



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.

July



Richard Duffy

Master

Brethren and Ladies,

As we enter the month of July, we reflect on the importance of this month in Freemasonry and the wider world. July is a month of celebration, of remembrance, and of renewal. It is a time when we come together to honor our shared values and to reaffirm our commitment to the principles that guide us as Freemasons.

One of the key events that we commemorate in July is the anniversary of the founding of our great nation, the United States of America. As Freemasons, we take pride in the role that our fraternity played in the founding of this nation, and we continue to uphold the values of freedom, democracy, and justice that were enshrined in our nation's founding documents.

In addition to celebrating our nation's founding, July is also a time to remember our fallen heroes. As Freemasons, we honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to our country, and we strive to live up to the ideals of duty, honor, and service that they exemplified.

Finally, July is a time of renewal and rejuvenation. As the summer months reach their peak, we are reminded of the power of nature to inspire and uplift us. Whether we spend time in the great outdoors or simply take a moment to reflect on the beauty of the world around us, we are reminded of the importance of taking care of ourselves and each other.

As Freemasons, we are called to embody these values of celebration, remembrance, and renewal in all aspects of our lives. Whether we are serving our communities, supporting our brothers, or simply striving to be the best versions of ourselves, we are reminded of the power of our shared values to guide us towards a better future.

So let us enter this month with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our craft. Let us celebrate the values that bind us together as Freemasons and let us honor the sacrifices of those who have come before us. And let us embrace the power of nature to inspire and uplift us as we work to build a better world for ourselves and for future generations.

Fraternally,

Rich Duffy, WM

Steve "Doc" Larson

Senior Warden



We had an Extraordinary month of June with Degrees, Practices and an incredible Strawberry Festival with many kudos to our Master and especially his wife, Diane. Thank you, guys, so very much.

I am sure you are all, by this time aware of our impending Centennial Celebration on the 8th of July. We look forward to seeing many of you here to enjoy the festivities, talk with our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. Those of us who had the pleasure and honor of attending the Master's and Warden's retreats were especially gifted by their presence and education.

We have a busy schedule coming up so please try to support the Lodge by attending Degrees and other activities well documented in the Trestleboard and Lodge Website.

July is such an important month to all Americans and especially to us as Masons. Some proudly state that many Masons signed the Declaration of Independence, yet factually there were only 8 who have been confirmed of the 56 signatories, and possibly one other. But I believe the influence of Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock probably helped swing the votes of all who attended the Congress.

The Declaration of Independence was penned by Thomas Jefferson, as we all know, and although not a Mason, truly demonstrated and lived by Masonic ideals. In the Declaration he brings enlightenment from the darkness of ignorance, and self-absorbent thinking into the light of truth and brotherly affection. Among the principles which have given the Declaration of Independence shape are Truth and Honor, Humanitarianism, Brotherly Love and Equality, and Duty to Men and to God.

Have a wonderful Fourth, fun at our Centennial Celebration, be safe and enjoy your summer.

Steve "Doc" Larson, PM

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.

Gregory Treible

Junior Warden



Greetings Brothers and Ladies,

A Brief History of Prince Hall and a Lodge Older Than These United States.

