



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

**November
2012**

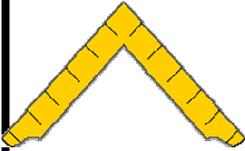
The Trestleboard

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

From The East



Greetings from the East!

The sun shined brightly on Three Great Lights Lodge on October 20, 2012. I had the distinct pleasure to witness a Five Candidate

First Degree. This was accomplished through the teamwork of your members with the assistance of several Past Masters. Worshipful Randy Downey PM and Dennis Anastole PM, took turns as Master and Senior Warden. Worshipful Hank Vlcek PM delivered a fantastic lecture. The Very Worshipful Paul Hennig PM and Worshipfuls Jerry Murphy PM and Pete Van Der Wert PM were also

onboard. The Record will be read at our November Election and Stated Meeting. This was a FUN day punctuated by a break for lunch at Jeffery's across the street. I must really give a loud cheer for all those who came out and helped us that day! Thank You.

Our newest brothers will have their pictures on Facebook and on the Hall Photo section. Hope all will meet them soon. We have another First Degree on November 14, 2012 at 7 pm. We should be voting on an applicant again this November. The Second Degrees will be scheduled in the future and published as soon as we know when. As should be known, we are now doing all business ON THE FIRST DEGREE- SO ALL MASONS ARE WELCOME. Join us on November 7, 2012 for a light meal at 6:15 pm with lively discussion and Masonic Education by our Worshipful Michael Hertzberg PM. The meal is open to the public. If bringing a friend(s), let me or the Stewards know for food planning. After our meal and Masonic education the lodge will open at 7:30 pm.

Masonry is a constantly winding road. I don't want to use the word changing. Much can be inferred with this gerund. The constant learning of what is known in the ritual and the CMCs, and the relearning for polishing or clarification. This forms the basis and foundation of a certain positive collective which should envelop widespread differences of personalities, cultures, and thoughts to form a collaborative better whole. It is an axiom today that change and diversity are good. Okay, yes, or no. It depends upon the norms of current society; and what is changing. We now have five young brothers, and one more to follow, who have been placed in the North East corner of the lodge on the first step of a mason. There are four more less-than-a-one-year-old Master Masons. The rest of us are on the other side of the journey of experience. I would continue to ask you to take an interest in these men. They have something to teach us as we try to inculcate Masonic Wisdom to them. Like what Score volunteers do to help a new business; both learn, adapt, and evolve. I know they are good and worthwhile; they chose to be here. This lodge lean, though not dead and gone, is at a precipice to rise like a phoenix and soar. What we do in the next six months to two years will determine what tree will grow from this sprig. Even the building itself, by the collective wisdom and action of the New Lions (new Masons) and the more Senior Staff, is now being infused with the needed apparatus to do business as a place to go for fun and events. The work of the Craft is showing more and more each month and will continue to go and grow.

The members are now working harder to not only do our regular Lodge business but have added the needed studies for advanced stations and qualifications. Our Inspector Randy Downey PM and Coach Dennis Anastole PM have been encouraging us and putting in time and effort to get us up and qualified. Several of the new men have committed to working sometimes two to three positions at once to try and jump to where they can do the most good for the Lodge. God Speed.

We are doing our annual Toys for Kids collection to be given to the Menlo Fire Department. We will collect new, unwrapped toys upstairs and give them to the Fire Department on Saturday December 1, 2012. Any new, unwrapped toys will be greatly loved by someone who can use them.

Brother Morian Walker is leading the charge (and the Hall has been reserved) for a Super Bowl Sunday Party. If you would like to volunteer give brother Morian a call. More details will be sent out, as the event draws closer.

CPR class will begin next year, as soon as the class is scheduled, Brother Bruce Last will post the date and times.

We need to replace several Hall Board Members as they will time out; several trustees for the same reason, a Treasurer for the Hall Board, and an Asst. Treasurer for the Lodge. Worshipful Harvey has requested help in these areas. These are all scheduled for our election at our November stated meeting.

I want to wish an early Happy, Healthy, Prosperous Family times ahead for our traditional days of Thanksgiving and Religious observation. May the Great Architect of the Universe assist us in knowing peace, truth, harmony, and fellowship all of our days.

