

Masonic Trestleboard

Our 171st year

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From The East

April has come again brethren and with it, Easter. Easter is that time of year for birth and renewal. As such we all should do our best to make sure our dues are paid up. Every year a few brothers forget to pay, and it leads the lodge to pay with more of a cost to grand lodge. Please make sure that your dues are up to date so that we can have a more stable future.

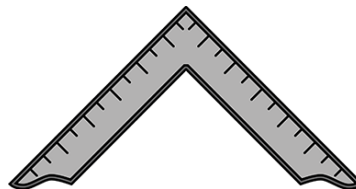


We are proud of the appearance of the Grand Lecturer on the April 1st school of instruction. It was on the 2nd section of the 3rd degree. As most may remember, we are one of the best ritualist lodges in the district and should continue to show it. I know that we will be having some degrees coming within the next few months, so please keep your ritual in check.

In the month of May, we will be having a district picnic. As Martinez Lodge we should do our best to be there it starts at 10am on May 27th and is located at 147 Gregory LN Pleasant Hill. There will be a lot of brotherly love and refreshments to go around. All of the family is welcome to participate in the activities that will be there.

We should all do our best to support our brethren and families. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance please let me know and we will find a way to assist you. It can be as simple as picking someone up for a ride.

Fraternally Yours,
David W. Epps
Worshipful Master



From The West

"What is Freemasonry" –
continued

There are many kinds of descriptions of Freemasonry. They can be short or long, broad or specific, comprehensive or limited, outcome oriented, structure oriented, or process oriented. An adequate description of the worldwide Masonic movement. Often, we see written

Freemasonry is a "philosophical system taught by allegories and symbols", yet internationally the philosophy or system of virtues taught in different Masonic rites varies to some degree. I therefore offer the following description as a starting point in the effort to find an appropriate comprehensive description.



Freemasonry is a historical and continuing movement that transcends national, language, ethics, religious and often political boundaries. Freemasonry is a fraternity that has adapted as needed. Thus, Freemasonry has many forms. However, all members, everywhere,

Share the powerful belief that all good men of faith, freely acting together as brothers, with the tolerance and respect, an in accordance with sound ethics and virtues, can **create and sustain positive personal and social improvements.**

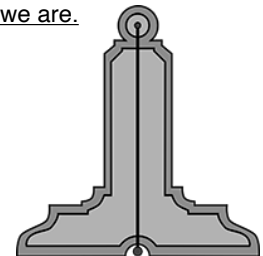
To accomplish these honorable goals, Freemasonry everywhere limits its membership to men who voluntarily and without coercion come to the fraternity sincerely seeking self-improvement and new opportunities to contribute to society. Member are provided guidance and symbolic tools to help them discipline their passions, moderate their behaviors, advance their understanding and expand their minds. Members also receive instruction on moral, ethical and scientific principals which encourages the development of good habits and good citizenship.

Through fellowship, members are provided examples of good behavior and of knowledgeable and logical thinkers. When members are faced with personal challenges, the brothers of fraternity are there to advise, assist and even offer relief if it is within their power. The fraternity strives to assist communities without fanfare and without personal or organizational gain.

Freemasonry adapts and therefore has remained relevant throughout the ages and in all lands, and its core message is as powerful today as it was in the past.

Freemasonry is what we are.

Fraternally Yours
Wor. William Wieger Sr. PM
Senior Warden



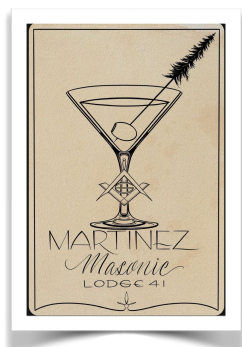
From The South

Hello brothers!

I am excited and can't wait for our new meeting time.

Worshipful David and Worshipful Casey have worked hard on changing our by laws to change this. As soon as we get the OK from grand lodge it will be a go.

Also I was entrusted to come up with a new and improved lodge pin/ logo. We now have new lodge pins, hats and soon we will have t shirts ready to go for all the brothers. As we approach the month of April we are hoping for better weather as well as more lodge functions. May 27th is the district family picnic and we hope everyone can attend.



