TRESTLEBOARD

October

Bruce Gavin

Master

Greetings from the East

When the music stops, one must have a chair to remain in the game. For Masonic lodges, these musical chairs game is lodge finances.

The relentless increase in the cost of maintaining our lodges will be exacerbated by the inevitable collapse of the Colorado River power and water producing dams from extended drought.

Both the Hoover and Glen Canyon dams are nearing the Dead Pool water level, where all power and water flow cease entirely. This decline is obvious to anyone who has seen the photos of Lake Mead, which is now down 190 vertical feet below its high-water mark. Glen Canyon took seventeen years to fill and only three years to drain down to its current low level.

Dead Pool is the low water level when all power generation and water releases cease.

These facilities provide water to 40 million people across seven states and Mexico. Approximately 5.5 million acres of food producing farmlands are dependent upon this water system and its tributaries.

At full capacity, these two dams also generate 3,320 megawatts of electricity to these seven states.

As of this writing, only four out of seventeen power turbines are online at Hoover Dam, due to low water levels. The short-term consequence of this is the implementation of cutbacks and power rationing.

When power generation ceases, the financial consequence of these areas buying power on the open market will significantly impact on the price of power for all open market buyers, including SMUD and PG&E.

The impact of open market purchases on lodges will be a dramatic increase in the electric bills to run these lodges.

Most lodge events take place during the peak rate hours of the day, when power and heat are the most expensive. Forward looking lodges should consider mitigation ideas such as Solar to help defray the expense of pricey electric bills.

As Masons, we are taught that the Masonic Ornaments are "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

As lodge revenue decreases as a consequence of ever-increasing operating costs, “Relief” must return to individual actions taken by the Brothers themselves, rather than writing a donation check from the Lodge. Individual charitable actions by our Brothers exemplifies Brotherly Love. Our regular donations to the Food Closet are such an example.

“Truth”, is understanding at the end of the year, the Lodge combined financial balance is either better than last year or worse. Declines can be either a downward trend or a one-off event, and adjustments can be made accordingly. There is a fine line between increasing dues or rents and losing tenants vs careful and frugal cost controls.

Fraternally,

Bruce Gavin, Master

Doug Jones

Senior Warden

Greetings from the West

The fall season is now upon us, bringing a welcome change as the summer heat begins to subside. Our normal Lodge activities are returning, including Stated Meeting dinners, programs, and the conferring of degrees. As we begin another busy season, I find it appropriate to reflect on what makes our Lodge successful, the work of its members and the willingness of Brothers to come together and contribute.

As I prepare for my time in the East, I find myself reflecting on the familiar story of King Solomon's Temple. To us, the Temple represents much more than a building from the ancient world. It represents the work we are called upon to do within ourselves and the part each of us plays in building something greater than ourselves.

At the center of the Temple story are three important figures: King Solomon, King Hiram of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff.

King Solomon provided the vision and leadership for the Temple and is traditionally associated with Wisdom. King Hiram of Tyre was Solomon's ally and provided the materials and skilled workers needed for the undertaking, representing Strength. Hiram Abiff, the master craftsman, brought his knowledge and skill to the work, representing Beauty.

Together, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty gave the Temple its foundation and purpose.

There is a lesson here that remains important today. Solomon could not build the Temple alone. He needed the assistance of Hiram of Tyre and the skill of Hiram Abiff. Each had a different responsibility, but all were working toward the same goal.

The same is true within our Lodge. Each Brother brings something different to the work. Some lead, some teach, some organize, some work behind the scenes, and others simply lend a hand when needed. No one Brother can do everything, nor should he have to.

The story of Hiram Abiff also reminds us of the importance of remaining true to our obligations and principles, even when faced with adversity.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of the Temple is that the building never really ends. The Temple we are asked to construct is also within ourselves. Every time we improve our character, keep an obligation, help a Brother, or simply do what is right when no one is watching, we add another stone to that Temple.

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty are more than words we hear in Lodge. They are qualities we should strive to carry with us when we leave it.

The Temple was built by many hands, and so is the work of Masonry. Each of us has a part to play.

As we look ahead to the coming months, I would especially like to reach out to our newer Brothers. If you have been wondering how you can become more involved, come to Lodge and find a place where you can help. There is always work to be done, and your time, ideas, and willingness to lend a hand can make a difference. You don't have to know everything or have years of experience just come, get involved, and help us continue making our Lodge successful.

Doug Jones, Senior Warden

John Scofield, P.M.

