

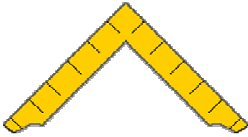


*Three Great Lights  
Masonic Lodge #651  
Free and Accepted Masons*

**April  
2010**

# The Trestleboard

## From the East



Congratulations to Fred Diestel on receiving his Fifty Year pin. The first quarter of the year has been a very busy one for Three Great Lights. Six First Degrees and two Second Degrees. There has been something on every Wednesday, if it's not a Stated Meeting, Hiram Award, a Fifty Year Golden Veteran presentation it's been a practice. Add the schools of instruction, the officers have been BUSY. At the March school of instruction our Inspector, Worshipful Doug Clifford, said there was a rumor that we will be part of the Santa Clara Valley Officers Association next year. Well it is not a rumor. Our AGL said it's a fact and will happen at the close of Grand Lodge. The April stated Meeting is our Inspectors Official Visit. All Officers must be in TUX. Our Senior Warden Harvey is putting together our visitation in June and there should be something out soon on it as far as accommodations, dinners, etc.

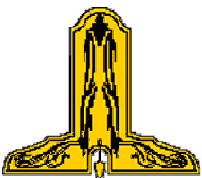
On a real serious note, it's been said for quite a while that Masonry will not die for lack of members but lack of Officers to do the ritual and run the Lodge. Our line is short Stewards. In a progressive line that is the place to start. You start to learn ritual and rod work and as each officer says his part, repeat it in your mind and before you know it your saying it with him. You would be surprise how much you learn through osmoses. I didn't learn my ritual overnight, I've been working on it for almost 30 years and am still learning. I've been told that if you learn all parts in all three degrees you will have about 24 hours of ritual stored for future ages.

Worshipful Master



William Malmstrom

## From the West



Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice Masons: Brothers Hurley and Walters were initiated on February 24th. Brothers Olivier Bruneau and John Prendergast did their first degree proficiencies and are scheduled to receive their Fellowcraft degree on March 24<sup>th</sup> (after this go to press). Brothers Daniel J. Cleary, Jr. and Larry L. Jones, Sr. were initiated on March 31st (after this go to press). Please make sure to take some time to talk with them at the next meeting.

We'll have two degrees in April. Bro: Utecht will pass to the degree of Fellowcraft and our candidate James Lynch will be initiated. Come out and join the fun!

Brothers and candidates, please remember that you can come to any practice or degree that you have been through. Also, make sure to attend the stated meeting it's the best way for us to get to know each other.

Mark your calendars for the June visitation in Nevada City (June 18-20). **We need three Ruffians. Are you interested in taking a week-end trip and participating in our third degree? This will be a good family outing.**

Question of the Month – What is this program? "On The Level", How can it help us? Who is it for? Where is the location for it? Why should we do it?

Senior Warden



Harvey McAninch

## Hall Association Update....

Due to recent problems in the Kitchen of the Royal Hodge Masonic Center the Hall Association would like to remind the brothers of Three Great Lights Lodge of some of the rules of use.

- The facilities are not the exclusive use of members 3 Great Lights Lodge, though they are given priority.
- All individuals or groups must schedule the use of the facilities through the hall manager.
- Individuals and groups using the kitchen, dining hall or blue room must have a signed rental agreement.
- All users of the facilities will be charged. Contact the hall manager for a current rate schedule.
- Perishable food cannot be kept in the kitchen storage area, refrigerator or freezer. Food stuffs can be brought into the kitchen no more than 24 hours in advance and must be removed from the premises within 24 hours of the event.
- After an event the individual or group is responsible to leave the facilities as clean as when they arrived. This includes the bathrooms and kitchen floor.

Following these rules prevents conflicts of use, loss of revenue, and possible citation of health department which could close down the use of the kitchen—period.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.  
Tom Prussing, President, TGLL Hall Association;  
Bill Malmstrom (Master), PM;  
Harvey McAninch (SW);  
Rick Field (JW)  
Bill Biddell, Treasurer & Hall Manager



Worshipful Fred Diestal, PM receives his Golden Veterans Award for 50 years of Masonic service. The award was presented by Worshipful Doug Clifford, PM with Worshipful Bill Malmstrom, PM assisting.

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## From the South



Next month is here- and a very good sign is GROWING PAINS.

Now what has this to do with the Lodge? EVERYTHING!

These are sure signs we are growing and have different concerns due to increased demands on the Lodge and the Brothers. Fantastic- so what are they- well come around and find out- WE WANT YOU HERE TOO! WE WANT YOU INVOLVED!

