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Trestleboard

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Trestleboard - a draftsman's designing board; that on which a Mason draws his designs for his character and spiritual growth; that on which the Worshipful Master lays out his designs for the workmen; a Lodge's newsletter and calendar of events.

from the East

Thomas Berger,
Worshipful Master



I found this article by Bro. Ben Short who is a Master Mason out of Waukegan Lodge No. 78 in Waukegan Illinois. Seems he was a little disappointed in the complacency shown by some of the brethren in his lodge. It is an interesting perspective, perhaps you will agree.

"Brothers I am a new Mason, not even a year has passed since I was raised which gives me a unique perspective but not an unfounded one. I'm still enjoying my honeymoon period in masonry and for the most part it's actually very romantic as I experience things, like a child on his first day of school. I'm eager to learn and excited for my new friends and teachers that I'll meet and get to know. But not unlike that child, the honeymoon is fading, and reality and complexity is setting in. I'm slowly starting to realize that not everything I was told about Masonry is true.

Before I even petitioned, I took serious considerations to becoming a Mason. My grandfather was one and my uncle is currently a member and I had always been curious about it. In my life I had a lot of serious ambitions for changing the world. I devoted many hours into community service and outreach, preaching about helping thy fellow man and doing everything I could to organize groups with the same ambitions. With many failures with organizing such groups I was asked to look into a club or organization which already had an establishment and that maybe my

frustrations of trying to keep a foundation firm and growing would be resolved. So, I naturally looked at Freemasonry and what it was about and what it meant to be a Mason. From the beginning I was enchanted with the thought of being a part of not just a group or a club but a brotherhood of men who had a long and interesting history and deep roots in charity and making good men better. I thought to myself that this is exactly what I wanted. This is where I was always meant to be, and to think it was always under my nose. What more could you ask for in a fateful sign? As the old saying goes "...be careful what you ask for." I got the last and most prominent motivation into becoming a mason when I received the news that for the first time, I was going to become a father of a boy. I wanted to start leading a life fit for someone worthy enough to teach and lead a child into becoming a man. I wanted my son to see not just me as an example, but also the men I surrounded myself with.

Every step I take in Freemasonry, I take it seriously and consider them all to be a life changing moment. Every degree passed feels like graduation for me and with every degree I participate in, I'm excited for the candidate. I also see a lot of things done that I was told are not the way of Freemasonry. I see a lot of people not taking it as seriously as I do. So, I'm left to ask myself, "Am I the fool, or are they?" Are my aspirations childish? Am I dreaming too big?

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A beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory, illustrated by

from the West

Bro. Bill Lewis, SW



Another Masonic year is winding down. It is the changing of the guards. With any fraternity, ours being no exception, this is the normal course of events. Each year offers opportunities for those who are willing to take them, be one of those people. There is no higher calling than serving your fellow man.

We offer good men a chance in realizing their potential. We provide the means to expand your horizons. Becoming a well-rounded man is something we all strive for. Being surrounded by likeminded individuals who share your values and delight in your personal growth is what I feel separates us from most fraternities.

Our ritual further distinguishes from other fraternities. It is a shared experience, that is

unique to masonry. Though each of us draws different strengths from masonry, in binds us together in a brotherhood, one in which we pledge to act with him upon the Square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions and by doing to him as, in a similar situation he should do unto you.

My time in Masonry has been one of the brightest spots, outside family and friends. Oddly enough, Masonry is part of my family and some of my best friends are Masons.

So go forth, study ritual, strive for that next position, prove up and enjoy Masonry to its fullest.

from the South

Jerry Donathan, PM, JW



Greetings Brethren,

Those of who didn't attend the Entered Apprentice degree on Sept. 19th missed a real treat. Charlie Hazelwood sat in the East for the first time and did a tremendous job with Devynn Hicks as Sr. Deacon for the first time doing a fantastic job as well. It's great to see these two young and capable Masons joining our Officers Corp., with men like this in our ranks the future of Meniffee Valley Lodge is in good hands !!!!!

Any Master Mason wanting to learn Masonic Ritual is invited to attend our District Officers School of Instruction Classes held once a month at our District's Lodges on a rotating schedule.

Come on out we need Ritualists to fill our Lodges Chairs !!!

