

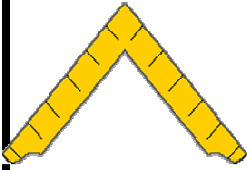


*Three Great Lights
Masonic Lodge #651
Free and Accepted Masons*

**April
2012**

The Trestleboard

From The East *Greetings from the East.*



We have had a very good month. The Worshipful Randy Downey PM, Inspector of the 337th Masonic District, visited us for our stated meeting. Also in attendance was the Worshipful Lawrence D. Thomas, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The meal was Corned Beef and Cabbage prepared by Stephen Hamilton and the tables were decorated with fantastic floral arrangements by his wife Thanh. Worshipful Michael

Hertzberg PM started the evening with the first Masonic Education Night. This was very informative and enjoyed by all present. There was a double Second degree on the 21st of the month for Brothers Jim Vandermaas and Rogdrick Craig. This was an excellent degree and fun for all in attendance. We have elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry Mr. Morian Walker and Mr. Oscar James. First and Third Degrees will be scheduled in April as fits the Candidates' and Lodge's schedules.

The Mountain View Parade will be open to all Masons and their families on Saturday, April 28 at noon. This will be fun and good exposure for the Lodge and Masonry so come join one and all. Marshall Alan Navarro is the lead for this event. Please let him know if you are planning to attend.

April's Stated Meeting will be preceded by Worshipful Michael Hertzberg's PM continuing Masonic Education followed by a Pass It On presentation. ALL masons are welcomed and encouraged to come.

This Lodge is going and growing. It is very encouraging and rewarding to see, be sure you are there to enjoy everything that is going on.

Fraternally,
Rick Field, Worshipful Master

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

From the Temple Board

At the March 7 Stated meeting four brothers were elected to the Temple Board: Harvey McAninch PM, Richard Steiger, John Walters, and Bruce Utecht. Some key issues we will be addressing in the next several months:

Insufficient utilization of the Hall Assets; ultraLow ROA (return on assets).

Ageing asset elements (ie. Kitchen floor short term, Hall Floor medium term, Roof long term, etc.).

Needed upgrades to address ROA condition (i.e. WiFi access for Renters).

Three years ago the Hall Association Board approved the use of the facilities for staging the redistribution of food to non-profit and charitable organizations. This program came about as a byproduct of the efforts of Stephen Hamilton and Frank Quattlebaum, Minister to the 5th Tabernacle.

Three years ago we were redistributing about \$ 1000.00 of food per month. We are now redistributing on the average, way over \$10,000.00 of food per month. This is food that would have gone to the garbage but now finds its way into the bellies of people in need.

We have offers of more sources of food based on the reputation we have established. What we need is to find ways to receive and distribute but also additionally and most important to identify end users we can trust; who deliver services to those in need... this is our plight. A meeting is scheduled for March 30 to discuss these issues.

From the secretary:

Brethren every member has access to www.freemason.org. On this site everything relating to your Masonic background can be found. Check it out, access is easy and only takes minutes to get your login. If you find any omissions or errors, let me know so your status can be updated. This information is important to you and your family, so all Masonic benefits can be received.

If you have an **email address let me know** that too. This will make communication to you more efficient and more reliable.

From the West

In the course of human events.....sometimes we predict and the results are not as we planned! Brother Last's 3rd degree was not accomplished as I reported in last month's Trestleboard, it was postponed. We will have additional anticipation to enjoy for a bit!

On March 21st we conferred the 2nd degree on Brother Vandermaas and Brother Craig.

Fortunately, imbedded in the lessons of our fraternity is patience. Many of you probably remember the adage, "Good things come to those who wait." It takes strength of character to overcome the disappointment of plans not coming to fruition. Those who demand immediate satisfaction are perhaps doomed to a life filled with frustration, or worse. The lessons of Masonry are not handed out at once, they are provided to those who demonstrate proficiency in the preceding lessons one degree at a time. To do otherwise would not well serve our brethren, it would all become a blur.

