



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.

March

Steve "Doc" Larson

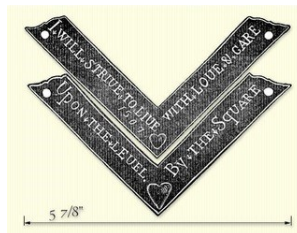
Master



Irish blessing from the East:

I know I'm not Irish, but as so many of my ancestors sacked Ireland, I feel it as an adopted as the Patron Saint of Ireland. We know he was born in England in the 5th Century, A.D. and was kidnapped by Irish pirates at about the age of 16. He was taken to Ireland and made to serve as a slave to serve as an animal herder homeland. He eventually escaped and returned to his family and became a cleric. He returned to Ireland to convert pagans to Christianity in Northern and Western Ireland eventually becoming a Bishop, sight unknown. Later became the Patron

Saint of Ireland. The year of his death is also, uncertain, but usually attributed to 493 A.D. and the date of his death is ascribed to March 17.



About a millennium transpires before we find solid evidence of Masonry in Ireland, the Baal's Bridge Square, 1507. This was an artifact found at an ancient building site of the Baal Bridge, records found referring to the Bridge in 1558. In the early 1600's there are many records from "lodges" recording minutes of meetings which, although being operative Lodges, demonstrate a willingness to have "speculative" Masons join them.. The history is fascinating and fun. Take time to explore our institution.

St. Patrick was a devout Christian Bishop who helped bring Ireland into the Christian beliefs that so many Irish relish and paved the way for Masonry to take hold.

Our Stated meeting will be particularly good as W. Duffy and Diane are preparing Corned Beef and Cabbage, a traditional Irish meal in America, and I will bring Irish Stew with Colcannon, both yummy, so plan on enjoying yourselves. Be sure to wear green.

Remember we have several Degrees upcoming, so check our calendar and study hard.

God Bless us All,

With love and respect,

Yours in the Bond of Brotherhood,

Faternally,

Steve "Doc" Larson, WM

Greg Treible

Senior Warden



Brothers, for the last couple of months, we've been exploring the relationship between Freemasonry and the American Civil War. Last month, we looked at how a group of Confederate Master Masons escorted a Union fellowcraft to a lodge in the south to confer a Master Mason degree and safely return the newly raised brother back to the North.

Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial

Located in the south-side of Gettysburg, [The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial](#) depicts Union General Winfield Scott Hancock and Confederate General Lewis Addison Armistead. These Generals were personal friends and members of Freemasonry having fought together prior to the Civil War. However, as with many during this time, these brothers were forced to be adversaries.

During the Battle of Gettysburg, Armistead was mortally wounded when he bravely breached Hancock's line. Union Captain Henry Bingham, a Mason, and staff assistant to General Hancock, bent low in the battlefield to provide aid to the Confederate general. The memorial displays Armistead handing over his personal watch to Captain Bingham to be taken to his dear friend General Hancock. General Armistead did not survive. These two Generals and a Masonic Captain, thrown into conflict, were united by their friendship and dedication to being compassionate men.

On the monument, an inscription reads:

This monument is presented by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and dedicated as a memorial to the Freemasons of the Union and the Confederacy. Their unique bonds of friendship enabled them to remain a brotherhood undivided, even as they fought in a divided nation, faithfully supporting the respective governments under which they lived.

Despite these years of bloodshed and disagreement, Freemasons established a stronger fraternity that embraced differences. An organization where men could meet in friendship and grace even in times of war.

Sometimes contentious items or issues can arise in lodge. The noble contention of who can best work and best agree becomes critical (i.e., it's how we handle the issue as brothers and not the issue or decision itself that matters). When such issues arise, I can't think of a better example of how to treat our brethren than the two Civil War examples we reviewed these last two months.

Greg Treible, PM, Sr. Warden

Bruce Gavin

Junior Warden



Greetings from the South

February and March are all about food. Mardi Gras, Sweethearts Luncheon, the Super Bowl party feast, and the Stated Meeting dinner are now behind us leaving memories of great eats and good times. The spaghetti and homemade meatball dinner with full salad bar was a hit with those coming for the Stated Meeting dinner. Brothers Arnold Natano, Ben Maglalang, Earl Dayanghirang and Worshipful Julius Cadorna put on a well-attended party feast fit for royalty. Many boxes of wagon wheel-sized pizza, endless lumpia and pancit, and all the side dishes, desserts and finger foods made for great eating while cheering for the game.

The March dinner for Stated Meeting will be the traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes and homemade soda bread put on by Worshipful Duffy and his wife Diane. She is also featuring an Irish dessert competition fundraiser where we lucky diners can buy tickets to sample and vote for our favorite desserts. These desserts will compete in three categories: Taste, Presentation and Authenticity. Diners can purchase and cast as many votes as they desire.

February also saw the initiation of our newest Brother, Earl Dayanghirang. The Rio Linda lodge brought their new EA candidate, Edwin Caban to the Officer School of Instruction where he received the First Degree of Masonry conferred by the combined officers of Harding San Juan, Capital City and Rio Linda.

