

TRESTLEBOARD

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Worshipful Master**

The Magic of Masonry

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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies,



February was fun. Tom's 3rd degree went well and it was sure good to spend time with Wor. Windle and Bro. Rodriguez again, I only wish we had more time together.

Wor. Doubleday's lecture on the three wayward fellowcraft brothers was really interesting as well as informative.

The Warped Ruler was concealed, since none of the candidates could make it. Since Robin had taken the week off to prepare the refreshments, I decided to serve them at a practice. We held an impromptu 2nd section of the 3rd degree practice, where I had brothers teach other brothers different parts with the hope that we'd have several bros who can step into places if we need them to. It appears this was a good idea and the practice was not only fun but I

believe everyone got something out of the evening.

In March, we'll hold two 3rd degrees. The first for bro. Aquino and the second for Bro Jordan. Please add them to your calendar and plan to join us.

At our installation when I was about to give my remarks, I looks up and had a thought, Lisa had just that morning put her horse down and Jim wanted to get back to support her. Suzanne looked like she was in pain and the room had a bunch of people that needed to get to their next thing.... With that thought, I made the on the fly decision to skip my remarks. Since, I realized that I left my theme for the year "the Magic of Masonry" unexplained. Here's that explanation, for what it's worth.

Long before I ever heard about the Invisible Lodge I found Magical ideas within our Craft. I

would like to share a bit of that magic with you. In our greater society and throughout history, we can find examples of building people up, so we can tear them down. Like piranhas on a steak, folks attack each other without any thought of consequence or honesty. Religious folks killing each other over what to call god. It's just been a feeding frenzy of insanity.

When I was growing up I used to watch this lunacy and wonder, why? I'd hear people make up stories about folks and call them

names and wonder, who's buying this nonsense? What's the point? What's in it for you?

Then during my initiation as I sat and listened to the lecture with my head in a bit of a fog, a couple lines managed to jump out at me:

Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion; and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

Hypocrisy and deceit
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MARCH EVENTS

- 5 Stated Dinner/Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 3rd Degree Bro Jerry Aquino 6:30 pm
- 18 OSI 6 pm
- 19 Masonic Education 6:30 pm
- 26 3rd Degree PM Night Bro Joe Jordan 6:30 pm

APRIL EVENTS

- 2 Stated Dinner/Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 1st Degree or Practice 6:30 pm
- 15 OSI 6 pm
- 16 Masonic Education 6:30 pm
- 23 1st Degree or Practice 6:30 pm
- 30 1st Degree or Practice 6:30 pm

2019 OFFICERS

Master	William "JR" Knight, PM
Sr. Warden	Norman "Chris" Parker
Jr. Warden	Nicholas Baker
Treasurer	David Casper
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Chaplain	Benjamin Pulido
Sr. Deacon	Robert Gale
Jr. Deacon	Jeremy Weber
Marshall	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Jason Bockerman
Jr. Steward	Mark Helton
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

MAR 5 STATED MEETING DINNER

- Spring Mix Salad
- Corn Beef & Cabbage
- Polish Sausage
- Baby Red Potatoes
- Green Beans Almandine
- Assorted Rolls
- Assorted Cookies & Brownies

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420 or email to:

hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com.



Brethren & Ladies,

The month of February has come and gone. I hope Valentine's Day was a wonderful day for you and your loved ones.



vouched for, at which time he will make an alarm and inform the Junior Deacon of their presence.

What is the Outer Door?

The Outer Door of the Lodge is the only proper place for a Master Mason to enter or leave the Lodge room except for the use of the inner door by Officers or Brothers participating in a Degree or acting as escorts following a Degree. It was here that your presence was first made known to the Worshipful Master when you appeared for your Degrees.

My Brothers, it has been my pleasure to present to you this short Masonic Education insight so that you might gain a better understanding of the workings of the Lodge.

Remember my Worthy Brethren: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Respectfully,
Norman "Chris" Parker
Senior Warden



are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and tongue we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

I can still remember studying for my proficiency and having those few simple but profound ideas bouncing around in my head. They were ideas I'd always understood and believed but had never really heard articulated anywhere.

A few months later, as I took my third step on this newly found fork on my life's journey, I was handed a trowel. A tool I've used many times as an operative mason but never really thought about or look at for deeper meanings.

As I stood holding that smaller version of a familiar trusty friend. I learned that as a mason I will be expected to use this tool to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection; which unites us


into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers. I remember thinking, this sounds easier than the heavy work I usually do with a trowel. I've since learned that although spreading this type of cement may be lighter on the back, uniting people who come together from different experiences and values into a single society may be lighter on the back, but it's much heavier on the mind. It's not an easy task, we all really need to work at it.

That said, for the most part and with few exceptions, we've managed to build and keep this stately edifice for centuries. I can assure you this task was nothing short of magical. Over the years I've been fortunate enough to meet with brothers from every corner of the earth and those experiences have always been magical for me.

