TRESTLEBOARD

June

Bruce Gavin

Master

Greetings from the East

.Do any of you readers enjoy long, slow and boring meetings? I thought not. Me neither. Last month, your officers attended the annual Retreat in San Ramon where Grand Lodge pitched a new agenda style that is intended to aid in shortening our monthly Stated Meeting duration.

One of the main items intended to speed up our Stated Meetings is the use of the Consent Agenda. This is a management tool used by various boards, city councils and committees to group routine and non-controversial items together into a single motion for approval. For our Stated Meetings, this would consist of approving past meeting minutes, standard financial reports, announcements and scheduled events that do not require itemized approval by a lodge vote.

The Consent Agenda documentation is assembled and distributed to the brethren in advance. Our lodge distributes this by email. The brethren are expected to review these items prior to the Stated Meeting. No debate or discussion is allowed for these items once the motion to approve is made.

Any member believing an agenda item needs individual attention or discussions has the right to “pull” that item from the Consent Agenda. Items thus pulled are then moved to the regular meeting agenda for individual consideration.

The Consent Agenda streamlines the meeting by using a single motion to approve all items with a single vote. This allows more time to focus on separate high level strategic, fiduciary or policy issues.

Grand Lodge performed two sessions of a mock Stated Meeting to demonstrate the process. Wor. Scott Morrison led one group, and our AGL Wor. Jairo Gomez led the other. Harding San Juan Lodge participated as one of the Lodge officers in this Stated Meeting.

Wor. Gomez introduced additional ideas to add reflection on Masonic teachings as part of the meeting. Another suggested change is introducing visiting brethren at the start of the meeting, rather than at the end. Expanding on this idea, your officers have come up with an additional idea to have our newly obligated brethren stand up for introduction and recognition. The intent is furthering a welcoming environment for the new brothers, as well as matching a face with a name, and giving a short progress report as they progress toward their proficiencies and advancement.

Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Master

Doug Jones

Senior Warden

Greetings from the West

As the month of June arrives and the days grow longer, we are reminded that Masonry is not simply a society we attend, but a lifelong labor we undertake. Every Entered Apprentice is introduced to the Working Tools of the degree, yet as Master Masons we sometimes forget that these tools were never intended to remain symbols alone. They are lessons for daily living.

Masonic education is most valuable when it moves beyond memorization and becomes reflection. The tools of the Craft are not relics of the past; they are instruments for improving ourselves in the present.

The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge teaches us the proper division of time. In a world filled with distractions, obligations, and constant noise, the Gauge reminds us that our hours are precious. How much time do we dedicate to our families, our professions, our communities, and our spiritual growth? More importantly, how much time do we dedicate to becoming better men?

The Common Gavel reminds us to chip away the rough and superfluous parts of our character. This is not accomplished in a single day, nor even in a lifetime. Every Mason carries imperfections. The true work of the Craft lies in recognizing them honestly and laboring continuously toward improvement. A Mason is not expected to be perfect, but he is expected to keep working.

The Square teaches morality, the Level equality, and the Plumb uprightness of conduct. These are not abstract ideas reserved for lodge meetings. They are principles meant to govern how we speak, how we treat others, and how we conduct ourselves when no one is watching.

Masonic education should never be viewed as confined to ritual proficiency alone. Ritual gives us the framework, but understanding gives it life. Each lecture, symbol, and allegory contains deeper lessons that reveal themselves through study, discussion, and contemplation. The more we seek light, the more we discover that Masonry continually unfolds new meanings, even within teachings we have heard many times before.

June often marks the beginning of summer a season associated with growth and renewal. It is therefore an appropriate time for each of us to ask: What part of my own temple still remains unfinished? Are we applying the lessons we have been taught, or merely repeating them?

Freemasonry has endured through centuries because it calls men toward self-improvement, charity, wisdom, and brotherhood. The working tools remain before us today just as they did for the craftsmen of old, reminding us that the greatest structure we will ever build is not made of stone, but of character.

May we continue our labors with diligence, humility, and a sincere desire for more light.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Doug Jones. Senior Warden

John Scofield, P.M.

Junior Warden

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

Our May Stated Meeting dinner was well attended. Of course we had a busy scheduled program. I had 78 reservations for dinner. But we also had 15 no shows. Folks, I gotta tell you the importance of making a dinner reservation. But even more so if you do reserve it is very important to show up. We purchase and cook our dinners based on RSVP. If you do not show we have just wasted a lot of food. PLEASE folks if you make a reservation, please show up. We would appreciate it.

