



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

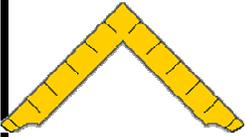
September  
2013

# The Trestleboard

## From The East

Hello from the East.

Worshipful Master



September is here and we are still putting together our next year's Masonic Officers and Sideliner's teams. Let me or Tom Stoehr know if you are interested in any positions Installed or standing in. Third Degree Positions are also available if you would like a particular role.



Rick Field

We have had to order 25 year pins; Sec. Tom Stoehr, PM, has done so and we are awaiting the shipment so we can catch up with Brother Bill Winters and anyone else that is due this award. If there are other items that are outstanding please let me or the Secretary know. Thanks.

Brother Marcello is the project lead and head chief for Brother Bill Biddell's 50 year pin Award on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Please see flyer for information. It will be a good meal and good time for all. Reservations are required!

The bottle-your-own trip I think was great! This is a quarterly event at this winery and is always a red blend. Pam, Tom, Angel, and I along with several others had a nice snack and got to fill our own bottles. The Guglielmo volunteers then corked the bottles and added a label for each bottle. They handed everyone a notice of letting the wine rest for two weeks before opening to let it settle from the traumatic event of mixing and bottling. I guess it is always tough to leave home no matter what the entity. Good wine and a good time. There are two wineries within 3 miles of this establishment to explore if there are any adventurous souls to be found. Also within 20 miles there are numerous wineries, several breweries, many parks, lakes, and other sites are available to be explored.

I am trying to get some other tours of farms and caves. I have not heard back from these yet. There are the regular faire of public caves like Moaning Cave and Black Diamond which are fun and a day trip. Other ideas are welcome for current, fall, and winter trips. Spring will be sprung on us soon so might as well include this and beyond for future trips as folks would like.

The Lodge continues to slowly grow. Most have been in their twenties. Another has submitted his petition, more to my age, but far more energetic. These new men have said they would show up for the events as part of their obligation(s). Thus far there is progress. Many are still gone many hours at work and family at home. We all have our responsibilities to juggle to try to make a full and worthwhile life. Another great trend is more visitors have come by due to word of mouth, invitations, and our website. It is great to see our new friends at the Stated Meetings. A continuance of our Stated Meeting policy, we try to have a light meal and open masonic history/information presentation before our Stated Meeting. Dinner starts about 630 pm.

For our brothers, widows, families, and friends who are not doing so great, please let our Secretary know. We do NOT have "staff." We must rely on YOU, our brothers to call us most of the time for news and requests.

Thank You.

Lastly, again, Click the Website, remember the September Constitutional Remembrance "on the Hill" for a good meal and even learn about our country, Masons for Mitts!!!, September 25, 50-year pin Dinner, AND VISIT OUR SCVMOA i.e. OAMs. This Lodge will reimburse you for dinner if you go-and stay for the meeting. They are informative and actually FUN.

Fraternally,  
Rick Field PM

## FROM THE West

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light! and there was light.

The earth was always there but it was in turmoil and chaos. There was confusion and unrest. Darkness was on the face of the deep. In other words there was lack of knowledge and direction. Communication between the inhabitants was unknown. Each group could communicate with each other but not with other groups. God said "Let there be Light". That light was knowledge and unity.

The First Degree of Masonry is knowledge and unity. The candidate is brought out of darkness and shown what the light of Masonry is. The three principle tenets, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth explain the unity (Light) referred to in the Bible passage.

Bill Malmstrom, PM

Senior Warden

Don't miss our Golden Veteran award dinner on September 25, 2013 honoring Brother Bill Bidell. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed by the ceremony.

Our head chief Brother Marcelo Oliveira has planned an excellent. Come and join us and celebrate Bill's outstanding service to our fraternity. See attached flyer for details.

