



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.

# May

## Richard Duffy

Master



Brethren and Ladies,

Freemasonry is a fraternity that emphasizes personal growth, community involvement, and philanthropy. Freemasons believe in the importance of being good citizens and contributing positively to their communities.

California Grand Lodge has sought to increase positive public awareness of Masonry by emphasizing our charitable work and community involvement. Many Masonic lodges sponsor local charitable events and provide support for a variety of causes, such as education, healthcare, and disaster relief.

In support of the Masons of California 2025 Strategic Plan of bringing more positive awareness of our fraternity to the community, we are hosting a Strawberry Festival at the San Juan Masonic Center on June 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Harding San Juan Strawberry Festival will be a community event that will include a yard sale, strawberry shortcake, hot dogs, children’s activities, and a local crafter. We are asking for donated items to be brought to the lodge on Friday, June 9th at 6:00 pm. The Breakfast Crew will be selling hot dogs, chips and sodas. Job’s Bethel #292 will be hosting the children’s activity area. Order of Eastern Star Natoma-San Juan Chapter will host a rummage sale and a face painter, and a local craft store will have a table of strawberry related crafts from local vendors.

Proceeds will benefit the local food closet, Masons for Mitts, Harding San Juan Lodge and OES Natoma San Juan.

Clean out your closets, empty your garage and declutter your life. Please consider stopping by or donating any used items for the yard sale. Also, spread the word and tell your friends and family to visit us for fun and a great community event at your lodge.

Fraternally,

*Rich Duffy*, WM

# Steve "Doc" Larson

Senior Warden



Brethren and Ladies

April is such an historic month in Masonry. Every day in April commemorates some, if not several, historic moments in our history. For instance, in 1875 was born Bro. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the French sculptor who created "Liberty Enlightening the World" which became known as "The Statue of Liberty"! On 4/3/48, Brother Harry S. Truman signed the "Plan for European Recovery", better known as the "Marshall Plan" after a speech given by Brother Marshall, Secretary of State, a year earlier at Harvard University. Over 12 billion dollars was given as grants to European countries with desperate needs and 90% of this money came back to America in the purchasing of American goods sparking our own economic recovery, which

was a win-win situation for America as well. 1948 Brother President Truman signed The North Atlantic Treaty later to be known as NATO. Now containing 19 member countries.

"On 4/9/42, General and Brother Edward P. King was forced to surrender 76,000 of his troops to the invading Japanese. These troops were formerly under the command of General and Brother Douglas MacArthur, who had been made a Mason "at sight" on 1/17/36 by Samuel Hawthorne, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines. This surrender led to the infamous Bataan Death March where so many were killed and tortured. 4/9/63, President Kennedy made Bro. Sir Winston Churchill an Honorary Citizen of the USA. 4/16/1705, Queen Anne Knighted Brother Sir Isaac Newton. 4/18/1775, Bro. Paul Revere and Bro. William Dawes began their famous "midnight ride" ! 4/18/1942, Brother James Doolittle led his raid from the deck of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet and took the fight to the Japanese. Doolittle later became a General.

April 19, 1775, the American Revolution began at Lexington, MA with the "shot heard 'round the world"!

4/21/1836, General and Brother Sam Houston defeated Mexican forces led by Santa Ana in the final battle winning Texas its independence. The fight lasted 18 minutes. Within a year the Republic of Texas received recognition from the United States and became the 28th State in December 1845.

4/30/1789, Worshipful George Washington was inaugurated First President of the United States under the new Constitution. Brother and Chancellor Robert R. Livingston administered the Oath of Office to Washington using his Masonic Bible to take the oath. The ceremony was held at New York City's Federal Hall on the balcony, And now, every year, the Oath is reenacted by New York Grand Lodge and member lodges. Federal Hall is on the corner of Wall and Broad Streets.

There is a lot more but this was a list of just a few of the April events.

**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 month's trestle board is intended to remind everyone about the new practice we've implemented for making RSVPs and online payments for events.

While most have adopted the new practice with ease, it seems there are some who may not be aware of or understand the new process. For example, several brothers either emailed or called and left voicemail messages for me expressing their desire to attend April's stated meeting dinner. To these brothers, I hope you'll pardon my lack of responsiveness; I was out of the country, disconnected and completely unavailable from April 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder, the only way to make reservations to attend events, including stated meeting dinners, is online at the Harding San Juan website. Phone calls, emails, statements made in person at practice, coffee club, breakfast, etc., to the JW, WM, Secy, et. al., to RSVP a forthcoming event will no longer be accepted. The intent here is improvement/simplification and accurate meal purchasing. Rather than trying to remember who the JW (or WM or Secy) is (considering they change every year – usually), or what their respective phone numbers or email addresses are, simply follow these three steps:

- (1) go here: [https://www.hardingsanjuan.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.hardingsanjuan.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)
- (2) click on the RSVP link for the stated meeting dinner or event you'd like to attend and
- (3) complete the brief questionnaire (which takes less than 2 minutes – quicker than placing a phone call or sending an email).

