

Masonic Trestleboard

Our 172nd year

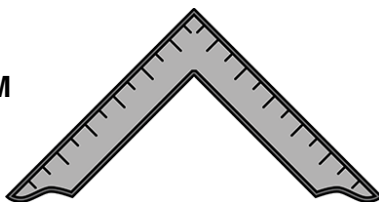
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From The East

I can now report on the New Years Party. It was a complete Success. We had about 70 in attendance, the steaks were great (thanks to Worshipful David Epps), the baked potatoes were delicious and overall dinner was super. There was music and dancing (Z put on quite a show for us). If you missed this, then you will have to wait until next year. My brothers we need your help, it seems that our members are not coming to our dinners or meeting. You payed your fees to be a member, but by not attending our meeting, you don't get all of the information you are entitled. You are missing the fellowship of your brother masons. There are many things discussed in lodge, that we do not put in the trestleboard, so there is information that you do not receive, and this can only be obtained by attending stated meetings. We miss you brother, come and see us, bring the family to stated meeting dinner, make it a family night out, we have some very good dinners. The next big event we have coming up is the Cab feed. This will be Saturday, February 17th. The cost is \$65.00 per person. There will be Crab, pasta, salad, garlic French bread and desert, contact any officer for tickets, or call me at 530-514-4401. There is one more subject I would like to discuss, and that is membership. We only raised one brother in the past year, and that is pretty sad. We need new members, and can only be can only be solved if our current member try and bring possible candidates to our stated meeting dinners or bring them to some of our other events, so can show them what masonry is all about. You get them there and your officers will do the rest. One last thing, don't forget to pay your dues.



**Fraternally Yours,
William Wieger Sr., PM
Worshipful Master**



From The West

Greetings!
I hope you all enjoyed your start of the year and are getting ready for the upcoming events at the lodge. This month I would talk about participation in the Lodge.

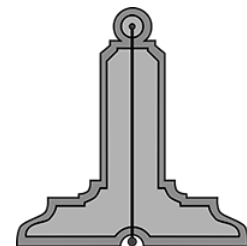


Participation in a Masonic Lodge holds profound significance, embodying principles of brotherhood, enlightenment, and community service. Masonic lodges provide a unique space for individuals to come together, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie. Through shared rituals and ceremonies, members build lasting bonds that extend beyond the walls of the lodge. Manly P Hall, a prominent author and speaker on esoteric and spiritual topics, highlighted the transformative aspects of Masonic involvement. While I can't provide direct quotes, Hall often emphasized the Masonic journey as a path of self-discovery and enlightenment. In Masonic lodges, individuals are encouraged to seek knowledge, moral development, and a deeper understanding of themselves.

The values instilled in Masonic teachings, such as integrity, charity, and tolerance, contribute to personal growth and the betterment of society. By actively participating in lodge activities, members not only strengthen their own character but also contribute to the collective advancement of the fraternity. Masonic lodges serve as pillars of support for their communities through charitable initiatives and service projects. Participation in these endeavors allows Masons to translate their shared principles into meaningful action, making a positive impact on the lives of others.

In essence, the importance of participation in a Masonic Lodge lies in the profound journey of self-improvement, the bonds of brotherhood forged, and the opportunity to contribute to the greater good. As Manly P Hall expressed in his works, the Masonic path is one of enlightenment, service, and the continual pursuit of wisdom.

**Fraternally
Forrest Farwell
Senior Warden**



From The South

As we bid farewell to the old year and welcomed the new one with open arms, your presence at our NeYear's party and the January stated meeting dinner warmed our hearts. The laughter, camaraderie, and shared moments made the night unforgettable.

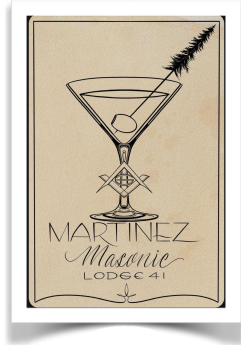
I would also like to take those who help serve at and prepare food for the New Year's Eve party and the stated meeting dinner. As many of you know this is my first time serving as Junior Warden in the South. The support I have received is overwhelming. From phone calls with helpful tips to support in the kitchen as we worked hard to finish preparing dinner. I honestly could not have pulled it all together without all the support. On that note I am looking for volunteers for the March, May, and June stated meeting dinners. If you're interested in helping prepare dinner, please reach out to me via email at hecmedina209@gmail.com.

Lastly, as we step into the new year, I would like to share a delightful recipe to start your mornings with a touch of sweetness. Try these fluffy and delicious pancakes that are sure to bring joy to your breakfast table:

Classic Fluffy Pancakes:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder



- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
- In a separate bowl, combine the milk, egg, melted butter, and vanilla extract.
- Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently stir until just combined. Be careful not to overmix; it's okay if there are a few lumps.
- Heat a griddle or non-stick skillet over medium heat. Lightly grease with butter or cooking spray.
- Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto the griddle for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on the surface, then flip and cook until the other side is golden brown.
- Repeat until all the batter is used.
- Serve the pancakes warm with your favorite toppings, such as maple syrup, fresh berries, or whipped cream.

May these pancakes bring a touch of warmth to your mornings, just as your presence brought warmth to our celebrations. Once again, thank you for making our New Year's festivities truly memorable.

**Fraternally yours,
Hector Medina
Junior Warden**

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Eastern Star

Hello Brothers of Martinez Lodge,

What a great kick off to the New Year. We had a great time at the New Year's Eve Party, we even had an OES table. Great job Brothers on a wonderful event.

OES hosted members from all over this area, from San Luis Obispo to Redding for an All Member Instructional (AMI). We had over 140 members attend. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make Martinez shine, not just Los Cerritos but our Masonic Family as a whole. One of our sisters, who now lives up North, attended. She grew up in Martinez and had fond memories of attending events when her grandfather was Master of the Lodge. She was thrilled to be able to see her grandfather's photo upstairs. During the AMI, two Grand Representatives were appointed, one from Livermore and the other from Martinez. WM Sandra Betz was appointed Grand Representative to Connecticut in California, for the Order of the Eastern Star. We are thrilled and looking forward to this wonderful journey.

Los Cerritos has quite a year coming up. We will be supporting our WGM Christine Huff, who also is our Associate Matron, in all her events. The next event will be on March 2nd, PAWS for Purple Hearts Fundraiser at Springbrook Masonic Temple in Vallejo.

Dates to look forward to, on February 14th we will be having a Valentine's Day Dinner open to everyone at 6pm for a \$10 donation, followed by our Stated Meeting for Members only. On February 28th, we will be having a Craft Day for our PAWS Event, open to all. Looking forward to another wonderful month.

Star Love,
Sandra and Caleb Betz
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Los Cerritos #234



Crab Feed!

**Please join us for
 our annual Crab
 Feed on Feb 17th!**

- Social Hour at 6:00 and food Served at 7:00
- Salad, Rolls, Pasta and Crab!
- Proceeds will be donated to the building fund
- Dessert auction to follow
- Reserve your tickets today!

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

- Thomas Moberly - 1
- Abraham Slezak - 1
- Bruce Frye - 4
- David Holley - 9
- Uwe Gunnarson - 10
- Kalani Schreiner - 10
- Brian Gurske - 13
- Luis Barrios-Camejo - 15
- Oscar Antonio - 26



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Stated Dinner Set Up @ 6:30 pm	Stated Dinner @ 6:00 pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				First Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Second Degree @ 7:00 pm	Crab Feed Set Up @ 6:30 pm	CRAB FEED! @ 6:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Hall Association @ 7:00 pm		
25	26	29	28	29		
				Brother's night @ 6:30 pm		