Junior Warden

Greetings from the South

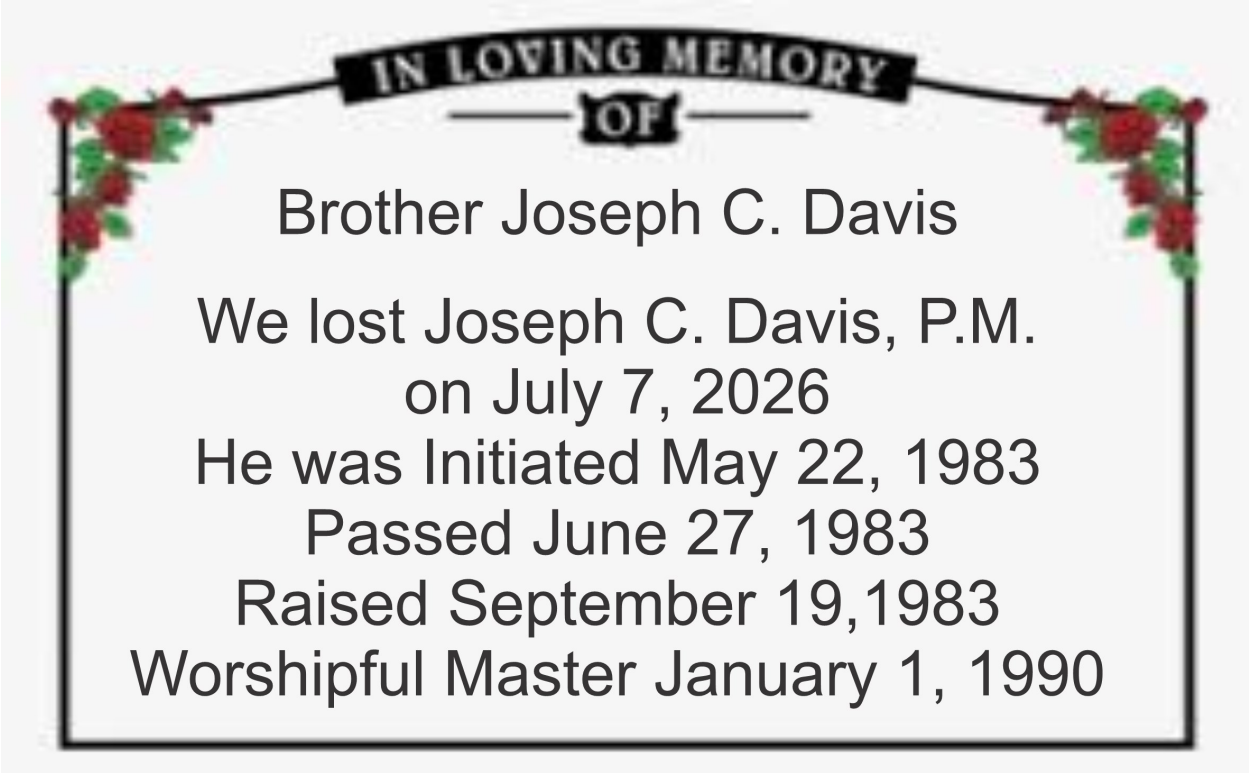
First off I would like to thank those helpers from our Leisure Hour and Eastern Star groups for our September dinner. They made an awesome old style chili and beans from Sharon Gavin's family recipe and of course our own Worshipful Bruce Gavin's excellent salad bar. For October my crew will be preparing an oven baked chicken and rice dish with broccoli and green salad. We will have a dessert just not sure what at this writing. We had our Fellowship night on September 30th. We had Cowboy Stew with 2 kinds of cornbread. Wow was it good. Thank you everyone for continuing to attend our Fellowship nights. What an awesome time to come together for a relaxed evening of food and Fellowship. Our next Fellowship in October I'm

thinking of a fall themed meal. Be sure to watch your email in box for that event it will be the last Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00PM. I look forward to seeing you there.

Remember be sure to make your reservation for Stated Meeting dinner, on October 14th. The cutoff date will be October 10th so make that reservation early. See you there.

Thank You for your time

John Scofield, P.M., Jr. Warden



John Scofield, P.M.

HallBoard President

Greetings from the Hallboard,

I'm pleased to say that we were able to complete some projects in September. We had the facial boards and gutters repainted the front walkway, cinder block walls and the handrail. And most of you may not even know but there is a Masonic emblem on the front of the building. We put a new coat of Gold and Silver paint on that also. Everything turned out looking awesome. We also had our patio roof waterproofed and we had the electrical repaired. There will be no more leaking roof. Thank you to Wright Waterproofing for their fine work. Let's move inside shall we. Our entire dining room area has also been repainted. We added a little color there. Of course we were stuck with our Masonic Blue. I hope everyone enjoys the changes. We also painted some doors and put on new hardware. I hope it is easier for everyone to open the doors. That will be the last of our major projects for the year. We will continue with our usual maintenance issues. So, remember friends if you see something say something.

Hope you all had a great summer and now as we approach fall your garden is going thru some changes. I'm continuing with flower plantings for your enjoyment. In the vegetable garden I am getting in some garlic beets and onions. I'm go-anna give potatoes another try. Maybe this time I will have better success. Stop by and say hi to your gardener I'd love to hear from you.

That's it for now, folks, see you in Lodge.

Respectfully submitted

John Scofield, PM

2026 HSJ Lodge Officers

Bruce Gavin (Sharon) ……...Master

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

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

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October 2026
Birthdays

Craig	Peach	1
Aaron	Crosby	5
Gunasundran	Pillay	6
Douglas	Milan	8
Eugene	Hoover	9
Paul	Cary. P.M.	10
Brent	Sloan	11
John	Williamson	15
David	Pond	17
Douglas	Veale, P.M.	17
Harry	Brown	18
Chase	Armer	18
Willie	Seirer, Sr., P.M.	19
Larry	Gore	21
Gered	Brown	21
Subi	Qalliu	25
Wm. Martin	Haley	28
Virgil	Altstatt	28
Gregory	Treible, P.M.	30
Robert	Loehr	31
Harold	Bussard	31

October 2026
Masonic Anniversaries

Jonathan	Payton	1
Dax	Roberts	1
Christopher	Schwegler	3
Ed	Nazaryan	9
Evan	Beecher	10
Christopher	Milan	10
Robert	Henning, P.M.	12
Shane	Fackrell	13
Jeffrey	Stevens	23
Jon	Nanbu	29
Kenneth	Robinson	29
Johnny	Henman	37
Dennis	Redding	39
Leonard	Whipple, Jr., P.M.	48
Douglas	Veale, P.M.	51
Lonzo	Frizzell	54
William	Freeze	57
Marvin	Johnson	62
Milo	Johnson, Jr., P.M.	68
Michael	Robertson, P.M.	69

October 2026
Ladies Birthdays

Sharon	Gavin	2
Joan	Haynes	5
Jan	Luoma	8
Kalai	Pillay	10
Vicki	Kerr	16
Heather	Vierria	31

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