

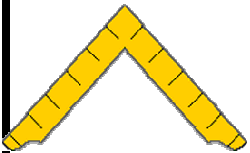


**Three Great Lights  
Masonic Lodge #651  
Free and Accepted Masons**

**June  
2013**

# The Trestleboard

## From The East



Greetings from the East,

We are halfway through the year and quite a ride thus far. We should have a Junior Warden as of June. The website will be on line soon. Brother Richard can fill in the details. Brother Bill

Duncan was 100 years old on May 21, 2013. The Grand Lodge Webinars are underway. The Masons for Mitts is rolling along (a good time to donate for a child) and ditto for Raise a Reader. The Hall Board is continuing to do well in rentals so we can pay our bills and go forward with any needed repairs or improvements. Child IDs will be on June 1 and 2 at Sunset House, contact Pete to

volunteer. At the June Stated Meeting we will host Brother Bill Duncan's Birthday (Lead by Br. Ryan) and a presentation from the Grand Lodge about Masonic Charities and programs. On Saturday, June 22, 2013, we will attend a Visitation Posse Degree in Gilroy for Brother Ryan Micheletti's Third Degree. On June 28, The Sciot's will present to Brother Richard Steiger the Cornerstone Award. On September 25, we will host a 50 Year Pin Award. More events will be hosted as they can be scheduled.

These could include a caving trip, fishing trip, winery trip(s), and maybe going to Ashton, Oregon for a play or two? I am taking suggestions and dates (and yes, if you want to lead the group) now.

I must also announce that on Saturday, May 18, 2013, Three Great Lights Lodge had to say good bye to our Brother and very well respected man, Darren Kygar. I thank those brothers who followed through on their obligation to go to a Masonic Funeral for a Lodge Brother. This tradition and practice which is neither joyful nor full of cheer is accomplished with dignity out of respect and honor for the brother and the craft.

A younger man stated why would anyone call him "worshipful". He doesn't look that way to me nor do I see anything that great about him. I just don't get why they call him worshipful. Or why there is anything special about "them."

Good statement.

Well, how would you answer this? I know at first this practice was very difficult for me. It smacked of being an Anglophile. As Americans, to my readings, from the colonial days, we eschew titles, especially of nobility. One person's birth should not raise them above others before the law. Nor should one's riches or station in life unjustly lower or raise one in relation to others. Other titles could also be suspect. So here we are with these titles. Even I had to look into WHY do the brothers say these things? The way I now look at our titles of office are just that, titles of office. UNLESS the particular person EARNs the title. THEN it really is a pleasure to say "Worshipful Sir," "Brother," "Most," and Very." An example, calling a judge "your honor" or "Mr. President" versus solely the person's name is showing respect for an office. How many of us have been in the military or similar where everyone has a rank. One may NOT even like the person but one still addresses the same by the rank's title out of respect for that rank. Antiquated and reminiscent of an earlier time to be sure, another of our traditions. And of course, different titles would signify one's station and/or office in a particular organization. To the initiated, one only hears the words and knows the landscape; to the uninitiated, mysterious.

To explain our practice in this way seemed to help. One can call the Master or Worshipful Master a President of the Lodge. This does not mean SAINT, All Knowing, Omnipotent, the Sir-without-mistakes -in-life, or any of the other assumptions that may seem to proceed from just merely hearing our speech. And I, for one, do make mistakes, am not always polished and bright, and miss cues in life. Thus to a non-mason, especially one who does not belong nor is exposed to any organization that would have such a practice, our speech can indeed be, cryptic, suspicious, and perhaps conspiratorial.

Let me know your experiences and how better to enlist best practices to inform those interested.

Finally, to all that have been saying "HI" in "Mason speak"- Thanks! I may not always catch it and may have my mind on work, tired, etcetera, but be assured I do appreciate this. Even if NOT apparent at the immediate time. I hope it brings some light to all. I know I try and wake up to see the signs.....

Fraternally,

Rick Field, PM

Worshipful Master



Rick Field

### IN MEMORIAM

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

**Darren Kygar**

**Born November 9, 1959**

**Raised June 18, 2009**

**Entered into rest April 25, 2013**

## FROM THE WEST

I'm not sure where I came across this. It may have been Linda's uncle, a Past Master in Indiana. Judging from the card stock it was printed on it looks like it might have been printed in the 30's or 40's. Notice the different words.