If any brother or lady experiences technical difficulty accessing or completing the RSVP questionnaire, please call or email me and I'd be happy to walk you through the steps or try to troubleshoot the technical difficulty.

I would like to recognize and wholeheartedly thank WM Duffy and Worshipful Paul Cary for developing and implementing this concept to centralize and simplify the RSVP process. While change is often tough in the moment, I am confident this particular change will serve the lodge well for years to come.

Until next month, my brothers...

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Greg Treible*, PM, JW

# Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your [Hallboard](#)

The hall board approved enclosing the breezeway and this project should be completed soon. The gate will have a combination lock as opposed to a key. Please don't share this combination with any of our homeless occupants. (lol)



The parking lot solar lighting system is requires several new poles be installed. This project will take place in June under the supervision of Worshipful John Scofield who will be home for a visit to attend his grandson's graduation from high school.

Once the parking lot lighting project is completed, we will move on to the installation of the cameras.

The old griddle that has been a big part of our monthly breakfasts for several decades has finally decided to bite the dust. For the past several months Brother Tim Scott has graciously let us use his Blackstone griddle as he is our pancake cooker and French toast extraordinaire. The hallboard has purchased a new Blackstone 4 burner griddle for the lodge. We thank Brother Scott for his generosity. Also, Worshipful Steve (Doc) Larson indicated he had a Blackstone griddle that he would donate to the lodge as a backup for large gatherings. This is great news as our breakfast attendance is growing every month. The best \$5.00 breakfast west of Reno. Thank you to Worshipful Larson.

We continue to support the food bank across the street. Your donations of peanut butter, boxed cereal, canned goods (not expired please), fresh fruit, empty egg cartons and plastic and paper shopping bags are greatly appreciated by those less fortunate in our community. They also welcome monetary donations as well. Thank You for your continued support.

Until next time

Be safe and stay well.

Fraternally, Hallboard President

*Tom Tompkins*, PM

## In Memoriam

We lost a Great Mason and friend to all of us, Gary Wheeler passed away April 21, 2023. He will be missed and we know he is in a better place. Raised 3/24/1971, passed 6/23/71, MM 9/22/1971 a 50 year Mason and a Hiram recipient.

**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
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Thomas L. Pryor, PM .....	Junior Steward
Cris E. Bryceson (Joy) .....	Tiler
Tom Tompkins, III, PM (Lynn) .....	Head Candidates Coach
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***Trestleboard April 2023***

*Trestleboard Editors, Bob Jackson*

# HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6PM - Executive Mtg. 7PM - Rio Linda 1st Degree	2 9AM - #830 .Practice 6PM - ILA Neb	3 6PM Sloan Proficiency 6:30PM 2nd Degree Practice	4 8:30AM Coffee 7:30PM OES Mtg.	5 9 AM Leisure Hour	6 10AM Jobs
7 2PM - OES Drill Team	8 7PM 2nd Degree for Chris S.	9 9AM - #830 .Practice	10 6:30PM HSJ Dinner 8 PM HSJ State Mtg	11 8:30AM Coffee	12 9 AM Leisure Hour	13
14	15 7PM Officers Practice	16 1PM - #830 .Stated Mtg	17 :7PM OSI	18 8:30AM Coffee 6/7:30PM - OES Dinner/Mtg	19 9 AM Leisure Hour	20 12PM - Ameranth 7PM - JOBS
21	22 7PM 3rd Degree for Truckee	23 9AM - .#830 Practice	24 6PM 1st Degree Practice	25 8:30AM Coffee	26 9 AM Leisure Hour	27 8AM Lodge-Breakfast
28	29 7 PM Officers Practice	30 10AM ILA Neb Sew 9AM - #830 .Practice	31 6PM 1st Degree Practice			



**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](http://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.



## Singapore Chicken & Rice

My Brothers & Sisters

**May Stated Meeting Dinner**, Please make your reservations online , by going to [www.hardingsanjuan.com](http://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.***



**NEED A HAND? Give Us a Call**

We're starting a lodge handyman team to help our elder fraternal family! If you need assistance with small home repairs or yard cleanup, contact Rich Duffy, Master at (973) 214-8599 or rduffy753@comcast.net to be considered. As a reminder: If you're a Mason or a Masonic spouse or widow, you're eligible for a range of support services from Masonic Outreach Services. Call (888) 466-3642 for information.

<b>2023 Masonic Services Available</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Skill/Service</b>
Rich Duffy	973-214-8599	smoke detectors, batteries
Paul Cary	916-224-9711	Tech/cable/Wifi
Derek McDaniels	415-319-3424	general yard work, pressure wash, rides
Tom Tompkins	916-961-3670	yard work, sprinkler and drip systems
Bruce Gavin	916-988-7551	Windows Computers & Servicers/Cabling/Wi-Fi
Robert Henning	916-276-7521	yard work, nursing
Gregory Treible	406-231-2332	moving furniture, lifting heavy stuff
Scott Morrison Jr	916-752-8541	assistance
Joy Bryceson	916-996-5829	driving, store run, Dr. appt
Judi Syiles	916-834-2819	phone tree, computer
Diane Duffy	908-246-2598	downsizing, professional organizer