

TRESTLEBOARD
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MARCH EVENTS

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| 6 | Stated Meeting & Dinner- Inspectors Visit..... | 6:30pm |
| 13 | Officers Practice, FC Degree | 7:00pm |
| 20 | FC Degree (Tentative)..... | 7:00pm |
| 22 | Sequoia Spelling Bee | 6:00pm |
| 26 | Officers School of Instruction | 6:30pm |
| 27 | Officers Practice | 7:00pm |

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies:

Although February wasn't too busy, it was fun none-the-less. I hope you all had a nice Valentine's Day and another day off for President's Day. As I write, I am looking forward to the renewal of EA and FC Night this coming Tuesday night. I was fortunate to start this event in 2010, and we held three of them with some success, and now Bro. Ryan Bacaoco, our Jr. Warden, stepped up and said that he wanted to get the program going again. He has some great plans for speakers to present some good information and will be starting with Wor. "J. R." Knight giving a "walk-about" and presenting information on the mentoring program that we really need to promote. I believe he has other ideas for future such events too.

San Diego/Imperial County Past Master Association night was fun as I finally got to see what that is all about, and, of course, I got "caught up" in the action. On that night also, the ladies of the Lodge had a night out and according to the first lady, all had a good time. There was a real big turn-out and fun was had by all.

2012 OFFICERS

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| Lodge Office Telephone | 619-295-4420 |
| Master..... | Dennis P. Stahr |
| Sr. Warden | "JR" Knight, PM |
| Jr. Warden | Ryan A. Bacaoco |
| Treasurer..... | James J. Achenbach |
| Secretary..... | Dimiter Lyakov, PM |
| Asst. Secretary | Gerald Lynn, PM |
| Chaplain | Ronald J. Detzer, PM |
| Sr. Deacon .. | Robert Salini |
| Jr. Deacon... | Mark Bacaoco |
| Marshall | Robert J. Scheeler |
| Sr. Steward. | John Fitch |
| Jr. Steward. | Steven "Tex" Perry |
| Tiler | Robert Smith, PM |
| Officer's Coach | Robert Smith, PM |
| Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District | David A. Haslim, PM |
| Trestleboard Editor | Dick Covert, PM |

A few of the Brethren and I visited heartland Lodge #576 on the 9th of the month and observed two Fellowcraft Degrees. We will be retuning on the 23rd to see a Master Mason degree and Wor. Ron Chandler and the other Brethren were really pleased that we attended. They will be visiting us for the EA and FC Night and we hope they will bring some of their EA and FC to the event.

We are hoping to confer the Fellowcraft Degree in March and perhaps a Master Mason Degree as well, so hopefully things will get busier as the year moves on.

Thank you all, have a great March, and I hope to see you in Lodge.

Keep up to date with our website at
<http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com>

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dennis Stahr,

Worshipful Master

MASONIC ETIQUETTE AND CONDUCT

The Charge of the Third Degree places much emphasis on the conduct of a Master Mason. It seems to assume that the newly made Master Mason is fully aware of the pitfalls into which he may stumble, for, it says that he is authorized to correct the irregularities of his less than informed brethren.

Much, however, remains to be gained by the new Master Mason in knowledge and appreciation of the practical aspects of our conduct, both in the lodge and afield, among strange or mixed company.

It might be well to remark here that one of the charges to which the Master himself must assent before his installation enjoins him to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to his brethren and faithful to his lodge. This, then, is equally expected of each member – that the spirit of brotherly love and affection, by which we are bound together, will be exemplified in our conduct at all times.

The Master alone has been clothed with the responsibility of his office. It is, therefore, not only a matter of courtesy to obey his gavel, it is a serious Masonic offense to ignore or disobey it.

In our ancient charges, approved in 1722, appears the following:

“You are not to hold private committees of separate conversations, without leave from the Master, to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while this lodge is engaged in what is serious or solemn.”

Common courtesy and good taste alike forbid joking or horseplay during the ceremonies. The great lessons of Masonry which are taught by our ritual should never be demeaned by levity or pranks; neither the anteroom nor the lodge room is a proper location for the telling of off-color stories or practical jokes.

The ancient charges say that “you are to salute one another in a courteous manner, calling each Brother; you shall call all Masons your fellows, or your brethren, and no other names.”

Just as it is common courtesy to be accurate in speaking a brother's name, so it is proper Masonic etiquette to address both officers, members, and visitors by their correct Masonic titles and addresses.

