

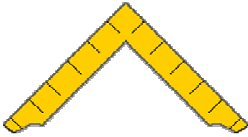


**Three Great Lights
Masonic Lodge #651
Free and Accepted Masons**

**July
2010**

The Trestleboard

From the East



As with any company when a new CEO comes aboard, especially one from outside, changes are usually made. Sometimes immediately, sometimes slowly and sometime not at all. In our case it is slowly. One of the things that has bothered me from the very beginning is the number of dinners the lodge has and the importance that they seem to have on the

lodge even to the point that they are even above keeping the lodge going. The number one thing I've noticed it that there is a misconception that the Junior Warden is in charge of the kitchen. Being in charge of the KITCHEN is the is not even mentioned in the Junior Wardens duties as per the CMC, section 25210. The kitchen is the responsibility of the Temple Board. The Building Manager is charge of the kitchen as to its use and any use of the kitchen has to go through him, whether it is Lodge or outside use. As the kitchen and dining room are income sources to the lodge to help pay for its continued maintenance and utilities there has to be only one person that handles this. If the lodge feels that outside rentals interfere with doing what they want whenever they want then we can quit renting the facilities out. Now we have another problem. How is the lodge going to pay the utilities, taxes, insurance, etc? EASY. Like the government raise taxes, but in our case we will have to raise dues. How much? Add another \$ 200 - \$ 300 to what we now pay to start, maybe more.

It has also come to my attention that some e mail have sent to members of the Temple Board in a very un Masonic manner. To those that sent them why haven't you included me? This type of conduct has got to stop. Remember your obligation to always be on the level, by the plumb and act upon the square. Remember we are a lodge of brothers who can best work and best agree.

Having got that off my chest it is my order that there will be no dinner except for Stated meetings or special dinners until a new Master is installed. There will be light refreshments after degrees and nothing at practices. The Temple Board and /or the Temple Manager will help arrange clean up help after Stated Meeting dinners and there will be some changes in the serving of dinners.

NOW TO CONGRAULATIONS!!! A very hearty welcome to our **THREE NEW MASTER MASONS**, Brothers, John Prendergast who was raised on June 9th, Dan Cleary who was raised on June 16th and Olivier Bruneau who was raised on June 19th in Nevada City during our visitation. **WELCOME** to Three Great Lights 651.

I would like to thank our Senior Warden for all the hard work he did in setting up our visitation. Those that did not attend you missed a great weekend. The weather was perfect, the accommodations were great, our reception by Nevada City Lodge No.13 was fantastic. Our dinner on Friday night was, was, was,welllll interesting. You will have to ask Harvey. He made the arrangements and was the entertainment. **WELL THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT YEAR.**

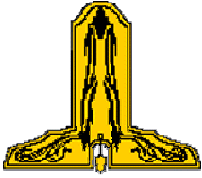
Worshipful Master



William Malmstrom

Question of the Month – What is this program? "Pass It ON", How can it help us? Who is it for? Where is the location for it? Why should we do it? Does anyone know the answer to last month's Question of the Month? Call the Senior Warden if you do.

From the West



Congratulations to our newest Master Masons: Brothers Prendergast, Cleary and Bruneau were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Three Great Lights congratulates you on your becoming a Master Mason and invite you to our July Stated Meeting on July 7th. Brothers, please make sure to take some time to talk with them and get to know each other at the next meeting.

Pictures of our new Master Masons will soon be posted on our spotlight page on the web page. <http://www.calodges.org/no651/spotlite.htm>. Pictures of our visitation will be posted on our new visitation page.

Speaking Visitation, What a successful visit! We had twelve (12) Master Masons and one (1) Fellowcraft (who is now a master mason) make the trip. If you have never been in the Nevada Lodge #13, you have missed a seeing Masonic treasure. Nevada Lodge #13 was started before California became a state. We stayed in the delightful resort of the Northern Queen.

On Friday we went to the National Hotel (<http://www.thenationalhotel.com/>) The Senior Warden choose the spot and wished he had chosen Friar Tuck's Restaurant. All in all it was a fun evening. The food was good, the service was slow and most of the items on the menu, the chef informed us, they had sold out (we were their only customers). We were told that the hotel was haunted, maybe that is why they were out of food (the ghost ate the food).

On Saturday we had a congratulatory dinner for Olivier at the Trolley Junction Restaurant at the Northern Queen Resort. The food and service was very good. The fellowship was excellent. We had 21 for this dinner which was a lot of fun. After the dinner we shared Olivier's Masonic cake.