The annual election of officers to be held at the November stated meeting. Only Master Masons who are members of Meniffee Valley Lodge in good standing may vote.



Did you know this?

With 14 floors and 1,037 rooms, the Detroit Masonic Temple is the largest Masonic temple in the world.

Freemasonry in China is outlawed by the Chinese Communist Party. The Grand Lodge of China (in Taiwan) was founded in 1949, it has 10 lodges with 750 members and is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

A "Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile" is currently established in Los Angeles, although it holds meetings in Massachusetts, where the local Grand Lodge approved its practice in 1985.

from the Secretary

Bro. Sammy Gillo



Thank you all for giving me an opportunity to serve as your lodge secretary.

A good masonic year comes to an end and a new promising door opens. I will start mailing dues notices this month including life member cards for those who paid the lifetime membership. I will also begin mailing the regular dues cards for the members that paid the upcoming year dues and will continue to mail them as dues come in.

If you are planning to be on lifetime membership, there are two options:

- Flat sum not less than 22 times annual dues
- Sliding scale based on age:
 - Age 49 and under, 24 times annual dues; 50 to 54 inclusive, 20 times annual dues
 - 55 to 59 inclusive, 18 times annual dues; 60 to 64 inclusive, 16 times annual dues
 - 65 to 71 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; Age 72 and over, a fraction equal or greater than 12 times annual dues

REMINDER: If you have not been into the lodge for a while, you missed a lot of brotherhood activities during the meeting dinners. I know that you are happy to return, and I would like to invite you again to come back to the lodge. Your presence is much appreciated by the brethren in the lodge. See you at the stated meeting.

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Every time I look at my now 18-month-old son the answer is "NO!" I don't care what others think, I don't care if I'm the minority in my thinking, I don't care if I'm laughed at or scoffed at, I set out to change this world and that's what I'm going to do and starting here at home and in my lodge.

I'm going to make the stories true; I'm going to make that square and compass on my ring mean something even more. I want it to mean something to the rest of the world. You can still have your conspiracy theories and rumors about Freemasonry, but I want the majority to look at those symbols and recognize it as it should be. A fraternity of men who dared to be different and driven by the determination of their ideals and beliefs, driven by passion and united as brothers. This is why I became a Mason; this is what I want my son to see and become one as well. I want him to see how proud I am to be a Mason and that it will be so evident for him in what that means. At some point in our children's lives they will look at the life we handed them, I don't just want to build something good for me, but great for the future of all. And we sure as heck don't get there by focusing on things that don't matter, like one word missed in a catechism or there better be food when I come to lodge or how long a stated meeting lasts. I

will come dressed for business because I mean business. I will still get goosebumps when I hear the Paul Revere Charge. I will make a serious and conscious effort to not just be present at my lodge but to be a staple and an asset to it.

Honor is not just something that belongs in a slogan or a meme on Facebook, it belongs in our hearts and minds. From the day I submitted my petition this became a way of life for me and I know in my heart that if I or any Mason treats it differently, it will not be a participation in, or the growth of Freemasonry, but the death of it. Is this not what we said Freemasonry is? Is this not what we sought out to do? Why Freemasonry and not a Moose lodge or Rotary club? I once received some good advice from a brother who hit it right on the money when he said, "It's not so much what you have done that means anything so much as what you're going to do".

As Masons, we should ever remind ourselves of the reason we became Masons – like Brother Short did. Unless a brother feels his Masonic journey is complete, and he is the perfect ashlar, he should keep moving, keep participating, keep volunteering, and continue to grow masonically. See you at Stated Meeting.



Masons at Work



Activities at the Lodge

Brayton initiation, District 826 picnic



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Libra 	Scorpio 	1	2	3 Stated Mtg 7:00 pm 6:00 pm Dinner 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Practice 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Job's Daughters 7:00 PM 	14 	15 OSI @ Hemet – San Jacinto 7PM	16	17 Practice 6:00 pm	18 Annual Communication San Francisco	19 Annual Communication San Francisco
20 Annual Communication San Francisco	21	22 Fellowship @ Mason Jar Brewing 7pm	23	24	25	26
27 Job's Daughters 7:00 PM 	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	October Birthstone: Opal	