2012 COMMITTEES

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| Audit | JR Knight, PM |
| Budget, Finance Investments | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| Candidate's Coach | Kent Dau, PM |
| Charity | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| Communication | John Fitch |
| Delinquent Dues | JR Knight, PM |
| Funeral | David Haslim, PM |
| Honored Ladies | Maebelle Haslim |
| Life Member | Jim Campbell, PM |
| Masonic Education | James Achenbach, PM |
| Masonic Youth | JR Knight, PM |
| Masonic Formation | Robert Smith, PM |
| Masonic Outreach | Ron Detzer, PM |
| Member Retention | Robert Salini |
| Public Schools | James Achenbach, PM |
| Social Media | Steve Laurvick, PM |
| Sam Jones Memorial Award | Robert Smith, PM |
| Mentoring of Year Award | JR Knight, PM |
| Trestleboard | Dick Covert, PM |
| Website Master | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| GL Committeeman: Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows | |

EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to our Trestleboard are welcome and urgently solicited. Submissions should be of Masonic nature suitable for enjoyment of EA, FC and non Masons alike.

We welcome items of general interest as well. Submissions should be directed to the editor at uglidedc@cox.net or by telephone at 760-751-3469. Deadline for April submittals is March 24, 2012.

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM

ROYAL ARCH DEGREES

The three Royal Arch Chapters of San Diego County will hold a Degree Festival March 3, 2012. If you have an interest in Royal Arch Masonry, ask a Companion of one of the San Diego Chapters for an application. There are Chapters in San Diego, Escondido and Vista. Royal Arch Masonry is open to all Master Masons, and Master Mason proficiency is not a requirement for membership.

For further information contact Wor. Gerald Lynn, PHP or Wor. Dick Covert, PHP.

FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and ladies:

What are the lesser lights?

At the opening and closing of every lodge, the three great lights of Masonry – which we are taught as Masons are the Holy Bible, Square and Compass - are brought to view by aid of the three lesser lights, representing the Sun, Moon and Master of the Lodge. But have you ever wondered how this all came about? Why do the lesser lights represent the Sun, Moon and Master of the Lodge? After careful research, I came upon an article which really shed some light on the questions I had about the lesser lights and their purpose.

Altar such as to form a triangle. But why do they form a triangle? In some jurisdictions they are closely about the Altar, in others, one is placed at each of the stations of the three principal officers – or pillars – of the lodge; The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. But why three lights? Why not four or five? As we are taught in freemasonry the number three plays a significant role throughout our Ancient Craft – the three degrees of Masonry, three steps, three ancient Grand Masters (King Solomon, Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abif) and so on.

Surprisingly enough the number three is the first of the great Sacred Numbers of the Ancient Mysteries and is the numerical symbol of God. While many religions of many ages and its peoples have conceived of Divinity as a Trinity, the figure three as a symbol of God is far older than any Trinitarian Doctrine. It comes from the triangle, which is the first possible figure made up of straight lines which are without either beginning or ending. One line or two lines have ends. They start and finish. The triangle, like the square or the five or more sided figures, has no loose ends. And the triangle is the first of these which can be made; as God was always considered as first; and also as without either beginning or ending, the triangle itself became a symbol of Deity.

So no matter how the lesser lights may have come into existence, it is very well known that without them we would not be able to open and close our lodges.

(Reference online <http://www.masonicworld.com>)

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ryan A. Bacaoco, JW

MARCH STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Tossed Green Salad
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Chicken Marsala
Baby Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
Assorted Rolls
Apple Pie

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Brother Elbert A. Williams

Born: October 19, 1919

Initiated: May 15, 1953

Passed: September 3, 1953

Raised September 24, 1953

ENTERED INTO REST: January 18, 2012

SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE

OUR BROTHER

BE THY RESTING PLACE

BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS

BE THY RISING FROM IT

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Edward Dangler
Ivan English

8 Patrick Comeaux

10 Eric Kurzenberger

12 Frank Kent, PM

16 Jack Scherrer

19 Ronald Detzer, PM
Joseph Pollard

20 Jeffery McDonald
Jeffrey Payne
Alfred Strickman

22 Clair Martin
Robert Windle, PM

23 Donald Knoll

27 Maurice Lowe

31 Elias Uskokovic

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

46 Years
R. B. Miller MM 3/22/66

38 Years
Floyd R. Covert, PM MM 3/19/74

35 Years
Robert E. Hickok MM 3/31/77