



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.

June



Richard Duffy

Master

Brethren and Ladies,

I recently attended the Grand Lodge Leadership Conference and it was great to see that Harding San Juan Lodge #579 was well represented and joining me was our current Junior Warden, Worshipful Greg Treible and Senior Deacon, Bruce Gavin. Our lodge continues to incorporate the Masons of California 2025 Strategic Plan and we were proud to speak about all that we have done and plan to do over the next several years. We came back from the leadership conference motivated to work on opportunities to

continue to improve the lodge and ensure that we stay strong in membership, involvement and participation through our great ritual work, social events and contributions and charity within the community. We plan to do our part as leaders, we only ask that you come out and support us.

As a reminder, we have a community event in June, the Harding San Juan Strawberry Festival on June 10th at the lodge from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you can help as a server or set up/clean up, contact me. If you have items that you would like to donate for the yard sale, drop them off at the lodge on Friday, June 9th any time after noon. If you can't attend, please think about donating items to sell and help us raise money for the Sunrise Food Closet, Masons for Mitts, Harding San Juan Lodge and OES Natoma San Juan.

Since the 75th Anniversary of Warren G. Harding Lodge #579, the lodge has merged twice to what is now, Harding San Jan Lodge #579. We are now celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the lodge, and wish to demonstrate our desire to recommit ourselves to preserving our Fraternity well into the future. Please consider coming to the lodge on July 8th. The ceremony begins at 9:00 am in the lodge and a picnic will follow immediately after the ceremony until 3:00 pm or later if folks are having a great time and the food and drink are still being served! Grand Master Randal Brill is scheduled to perform the rededication ceremony along with other Grand Lodge Officers. We will have plenty of food and drinks for everyone, all we ask is that you bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to me or check the lodge website for RSVP info so we know how many will be attending and can prepare enough food for all. This is an open event and a great opportunity to be a part of what Masonry is all about, a beautiful ceremony, great fellowship and wonderful food, so bring the family and any friends interested in learning more about Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Rich Duffy, WM

Steve "Doc" Larson

Senior Warden



Brethren and Ladies

As we enter into June, we will realize that it is busting out all over. So many things to consider and realize that the good weather, finally, will be for us to enjoy with family and friends. We are so blessed to belong to such a good Lodge and enjoy the love and respect of all of us for each other.

I hope that our EA's and FC's will want to really get involved in ritual and learn to understand that by learning and practicing ritual in will affect their fabric and teach them to be better men in all aspects of their lives. By practicing and learning the ritual it becomes second nature to affect how they will interact with all persons they come into contact with in their lives, at least I hope so.

This does not mean that we should all follow blindly, for as Masons we are taught to be independent thinkers, to seek truth for ourselves based on the lessons we have all received and to understand the meanings of life, and death, according to our own beliefs and reverence for God.

We should remember June 6, as that was the day of the invasion of Normandy some 79 years ago, D-Day, the beginning of the Liberation of Europe. Two Distinguished Master Masons led the attack. Brother General Omar Bradley, in overall command of U.S. Forces and senior U.S. General in command of ground troops, a position he held until the end of the war. He was raised at West Point Lodge #877 in 1923.

Brother General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr, first General to hit the beach that day (landing with the first wave), for action on D-Day, he won the Medal of Honor. He was the oldest man on the beaches, used a cane to get around as he had severe arthritis, and had a heart condition which cost him his life a month later in Normandy, a true son of the Bull Moose (Theodore Roosevelt).

Steve "Doc" Larson, PM

Senior Warden

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,

This article explores the history of the point within a circle, a symbol of great significance in Masonic ritual with origins that predate speculative Freemasonry.

Derived from the operative stonemasons of old, the practices and lessons of Freemasonry are founded upon the principles of geometry. Its teachings sculpt Masons into better men, guided by the three central values of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. As any Mason knows, getting to the heart of Masonry's philosophies and ethical teachings requires ongoing study and practice. Veiled in allegory, extracting these teachings' wisdom requires a thorough understanding of Masonic rituals' many symbols. One such symbol Masons encounter frequently is the point within a circle.

