



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

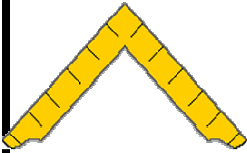
**August
2012**

The Trestleboard

Worshipful Master

From The East

Greetings from the East.



What a great night this was, Brother Oscar James was PASSED to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason along with Brother Scott Nolan from San Mateo. Brother James will be having his THIRD DEGREE THIS Thursday, July 26, 2012, AT 7 PM. Please attend if you can.

The fishing trip was excellent; Brother James did a bang up job from start to finish. No complaints heard from anyone - and we almost limited out. See our pictures on Facebook.

We will be having a few new applicants to vote on at the August Stated Meeting. There will be the light dinner and talks before lodge starting at 6:15pm. Donations accepted from the Brothers. Candidates and friends are free. Worshipful Michael Hertzberg PM is continuing his lecture series on Masonic Education with Q and A afterwards. Time and fellowship are had by all.

Our Lodge is now a member of the San Mateo Visitors Bureau from the action of our Hall Board. We hope to see more business from this source. Please let your Hall Board members know if you see us anywhere on the website and what you think..... it is up to our members to shape our image.

Our Senior Warden David Cohen is at full speed getting his year lined up and his officers. Anyone that has a desire to be in an office, plan an event, be a coach, or just say "Hello, I'll help out when I can- Call Me at" is desired and welcome. Please contact Dave "soon".

August 11, 2012 is the Lodge Shoot at Los Altos Rod and Gun Club. Come have some local fun 9 am to 1 pm. The remaining months of the year will be filled with many events. Each month some event will be presented; Degrees, Grand Lodge, Visits to other lodges. First Degrees through Third Degrees for our candidates will be intertwined as our Lodge is still growing. As soon as these events are solid we will be sending out schedules via emails, the Trestleboard, and electronically on the website, etc. We are working on all avenues of communication. Our lodge does not yet have a full-time paid IT staff, however Harvey PM and Tom PM are doing their best to learn these mediums and mold them to our good use. If anyone does have time and expertise in these areas, please let your Master know. Good assistance is welcome here.

The Hall Board is doing some business but can still use the boost of our friends giving out our name and where we are. Churches, business, weddings, socials, driving class, and cooking classes to name a few can rent our hall. Tell others about us. We are constantly told how the renovation really did a good job and more people would be using this great place. Let's help them find us! President Steve Hamilton and Hall Manger Lambert Yim PM are working hard for you. Please help them help you.

Life can be truly hectic, over-booked, running here and there for the kids, the job, getting to where we are going, the weekend trips, the mall, the shopping for dinner, and the multitude of obligations we all have with some fun along the way. I hope we all know, though all our God given senses that time and life are like a river that cannot be turned or stopped. I hope we all have a great ride and the wisdom to enjoy this journey, NOW, in the present. Take a moment, a breath, to look, listen, feel. It goes by quickly. I hope we all make this river a well of experience, insight, joy, and in the end, a long, healthy, well spent life. Let it not turn into just water under the bridge.



Rick Field

Fraternally,
Rick Field Master 651

From the West

A comment was once made, a few years ago by a Grand Lodge officer, that the purpose of a lodge was “To make new Master Masons.” Quite thought-provoking, if you consider the totality of what our fraternity is. We do good works for the community, we raise money for charitable purposes, we have some fun and fellowship, we support our brethren and their families in times of need. This list can go on and on.....

And we toil tirelessly becoming qualified in our degrees, practicing and practicing. Imprinting upon our memory the words and movements required to conduct the ceremonies. Those who actively participate in the degrees spend a high percentage of their allocated “Masonry Time” in these efforts – and to what end? Exactly as the Grand Lodge officer stated - to make new Master Masons.

What we have here is a “chicken – and – egg“ situation; what comes first? Do we attract new candidates by the good works we do, thus adding to the rolls of Masonry, or do we increase the rolls of Masonry and then add to the good works?

I think the answer is a resounding BOTH! As one hand washes the other, being a Mason is an integration of the speculative and operative aspects of our fraternity. We progress in our journey from Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft, and then to Master Mason by experiencing the lessons taught in the degrees *while* we put into operation the core meanings of those esoteric lessons. The result is the strength of our lodge, of our fraternity, and our ability to use those strengths to better our communities, our society, and ourselves.

Speaking of degrees –

We have numerous degrees being scheduled, as we are in process of conferring the 2nd degree on two of our members, Morian Walker and Oscar James, getting ready once again for the third degrees for those soon-to-be Fellowcrafts as well as Rogdrick Craig *AND* we are in process of accepting applications and investigation of two more candidates for Freemasonry. Of course, that will hopefully result in the need to conduct more Entered Apprentice degrees in the next few months.

It appears that we are fulfilling the purpose that was stated! Please join us in our activities, in the good works we do and in the degrees; your participation will be part of the demonstration of the strength of our fraternity.

Fraternally,

Dave Cohen, Sr. Warden

Keep this date open October 24, 2012 50 year dinner. Details to follow.

The Three Great Lights Masonic Lodge Presents on October 6, 2012

American Heart Saver First Aid and CPR Class

The only thing worse than being in an emergency situation, is being in one and having no idea of what to do. This is your chance to “be prepared” and learn basic first aid and CPR. If you already have training this is your chance to brush up on your skills and re-certify.

After completing a combination of video-based instruction and hands-on practical sessions with the instructor, students receive an American Heart Association Saver First Aid/CPR/AED certification card which is valid for two years. The course is eight hours.

Open to both Masons and non-masons, this presents a perfect family opportunity. The family that certifies together saves together.

The cost is \$75 which includes a textbook for you to take home. Heath Education Services of Menlo Park will provide the instruction.

Space is limited so reserve your spots early. Watch this spot for more information, or if you just can not wait, contact Brother Bruce Last at rightrev@comcast.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Almighty Father! Into thy hands we commend the souls of our Beloved Brothers

Alfred J Paolucci

Born March 25, 1930

Raised April 16, 1963

Laid to Rest July 5, 2012

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

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Birthdays in August

Brother	Birthday
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Alexander S. Newbold	8/5
Lambert Yim PM	8/5
George B. Jarvis, Jr.	8/6
Robert C. Dorstewitz	8/7
David R. Levine	8/7
Ace Byron A. Hermans	8/9
Randall B. Schmidt	8/14
Michael A. Timofeev	8/18
Winston L. Field, Jr.	8/19
Peter J. Zearbaugh	8/19
Thomas A. Brannon	8/20
Curtis S. Claycomb	8/23
James E. Vandermaas	8/23
Jerald W. Harber	8/26
Charles L. Flick	8/28
Charles G. Castleberry	8/31
Alan D. Russell	8/31

Calendar of Events

August 2012

1	Masonic Education light meal	6:15 pm
	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
4	Relay for life	
8	Second degree practice	7:00 pm
9	Hall Board	6:00 pm
11	Day at the range (see flyer)	9:00 am
15	Second degree practice/ Degree	7:00 pm
22	Second degree practice or degree	7:00 pm
23	OAM Friendship Lodge	

September 2012

5	Masonic Education light meal	6:15 pm
	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
9	Bowling	2:00 pm
21	Grand Lodge	

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Our newest Fellowcraft Mason; Oscar James; July 19, 2012