Please join us as we provide to our new brothers these lessons - and enjoy the knowledge we are provided as the strength of our lodge is increased by every new Mason we greet.

Fraternally,

Dave Cohen, Sr. Warden

Brethren,

On March 2, at least 13 high-intensity tornadoes struck several areas in Kentucky.

A number of Masonic brothers and their families have lost their homes. There have been instances of injuries, hospitalizations, and loss of life - and reports of damage and loss are still coming into the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Having received a request for relief from their Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of California has established a relief fund for this disaster in Kentucky. All contributions will be sent to the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA). The MSA will then forward all donations directly to the Grand Lodge F&AM of Kentucky.

Please open your hearts to the victims of these disasters, and give what you can to help.

If your lodge, family, or friends would like to contribute, please mail your donation to:

Grand Lodge of California

Office of Philanthropy

Attn: Denise Avila

1111 California St

San Francisco, CA 94108

Checks should be made payable to the **MSA Disaster Relief Fund**. Please indicate in the check memo that your gift is for the **Kentucky Appeal**.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Adam Kendall of the Masonic Service Bureau at 415/292-9137, or akendall@freemason.org.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank Loui

Grand Master

MASONS FOR MITTS

As you know, the Masons of California team with the Giants Community Fund every year to bring the game of baseball to at-risk youth in the Junior Giants program. Since 45% of Junior Giants participants do not own their own baseball glove, the Foundation has divided Northern Californian lodges into six regions to face off in friendly competition raising money for mitts. **We'll be celebrating the end of the campaign on Masons Night, Monday, September 17th at AT&T Park when the Giants will be taking on the Rockies!** Order tickets for your lodge today by filling out the attached form and submitting it with payment to the California Masonic Foundation, 1111 California St, San Francisco CA 94108. The SF Giants have guaranteed us a great price of \$17 per seat in the bleachers until the middle of April so I strongly encourage all of you to order in bulk now; after April, you can still buy tickets but you may have to pay more and/or sit in a different section away from the rest of the group.

Three Great Lights Lodge #651
 Meetings are held at
 The Royal Hodge Masonic Center
 651 Roble Avenue
 Menlo Park, California

Calendar of events

Birthdays in April

Brother	Birthday
Arthur F. Loveland	4/11
James L. Cummings	4/12
Edwin J. Richardson	4/12
Leland J. Dance	4/14
Roberto A. Randall, Jr.	4/16
Dan S. Ellison	4/17
Larry L. Kettmann	4/17
Leon D. Oltman	4/20
Mario H. Rodriguez	4/21
Daniel J. Cleary, Jr.	4/22
Fred W. Diestel	4/24
Donald L. Bentley	4/25
Dale G. Hosack	4/28
Quincy D. Kygar	4/29
William O. Robertson	4/30

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4	Dinner	6:30pm
	Stated meeting	7:00pm
11	Practice First Degree	7:00pm
18	First Degree or Practice	7:00pm
24	SCVMOA Palo Alto 346	6:30pm
25	First Degree or Practice	7:00pm
28	Mountain View Parade	12:00pm

Dates and times subject to change.

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company." –Bro. George Washington

2012 Officers of Three Great Lights Lodge #651

Master - Richard Field	Secretary - Tom Stoehr PM	Marshal - Allan Navarro	Tiler - Dan Cleary
Sr. Warden - David Cohen	Chaplain - Tom Prussing	Sr. Steward - Larry Jones	337th District Inspector Randy Downey, PM
Jr. Warden	Sr. Deacon - Dan Ellison	Jr. Steward Richard Synder	Officer's Coach Dennis Anastole, PM
Treasurer - Harvey McAninch PM	Jr. Deacon - Stephen Hamilton		

Trestleboard

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Worshipful Rick Field , Kirk Wells PM,Rogdrick Craig, James Vandermaas, Dennis Anastole PM, Fellowcraft degree 3/21/12