Masonry is a Progressive science taught by degrees. Brothers Hardimann, Velazquez, and Volman we want to help you with your progression so notify our coaches so we can confer upon you the Fellowcraft Degree. Chief Coach Mike Garoutte 650-592-6158; Gerry Murphy PM 408-270-3424; Tom Stoehr PM 650-638-1690.

Why do Masons put so much emphasis on *Geometry*?

The place of *Geometry* in the Masonic system is not only historical, but a most natural emphasis upon a basic science, which is essential to building. The lecture of the Fellowcraft degree records its importance to the craft.

Historically, the Egyptians were undoubtedly one of the first people to cultivate geometry as a science. From Egypt it passed over into other countries and geometry and Operative masonry have always been found together, the latter carrying into execution the designs which were first made possible according to the principles of the former.

Speculative Masonry, in like manner, is intimately connected with geometry. We derive our most important symbols from the science of geometry and it is only natural that we should give it a place of great prominence in our rituals. *Geometry* is not only synonymous with Masonry but with the art of building as well, and since Freemasonry is, in the speculative sense, a system of teaching that each individual should erect within himself a spiritual temple, it is the most natural thing that we use the tolls of architecture and geometry as symbols in carrying out that instruction.

Taken from One Hundred Questions about Freemasonry Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Kansas

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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 September**

**September calendar of events**

Brother	Birthday
Charles C. Brown	3
William G. Skipper	3
John R. Baker	7
Richard S. Gibson	7
Hector C. Velazquez	10
John F. Casey	11
Curtis E. Beers	12
Peter D. Hinton	12
Frederick L. Eatock	16
Lynham W. Jones	17
Garrie E. Thompson	18
Max W. Timmons	20
William J. Malmstrom	23
Ryan A. Micheletti	23
William L. Stamps	26
James G. Mc Donald	29
Edmundo N. Damasco	30

4	Light meal	6:15 pm
4	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
11	Practice 1st Degree	7:00 pm
18	First Degree (tentative)	7:00 pm
23	OEM Golden Rule Lodge #479	
25	50 year dinner	6:00 pm
	See attached flyer	

**Web Page**

Three Great Light's web page has the latest dates and times for lodge activities. Between Trestleboards this is the place to find out what, where and when for last minute events. It includes the latest Trestleboard and list of officers. Bookmark it today!

<http://www.calodges.org/no651/>

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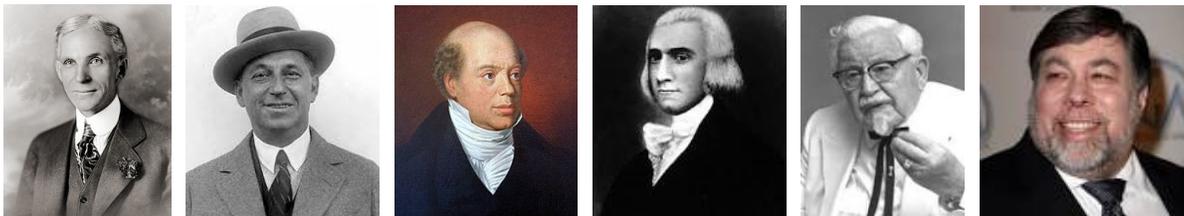
### From the south

#### Did You Know

.....that these men were Famous Masons?

Henry Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Nathan Meyer Rothschild and John Jacob Astor, Charles Hilton, Colonel Harland Sanders, and Steve Wozniak (Co-Founder of Apple Computer)

#### Recognize any names?



Steve Wozniak (Co-Founder of Apple Computer) Wozniak single-handedly invented both the Apple I and Apple II computers in the 1970s. Walter P. Chrysler was the founder of the Chrysler Corporation. Henry Ford was the father of the assembly line and the founder of the Ford Motor Company. Charles Hilton was the founder of Hilton Hotel chain. Nathan Meyer Rothschild was a financier and one of five sons of the second-generation of the Rothschild banking dynasty. John Jacob Astor, he was the creator of the first trust in America. Colonel Harland Sanders was an American businessman and restaurateur who founded the Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Richard Jenkins, JW