

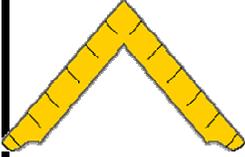


*Three Great Lights  
Masonic Lodge #651  
Free and Accepted Masons*

**March  
2012**

# The Trestleboard

## From The East



Greetings from the East.

Greetings from the quaint and historic town of Mauch Chunk or more commonly known as Jim Thorpe, PA. This "Switzerland of America" grew from Native Americans through the coal mining of the Industrial Revolution. America's first roller coaster was operated here for 50 cents a ride in the mid-1900s. Architecture of various styles still shines today. The railway station and cars are on display for train and history buffs. Even the Molly Maguire Tavern still exists and serves good Irish and American fare.

There was a time, however, that this small society was about to go under. The traditional coal mining business was waning and folks were up and leaving for the city never to return. The community struggled to survive and finally started looking for strategies to survive and hopefully prosper. The answer came from Jim Thorpe's third wife. The community changed their name, removed all the plaster and sidings from the historic buildings to show their true nature, and elected to go forward in a new way with the old traditions from the past. It has worked and today, literally, the streets are filled with people out for fun, for information, and to experience something new from something old.

Today our Lodge of Three Great Lights is on a parallel path. We are reaffirming our traditions while embracing what we already are doing - living in the 2000's. Our website is evolving. Email is to be used more frequently to let our members know - nearly real time - what actions and events the Lodge is having and how the Hall is being used. I hope this will meet with the memberships' approval and continued support. As a side note, I have been asked by some brothers to stop sending the paper Trestleboard as they prefer to use email only. If we have your current email address you will not receive a written Trestleboard but only an electronic version. This saves the lodge money as paper and stamps are not required.

On growth, we have given our first degree of the year, Entered Apprentice (for now) Brother Rogdrick Craig. This degree was done entirely by our lodge by brothers who have stepped forward and volunteered to help continue the growth of our Lodge. We do not have a PM in the current line. The two PMs that volunteered to help are the treasurer and the secretary. All the rest of the officers are new, no retreads. Encourage them to continue to learn and move up. Mentors for Masons are welcomed.

There will be a Second Degree on March 21 followed by another Third Degree if the candidate is ready. There are at least two more applicants for this month. With the continued help from my officers and brethren, the Lodge will continue its growth, proudly displaying our tradition of Masonry.

The Worshipful Michael Hertzberg will be giving a Masonic Education this month, please see his comments. There will also be a MEETING for MEMBERS on THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012 at 7:00pm for the Pass It Own program. Please attend; this does directly affect every mason in this lodge. The Public Meeting is on Saturday March 31, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Members are requested to assist enlightening our neighbors what Masonry is and why we are here. Sideliners Club is still run by Jerry Murphy at (408) 270-3424. Please call to join. Most all Hall positions are filled so if YOU are interested in becoming a member call Hall President Stephan Hamilton at (650) 854-8897 or me at 510-95-2630 for an interview and to bring your name before the Lodge for its vote. All visitors are welcomed to our meetings.

At our March Stated Meeting we will be honored by Worshipful Randy Downey as a Grand Lodge Representative and his Official Grand Lodge Visitation. ALL OFFICERS ARE TO BE IN TUX AND AT LODGE AT 7:00pm.

Lastly, April is Public Schools month and the Grand Master has asked ALL California Masons to assist in RAISING A READER. If at all possible, please assist this worthy cause in any manner you can. Information is on the [www.FreeMason.org](http://www.FreeMason.org) website. Thank You.

Fraternally Yours,  
Richard (Rick) Field  
Call or TEXT ME at 510-395-2630

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

From the secretary:

Brethren every member has access to [www.freemason.org](http://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. It will also be a means where you can get your Trestleboard on a more timely basis.

From the West

Some light was shed for a new brother recently - Rogdrick Craig received the 1<sup>st</sup> degree of Masonry on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. We welcome him with the open arms of the fraternity as he now begins his journey. It was a pleasure for the many of us greeting him to see this good man look forward to becoming better by traveling the path we have taken. I know his talents will be well appreciated as he joins us in our activities.

We are also preparing for, and by the time of publication of this Trestleboard we will have performed, the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Bruce Last. Brother Last has become an active member as he has been progressing through the degrees, and as a Master Mason seeing the full extent of our brotherhood it is clear he will strengthen our lodge with his presence – as all of us do working together in unity.

These new brothers, just beginning their ‘careers’ in Masonry, cause me to reflect upon the progression of years which I experienced as a Mason. It started when I was young and had many ‘things’ to accomplish - education and military service, a career, family, home and all the necessary parts of life which take priority. A few moments of time with the fraternity, but it was mainly just something in the background. It has only been in the past few years that I’ve begun to really understand Masonry as I became more and more involved and engaged. I wish I had done so much earlier.