### ODE

1. Solemn strikes the funeral chime, Notes of our departing time,  
As we journey here below, Through this pilgrimage of woe.
2. Mortals now indulge a tear, For mortality is here;  
See how wide her trophies wave, O'er the slumber of the grave.
3. Here another guest we bring! Seraphs, of celestial wing,  
To our fun'ral alter come, Waft a Friend and Brother home.
4. Far beyond the grave, there lie, Brighter mansions in the sky;  
Where, enthroned, the Deity, Give man immortality.
5. There, enlarged, his soul will see, What was veiled in mystery,  
Heavenly glories of the place, Show his Maker "face to face".
6. God of Life's Eternal Day, Guide us, lest from thee we stray,  
By a false, delusive light, To the shades of endless night.
7. Calm the good Man meets his fate, Guards celestial round him wait,  
See! He bursts these mortal chains, And o'er Death the vict'ry gains!
8. Lord of all below above, Fill our souls with Truth and Love,  
As dissolve our Earthly Tie, Take us to thy Lodge on High!

Bill Malmstrom, PM  
Senior Warden

### DID YOU KNOW

From the founding fathers to legendary writers, there have been many famous Masons. Just take a moment and see who some of your Brothers are. These are some of the most notable members, representing a wide variety of professions.

#### US Presidents:

**George Washington**-Distinguished Worshipful Master.

**James Monroe**

**Andrew Jackson**

**Thomas Jefferson**-Rumored Connection.

**James Madison**-Rumored Connection.

**William McKinley**

**Teddy Roosevelt**

**William H. Taft**

**Warren Harding**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

**Harry Truman**

**Gerald Ford**

**Lyndon B. Johnson**-Only Completed 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

#### American Leaders:

**Benjamin Franklin**-Became Grand Master 1734 and edited and published the first Masonic book in America.

**Thomas Paine**-Wrote *An Essay on the Origin of Free-Masonry* in the early 19th century and was suspected of being a Mason.

**Samuel Adams**-Believed to be a Mason or connected in some way.

**Patrick Henry**-Believed to be a Mason or connected in some way.

**Francis Scott Key**-Believed to be a Mason or connected in some way.

**John Hancock, Paul Revere, Elbridge Gerry, Josiah Bartlett,** George Clinton, J. Edgar Hoover, Jesse Helms, Lloyd Bentsen, Strom Thurmond, And Many Other Congressman & Governors

Masons can be found everywhere and anywhere. Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy, was a member of Lodge P2. Latin American politicians Simón Bolívar and Salvador Allende were Masons. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England, was a Mason. Joseph Smith and other church founders were Freemasons. Brigham Young was affiliated with the Masons. Civil Rights leaders, like Booker T Washington, Jessie Jackson, and NAACP founder W.E.B. DuBois. Did **YOU** Know?

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The Royal Hodge Masonic Center  
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### Birthdays in June

### June calendar of events

1-2	Child ID Sunset House contact Pete	408-981-3519
5	100 year birthday party	6:00 pm
5	Guest speaker	7:00 pm
5	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
12	First degree practice	7:00 pm
19	First degree practice	7:00 pm
22	Outdoor 3rd Degree	8:30 am
26	First Degree (tentative)	7:00 pm

Brother	Birthdays	
DeAndre P. Nunn		2
David S. Pratt	PM	2
Alton D. Cousino, Jr.		7
Arthur W. Armstrong		10
John M. Prendergast		13
David N. Cohen		17
Roy D. Stanfield		18
Joseph V. Ramirez		19
Bruce A. Utecht		19
Mark A. Bean		20
Wesley M. Rowland		20
Alfred P. Quebec	PM	21
Lawrence F. Gutheil		25
Edward J. Cardinal	PM	30
James A. Mc Intyre		30

Do you know the benefits you receive for being a Mason? Does your wife understand what she is entitled to after your passing? Come join us for dinner and a base level introduction to Masonic Family Outreach Services. Delivered by David Blood Admissions Manager Masonic Outreach Services. David will discuss Masonic Assistance which refers to 1) Masonic Senior Outreach Services 2) Masonic Homes of California (Union City and Covina) 3) Masonic Family Outreach Services. This dinner and program will be on June 5, 2013 starting at 6:00pm. After David's presentation a question and answer session will occur. This dinner is free but be sure to notify our Junior Warden, Richard Jenkins, with your reservations.

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