



# Masonic News

Harding San Juan Lodge Trestleboard

# July

Robert Henning

Master



Brethren and Ladies,

We have had several upsets at the lodge in the last few weeks, some of the brothers have come down with Covid. We have suspended one of our degrees and our stated dinner.

Worshipful Jeffrey Robertson has been in the hospital for several days with Covid and high blood pressure. It appears to be under control, and we are hoping to see him back in the lodge very soon. Worshipful Scott Morrison, Jr. stepped up and became our Officers Coach last Monday for our 2nd degree practice. The 2nd degree will be on the 20th and we will have a 1st degree on the 22nd, side liners will be much appreciated.

Breakfast is scheduled on the 25th. We can use several brothers to help with the set up and clean up. Please volunteer if you can.

In July there will be no practice on the 4th so everyone can enjoy the holiday. On July the 11th we have an executive meeting at 6pm before practice, on the 13th stated meeting, there will be no dinner due to our being dark for the months of July and August. Our annual picnic is on the 16th of July and we will have more details on this coming up. Hope to see everyone there for food and fellowship. Masks are available for anyone who desires to wear them. Be safe my brethren and plan ahead for our events. Thank you.

Fraternally,

*Robert Henning*, WM

# Richard Duffy

Senior Warden



Brethren and Ladies,

Happy 4th of July my Brethren!

I had nothing to write for July, but sitting here on June 19, Father's Day, and drinking a glass of Drambuie in honor of my dad, I am inspired to write my article from the West.

Dad loved Drambuie and I remember one Father's Day I gave him a bottle and we finished it together. We were both hurting the next day, but at the time it was something we shared in common and enjoyed together. We shared many things in common, hunting, fishing, camping, tinkering around the house and Masonry.

I grew up in a Masonic family and was a DeMolay while my dad worked his way through the chairs of the same lodge to become Master. When I graduated college, he handed me an application and had already signed it. That was how it was in our family. I was honored to have my dad and great uncle raise me as a Master Mason and on that day, my dad and my great uncle became my brothers.

Masonry has given me many wonderful memories and friendships. Friendships form when we are open to them and Masonry brings men together with common beliefs and values and they help establish the foundations for those friendships. I am honored to have so many brothers I also consider as family.

We are dark in July and August, but we are not inactive. We have upcoming degrees and a picnic in July. Be sure to come out and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge and let the friendships happen.

Fraternally,

*Rich Duffy*, Senior Warden



## Tom Tompkins, PM

Hallboard President



Greetings from your Hallboard.

Well, 2022 is half gone, it seems time goes a lot faster these days. We hope your summer is a safe and healthy one.

Still waiting on several electrical quotes for the parking lot lighting upgrades. Hopefully, by next month we will have some additional information. It is great that everyone is so busy, we can't even get a quote from the (6) six electrical contractors I have contacted.

It appears that our Citrus Heights homeless have started to use our parking facility as a dumping ground for some of their excess junk. When you go by the lodge and you see items that should not be there, please let someone know so we can discard those items promptly. We do not want this situation to gain any momentum. Thank You.

We have a sprinkler or two that are not working correctly, however, our building maintenance manager, Brother Bob Jackson, has contacted our yard man and he should be getting those fixed. We may need to change the times we water the grass and not water during the heat of the day.

Other than that, the lodge and surrounding property look good. Please remember if you see something that needs attention, please let us know.

Thank you all who have been religiously supporting our food bank. The empty egg cartons, paper and plastic shopping bags, dry cereal, peanut butter and can goods are a big help to those who are less fortunate in our community. I fear this situation is only going to get worse as the food prices continue to rise.

Please stay well and safe.

Fraternally,

*Tom Tompkins, PM*

HSJ Hallboard President



SUNSHINE

My Brothers and sisters we have some of our members are down , Your thoughts and prayer are very much needed for them and their family during these tough time.



### July Birthdays

Frank Mason	July 1
Charles Hancock	July 2
Donald Ekstrom	July 3
Ben Schwartz	July 5
Justin Whitsell	July 7
Jeffrey Potts	July 8
Michael Riley	July 9
George Sims	July 10
Dennis Micheletti	July 12
James Myers	July 12
Darrell Redding	July 14
Clifford Howe	July 15
Billy Mayfield	July 15
Eugene Weekes	July 19
John Senuca	July 19
Kenneth Hunt	July 20
Bill Boxell, Jr., PM	July 26
Floyd Kuderer	July 31
Mark Allen	July 31
James R. Jackson	July 31

### July Masonic Anniversaries

Harold Simmons	54 Years
Douglas Milan	42 Years
William Boone, Jr.	37 Years
Thomas Wentz, PM	30 Years
George Vela	29 Years
Harold Bussard	25 Years
Steven Metheny, PM	24 Years
Kevin Serer	22 Years
Willie Seirer, Jr.	22 Years
Robert Nield	14 Years