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 men of color were made Masons in Lodge #441 of the Irish Registry attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry at Castle William Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. It marked the first time that Black men were made Masons in America. About a year later, since the conflict between England and America had commenced, the British Foot Infantry left Boston, along with its lodge, leaving Prince Hall and his associates without a lodge. Before the lodge left, Worshipful Master Batt, issued a "permit" allowing them to meet as a lodge and bury their dead in manner and form. This permit, however, did not allow them to do any "Masonic work" or initiate new members. Under it, African Lodge was organized on July 3, 1776, with Prince Hall as the Worshipful Master. It wasn't long before this lodge received an additional "permit" from Provincial Grand Master John Rowe to walk in procession on St. John's Day. On March 2, 1784, African Lodge #1 petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, the Premier or Mother Grand Lodge of the world, for a warrant (or charter), to organize a regular masonic lodge, with all the rights and privileges thereunto prescribed. The Grand Lodge of England issued a charter on September 29, 1784, to African Lodge #459, the first lodge of Blacks in America. African Lodge #459 grew and prospered to such a degree that Worshipful Master Prince Hall was appointed a Provincial Grand Master in 1791, and out of this grew the first Black Provincial Grand Lodge. In 1797, he organized a lodge in Philadelphia and another in Rhode Island. These lodges were designated to work under the charter of African Lodge #459. In December 1808, one year after the death of Prince Hall, African Lodge #459 (Boston), African Lodge #459 (Philadelphia) and Hiram Lodge #3 (Providence) met in a general assembly of the craft and organized African Grand Lodge (sometime referred to as African Grand Lodge #1) In 1847, out of respect for their founding father and first Grand Master, Prince Hall, they changed their name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the name it carries today. In 1848 Union Lodge #2, Rising Sons of St. John #3 and Celestial Lodge #4 became the first lodges organized under the name Prince Hall Grand Lodge. From these beginnings, there now are some 5,000 lodges and 47 grand lodges who trace their lineage to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. The tradition started by Bro. Prince Hall over 200 years ago is still carried on today. As these United States celebrate the 247th birthday of an ideal. I am reminded of the words of philosopher George Santayana, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." While the combination of changing street and school names, the names of military bases and tearing down old memorials and statues represents one approach to reckoning with our Country's past, I'm concerned that despite the best of intentions behind these activities, many of our fellow countrymen may inadvertently be setting us up to actually repeat our past indiscretions by creating the conditions whereby future generations are ignorant of our past – particularly the bad and the ugly.

Out of respect to our Founding Fathers and to our Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, I propose that we seek to build bridges – to lead by example and action (rather than words) – and bridge remaining gaps in our Country and communities. I believe partnering more with our Prince Hall brethren would be a good first step.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Greg Treible, PM, JW

Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard

Lots of little things have been taken care of around the lodge in the past couple of weeks. A special thanks to Worshipful

John Scofield, who came back for his grandson's graduation, who has been busy fixing stuff around the lodge.



There were 9 yards of bark that was spread on the east side of the patio where the trees used to be. Also, around the trees in the front to keep the weeds down.

The gate for the front entryway has been installed to help with our homeless problem.

By the time you read this article the new steel poles and the solar lights will have been installed. This should help with the auto break-ins that we have been experiencing recently. Once the solar lights have been installed the cameras will go up. More on this project later.

The dish sanitizer has been experiencing some problems. Hopefully, these problems can be resolved simply, otherwise a new dish washer/sanitizer will have to be purchased.

The food bank across the street continues to serve 110 families per day, five days per week. Your donations of paper and plastic shopping bags, empty egg cartons, peanut butter, dry cereal, and unexpired canned goods are greatly needed and appreciated. Keep those items coming into the lodge, thank you.

Until next time

Be safe and stay well.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

Tom Tompkins, PM

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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HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7PM Officers Practice	4 9AM - #830 .Practice	5 6PM Officers Practice	6 8:30AM Coffee	7 9 AM Leisure Hour	8 9AM 100 Year Anniversary & Picnic
9	10 6PM - Exec. Mtg. 7PM Officers Practice	11 1PM - #830 .Stated Mtg	12 : 8 PM HSJ State Mtg	13 8:30AM Coffee	14 9 AM Leisure Hour	15
16	17 7PM Officers Practice	18 9AM - #830 Practice	19 6PM Officers Practice	20 8:30AM Coffee	21 9 AM Leisure Hour	22 8AM Lodge-Breakfast
23	24 7 PM Officers Practice	25 9AM - #830 .Practice	26 6PM Officers Practice	27 8:30AM Coffee	28 9 AM Leisure Hour	29



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.
Bob Jackson, Secretary

FOOD LOCKER

Remember to drop off your food donations at the Sunrise Food Ministry at 5901 San Juan Ave, across the street, or at the lodge an they can also use empty egg cartons and paper bags.



Harding San Juan's newest Enter Apprentice, Arnold Natano



Harding San Juan's newest Master Mason, Brent Sloan

**Harding San Juan's Newest Fellowcraft Mason,
Christopher Schwegler, *sorry not pictured.***

NO JULY or AUGUST STATED MEETING DINNER

After the stated meeting we will be having a outside Cigar & Bring Your Own Beverage fire pit gathering of friendship and camaraderie for all that want to join in.



Bingo, Tea and Cookies



AND



A Spectacular Silent Auction



San Juan Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue
Citrus Heights

Come join Natoma San Juan #233 OES and Harding San Juan #579 Masons to enjoy fellowship and check out our silent auction. You just might find a treasure or two on which to bid.



RSVP—We'd like to know how many cookies to bake!

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