

TRESTLEBOARD
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<u>FEBRUARY 2012</u>						
<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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JANUARY EVENTS

7	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
14	Officers Practice	7:00pm
21	EA/FC Night	7:00pm
28	Officers Practice – Inspectors Visit	7:00pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies:

It appears that the New Year is off to a good start. I'm really pleased with the great officer line we have and thank them for participating and supporting their Lodge with the current and new projects. This month Brother Ryan Bacaoco, our Junior Warden, is reviving the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft nights. He is also mentoring at least one Brother with work on his proficiency, and welcoming others to join his sessions.

Brother Bob Salini, Senior Deacon, is working with another Brother to prepare him for his advancement to junior Warden. Brother Tex Perry, Junior Steward, has stepped up and volunteered to assist Wor. Brother Kent Dau as backup for printing and mailing the Trestleboard.

Wor. Brother Bob Smith, Officers Coach and Tiler is recovering nicely from his recent health problems and is anxious to get to work on the Sam Jones Memorial Award project with Brother Bob Scheeler, Marshall and Brother Salini.

2012 OFFICERS

Lodge Office Telephone	619-295-4420
Master	Dennis P. Stahr
Sr. Warden	“JR” Knight, PM
Jr. Warden	Ryan A. Bacaoco
Treasurer	James J. Achenbach
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Asst. Secretary	Gerald Lynn, PM
Chaplain	Ronald J. Detzer, PM
Sr. Deacon	Robert Salini
Jr. Deacon	Mark Bacaoco
Marshall	Robert J. Scheeler
Sr. Steward	John Fitch
Jr. Steward	Steven “Tex” Perry
Tiler	Robert Smith, PM
Officer’s Coach	Robert Smith, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor	Dick Covert, PM

These are only a few of the Brothers involved, and only a few of the many things that these dedicated Brothers do. Again, I am proud of the officer line and look forward to a very good year.

One not so fun item was notification by our landlord, San Diego Scottish Rite, that our rent for 2012 is being raised 10%. The budget for 2012 presented during our January Stated Meeting did, in fact, include this increase. With the losses suffered to our investment funds in the past two years, this increase hurts a bit and options or alternatives for the future will be explored.

Thank you all and we'll see you in Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Dennis Stahr, Worshipful Master

WHAT IS A FELLOWCRAFT?

This is a term peculiar to Masonry, although at one time it referred to one who was a member of a craft or guild as, for example, a carpenter, sculptor, painter or even a barber. A “fellow” meant one who had full membership in such a craft and was therefore, a fellow of the craft. We now hear of a “journeyman” as one who has completed his apprenticeship in many crafts. Only in Freemasonry does the term “Fellowcraft” remain to link us to antiquity.

The Operative Apprentice became a Fellowcraft after several years of study with the mason to whom he had been indentured. At the end of his apprenticeship, he was examined in Lodge before the Craft. If his record was good, and if he could make the necessary proficiency in the lessons of his apprenticeship, with no objection standing in the way of advancement, he became a Fellow of the Craft. As there was no differentiation among the Craft, he was also a Master Mason and entitled to teach others, having mastered the secrets of the trade.

The division of the craft into three grades instead of two came into being with the advent of speculative masonry. Thus, the Fellowcraft Degree became the second of three and the Degree of Master Mason was added to the ritual of the lodge system.

The distinctive lessons of the Second Degree make it more than a mere step to the attainment of the Master Mason Degree.

From the Holy Writings we learn – “And Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Lord, and a house for His kingdom. And Solomon told out three score and ten-thousand men to bear burdens, and four-score thousand to hew in the mountains....”

Here were the ancient Fellowcrafts of Masonic tradition, building, as they have ever since, edifices of beauty for the eye to behold but even more importantly transmitting through the succession of ages from the instructive tongue to the attentive ear the most excellent tenets of our Institution.

The rights of a Fellowcraft Mason are identical to those of the Entered Apprentice, with the further privilege of sitting in his own lodge when opened on either the First or Second Degree, and of visiting with a Master Mason of his own lodge, another lodge working on the same degrees.

Audit.....	JR Knight, PM
Budget / Finance / Investments.	Dennis Stahr, WM
Candidate’s Coach	Kent Dau, PM
Charity.....	Dennis Stahr, WM
Communication.....	John Fitch
Del. Dues.....	JR Knight, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Member.....	Jim Campbell, PM
Masonic Education.....	James Achenbach, PM
Masonic Youth	JR Knight, PM
Masonic Formation	Robert Smith, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ron Detzer, PM
Member Retention.....	Robert Salini
Public Schools.....	James Achenbach, PM
Social Media.....	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sam Jones Memorial Award	Robert Smith, PM
Mentoring & Member of Year Award ..	JR Knight, PM
Trestleboard.....	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr, WM
GL Committeeman:	Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows

EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to our Trestleboard are welcome and urgently solicited. Submissions should be of Masonic nature suitable for enjoyment of EA, FC and non Masons alike. We welcome items of general interest as well. Submissions should be directed to the editor at uglidedc@cox.net or by telephone at 760-751-3469. Deadline for March submittals is February 20, 2012.