- 6 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 to 2 dashes Tabasco sauce, to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- Paprika, for garnish
- Whole fresh chives, for garnish

- **Step 1**
Rinse eggs with warm water, and place in a small saucepan. Cover with cold water, place the pan over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Turn off heat, cover and let sit for 10-12 minutes. Drain, rinse under cold water and peel. Cool in the refrigerator, loosely covered, for 15 minutes.
- **Step 2**
Halve eggs lengthwise, and carefully scoop out yolks. Place yolks in a bowl, and mash with a fork. Add mustard, Tabasco, salt, pepper and snipped chives. Stir in mayonnaise.
- **Step 3**
Fill each egg white with about 1½ teaspoons of the egg-yolk mixture and dust the top with paprika. Arrange in a spoke design on a platter; garnish with whole chives.

**Fraternally Yours,
Forrest S. Farwell
Jr. Warden**



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Eastern Star

I hope all finds you well and safe. At our last meeting I read a story that I heard the other day. I hope you enjoy the story as much as I enjoyed the story and the sentiment.

There was a 92-year-old petite lady well poised, proud, who is fully dressed each morning at 8 am. At 92-year-old, her hair was perfectly combed, she was fashionably dressed, and her makeup was perfectly applied even though she is legally blind.

On this day, she has been moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away which had made the move to the nursing home necessary.

After many hours waiting patiently in the lobby of this nursing home, she smiled sweetly when she was told her room was now ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, a gentleman was giving her a description of the room. The gentleman described the room as being on the tiny side with eyelet sheets that hung on the window. The woman exclaimed, "I love it, with the enthusiasm of an 8-year-old having been presented with a new puppy. The gentleman replied, "But, Mrs. Jones, you haven't been shown your room yet." She replied, "Just wait! "That doesn't have anything to do with it. she said." "Happiness is something you decide ahead of time." "Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend how the furniture is arranged." It's how I arrange my mind."

April 6, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Masonic Stated Meeting

April 6, 2023 @ 8 pm – Vesta Club Meeting – Little League

Fundraiser review

Official Visit Schedule: Official Visit: We are doing Closing. And we are bringing Cheese and Crackers for refreshments for the OV.

April 7th at 6:30 pm sharp - Official Visit Practice: At Diablo Star, Orinda. If you are unable to attend the practice or OV, please contact the Deputy Grand Matron, Karalee and me. It is very important that we all attend the practice and the OV.

April 18th at 6:00 pm Official Visit Cheese and Cracker preparations



April 22, 2023, Diablo Star Orinda

- **9:30 am – Food can be brought in at 9:30 am and to help with setup.**
- **11:30 am – Conductresses to be on the doors checking dues cards.**
- **12:15 Pictures for 45 minutes.**
- **1 pm OV to start.**

April 25, 2023 @ 6:30 pm – Balloting Practice with DGM

April 26, 2023 @ 6:30 pm – Social Meeting – Brother’s Night

April 28, 2023 @ 5:30 pm – Food Explores Mystery Dinner Location to be disclosed at 700 Masonic Street, Masonic Lodge. All are welcome. No Setup, No Cooking, No Clean-up. Come and enjoy good food, conversations, and getting to know each other, and new people.

Sincerely,
Shirley Fisher
Worthy Matron

RENO TRIP

The bus will depart from the front of Martinez Lodge at 700 Masonic St., on 6/3/23 at 8:00 am sharp. Coffee and donuts will be available prior to departure.

Refreshments and drinks will also be available on the bus during the trip. Games will be played during the trip to make things more enjoyable. Our first stop will be at The Silver Legacy where other casino's are available. Then it will be to the Nugget in Sparks for the night. In the morning, we will leave and make one stop at Boomtown for 4 hours. There will be food and game credits given out at some of the stops. We should return back home at or about 9:50 pm.

There will be a chance for someone to win some money before we leave Martinez, and there will be a drawing for a couple to win a free trip.

Money for the trip will be due prior to 5/1/23. I would rather receive cash. Couples-\$109.00 ea.- Singles-\$149.00 ea.

If you have any questions, you can reach me 530-514-4401,

Thank You- Bill Wieger- Martinez Lodge Senior Warden.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Conyers - 16
 Donald Edgar - 14
 Russ Granich - 26
 Daniel Jaworski - 24
 Richard Mc Cause - 24
 John Parker - 29
 Oluf Roberts - 27
 Andrew Thompson - 5
 Jon Woffinden - 16



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April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						DOSI @ Martinez @ 9:00 am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Stated Dinner Set Up @ 6:30	Stated Dinner @ 6:00		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				1st Degree Practice @ 7:30		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				2nd Degree Practice @ 7:30		
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
		OSI @ Antioch- Brentwood 175 @ 7:00		3rd Degree Practice @ 7:30		