Our May 27th Fellowship gathering was another huge success. Street tacos El Charo beans and rice, what else could ya ask for. Thank you to all that have been attending these Fellowship nights. I think we will have one in June also. Usually, the last Wednesday of the month, June 24th. I think we will just have burgers and dogs for June. There will be no cooking for Fellowship in July or August. But we will be back in September. Stated Meeting dinner for June will be smoked pork ribs prepared by Worshipful

Tom Tompkins. I will be making Cowboy Beans corn on the cob and homemade potato salad. This will surely be a good time. Make your reservation early. And don't forget to show up.

That's it for now folks. Take care and be safe.

John Scofield, P.M., Jr. Warden

Please take the time to read this

Your 2026 dues are vital to sustaining our Lodge. Your contributions keep operations running smoothly, support youth groups that nurture future leaders, and help other lodges in need, such as those affected by disasters like the LA fires. Timely dues payments ensure our community thrives and allows us to extend support where it's most needed. Thank you to everyone who has already paid and continues to uphold our shared values. So far this year we only have 7 members who haven't paid their 2026 dues, thanks to the other 199 of you who have paid your dues.

John Scofield, P.M.
Hallboard President

Greetings from the Hallboard,

Last month we were able to replace our American flag and our Masonic flag. They sometimes blow into the tree and it tears the ends up. I am working on getting those branches removed. We have also purchased a California flag. It should be up in the East by the time you read this.

We are making inquiries regarding some kind of sound dampening in the dining room. We have heard several people comment about how noisy it gets with all the reflective surfaces. There are many different options for the walls so we are just starting our research. Also, I found out there are also sound dampening floor products available. Stand by for more updates.

Your garden is now transitioning from spring towards summer. It looks like I will be harvesting garlic and some onions. Stay tuned for that. Tomatoes and peppers should all be in the ground. Different herbs are also planted. I will be busy doing some canning this summer into fall. I look forward to sharing with all of you.

I think that's it for now.

Respectfully submitted

John Scofield, PM

Hallboard President and “Resident Horticulturist”

2026 HSJ Lodge Officers

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

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Tom Angello, P.M. (Theresa)……..……....Junior Steward

Cris Bryceson (Joy) …….. Tiler

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June 2026
Birthdays

Roger	O'Hagan	2
Richard	Kropp	3
Craig	Thordsen	3
Darral	Kandt, Jr.	7
Joe	Chastain	9
Michael	Sellick, P.M.	10
Leonard	Whipple, Jr.	10
Clarence	Ward, P.M.	11
O'Bryant	Hall	13
Jefferson	Henson, II	13
Thomas	Nickens	14
LeAunta	Patterson	17
Rolf	Owre, P.M.	21
Gary	Kiddie, P.M.	26
Derek	McDaniels	26
Eric	Kathman	27
Edvard	Nazaryan	27
David	Elder	30

June 2026
Masonic Anniversaries

Joseph	Millican, P.M.	67
Michael	Sellick, P.M.	66
Daniel	Scott, P.M.	58
Robert	Loehr	57
Glyndell	Williams	49
David	Schwartz	47
Thomas	Tapp, P.M.	47
Thomas	Nickens	46
David	Pond	43
Lloyd	Minor, P.M.	36
Edward	Vandiver, P.M.	27
Christopher	Tompkins	24
William	Maneely	23
Benjamin	Schwartz	21
James	Watt, P.M.	20
Christopher	Riffe, P.M.	16
Michael	Nichols	12
Christopher	Meadows	7
Adam	Roberts	4
Brent	Sloan	3

June 2026
Ladies Birthdays

Diane	Duffy	1
Monica	Voetsch	1
Teresa	Nichols	12
Janice	Hile	14
Audrey	Tapp	16
Aubrey	Beecher	23

June Stated Meeting Dinner

Smoked pork ribs prepared by Worshipful Tom Tompkins. Worshipful John Scofield will be making Cowboy Beans, corn on the cob and home made potato salad, plus some kind of surprise dessert.

BEST BREAKFAST WEST OF RENO!
Bring your family & friends to socialize & eat with us!
Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge
5944 San Juan Ave at Northlea, Citrus Heights
4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8-10AM
$5 DONATION
Indoor & Outdoor Seating (Weather Permitting)

Pictured is Worshipful Master Tom Awalt and Camila Mercado one of our newest Scholarship winners of the Ken Hickman-Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge Scholarships in the Rancho Cordova news papers this week.

One of the evening's largest awards, the Ken Hickman – Harding San Juan Masonic Scholarship, was presented to Camila Perez Mercado, who received $10,000, for her academic excellence and perseverance.

