



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

**December  
2012**

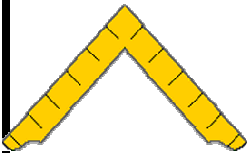
# The Trestleboard

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

## From The East



Greetings from the East.

Well one more month to the year. We postponed the Election in November to the December Stated Meeting. This gave us another month to iron out some details on our 2013 line and work with our Inspector Randy Downey to ensure all applicable regulations are followed. A Summons was sent out for a meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2012. This will hopefully give us resources and direction for the ensuing Masonic Year. This Summons was also the result of my choice to delay the election. Because of this action, the Grand Master allowed this change (and dispensation) BUT required the Summons Meeting to assist the Lodge in getting a line and resources to continue.

Our Lodge continues to grow. Another First Degree was done this month; we have an applicant for a First and an application for Affiliation. Brother Ryan Mitchelli is now ready for the Fellowcraft Degree. Our other Entered Apprentices will be ready shortly too. The new brothers are now considering their projects and which month in which to perform the same.

This will be a brief entry to our Trestleboard this time. Much has happened this year. The real story will be how we evolve from here.

With this, I again wish everyone a great Holiday Season in all of our Masonic practices. Stay Healthy, Happy, and Active. Love Life, Family, and Friends.

Sincerely,

Richard Field, Worshipful Master

Who was St John the Baptist? What is his connection with Freemasonry?

St. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Christ. He was originally the only patron saint of Masons as Mackey says the Name of St. John the Evangelist was introduced subsequent to the sixteenth century. Mackey further quotes the Charter of Cologne; "We celebrate annually, the memory of St. John, the forerunner of Christ and the patron of our Community." The Knights Hospitallers also dedicated their Order to him; and the ancient expression of our ritual which speaks of a "Lodge of the Holy St John of Jerusalem" probably refers to the same saint. Dalcho says that "the stern integrity of St. John the Baptist, which induced him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligations which he owed to God; the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master \*\*\* make him a fit patron of the Masonic institution."

Taken from One Hundred Questions About Freemasonry Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Kansas.



Worshipful Rick Field and our newest brother Daniel Todd November 14, 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 December**

Brother	Birthday
William G. Biddell	3
Eduardo A. Pasiliao	5
Jimmy C. Lyons	12
Thomas G. Dietz PM	13
Nicholas S. Osborn	13
Kenneth Hurley	14
Peter K. Van Der Werff PM	14
Robert Christiansen, Jr. PM	15
Joseph A. Hillhouse	15
Otto L. Wheeler	16
Floyd W. Bills PM	17
John B. Lomax	22
Elroy F. Holtmann	23
Paul E. Ladd PM	23
Robert T. Yamaguchi	23
Rogdrick E. Craig	27
Jesse J. Kanarek	28
Kenneth R. Bruce	31
Irving R. Wilhelm	31

**Calendar of Events**

**December 2012**

5 Light supper and Masonic education 6:15 pm  
 Stated meeting and election 7:30 pm  
 Dates and times subject to change

**In Memoriam**

Almighty Father! Into thy hands we command the soul of  
 our beloved brother

**Jerome Bernhard**

Born November 30, 1920

Raised June 30, 1953

Entered into rest September 8, 2012

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Time Value

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**December 2012**

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### **Information on Three Great Lights #651**

182 Members  
108 Members in the San Francisco Bay Area  
136 brothers over the age of 60 or 72% of membership  
15 Entered Apprentices  
3 Fellow Crafts  
164 Master Masons

Secretaries and Treasurers Retreats, held annually, strengthen our collective knowledge of the administrative operations of the lodge, enhancing our communication with each other.

San Ramon February 8-10, 2013.

### **Masters & Wardens Retreats**

Annual Masters and Wardens Retreats offer a team-based workshop approach to planning for each lodge's future. They are open to all lodge masters, wardens, and junior wardens; lodge leaders are encouraged to attend as a team. March 1-3, 2013 Monterey.

Brethren dues notices of \$132 for the year 2013 have been mailed. Be sure you have your dues receipt when you attend lodge. If you move or change your telephone number notify our secretary immediately so our records are accurate with all your information. The post office will charge us for any address service action. If you prefer receiving information via email, notify the secretary of your email address.