This is why, perhaps, I say to new members of our fraternity that by just being a Mason you receive quite a bit, but as you put more time, effort, and thought into it the ‘payback’ is in multiples. I’ve always felt welcome in the lodge, even when my attendance was very occasional, but I now feel at home in any lodge I enter. This is another great strength of our fraternity – that no matter how long a brother has been ‘absent’ he is embraced as if the passage of time is erased. Simply being in lodge for a meeting or a degree allows your Masonic ‘home’ and brethren to embrace you.

Fraternally,

Dave Cohen, Sr Warden

Here is a thought to ponder on brothers. What is a Mason? Simply put: a man who belongs to the Fraternity of Freemasonry. But peel back the skin and we see that he is a man who understands that he is not a “done, complete or a finished product.” He is a man who understands that he has a responsibility to continue to grow, develop, and become a more thoughtful and compassionate person. He must harvest his own spiritual nature and become in tune with the world around him. A Mason is a man who chooses to use Freemasonry as a path toward that growth. Oh what a great path!

Fraternally, Dan Ellison

At the March Stated Meeting we will have a presentation prepared by the Grand Lodge called: PASS IT ON  
PASS IT ON program was developed as a tool to build lodge members’ skills in attracting and retaining members.

### **The importance of membership development**

Membership development is critical to the future of your lodge and the Masons of California. In order to maintain a sufficient membership level, each lodge must add a minimum of five Master Masons per year.

New members are important for lodge growth and prosperity because they:

- Provide a range of personal resources and knowledge that can strengthen the lodge
- Provide a succession of leaders for officer and committee roles
- Provide the financial means to continue lodge operations and add new programs
- Replace members the lodge loses each year

**Membership development has two components:**

1 Attract new members

2 Retain members and motivate involvement

**March 31 At 1 PM** Three Great Lights will have a presentation prepared by the Grand Lodge for the local community called :

### **On the Level Guide to a successful Masonic information program**

“On The Level” Masonic information program benefits lodges in several important ways:

- Raises awareness in the community
- Attracts potential new members
- Promotes member involvement

It also provides the opportunity to do two important things:

- Correct misconceptions about Masonry
- Dispel the myth of secrecy by inviting non-Masons to the lodge

Hall Board Status: President Stephen Hamilton, MM; Vice President: open; Secretary Peter VanDerWerff PM;

Treasurer (acting) Harvey McAnInch PM; Hall manager Lambert Yim PM; Acting Members: David Cohen (ex officio); Richard Field (ex officio); David Howard; Richard Steiger (proposed); Bruce Utecht (proposed)

As President, I have outlined the following goals for 2012: 1) Maximize Rent Income 2) Optimize visibility of 3GL Building in the Menlo Park Community 3) Serve Concordant Masonic bodies with emphasis on the youth. 4) Bring the Lodge Hall physically into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

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 March

Brother	Birthday
Felipe R. Josue	3/1/1938
Thomas Prussing	3/2/1948
Mathew A. Snider, Jr.	3/2/1964
Larry L. Jones, Sr.	3/3/1967
Leslie F. Grundy	3/9/1942
David P. Howard	3/11/1963
William A. Peyton	3/11/1939
Samuel Kraus	3/15/2025
Lee J. Trusty	3/17/1936
Marcelo F. Oliveira	3/21/1977
Harry G. Straw, II	3/23/1939
Robert L. Townsend	3/24/1949
Michael W. Hertzberg	3/25/1955
Alfred J. Paolucci	3/25/1930
Robert Y. Lum	3/28/1981
Richard L. Haggerty	3/30/1934

## March 2012

- 1 Pass it on meeting 7:00pm
  - 7 Inspector's official visit all officers in tuxedoes 7:00pm
  - 9-11 Wardens Retreat San Ramon, CA
  - 14 Practice 2nd Degree 7:00pm
  - 21 Second Degree 7:00pm
  - 28 Third degree 7:00pm
  - 29 SCVMOA Morgan Hill 463 6:30pm
  - 31 Public Pass it on meeting 1:00pm
- April 2012
- 24 SCVMOA Palo Alto 346 6:30pm

Dates and times subject to change.

**Before the Stated Meeting, March 7th, there will be another Masonic Education, starting at 7:00 pm. Masonry is supposed to be a life long search for knowledge. Where can we go for this? Show up and let's discuss some of the opportunities available to all of us. See you there, Mike Hertzberg PM**

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# Trestleboard

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Worshipful Rick Field and our newest Entered Apprentice Rogdrick Craig February 15, 2015