A couple years ago I had the opportunity to see our trowel from a new perspective. I was working with a couple of brothers on a new ritual for the


What is a Tiler?

Our Brother Tiler guards the Outer Door. His Jewel is the drawn or naked sword, and his implement of office is the Sword. He guards the Lodge against the intrusion of outsiders and prevents anyone from listening at the door. Additionally, he makes sure that all those wishing to enter are properly clothed and

 FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- * Please notice the lodge new main e-mail address is: hackettlodge@gmail.com. The old one: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com does not work anymore.
- * The request notices for 2019 Annual Dues of \$116 were mailed to the members of the lodge. BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT. Please pay your dues for this year and any past dues before January 1st to be in GOOD STANDING. Be a supporter of your great Lodge.

Fraternally,
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2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Audit	"JR" Knight, PM
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Your Name Here
Charity	Chris Parker
Member Retention	Nicholas Baker
Delinquent Dues	David Casper
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment	Robert Gale
Sunshine & Visit	Dennis Stahr, PM
Masonic Outreach	Your Name Here
Trestleboard	"JR" Knight, PM
Website	Dennis Stahr, PM

Invisible Lodge and while writing about the magicians wand I found a similarity. Just as a Magician uses his wand to make magic happen, the Mason uses his trowel to make the Magic of Masonry happen.

You may have noticed that I used a large wand in place of a gavel at the installation and at stated meetings since. That is a wand I made for use in Invisible Lodge initiations. As I was leaving for the installation that morning, I reach for my top hat box and saw the wand in my jew case and grabbed it on a whim. I did so, because it holds a particular significance for me, that I'd like to share. This is from the ritual of the Invisible Lodge.

It survives as both the working tool and the badge of a Magician.

The Masonic Magician should, wield his wand with wisdom, power, and conviction.

We use it to suspend reality and to amaze, never to cause harm or to defraud, but to entertain and bring joy, always remembering the oath you have sworn upon it. This wand is different than any other you may own, in that it has many hidden secrets, some of which I will now explain.

It is made of wood, once part of a living tree cut down in its prime, then taken up and made a symbol of that which we wish to become, and this

alludes to the story of our ancient operative Grand Master.

Its black and white colors allude to our mosaic floor, where good and evil are contemplated. Ever reminding us that although we may hold to dark thoughts, our magic always emanates from the white tips, lit by the goodness in us all.

Next there are rings cut into its circumference in a pattern of 1, 3 and 1, which are thus explained.

The first ring teaches, that each of us, Masonic Magicians of this Mystical Realm, is but a single being.

The three rings have three meanings. First, to the

three great relationships each Fellow enjoys, that being with God, family, and lodge. Second, they allude to the three degrees of Freemasonry, and third, they remind us of the three tenets of this Realm, Magic, Masonry, and Fraternity.

The last single ring is emblematical of the unity of the Invisible Lodge, how each one of us has joined together, with many to form one.

We look forward to spending time with you on Tuesdays.

Magically and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Master



MASONIC EDUCATION

S.W.H. Lecture Series

On Mar. 19, Brother Lowell Mercer will present part 4 of his lecture on "Memory, Consciousness, and Physics". Part 3 was really deep, but happily Bro Lowell as a knack of making really heady information not only approachable but understandable This lecture is open to all Masons and their friends.

You wont want to miss these lectures. We will start at 6:30pm and go till about 8:30.

March Birthdays

06	Edward Dangler
08	Patrick K. Comeaux
10	Eric C. Kurzenberger
16	Ivan L. English
19	Ronald J. Detzer, PM
20	Jeffrey E. Payne
20	Alfred E. Strickman
20	Anthony S. Thornburg
22	Clair P. Martin
22	Robert L. Windle, PM
23	Richard A Lattizzori
27	Maurice K. Lowe

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

We have been able to get our mailing costs down by using email for the delivery of the Trestleboard. That said; we would like to get to more of an email delivery to save the lodge even more money. This would be so helpful. Therefore....

If you have a working email address, please help your lodge save money by informing us so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard and saving the postage. You can email me at: MagicalMason574@gmail.com and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: hackettlodge@gmail.com.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Raised

Floyd R. Covert	03/19/1974	.....	45
Robert E. Hickok Jr.	03/31/1977	.....	42
Knox E. Krug	03/18/1980	.....	39
Daryl B. Sandaker	03/09/1982	.....	37
John P. McBride	03/15/1983	.....	36
Ronald J. Howard	03/30/1995	.....	24
Dimiter K. Lyakov PM	03/28/1995	.....	24
Robert L. Windle PM	03/13/2001	.....	18
James P. Garrett	03/29/2005	.....	14
Samuel L. Marinelli Jr.	03/29/2007	.....	12
Frederick Nicastro	03/28/2017	.....	2