IN MASONIC RITUAL

In recent history, Freemasonry has adopted its interpretation of this image, with the point in the center of the circle representing the individual man or Mason. The circle represents the line between our passions, vices, prejudices, and those around us. As Masons, we work each day to prevent our selfish interests from passing beyond the circle and infringing on our duty to our God and fellow man. The two perpendicular parallel lines represent the patron saints of Freemasonry: Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

Similarly, another interpretation teaches that the circle represents the boundary line of the Mason's duty to God and his brethren. Residing within the circle, it is a reminder that we should maintain decency and goodwill towards our Brothers and fellow humans as we strive to live up to the ideals of Freemasonry.

Still, another interpretation by Masons is that the point in the circle refers to the circumambulation a new initiate is required to make about the sacred Altar in the lodge room while the Brethren stand in two parallel lines. One of the familiar depictions of the symbol includes a "B" on the left side of the left vertical line for John the Baptist, an "E" on the outer right side of the right line, and the Volume of Sacred Law above the circle.

ANCIENT ORIGINS

As with many Masonic symbols, it is unknown when or where the point within the circle first originated. Over the ages, there have been alternate depictions, and it has held many meanings that are different from its significance in modern Masonry. For example, we know of a variation carved on Ancient Egyptian monuments. In these instances, the Alpha and Omega, or the symbol of God, shows the circle flanked by two perpendicular snakes rather than the straight lines we see in modern Masonry.

While the first instances of this symbol may not be known, we can be sure the point within a circle did not originate in 1717 when the first Grand Lodge was established in England. Regardless, as interpreted in contemporary speculative Masonry, it holds significant meaning to Masons across the globe. It serves as a reminder to live a life guided by our brotherhood's morals so that we may become better men having a positive influence on our communities and those closest to us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Greg Treible, PM, JW

Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard

By now you have probably seen the front entry way enclosure. This will hopefully keep the unwanted homeless population from sleeping around our building.



Coming up in June will be the installation of some new poles and solar lighting to brighten up the parking lots and make them safer for everyone.

Once the solar lighting project is completed, then we are installing new cameras around the building. To install the new cameras, we will need to upgrade the Wi-Fi system (This is way above my pay grade).

A special thank you to our Junior Warden Worshipful Greg Treible, who donated a 40" tv set to be installed in the foyer as you enter our building. This tv will have news and events going on at our facility, this will be playing on a loop.

We have a new tenant starting in May, we welcome the Order of Amaranth. Glad to have you all with us.

Please remember the food bank, they need plastic and paper shopping bags, dry cereal, unexpired canned goods, peanut butter. Thank you for your support.

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
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HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30AM Coffee 7:30PM OES Mtg.	2 9 AM Leisure Hour	3 10AM Jobs
4	5 — 6PM - Executive Mtg. 7PM 1st Degree for A. Natano	6 9AM - #830 .Practice	7 6PM 3rd Degree Practice	8 8:30AM Coffee	9 9 AM Leisure Hour	10 8AM—2PM Strawberries Festival
11	12 7PM 3rd Degree Brent Sloan	13 1PM - #830 .Stated Mtg	14 :6:30PM HSJ Dinner 8 PM HSJ State Mtg	15 8:30AM Coffee 6/7:30PM - OES Dinner/Mtg	16 9 AM Leisure Hour	17 12PM - Ameranth 7PM - JOBS
18	19 7PM 2nd Degree Chris Schwegler	20 9AM - #830 Practice	21 7PM OSI	22 8:30AM Coffee	23 9 AM Leisure Hour	24 8AM Lodge-Breakfast
25	23 7 PM Officers Practice	27 10AM ILA Neb Sew 9AM - #830 .Practice	28 6PM Officers Practice	29	30 9 AM Leisure Hour	



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.



TACO BAR

My Brothers & Sisters

June 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, more details to follow.

Welcome to my WALK FOR LOVE go fund me page, let's get behind this Great Fund raiser for the Kids.

Greg Treible, PM, Jr. Warden



Just click on this link and make your donation.

[Check out HSI 579 Masonic Lodge's team fundraising page for Shriners Hospitals for Children \(lovetotherescue.org\)](https://www.lovetotherescue.org)

Our Guys at the Masters & Wardens retreat in Tahoe to help guide our lodge into the future, thanks for giving up your weekend to better prepare the lodge for the future.



Bruce Gavin
Sr. Deacon

Rich Duffy
Master

Greg Treible
Jr. Warden



Just remember, these guys work to better the lodge along with the other officers who meet on Mondays and Wednesdays to practice to insure you have great rituals for the degrees and all the planning that goes into all our events and dinners.