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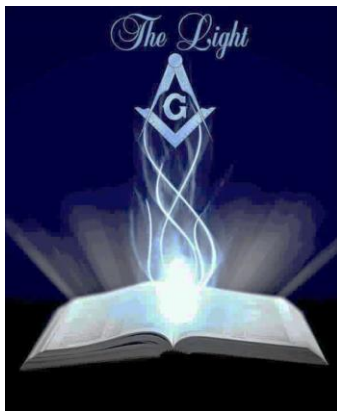
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Marshal	Wor. Charles Markel, PM	805-732-3790
Senior Steward	Devynn Hicks	951-239-0980
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Tiler		
Officer's Coach	Wor. Monte Euler, PM	951-733-2925
Inspector 826 th Masonic District	Wor. Russ Baldauf, PM	

Concordant Bodies

Job's Daughters Bethel No. 165,
Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm
Carrie Ghent, Bethel Guardian,
951-271-2054
Bro. Alan Walbridge, AG
909-241-5547



Did you know that being an officer is both a privilege and an honor? These leaders have made a commitment to being at the practices and meetings/degrees and doing an outstanding job. We are all indebted to them for this commitment and their efforts. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Officers Coach listed above.



A beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory, illustrated by Symbols

Committees

Here are our committees for 2019. By being a Committee member, you are 'paying it forward' to the Lodge by giving a little of your time. Some Committees only meet once a year, others quarterly, and some monthly. The point is, we need your help. Contact the Chairman for meeting times. And if you want to serve on a committee and are not listed, contact the Worshipful Master, as we want your help.

Audit

CH – TC Dowden, PM
Sammy Gillo

Charity & Relief

Tom Berger, WM
Bill Lewis
Jerry Donathan, PM

Sickness & Distress

CH –, Harold Whitford, PM
Tom Berger, WM

Hiram Award

CH - Bill Lewis
Allan Bowman, PM
Jerry Donathan, PM
Chuck Markel, PM

Funeral

CH – Harold Whitford, PM
Allan Bowman, PM

Budget

CH – Jose Shepard
Marty Gushwa, PM
Charles Markel, PM
Tom Berger, WM
Bill Lewis

Widows

CH – Harold Whitford, PM
Tom Berger, WM

Finance

CH – Jose Shepard
Marty Gushwa PM
'20)

Hall Association

Jose Shepard, President ('21)
Eduardo Fontanilla Sr, VP ('20)
C. Markel PM, Treasurer ('19)
Tom Dawson, Secretary ('20)
Steve Sutton, PM ('19)
Marty Gushwa, PM ('21)
T. Berger, WM Ex-Officio ('19)
Bill Lewis, SW Ex-Officio ('20)

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Editor – Tom Berger, WM
Marty Gushwa PM

Public Schools

CH –
Bill Lewis

Refreshments

CH Jerry Donathan, PM
Sr. & Jr. Stewards
All EA's & FC's
Newly Raised MM's

Assignments

Officer's Coach

Monte Euler, PM

Masonic History

Photographer

Bud Smith

Fraternal Support Amb

Allan Bowman, PM

Head Candidate Coach

Bill Lewis

Member Retention

Masonic Education

TC Dowden, PM

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Tom Berger, WM

Birthdays and Raising Anniversaries for October

Birthdays

Member	Day	Member	Day
Reguyal, Primo F	02	Berger, Thomas E.	20
Euler, Monte G.	04	Bowman, Allan F.	22
Hern, Bernard H.	05	Noblitt, Carl D.	25
Sherman, Sam G.	05	Fausto, Gilberto R.	28
Kossow, Frederick	15	Lyon, George C Jr.	28
Eisenstein, Yale B.	16		

Raisings

Member	Date Raised	Years
Wagner, W	10/22/1946	73
Gray, Harry	10/20/1959	60
Daniels, Roy	10/18/1965	54
Bowman, Allan	10/12/1968	51
Carlisle, Jene	10/21/1968	51
Palmer, Michael	10/08/1973	46
Marple, George	10/16/2000	19
Hoid, Harold	10/08/2004	15
Dowden, Thomas	10/16/2007	12
Findlay, Timothy	10/30/2008	11
Milton, Abram	10/27/2011	8
Sammy Gillo	10/29/2011	8

Memberships

Entered Apprentices:	8
Fellow Crafts:	2
Master Masons:	124
Total Memberships	134



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