We have some new guys that need to meet the senior guys- Ya'll know (little joke about me if you have been at some of the ritual practices -leading by the really good guy and worshipful Paul Hennig and Grand Lodge Mike about some of my pronunciations.... )

Why not meet and talk- time for Passing the Baton -guys-. Meeting everyone is good- literally- why I am here. EVERYONE in this lodge that has decided to hang around and/or communicate with the other brothers really are very good men. Period. I am impressed when I get to know the stories- personal and Masonic.

We have a great deal of "newbies" so it is good and timely if we got instructions and history of what was, so we will know what should be, so we can become, well, GREAT.

**Food.** THAT is what is on our minds in the South, and other parts of the compass. The food is great and I thank all of the CULINARY CLUB for their help, long and hard work, and great company.

AND the DeMolay guys ROCK. This means they did their jobs WELL and CORRECTLY. I got to bed before 0300 a.m. from the last meal! That makes - well - ME - feel really good. Going forward we have meals with help and clean-up. OH YEAH, they are interested in Masons- TALK to them and I have invited them and their families/friends out to our outings.

Thank You to all- Lambert and Bobby, Steve, Al, David, Harvey, Bill, Bill, The DeMolay Guys, and our Brethren that support us- here at home and those wheresoever around the globe they are, including Australia.

From the South, thank you for all the involved activities. Is it not great to have a really good, no, GOOD lodge where we reside?

And of course, any suggestions about anything- including saying "NECKed" versus "NAAAAKed" is always accepted from my brothers.

Junior Warden



Rick Field

## Calendar of Coming Events

### April

- 7 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM  
Dinner at 6:30 (\$10)
- 8 Hall Board 6:30 pm
- 14 First Degree 7:30 PM  
Dinner 6:30 (\$10) James Lynch
- 21 DSI @ Three Great Lights 7 PM  
Third Degree — dinner 6:30 pm
- 28 Second Degree 7:30 PM  
Dinner 6:30 (\$10) Bruce Utecht

### May

- 5 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM  
Dinner at 6:30 (\$10)
- 18 DSI @ Peninsula 7 PM  
Dinner 6:30 First Degree

### June

- 18-20 Visitation to Nevada City  
Third Degree

**Reservations for Dinners are absolutely required.  
Call Rick Field**

**Meetings of  
Three Great Lights Lodge #651  
are held at  
The Royal Hodge Masonic Center  
651 Roble Avenue  
Menlo Park, California**

## Birthdays in April

	Birth Date	Raised Date
Robert C. Parsons	6	8/25/1977
Arthur F. Loveland	11	9/8/1976
James L. Cummings	12	10/4/1975
Edwin J. Richardson	12	6/26/1962
Leland J. Dance	14	7/26/1979
Roberto A. Randall, Jr.	16	8/20/1992
Danny S. Ellison	17	3/20/1986
Larry L. Kettmann	17	11/13/1980
Leon D. Oltman	20	3/26/1998
Mario H. Rodriguez	21	2/28/1985
Fred W. Diestel	24	1/27/1960
Donald L. Bentley	25	10/21/1959
Dale G. Hosack	28	6/18/1981
Quincy D. Kygar	29	3/3/1944
William O. Robertson	30	8/29/1956

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## **The Apron**

### **"An emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason..."**

When the Master of the Lodge presents the candidate with his apron, using these impressive words, he is performing perhaps the most important single act in all the ceremonies of Masonry. In this act alone, the craft speaks to the candidate in worldly terms calculated to impress upon him all of the esteem in which Masons hold the fraternity. In every other ceremony, Masonry teaches man his duty to God, his neighbor and himself, but only in those few words does Masonry speak of itself.

To a real Mason, the fraternity and its teachings, its ceremonies and its associations are very precarious. The Brothers who first gave voice to these sentiments were stating the veneration in which Masons hold their craft as compared with other very noble human institutions. The Roman Eagle, going back to Pre-Christian Era, was the standard under which the legions of Rome marched to conquer the ancient world. The Order of the Golden Fleece was an order of nobility founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy in 1329. The Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III, King of England in 1349. To be compared to the dignity and antiquity of these organizations is to speak most highly of the craft. To compare the simple, snow-white apron, to the ornate trappings and insignia of these orders, is to set its value as a pearl above price.

To speak of the innocence of a Mason is to use the old connotation of the word. It means "to do no hurt or injury." It certainly does not mean a "lack of knowledge of evil" which is its present usage. The choice of the gentle lamb, as an emblem of this innocence in all ages, to furnish the proper material for the apron bears out this connotation. Haywood, the great Masonic writer says:

The innocence of a Mason, is his gentleness, his chivalrous determination to do no moral evil to any person, man or woman or babe; his patient forbearance of the crudeness and ignorance of men, his charitable forgiveness of his brethren when they willfully or unconsciously do him evil; his dedication to a spiritual knighthood in behalf of the values and virtues of humanity, by which alone man rises above the brutes, and world is carried forward on the upward way.