



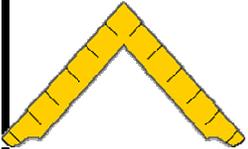
Three Great Lights
Masonic Lodge #651
Free and Accepted Masons

October
2012

The Trestleboard

Worshipful Master

From The East



Greetings from the East.

I hope you attended some of your Third Degrees this month.

They were great. The fun one can have either participating or

being a sidliner is only limited by the individual. The Fire Power of the California Posse was astounding; and Worshipful Dennis Anastole leads a great team for Rogdrick Craig.

October will be our CPR Classes as well as First Degrees on Saturday the 20th. The Worshipful Hank Vlcek PM will be delivering the Lecture. He is good and

worth your time. And as a bonus, you can meet your new Brothers that are starting their life-long journey for Wisdom. Can you remember what you were doing when you started; what was going on in life then? Were you welcomed by your other Lodge brothers? Why not come back and share some of the experiences again.

November will be our elections- please put on your schedule.

I would like to publicly thank some friends who have been working many hours behind the scenes to help grow and keep our Lodge going. Worshipful Harvey McAninch PM and Tom Stoehr PM have been going all out to meet and greet new members, constantly answering any questions for candidates, and even working on getting brothers for the Lodge as Officers. Through their tireless work this Lodge has grown and may even have a line for next year. Thank You, Examples that are worthy of all emulation.

Until Next month or when I get to meet and greet you in person- Be Wise, Be Just, Be Faithful, Be True, and show the world by your actions that living as a Mason, YOU are a better person.

Fraternally,

Rick Field



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Who discovered, designed or invented Masonry?

No one man, any more than any one man discovered, designed or invented democracy, or philosophy, or science, or any one government. Freemasonry is the result of growth. Many Masons had a part in it; it has taken to itself teachings from many religions, philosophies, systems of knowledge and symbols.

The most generally accepted orthodox belief as those who "began" Freemasonry is that the Craft is a descendant of Operative Masons. These Operatives inherited from unknown beginnings, of which there may have been several and were probably many practices and some form of ritual. Speculative Masonry reaching back through Operative Masonry touches hands with those who followed unknown religions in which, however, many of the Speculative principles must have been taught by the use of symbols as old as mankind and therefore universal and not the product of any one people or time.

Why do we use "So mote it be" instead of "Amen"?

"So Mote It Be" are the final words in the Regius Poem. "Mote" is old English for may. Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many other words now obsolete which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of ritual from ancient days to modern times.

Masonic dates are written "A.L." before figures which never correspond with the number of the year in which we live; why?

Freemasonry's practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created four thousand years before Christ; that when God said "Let there be light" the world began. Therefore Masons date their doings four thousand years plus the current year, "Anno Lucis" or "In the year of Light".

It is but another of Freemasonry's many ties with a day so old no man may name it.

Taken from One Hundred Questions About Freemasonry

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M of Kansas

What makes you a mason?

Is it the fact you have joined a Masonic Lodge, that you appear in public processions, that you use Masonic words and phrases?

By no means.

These things may make you a Mason as far as the world is concerned, but you may do all of these and not be a Mason at heart.

To be a Mason in truth you must act and live as such. Your character must be above approach. You must be honorable, charitable, upright in your dealings. You must visit the sick, comfort the sorrowing, relieve the distressed and bury the dead.

Facts about Masons

Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is a body of knowledge and a system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity. As Masons, we lead by example, give back to our communities, and support numerous Masonic philanthropies.

There are approximately 5 million Masons worldwide, including 2 million in the United States. There are more than 60,000 Masons and about 340 lodges in California.

History

Freemasonry dates back to the guilds of European stonemasons who built castles and cathedrals during the Middle Ages. Because of the inherent danger of their work, stonemasons formed local organizations, called lodges, to take care of sick and injured members as well as the widows and orphans of those who were killed on the job. They also used lodges as places to meet, receive their pay, plan their work, train new apprentices, and socialize.

The first grand lodge was established in England in 1717; by 1731, Masonry had spread to the American colonies. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Paul Revere, and other founding fathers were among the first Masons in the United States. The Grand Lodge of California was established in Sacramento in 1850 during the height of the California Gold Rush.