A special thanks to worshipful Bobby Byers from Los Altos Lodge #712 for his expert 3rd degree lecture in the long form.

Senior Warden



Harvey McAninch

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From the South



It has been an interesting month- and Looking Forward to July 2010.

First the changes: MEALS are ONLY for STATED MEETINGS and SPECIAL EVENTS effective immediately- for a variety of reasons visited by many Brothers. Thank You to each Brother that weighed-in on all concerns and perspectives.

Second: The KITCHEN is now ORGANIZED and DETAILED - thanks to the lead and hard work of Brother David Cohen. The Lodge will be the better for his and his helpers efforts. (I would name them but I was not there).

Third: the IRON CHEF is coming- Starring the Great Three Lights Culinary Club- Come and see it- and eat! It WILL be fun. See Trestle Board or ask Culinary Committee for details.

Fourth: Thanks to Brother Fred Diestel for his generous contribution to the Lodge!

Fifth: Jr. Warden Rick Field actually did a robo-call under 10 minutes (Yea Rick). AGAIN- if not getting these calls- call me and give me your number to add to the list.

Sixth: Congrats to all of our new Master Masons! John Prendergast, Daniel Cleary Jr., and Olivier Bruneau! and finally-

Seventh: One great Visitation to the 150 year old Lodge in Nevada City Number 13. If you missed it you missed a really good and FUN degree! The town was also wonderful to browse through; the Trolley Restaurant was excellent. And it was truly a treat to have the wives, girlfriends, and fiancées join us in Nevada City! See The Worshipful Bill and Sr. Warden Harvey about the National Hotel Restaurant Review.....

That is it for now; thanks to all the folks who are helping even just the hour here and there;

Drops fill a stream, streams make a river, and thus grows the ocean.

Junior Warden



Rick Field

Calendar of Coming Events

July

- 7 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 (\$5) Pizza
- 8 Hall Board 6:30 PM
- 14 Officers practice 6:30 PM
- 21 Degree 1st or 2nd 7:30 PM

August

- 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 (\$5)
- 7 Day at the Range
- 12 Hall Board Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 DSI @ Burlingame 6:30 PM dinner
All Officers required to attend

December

- 12 Installation of Officers 2 PM
Officers Breakfast 8:00 AM

Mark your calendars for August 7th and call Rich for the **11th Annual Range Day**. Details on the flyer that is on the web page (<http://www.calodges.org/no651/RangeDayAug2010.pdf>)

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

Birthdays in July

	Birthday	Raised
John L. Kettmann, Jr.	PM 1	5/22/1986
Herbert B. Sill	1	10/21/1982
Wilbur D. Dettner	10	7/20/1961
Jerry D. Pulliam	11	EA
Jerome L. Henderson	PM 13	9/16/1998
David L. Sampson	PM 17	1/13/1994
Zenas H. Chapman	18	4/9/1970
Lee O. Cornell	18	10/21/1967
Walter L. Estabrook	PM 22	3/17/1964
Allan G. Navarro	25	12/20/2001
Marcus P. Smith	25	EA
Robert Waugh	30	7/19/1945

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Masons and the World Cup

The World Cup Soccer matches are going on in South Africa this week, but fans don't generally know that the most popular sport in the world has a Masonic connection. The origins of modern soccer came from English and Scottish villages. Mob football probably started as a way of celebrating a military victory, as early as the Viking period. The game consisted of crowds madly attempting to get an inflated pig's bladder from one goal to the other, and apparently anything shy of actually murdering each other was permitted. The game was eventually outlawed, but it evolved into an only slightly less violent version for another five centuries.



In the 1820s, the game became popular at English boys' schools like Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Westminster, without the murderous intent. Each school developed its own rules, and the game was played in a field with no boundaries. Association football was born in 1863 at the Freemason's Arms near London's Covent Garden, at 81-82 Long Acre. Six meetings were held at the pub to decide on rules and structure, and the meetings ended with a split between the new Football Association ("soccer" is said to be a truncated version of "association") and the proponents of different rules that became rugby.

The Freemason's Arms pub was built in 1860 and is still open today. It began life as the Freemason's Tavern, which originally stood where the United Grand Lodge of England's new Connaught Rooms are today on Great Queen Street. London's Freemason's Hall is literally right across the street.