Welcoming Gen. Douglas MacArther #853 to San Juan Masonic Center

Some of our brothers came to support our new brothers into the Center.

From Left to Right: John Scofield, P.M., Tom Angello, P.M., Bob Jackson, Secretary, Ben Maglalang, Robert Henning and Bruce Gavin, WM.

Great food and look who is in the front of the line.

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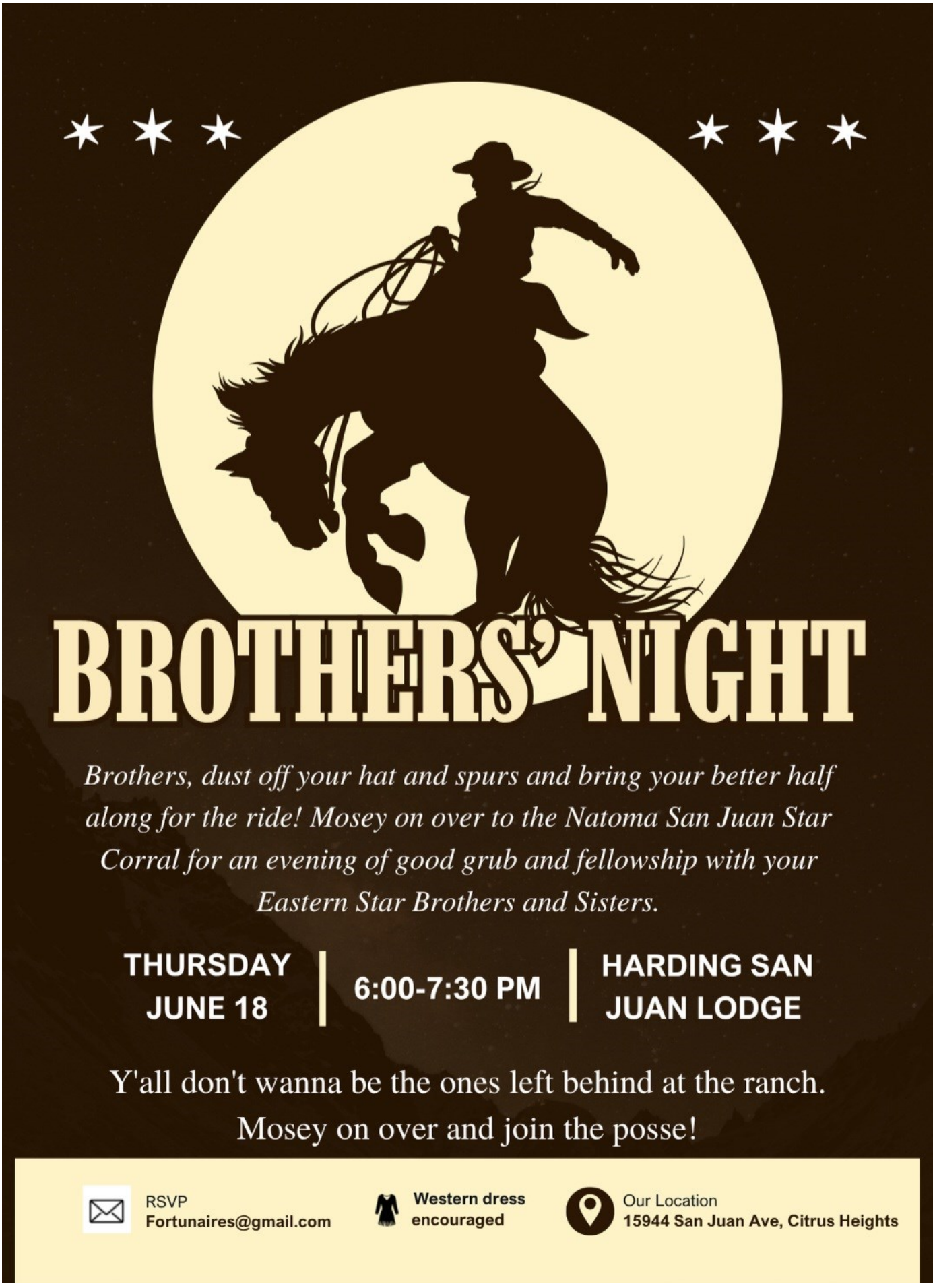
BROTHERS' NIGHT
Brothers, dust off your hat and spurs and bring your better half along for the ride! Mosey on over to the Natoma San Juan Star Corral for an evening of good grub and fellowship with your Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters.
THURSDAY JUNE 18
6:00-7:30 PM
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