Mission

The mission of Freemasonry in California is brotherhood, community involvement, and self-improvement through education, family values, moral standards, and charity. We invest in children, our neighborhoods, and our future. Our mission is guided by the enduring and relevant tenets of our fraternity: brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Membership

Membership in the Masons is open to men 18 or older who believe in a Supreme Being and meet the qualifications and standards of character and reputation. One of Freemasonry's customs is not to solicit members; men must seek membership on their own. Anyone is welcome to request information about the fraternity.

What do Masons do?

Charity is at the heart of most Masonic activities. Each year, California Masons donate millions of dollars and thousands of hours to both small and large philanthropic causes. Masonic charities receive no local, state, or federal funding and are supported entirely by member contributions.

Masons were instrumental in establishing the public education system in the United States and have an ongoing commitment to public schools, and have enabled thousands of students to attend college with scholarships awarded annually by the California Masonic Foundation. The Foundation also supports nurse leader training in California and facilitates community partnerships between lodges and public school districts throughout the state.

The Masonic Homes of California have been committed to fraternal care for more than a century. Established in 1898, the Homes provide housing and health care to Masons and their wives or widows at campuses in Union City and Covina. Masonic Senior Outreach provides ongoing care management and financial support to help older members stay healthy and safe in their homes or in retirement facilities in their home communities. Masonic Family Outreach offers services and programs to California Masons and their families who need help dealing with today's complex issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other significant life challenges.

Allied organizations

Freemasonry is made up of many organizations, each with a special social, educational, or philanthropic focus. After a man has been awarded the three degrees of Masonry, he may join any of the other affiliated organizations. The best known in the United States are the Shrine, Scottish Rite, and York Rite. There are allied Masonic organizations for women and others that admit both men and women. Eastern Star is the largest coed fraternal society in the world. Youth orders include DeMolay for young men and Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters for young women.

Famous Masons

Many world leaders in business, politics, science, religion, military, sports, entertainment, and the arts have been Masons, including:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Mark Twain; Dr. Norman Vincent Peale; Irving Berlin; Sen. Barry Goldwater; Arnold Palmer; Franklin D. Roosevelt; Duke Ellington; Harry S. Truman; Charles Lindbergh; Sir Winston Churchill; Buzz Aldrin; Gen Douglas MacArthur; Henry Ford

From the secretary

As the end of year is approaching, there will be several important messages that will be mailed to you. Be sure all your current information is properly recorded in our records. If you have moved please notify the secretary immediately, so the lodge does not incur additional postage charges. Recently we made a phone tree and a good majority of the phone numbers were incorrect. Be sure all your phone numbers are properly recorded. This includes home, cell and work if you wish. This information can be sent to me via email at TKS4@aol.com; phone 650-638-1690; or mail 2283 Armada Way San Mateo, CA 94404. Also if you are married be sure your spouse's information is also recorded. As a member of your family, she has certain benefits available to her. If you have an email include that too, as important messages can be forwarded that way.

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 Meetings are held at
 The Royal Hodge Masonic Center
 651 Roble Avenue
 Menlo Park, California

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Birthdays in October

Brother	Birthday
Roy R. Atie	10/1
Robert W. Graves, Sr.	10/3
Robert Rensen	10/6
Donald E. Mathers	10/7
Brian L. Coleman	10/8
Richard M. Steiger	10/8
Bruce H. Winter	10/9
Douglas J. Hipsley	10/10
Raymond D Fantasia	10/14
Carl A Cavaiani	10/16
James A. Fox	10/17
Matthew S. Schultz	10/18
George L. Crombie	10/25
Leroy J. Becker	10/28
Jimmie F. Gorman	10/28

Calendar of Events

October 2012

3	Light Supper Masonic Education	6:15 pm
	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
6	CPR certification	9:00 am
10	First Degree Practice	7:00 pm
17	First Degree Practice	7:00 pm
20	Multiple First degrees	9:00 am
22	OAM Los Altos	6:30 pm

Dates and times subject to change

In Memoriam

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

Donovan H. Covert

Born February 14, 1935

Passed October 11, 1979

Entered into rest August 30, 2012

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Morian Walker SR. getting his Third degree by the California Masonic Posse September 19, 2012