

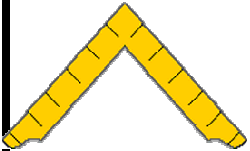


**Three Great Lights
Masonic Lodge #651
Free and Accepted Masons**

**February
2013**

The Trestleboard

From The East



Greetings from the East

We are through the elections and now starting up the New Year. February will begin the officers' planning and qualifications.

This later start was due to our December Elections with a projected Open Installation in March 2013.

Practices and Degrees will be at 7:00 pm. Stated meeting meals will be about a 1 hour before the 7:30 pm Stated Meeting. We have a new group of men in almost all positions. They will be learning and evolving into their roles as rapidly as possible. Our Coach Dennis Anastole, PM, has agreed to help us again this year.

I would like to say on behalf of all those coached, Thank you. Other members that are helping train our members are Michael Garoutte, Jerry Murphy, PM, Tom Stoehr, PM, and Larry Jones. Thank you also. By these men's efforts, we had a triple Third Degree Proficiency examination on January 16, 2013. As our members choose to make Masonry and our Lodge a priority, we will have the coaches to help them progress by their own freewill, resulting in more competent and proficient Masons in general and members that can assist our Lodge as desired.

Again, this year each person will be needed to ensure the Meetings and Degrees will actually take place. The new sideliners are welcome! IF YOU like the ritual and want to partake, without the Officer's Obligations, just show up. That's all. You can join in, learn, and participate in the degrees. It is fun!

How and what do we do here? One aspect is the true fun we have in fellowship, the meals, the ritual practices, and the social activities do bring us together. When we take our time to join our other brothers we all benefit from this experience. One of the individual experiences is to get to hear how the rest of the guys are doing. We also get to have a respite from our work or world environment. Yet another is to get other perspectives of what is going on in the world. All good to warm the soul a bit, an enlargement of our personal views by the interconnecting of others' lives in the same world. We may hear that "other side" but with a face we know and accept. Sometimes we become aware of something completely new to us, which until then, we were unaware. And, of course, it is always nice to find someone that will agree with our opinion on some subject matter, to know we are not the only one with similar thoughts. Engaging, growth, and sometimes stretching one's boundaries; we are and should be civil with a respect for another brother's voice, views, and candor. From this society of brothers and friends we should be able to grow outwards to our families, work, and public places. To practice out of the Lodge those great and noble actions we try as a group to inculcate to all of our members.

I look forward to working with all the Lodge members that wish to join us as often as they can. With our determined and purpose driven members we can continue our pattern of growth and expand our internal and public works to the benefit of a good society.

Fraternally,

Rick Field, Worshipful Master

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

From the secretary

At our special meeting on January 16, 2013, we had the pleasure of witnessing a triple Third Degree proficiency. Brothers Bruce Last, Richard Jenkins and Marcello Oliveira all performed admirably in their work. They were examined by our candidates coach, Mike Garoutte.

Brothers if you haven't earned your proficiency contact one of our coaches, they have all agreed to help with your memory work.

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Be sure your dues are current. 2013 dues are now due and payable. You need a dues receipt to enter lodge.

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.

From the West

The first Stated meeting of the year saw yours truly in the East as worshipful had to work. Rick sent me a list of what was needed to be covered. The turn out wasn't great and we had to fill a few holes in the line but we did it. Worshipful Tom picked up Rainbow Pizza on the way in which was enjoyed by those that got there early. We started the ritualistic opening about 7:20 and opened lodge just after 7:30. After the usual minutes, receipts, bills and communications we got down to new business. We needed three volunteers to serve on the audit committee after a few minutes of discussion of what was involved three brothers stepped up and took on the task. They agreed to go to the Grand Lodge web site and take the audit class in order to do the job that needed to be done. Next in line was three to be elected to the Hall Board. Again three stepped forward and were duly elected. Next on the agenda was our web site. We needed someone to be web master. Our newly elected Junior Warden, Richard Jenkins raised his hand and said he would do it. I have put him in touch with the web master of Los Altos Lodge if he ever needs help. A couple of suggestions were discussed about projects for our new members' project. One was seeing if any of our sweethearts (widows) needed anything, yard cleaning, painting, etc. This is what Masonry is all about. It's helping out where ever help is needed. We closed, put things away, cleaned the dining room and I driving out of the parking lot at 8:26. At the second degree practice the next Wednesday we were short some of the officers. Brothers if you make a commitment to fill an office please try to keep it. You may think that your part is not important, or that you know your part and don't need the practice, but it is. All parts of our ritual touch another part. You can get the words from the ritual but at practices you learn the floor work that is just as important. Our Officers Coach works very hard to make the practices interesting and informative.

Bill Malmstrom, PM Senior Warden

From the South

Finally after 10 years of waiting, I have completed the proficiency. The major advice I can give those waiting to complete the proficiency is " don't wait so long." I appreciate Worshipful Jerry Murphy PM, who coached me along, and Worshipful Richard Field, Current Master, who offered encouragement along the way. Now the journey begins to accomplish the proficiency of Junior Warden, which I will begin this next week. Now that I have received the three degrees of Freemasonry, I have undoubtedly felt for myself something of the unique fascination that Masonry has for its members.

This is partly because each of us believes in the existence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. While it is true that I have now received the third and final degree, I know I have, by no means, finished my Masonic education; on the contrary, I have only completed my entrance into Masonry. My Quest for Light still continues from a new vantage point. I now actually stand on the threshold of a new and a potentially important experience, which should mature into a life relationship rich in its values. This, I truly hope, will be evidenced by my own loyalty to the craft and my labors in its interest.

It seems almost magical in its ability to seize upon the emotions and thus make doubly impressive the drama of life, death, and immortality, which it unfolds. With the accomplishment of this Master Mason Degree I will never forget its experience.

Richard Jenkins Junior Warden

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Birthdays in February

Brother	Birthday
George A. Armstrong	3
Dennis P. Wilson	7
James C. Cook	9
Chester D. Martin, Jr.	10
Merrill C. Mensor, Jr.	13
Fuad E. Kattuah	15
Robert L. Johnson	16
James L. Hayne	17
Kenneth H. Walters	22
Richard Christiansen PM	24

Calendar of Events

February 2013
Dates and times subject to change

6	Light meal	6:15 pm
6	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
13	Practice 3rd degree	7:00 pm
14	Temple Board	6:30 pm
20	Practice 3rd degree	7:00 pm
25	SCVMA San Jose #10	6:30 pm
27	Practice 3rd Degree	7:00 pm

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MASONIC RECORD

Initiated: November 4, 1752, Fredericksburgh (Fredericksburg) Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Brother Washington became Worshipful Master on December 20, 1788, and was inaugurated President of the United States on April 30, 1789, thus becoming the first, and so far the only, Brother to be simultaneously President and Master of his Lodge.