Your Officers have made their reservations to attend the Master and Warden's Retreats this year. Master Steven Larson, Senior Warden Greg Treible, Junior Warden Bruce Gavin and Senior Deacon Doug Jones will be attending this year. They will be attending workshops to further their education in the business of running the Lodge.

Reminders are given for Breakfast At The Lodge every 4th Saturday of each month from 8 to 10am. This is the "best breakfast west of Reno" for a very modest \$5 donation. The Masonic Club dinner is the 4th Tuesday of every month and rotates between several great places to dine. This is open to all who would like to join us. RSVPs are mandatory to ensure sufficient seating.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Jr. Warden

Tom Tompkins, PM Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard.

Let's start with our roof, we will be getting some information and quotes on installing a new roof. Our existing roof is getting older, and we have spotted several areas of concern and one small leak. We will keep you posted as we progress with this project.

The severe winds we had did not take out any of our trees, thankfully, but did scatter debris around the property. Worshipful John Scofield has done an excellent job of cleaning the property after the storm. Surprisingly enough, we did not lose power during the high winds.

The ovens appear to be working. When you use them, be sure to give them time to get up to temperature. The ovens are getting some age on them and like the rest of use, need lots of TLC. Just be patient.

Please remember, if you see something around our facility that needs attention, please let someone know so we can get it fixed. Thank you.

Yes, one of these days we will have new cameras. They are on order; however, I believe they are being shipped by one of those "slow boats from China." We will keep you posted.

Remember, our lodge facility is your lodge facility. If you want to have a birthday party, graduation party, retirement party or a memorial service, you can rent our facility. Just call Bob Jackson, our Rental Manager 916-952-4049 and get your date on our lodge calendar. Our rental rate for members is very affordable.

Please remember to continue to support our food bank. There are many in our community that can use our help. Paper and plastic shopping bags, peanut butter, empty egg cartons, fresh fruit, unexpired canned goods, dry cereal, and dry soup mix are some of the items needed. They also can use monetary donations as well. Please make your check payable to **Sunrise Christian Food Ministry**. Thank you for your continued support.

Until next time.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

Tom Tompkins, PM



2024 HSJ Lodge Officers

Steven “Doc” Larson	Master
Gregory L. Treible (Kyra)	Senior Warden
Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon)	Junior Warden
Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine)	Treasurer
L.R. “Bob” Jackson (Terri)	Secretary
Richard E. Lewis (Violet)	Chaplain
Douglas F. Jones (Heather).....	Senior Deacon
Steven M. Rankin (Rae).....	Junior Deacon
Christopher L. Globis	Marshal
Carl Yeager (Delila).....	Senior Steward
Cris E. Bryceson (Joy)	Tiler
Tom Tompkins, III, PM (Lynn)	Head Candidates Coach
Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela)	Officers Coach

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Dinner starts at 6:30PM and stated meeting at 8PM, hope you all can make it on March 13th.



Corned Beef & Cabbage

carrots, potatoes & home made soda bread.

Presented for your enjoyment by
Wor. Duffy & his wife Diane.

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Reservations must be in by Saturday 03/09

My Brothers & Sisters

March Stated Meeting Dinner, Please make your reservations online, by going to www.hardingsanjuan.com and hit the button to make your reservations.

Secretary's Desk

We have a New Mailing address for any letters or correspondence you send to the San Juan Masonic Center or Harding San Juan Lodge #579 in the future it is: P.O. Box 594, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0594.

Bob Jackson, Secretary

March 2024 Birthdays

Brian Vierria	03-04
John Scofield, PM	03-05
Donavan Rae, PM	03-05
Lawrence Miramontes	03-07
Bradley Greer	03-07
Richard Ware, PM	03-19
Andrew Sanchez	03-20
Gary Reynolds	03-22
Gilbert Palmer	03-25
Roger Hanney	03-25
Robert Henning, PM	03-26
Jeff Apperson, Sr., PM	03-30

March 2024 Masonic Anniversaries

Harry Williams	53
Jeff Apperson, Sr., PM	48
Larry Wood	47
James Myers	46
Scott Rathburn	45
Willie Seirer, Sr., PM	45
Craig Thordsen	44
Jeffery Potts	37
Clancy Ward, PM	37
Alfred Schuller	35
Virgil Altstatt	30
Robert Tamblyn	20
George Wales, Jr.	16
Justin Whitsell	12
Gregory Treible, PM	11



HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 6PM - Exec. Mtg. 7PM - HSJ 2nd Degree Practice	5	6 6PM Degree Practice	7	8	9
10	11 7PM—3rd Degree for Arnold Natano	12	13 Roll Call 6:30PM - Stated Mtg. Dinner 8:00PM - Stated Meeting	14 7pm - Hallboard	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 7PM HSJ Practice	19	20 6pm - OSI	21	22	23 8AM Lodge - Breakfast
24	25 7PM HSJ Practice	26	27 6pm - HSJ Degree Prepare for Carpet Cleaning 7pm - Cigars & beverages	28 8am Carpet Cleaning	29	30 12pm Lodge Open House

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.