TRESTLEBOARD

May

Bruce Gavin

Master

Greetings from the East

What is the rough ashlar?

A rough ashlar is a raw, unworked and irregular stone in its natural state as found in the quarry. In the rough, it is used in operative masonry for rustic or textured wall surfaces. It is comprised of uneven, jagged or textured surfaces of a random nature.

In speculative masonry, the rough ashlar signifies the untutored, imperfect state of man. It represents the raw potential that needs refinement through education and moral development to become a perfected man.

The Entered Apprentice is represented as a rough ashlar. He is the new brother needing the character development and refinement necessary to reach a state of perfection. In the lodge, the rough ashlar is a visual reminder of human imperfection and the need for self-improvement.

The ashlar symbolizes the changes a man goes through on his journey through the Craft. As he works his way in the Craft, he shapes himself into a man of service and integrity and eventually becomes the perfect ashlar. This finished ashlar is symbolized in many lodges as a visual reminder of this journey.

Each ashlar is measured only against itself and never compared with others. To do so would invite those ego-centric traits which we strive to overcome. A Freemason is a man who is committed to bettering both himself and his community. He is one who vows both to help and mentor his brethren to do the same. A Freemason is a man striving to be part of something greater than himself.

As he matures in Freemasonry, he is raised as a Master Mason and becomes the finished ashlar. In operative masonry, the finished ashlar is characterized by smooth faces, squared edges and precise joints. These fit together perfectly, one and the other, offering a polished, durable surface for beautiful architectural details that fit the builders use. Each is judged on its own merits, but together they form a beautiful, perfect and complete whole. In speculative Masonry, Master Masons are the finished ashlars who strive to work together for the betterment of themselves and their communities.

Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Master

Doug Jones

Senior Warden

Greetings from the West

As we welcome the month of May, having weathered the April storms, we are reminded of the quiet beauty of renewal that surrounds us. Spring offers a natural reflection of balance and harmony - qualities that should also be present within our Lodge and within ourselves, even when the world around us may not reflect that same harmony.

At Harding San Juan Lodge, we are guided by the enduring principle of Brotherly Love. This is more than a phrase we recite; it is a commitment to treat one another with kindness, patience, and respect. In a world that often feels divided and hurried, our Lodge stands as a place of peace - a refuge where harmony prevails and every Brother is valued.

Maintaining harmony does not mean we will always agree. Rather, it calls upon us to approach one another with understanding, to listen before we speak, and to seek unity even in moments of difference. True Brotherly Love is demonstrated in how we support one another, especially during challenging times.

Each of us plays a role in preserving the strength of our Lodge. A kind word, a welcoming gesture, or simply reaching out to a Brother who has been absent can make a meaningful difference. These small acts are the foundation upon which lasting bonds are built.

As we move through May, let us recommit ourselves to fostering peace within our Lodge and in our daily lives. By doing so, we uphold the very principles that make our fraternity strong and enduring.

I am especially grateful for the increase in fellowship events at the Lodge. We have shared many enjoyable meals, engaged in meaningful conversations, and even spent time together under the moon and stars, with a crackling fire nearby. I encourage each of you to come out, bring a friend or a Brother from another Lodge, and help showcase the spirit and qualities that define Harding San Juan.

Thank you for all that you do. I am truly grateful for each of you.

May harmony guide our interactions, and may Brotherly Love continue to unite us in all that we do.

Fraternally,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Doug Jones. Senior Warden

John Scofield, P.M.

Junior Warden

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

Thank you once again to the Ladies from our Leisure Hour group and Brother Bill Foster for preparing our April dinner. The meal was delicious, and I received numerous positive comments from those who attended.

Looking ahead to this March

We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 13th. I will be preparing chicken enchiladas served with Mexican rice and refried beans, accompanied by a dessert. Please make your reservations by 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 9th. Reservations will not be accepted after that time.

Fellowship

This event is BYOB, but I will provide soda and water. Donations are gladly accepted. May 27th the meal will begin around 7:00 PM, and it will be outstanding, following a brief officer's practice. Everyone is invited to attend the Fellowship event, so feel free to bring your wives or potential candidates to meet the members of Harding San Juan Lodge.

