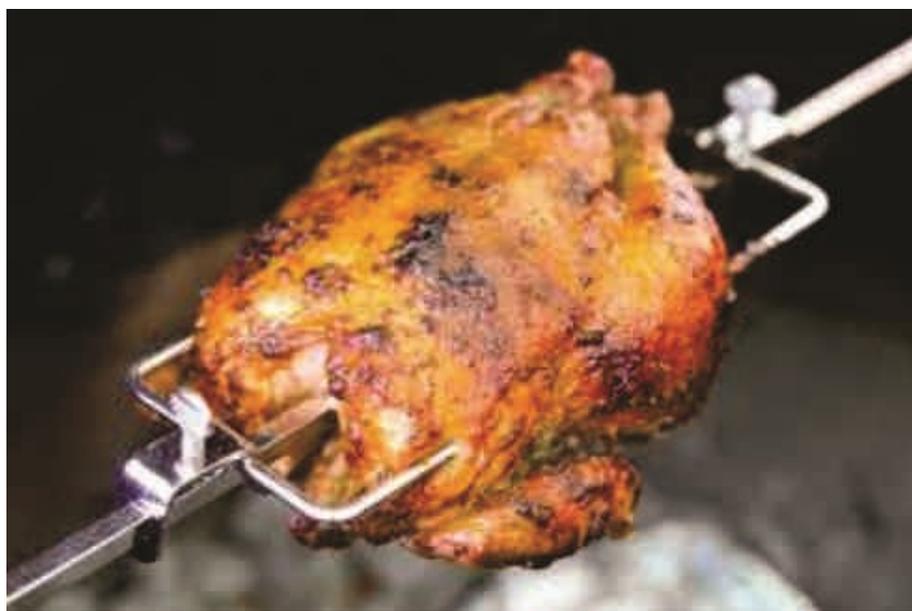
## FOOD LOCKER

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**HARDING SAN JUAN NO. 579**

**STATED MEETING DINNER**



Garden Salad with Fresh Rolls  
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& Dessert

**My Brothers & Sisters**

It is absolutely necessary that you make reservations with Greg Treible, PM 406-231-2332, if you don't have one you will not be eating dinner with us, this is a catered meal & we only get enough for the reservations called in.