**2022 HSJ Lodge Officers**

Robert D. Henning (Pat) ..... Master  
Richard L. Duffy (Diane).....Senior Warden  
OPEN..... Junior Warden  
Edward E. Rose, PM (Elaine) .....Treasurer  
L. R. “Bob” Jackson (Terri) .....Secretary  
Richard E. Lewis (Violet) .....Chaplain  
Greg Treible, PM (Kyra).....Senior Deacon  
Bruce F. Gavin (Sharon) ..... Junior Deacon  
Christopher L. Globis ..... Marshal  
OPEN..... Senior Steward  
Thomas L. Pryor, PM ..... Junior Steward  
OPEN..... Tiler  
Tom Tompkins, PM (Lynn) ..... Head Candidates Coach  
Jeffery E. Robertson, PM (Angela) .....Officers Coach

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# FOOD LOCKER

Remember to drop off your food donations at the Sunrise Food Ministry at 5901 San Juan Ave, across the street and they can also use empty egg cartons and paper bags.

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## Masonic History

Buffalo Bill Cody, A Mason

Lodge Of Wyoming was held in Cody Wyoming in August, 1984, and was dedicated to the memory of the founder, Pony Express Rider, scout, Frontiersman, showman, Brother William F. Cody.

A child, destined to great fame, was born on a farm in Le Claire, Scott County, Iowa, on February 26, 1846 to Isaac Cody and Mary Leacock Cody. Isaac abandoned his farm to work as a stage driver and the family moved to the vicinity of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At the age of eleven, Bill lost his father in the Kansas border war. Bill's mother was a woman of the highest character and developed in him nobility of soul, fortitude and courage which endeared him to the hearts of all who were destined to meet and know him. She died when Bill who was still in his teens was serving with the Kansas Cavalry.

Following his father's death, Bill secured employment as a carrier boy on a supply train. Later at age fourteen he obtained a lucrative job as a rider for the Pony Express, the Pony Express only lasted 24 months. Bill made the longest trip on record. Upon reaching Three Crossings he learned that the rider at Sweetwater had been killed and he was requested to ride the next leg. He made a trip of 321 miles without stopping except for meals and to change horses.

At seventeen, Bill enlisted in the 9th Kansas Cavalry. Later he served as a Scout in Tennessee and as a Trooper in Missouri. In 1866 he married Louisa Frederici in St. Louis. Bill contracted with the Goddard Brothers to furnish the Kansas Pacific Railroad with all the buffalo meat required to feed the laborers engaged in road construction and in eighteen months (1867-68) killed 4,280 buffalo which earned him the name by which he is best known Buffalo Bill.

From September, 1869, when he first caught the notice of General Phil Sheridan by some daring riding through Indian country, until December, 1872, when he resigned to go on the stage, Cody was continuously on army payrolls as a civilian scout. In July 1869, he achieved some fame for guiding the 5th Cavalry to its spectacular victory at Summit Springs, Colorado. The troops returned in August 1869, to Fort McPherson, Nebraska. Cody felt sure enough of his employment to send for his wife. According to Mrs. Cody, when she saw him at Fort McPherson, for the first time, he was wearing long hair, moustache and goatee, the style of prairie scouts of those days. In September, while buffalo hunting with Major Frank North to supply the garrison with meat, Cody and North were surrounded by Indians and barely fought their way back to the command. With the 5th Cavalry, they then pursued the Indians for ninety miles to Standing Rock Agency, Dakota. Finally, the expedition returned to Fort McPherson on October 28.

Within less than three weeks, Captain W.B. Brown organized in his quarters the Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of the A.F. & A.M. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Cody and Brown were close friends, and it is likely that Cody petitioned right away for membership. One of the officers of the Lodge was the post's physician, Dr. David Frank Powell. Powell, later known as White Beaver, became fast friends with Buffalo Bill and eventually died in Cody, Wyoming. On his 24th birthday, Cody was elected to membership. He was initiated March 6, 1870 and passed April 2, 1870.

During 1870, Cody was involved in only one official Indian fight. However, he was kept busy hunting and guiding visiting dignitaries. One of those dignitaries Professor Othniel Marsh, a Yale paleontologist, was on his way to the Big Horn Basin to do some dinosaur bone hunting. It is Marsh whom Cody credited for exciting his interest in the Big Horn Basin country. Cody also served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace at Fort McPherson. He had been appointed by the army commander because he was the most reliable of the local civilian employees. In addition to performing routine chores such as marriages whom God and Buffalo Bill have joined together let no man put asunder. Cody also served as a sort of unofficial detective and policeman. Certainly, one of the biggest events in his life was the birth late in the year of his only son, Kit Carson Cody.

On January 10, 1871, Cody was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Within a few months, he was cited for conspicuous and gallant conduct for a skirmish on Bird Wood Creek, Nebraska. He also began to achieve wider national fame as a guide for distinguished hunting parties. In September 1871, he led the famous Bennett/Jerome hunt which resulted in an invitation to New York. General Sheridan was so pleased with his conduct of that and a subsequent hunt that he asked Cody to guide the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia in January 1872. Three months later, April, Cody was awarded the Medal of Honor for a skirmish while on detached duty with the 3rd Cavalry. Finally, in 1872, he accepted the invitation to go to New York.