Till Next month,
Fraternally,
Rick Field, Worshipful Master

From the West

Our lodge has grown significantly this month, thanks to great efforts by many of our brethren from our lodge and other lodges supporting us. On Saturday, Oct 20th, we performed FIVE first degrees! Please join in welcoming our new Entered Apprentices - Ryan Micheletti, Richard Hardiman, Hector Velazquez, Ilan Volman, DeAndre Nunn.

We are toiling to have a complete line of officers for next year, which is both a daunting and rewarding task. Several of our brethren have 'stepped up' to the challenge of learning the required ritual in a relatively short period of time. We do, however, need to move the date of the installation to January 19th to give everyone sufficient time for preparation and qualification. Our brethren are showing the strength of our fraternity in volunteering to demonstrate how good men work together for the greater good of all.

Our fraternity has a long and hallowed legacy; this is part of our strength. We can observe two kinds of 'legacy' associated with each lodge. The first is from specific history of a lodge or perhaps one or more individual members, current or past. Although I have no idea if the lodge still exists (but I'd like to use the thought as a point of discussion), I would guess that if we were to visit the lodge where our Brother, and our nation's first President, George Washington was a member we'd see a multitude of paintings of that illustrious Mason and a collection of memorabilia from that period of the lodge's history. I'd assume that pride would be often expressed. I am equally sure that, again if this lodge does exist, that there have been many worthy Brothers who have made their way along the Masonic journey carrying the pride of being part of a lodge with such a legacy.

The second kind of legacy is not associated with a single event or member – each 'generation' of Brethren brings new prideful energy foreshadowed only by the legacy of a fraternity that has shown strength throughout many years. Wars, political conflict, 'bad press', and all the other events affecting our fraternity have not taken from us this strength.

Three Great Lights displays a legacy of the second type – we do not have a George Washington and we do not have a single event in our history that defines us. We do have, however, the history of ALL of our fraternity and each new generation of our Brethren makes its mark on our lodge's present and future.

Fraternally,

Dave Cohen, Sr. Warden

Dues notices for 2013 have been mailed. Notices for Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons have been included. Since Grand Lodge lowered the per capita tax, dues for 2013 are \$132.

Is Freemasonry a religion or has it a religion?

No to both questions. "A" religion connotes some particular religion. Freemasonry is nonsectarian. Before its Altar Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Gentile, Confucian, may kneel together. If the question be phrased "Is Freemasonry religious" then the obvious answer is that an institution 'erected to God' which begins its ceremonies and ends its meeting with prayer; which has a Holy Book upon its Altar; which preaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, of course has a religious character, altho, let it be emphasized again, wholly nonsectarian. All Grand Lodges require initiates to express a belief and trust in God. No atheist can be made a Mason.

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

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 November

Brother	Birthday
George E. Turner	11/2
Franklin K. Wong	11/3
Chris N. Alevizos	11/4
David C. Melhoff	11/6
Richard W. Jenkins	11/7
Robert M. Longstreth	11/8
Darren C. Kygar	11/9
Walter B. Windus	11/10
Robert J. Barrington	11/11
Donald W. Dean	11/13
Thomas K. Stoehr	11/13
Dale D. Worden	11/15
Harry F. Van Camp	11/16
Albert S. Grevstad	11/18
Johnson Neal	11/21
Rocky V. Ortega	11/23
Jerome J. Bernhard	11/30

Calendar of Events

November 2012

7 Light meal and Masonic education 6:15 pm
 Stated Meeting and election 7:30 pm
 14 First Degree (Daniel Todd) 7:00 pm
 20 SVMOA Los Altos Lodge
 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dates and times subject to change

Brethren you can help save the lodge money, by ensuring that all your mailing information is correct. If you move notify the secretary immediately so the lodge will not be charged with a forwarding fee. Also, if you have an email address and are comfortable receiving the Trestleboard and other important pieces of information please forward that information to the secretary too.

Fees for application for degrees has been moved to increase to \$250.

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Trestleboard

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Five First degrees October 20, 2012. Brothers Nunn, Micheletti, Velazquez, Volman, and Hardiman