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM

ROYAL ARCH DEGREES

The three Royal Arch Chapters of San Diego County will hold a Degree Festival March 3, 2012. If you have an interest in Royal Arch Masonry, ask a Companion of one of the San Diego Chapters for an application. There are Chapters in San Diego, Escondido and Vista. Royal Arch Masonry is open to all Master Masons, and Master Mason proficiency is not a requirement for membership.

For further information contact Wor. Gerald Lynn, PHP or Wor. Dick Covert, PHP.

HEARTLAND LODGE VISITATIONS

Brethren: Heartland Lodge #576 in El Cajon will be holding two Fellowcraft degrees on February 9th and a Master Mason 3rd degree on the 23rd. Both start at 7:00 pm and we are planning a visitation to show support for our Brothers. Please contact me if you wish to join in and attend either or both of these evenings.

Dennis Stahr, WM Masonic574@irfutures.com

FEBRUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and ladies:

I hope all had a wonderful New Year's holiday and enjoyed celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In January I had a wonderful experience, the Bethel 40 International Order of Job's Daughters Installation which took place on January 15 at Silver Gate/Three Stars Lodge.

It was a real pleasure seeing the new Honored Queen Taylor Whitney installed. For those of you who have never attended a Bethel Installation, it's a definite must see. This is one event where we want to support the Bethel that supports us tremendously throughout the year at our Stated Meeting dinners and other events.

I have scheduled the first Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft Night February 21st at 7:00 pm. Our discussions for the night will be about the "Membership program", what the program is about and how you can become a mentor to our newly obligated Brethren and Fellowcrafts. The speaker for the night will be Wor. "JR" Knight. Please plan to come out and join in our fellowship. If you haven't heard of the mentorship program before, this is one event you do not want to miss! This evening is open to all Masons -EA, FC and MM. As a reminder I will be sending out flyers so we can pass the information along and invite our Brethren from other San Diego/Imperial County Lodges so they too can participate in this very informational occasion.

In preparation for our EA/FC night we will open lodge in the EA Degree, call to refreshment and proceed with our program. If you have any input or questions, or any experience on the subject, please feel free to come out and share with us. Thank you and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ryan A. Bacaoco, JW

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each.

Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

Tossed Green Salad
Roast Pork
Honey Dijon Chicken
Potatoes Au Gratin
Zucchini & Squash
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
Assorted Rolls
Cherry Pie

MASONRY AND THE SACRED LAW

The Holy Writings occupy the central place in our lodges. At installation, the Installing Officer admonishes the newly appointed Chaplain as follows;

"That Holy Book which adorns our sacred altar is the Great Light in Masonry and forever sheds its benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons". So the Candidate is charged to regard the Volume of the Sacred Law as the Great Light in his profession, to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate his actions by the divine precepts it contains.

Constant reference is made to this theme of man governed by the laws of his Creator just as our lodges are governed in homage, to the Deity, by the virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

These virtues point out an ideal which leads us to welcome as applicants men of every sect and creed which glorifies the Great Architect of the Universe. Thus the divisions which might otherwise separate man from man are done away with in Masonry. The Word of God may come through the New or Old Testament, the Talmud, the Koran, and each, in particular areas of the world, is used as the Great Light. In the United States, the Old and New Testaments are used together and are the required volume in California.

As the atheist is ineligible to be received as a Candidate, so a lodge or Grand Lodge which dispenses with the Holy Writings is deemed irregular and unlawful and no recognition may be extended to it.

To the Candidate therefore, we must impart that respect and toleration which we feel for all religions and our undying resistance to any force either clerical or political which would destroy our religious freedom and substitute the tyranny of dogma, either of the Church or of the State.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Juan Thompson**
3 **Norman Hale, PM**
 Alexander Shpigel
6 **Sean Mac Dade**
8 **Richard Bergstrom**
9 **Burman Faucett**
 Mario Urbino
20 **William Knight, Jr., PM**
26 **Travis King**
28 **Edward Jackson, PM**

CALLED FROM LABOR

Brother Earl L. Granlow

Born: **February 12, 1929**
Initiated: **June 15, 1956**
Passed: **July 13, 1956**
Raised: **July 27, 1956**

ENTERED INTO REST: January 18, 2012

**SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE OUR
BROTHER BE THY RESTING PLACE**

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

53 Years

Leonard Kuhlanjian MM 2/24/59

45 Years

Ray Rapp, PM MM 2/14/67

40 Years

Jeffery McDonald MM 2/28/72

35 Years

Gerald Lynn, PM MM 2/24/77

33 Years

Howard McGill, PM MM 2/27/79