Lodge Breakfast

As usual, we will hold our Lodge breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month, which falls on May 23rd. For just a $5.00 donation, you can enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast. Please join us from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Officer Activities and Congratulations

The officers will be especially busy this month. We have some new Entered Apprentices (EA's) joining us, and several brothers will be advancing to the Fellowcraft Degree (FC's). Congratulations to those brothers on their achievement.

June Stated Meeting Dinner

Be sure to mark your calendars for our June Stated Meeting dinner, which will take place on June 10th. Worshipful Tom Tompkins will be smoking some ribs, and I will be preparing delicious side dishes to kick off the summer season.

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

John Scofield, P.M., Jr. Warden

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 setting those branches removed. We have also purchased a California flag. It should be up in the East by the time you read this.

We're looking into sound damping options 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.

Our 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

Bruce Gavin (Sharon) ……...Master

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

John Scofield, P.M (Lady Bug)…….……Junior Warden

Edward E. Rose, P.M. (Elaine) ……Treasurer

Bob Jackson (Terri) ……..……Secretary

Paul W.A., P.M. Cary (Jaime) ……..……...Assistant Secretary

Christopher Globis (Laura)..……..Chaplain

Mike Ramirez (Jordan) ....…….……Senior Deacon

Mark Young (Annette)..... Junior Deacon

Abtin Hassani (Parisa)…..…… Marshal

Stephen Rankin (Rae) …..……..…… Senior Steward

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

Cris Bryceson (Joy) …….. Tiler

Tom Tompkins, III, P.M. (Lynn) ……..……..… Head Candidates Coach

Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela) ……..Officers Coach

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May 2026
Birthdays

Bob	Leal	2
Kevin	Seirer	2
Willie	Seirer, Jr.	2
Creg	MacFarlane	9
Thomas	Wentz, P.M.	9
Dennis	Redding	10
Scott	Raab	11
Travis	Beller	14
Christopher	Meadows	18
Dax	Roberts	19
Gregory	Voetsch, Jr., P.M.	19
Merle	Hutton	21
Mark	Van Allen	22
Zack	Bolling	23
Donald	Leow	27
Gregory	Dwyer	28
David	Schwartz	28
Momo	Larmena, Jr.	30
Edward	Vandiver, P.M.	30
Leo	Mc Clatchy	31

May2026
Masonic Anniversaries

Rolf	Owre, P.M.	75
Wm. Martin	Haley	67
Richard	Lewis	58
Arthur	Hawkins	57
Wayne	Steving	50
Gary	Roberts	49
Gary	Kiddie, P.M.	41
Bill	Boxell, Jr., P.M.	40
Christopher	Globis	39
Loren	Schilder	33
Kevin	Kemper	24
Timothy	Scott	19
Leo	Mc Clatchy	18
Larry	Severns	18
Brian	Cummins, P.M.	15
Brian	Evers, P.M.	15
Mark	Van Allen	14
Joseph	Igbinadolor	13
Derek	McDaniels	2

May Stated Meeting

Chicken Enchiladas - Refried Beans - Mexican Rice
Chips & Salsa & Dessert

Please RSVP early so we have an accurate head count for food.
www.hardingsanjuan.com
6:00 - Social
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 Open Program before the Meeting
Bring your family and friends to have dinner and socialize with us at the San juan masonic Center in Citrus Heights.
We are located at 5944 San Juan Ave at Northlea Ave.
ample parking available.

My Brothers and Sisters
Reservations must be in by Saturday, May 9th, 5PM
Please make your
Reservations online by going to
www.hardingsanjuan.com
and go to the Store button to make reservations.

BEST BREAKFAST WEST OF RENO!
Bring your family & friends to socialize & eat with us!
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4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8-10AM
$5 DONATION
Indoor & Outdoor Seating (Weather Permitting)

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TIME & LOCATION

AUG 8, 2026
10 AM

Sacramento Scottish Rite Center
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Sacramento,
CA 95819

JOIN US

Our speakers will be presenting their thoughtful insights into our country's history and how the Masons might have influenced the creation of the United States.

BUY TICKETS

Early registration is $42 and includes lunch with a grab bag and challenge coin!

OUR SPEAKERS

Ric Berman

John L. Cooper

Susan Summers

A little history of Harding San Juan Lodge Installation from 2018

Past Mater Doug Veale entertaining at the 2018 Fall Festival