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There he saw himself portrayed in a stage play and was persuaded by Ned Buntline to star in a drama written expressly for him. From that time forward, he and his partner, Texas Jack Omohundro, spent half their lives on the plains and half on the stages of all the major cities of the East. Cody founded his famous Wild West Show in 1883. In 1887, he took the show to Europe for the first time to be the featured attraction during the celebration of Queen Victoria III Golden Jubilee. Though he remained in England as the toast of British society through October he petitioned Euphrates Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons of North Platte, Nebraska by mail in September. Within a month of the closing of the 1888 season on November 18th, he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, inducted into the Oriental Chair and received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master. On the following day he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. In addition to running the Wild West Show, which showed on Staten Island in 1888, Cody was running a stock ranch near North Platte and traveling back and forth between the East and Far West.

Thereafter, Cody petitioned Palestine Commandery No. 13, order of Knights Templar of North Platte, Nebraska, and duly elected and received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on April 1, 1889 and on the following day received the Order of Malta and was dubbed a Knight Templar, just before sailing once again to Europe. This European tour, which began in Paris for the Centennial Exposition, lasted for three years. Cody was back and forth between Europe and America during that time.

Just before returning for another tour of England, he petitioned Tangier Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Omaha, Nebraska on March 22, 1892, and walked the burning sands three days later. In the meantime, he had found time to lead a hunting expedition through the Grand Canyon and into the Kaibab country of Utah, served as a marshal during the inauguration of President Benjamin Harrison, and acted as Chief of Scouts for General Miles in a futile attempt to head off what became the Wounded Knee Massacre.

1893 had been his most successful year in show business, perhaps the most successful year in history in outdoor show business. The season of 1894 in Brooklyn promised to be just as good. Cody by this time had been seen in person by millions of people on two continents and his name was a household word. He was well on his way to being the most famous man, perhaps, in the world, and certainly the most photographed.

The Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of New York City honored Buffalo Bill by conferring all of its degrees in the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes, the Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Consistory in the same day, April 4, 1894. This special action by this New York Body exemplified their desire and that of all Masons of the time to recognize not only Buffalo Bill's dedication to his fraternal duties, but also to acknowledge the adherence to the principles of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

By all accounts, Cody's life provided an exemplary model for Masons. he was a man of his word in his dealings with all people. He dealt with people of all races, religions, sexes, and occupations, as equals, and was always open handed in helping those less fortunate than himself.

Buffalo Bill gave the last performance of his Wild West Show at Portsmouth, Virginia where he became ill with a cold and headed for his Wyoming ranch. He stopped off at Denver to visit his sister and died suddenly from uremia on January 10, 1917. Although Buffalo Bill left a will stating he wished to be buried on top of Cedar Mountain about five miles west of his town, Cody, Wyoming, he was actually buried atop Lookout Mountain, 20 miles west of Denver. After his remains had lain in state in a bronze casket in the Capitol Rotunda in Denver, a service was held, and his body was placed in a temporary vault while a permanent tomb could be cut out of the solid granite atop Lookout Mountain.

At the request of Platte Valley Lodge of North Platte, Golden City Lodge No. 1, Golden, Colorado conferred Masonic burial rites on June 3, 1917, atop Lookout Mountain, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Worshipful Master G.W. Parfet, Jr. of Golden City Lodge No. 1 appointed eight brother pallbearers who were dressed in their Knight Templar uniforms. At the request of Mrs. Cody, and almost five months after his death, the casket was opened and an estimated 10,000 viewed the dead pioneer and trail blazer. It was estimated that more than 20,000 persons visited the spot and 15,000 were present at the burial ceremony having walked or ridden to the top of Lookout Mountain. It was certainly one of the largest, if not the largest, Masonic burial ever.



# San Juan Masonic Center Annual BBQ



Tim

# BBQ



Bruce

Come one, come all to our annual picnic on Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Center. We are serving up BBQ Tri-Tip prepared by our very own **Tim Scott**, who has proven himself a true wizard on any grille. As always, this is a family friendly pot luck, so please delight us with your favorite side dishes. Bring your families, friends, kids and Grandkids. and as always, all of our Masonic families, Job's, Eastern Star, and ILA Neb, are invited.

San Juan Masonic Center  
5944 San Juan Ave, C/H

Please RSVP to Wor. Henning at: [robpath7708@gmail.com](mailto:robpath7708@gmail.com)  
or call/text (916) 722-0417.

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon, see you there.



# HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

## July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 4 of July	5 6:00 PM Ila Neb Stated Mtg.	6 6:00 PM Practice	7	8	9 Jackson Party for Jean Hopkin's B/D
10 Pat Gores Service	11 6 PM Ex. Mtg 7:00 PM Practice	12	13 8 PM Stated Mtg.	14	15	16 SJ Masonic Center Picnic
17	18 7:00 PM Practice	19 1 PM #830 Stated Mtg.	20 6:00 PM Practice	21	22	23 - 8:00 AM Lodge Breakfast
24	25:00 PM Practice	26	27 6:00 PM Practice	28	29	30

