

Santa Maria Lodge #580 F&AM

February 2018



Trestleboard

From the East

Greetings My Brothers! Welcome to February 2018!

I would like to thank Worshipful Don Martin, Keith Cochenour, Pete Casalegno, and Ken Bychak for joining me for the *Dr. Martin Luther King Day Parade*. We had a great time and connected with many Brothers.

The parade float looks great thanks to Brother David Murray who spent countless hours on getting it ready with help from Brothers Chase Murray and Pete Casalegno. Your hard work is much appreciated!

In February we celebrate President Lincoln's and President and Brother George Washington's birthdays – both of whom were vital Americans and who played a pivotal roll in guiding this Nation through her infancy toward becoming the greatest Nation on Earth. They did so by putting the Country first in every decision that they made. These two men are honored this month on February 19th, President's Day. We should all make choices as they did, no matter how big or small, to better our Country – not just for ourselves but for all Americans.

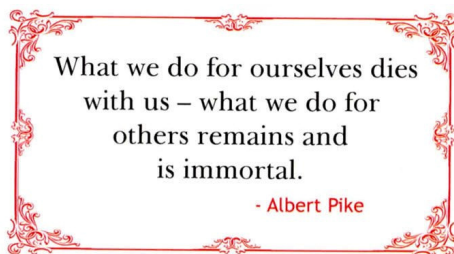
Brothers, remember that February 14th is Valentine's Day. Remember to do something special for your Valentine!

Please remember to refer to the calendar for Lodge business and activities. The calendar can be found in this Trestleboard, on our website, and on our phone app.

From the Biggest Little Lodge in California, may God bless and keep you,

Fraternally,

R. Wayne Rhea, PM
Worshipful Master



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Candidate Coaching Wednesday

To schedule practice, please contact:
Mike Meandro, Head Candidates Coach
760-789-6345 or mmeandro@cox.net

Frat Boy Friday

Friday meetings start at 7:00 am.

Friday Dinner

Friday dinner held at various places
and starts at 5:30 pm.

Dues & Contributions

It's Time to Pay 2018 Dues

Pay by cash, check or credit card.
Pay in person, by mail, or online.

Address, Phone or Email Changes?

Submit updates to the Secretary by phone,
mail, or email at info@santamaria580.org

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From the West

As I write this article on the eve of my 70th birthday, I am going through the usual range of emotions that countless others have had on this milestone. I'm not sure if it was Connie or Catheren that I spoke to at the last stated meeting dinner, "better a milestone than a tombstone...right?." After the throws of emotional pass, I should rejoice because many are denied the pleasure of "getting old".

I am a lover of philosophy and you will see a lot of this in my writings. I realize that over the seven decades of my life we are living our lives in reverse. In other words, we can experience the present and we can reflect on the past but cannot see or predict the future. It is like riding in a horse and buggy backwards where we can see where we have been, and we can experience the present as it flashes by, but cannot see *exactly* where we are going. Many live their lives like the blinkered horse and can only see the present, unable to see or learn from anything but the whip.

I have an inkling of the future of our beloved lodge (the brotherhood, not the building). We are all, or most of us, starting to pull together like a well-matched team...in the same direction. I feel strongly that this will be an exceptional year, hopefully one of many more.

Thank you Brothers, family and friends.
Don Ruch, PM

If you know of a Brother or Honored Lady in distress, please contact me so we can help those in need.

From the South

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

I want to thank everyone who participated in our annual Chili Cookoff and congratulations to the winners! There was some great chili cooking skills on display and everyone ate their fill.

Pete Casalegno and his lady Jill are cooking dinner this month. Thank you Pete and Jill for volunteering. I appreciate it very much! The wonderful menu includes Shepard's Pie with Marque de Leon Green Beans and Cream Puffs for dessert! Be sure to bring your appetite and come and join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Joe Eger. Our officers put on a great degree and you surely missed a good one if you weren't there! Remember, this is your lodge! Come and support your brethren and newly initiated brothers.

Don't forget Valentine's Day is coming up! Make sure you spend it with your loved ones.

Fraternally,
Ken Bychak, Junior Warden

Happy Third Degree Anniversary

Brethren raised to Master Mason in February

Chris Christoff, Past Master	64 Years
Myron Lee	56 Years
Joseph Elmore	52 Years
Melik Meshedjian	39 Years
Joe Denham	37 Years
Milton Taylor	37 Years
Robert Collins	21 Years
Kevin Hogan	18 Years
Thomas Mountain	18 Years
<i>Bruce Smith, Past Master</i>	16 Years
<i>Dennis Spelts, Past Master</i>	12 Years
Richard Swafford	10 Years
David Griffin	8 Years
Carl Muse	8 Years

Happy Birthday!!

For the month of February

Russell Stevens	2nd
<i>Fredrick Pratt, Past Master</i>	11th
Dale Smith	11th
Mark Meade	15th
Chase Murray	23rd
<i>Bruce Smith, Past Master</i>	25th



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Ken Bychak (Laura)	Junior Warden	707-328-9617
Bruce Smith (Beverly)	Treasurer	760-788-9475
Bill Graham, PM (Teri)	Secretary	951-970-4294
Keith Cochenour (Caren)	Chaplain	619-843-3019
Dave Murray (Catheren)	Senior Deacon	707-328-9617
Chase Murray	Junior Deacon	858-883-3912
Rex McCray	Marshall	760-788-4957
Peter Johnson	Senior Steward	858-943-1079
John Boyer (Kathy)	Junior Steward	760-580-7251
Van Reeder	Tiler	760-789-9129
Pete Casalegno (Jill)	Organist	760-788-4764

SMMBA Directory

Van Lear Reeder	President	760-789-9129
Don Martin, PM (Rosemary)	Vice President	760-840-0427
Dave Murray (Catheren)	Sec/Treasurer	760-305-3306

Secretary's Corner

Thank you Brother Selmier

First, I want to thank the Brethren for voting for me to be Secretary. Brother David Selmier did an excellent job handling the duties and I have big shoes to fill!! With your help and support, I will do my best to live up to the established standard!

Dues Cards

I've gotten a few calls concerning dues cards. I am working diligently to get the cards for all who have paid their dues in the mail. By the time you read this, you should have already received them! **When you receive your dues card, you will notice that our former Secretary's name is printed with my signature. The cards were printed before the election and I was unable to reprint all of them and still get them out in a reasonable timeframe. I have spoken with our Assistant Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Tom Colgan, about this. He has informed me that there is not an issue with this and that your cards are valid. However, if you would like a replacement card, you can return the current card to me and I will print a new one for you. If you have paid and have not received your card, please contact me at:**

951-970-4294 or sm580santamaria@sbcglobal.net

If you have not paid, please remit a check in the envelope provided with your dues notice. You can also go to our website and pay online.

Calendar, Website & Information

Speaking our website, do you know that we have a Santa Maria #580 Website containing Web-Based editions of the current as well as past Trestleboards? We also have an Electronic Calendar. You can access both by typing www.santamaria580.org into your browser's address window. If you are seeking information on Masonry in general or want to brush up on Masonic Courtesy and Protocol, you will see a link to a Grand Lodge website www.freemason.org.

Hope to see you in the Lodge!

S/F

Bill Graham, PM

Trestleboard Input

We welcome your input for the Trestleboard!
Please send thoughts & ideas to Rhonda Cooke Selmier at rc444@cox.net or call 760.440.9884.

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American Heart Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Degree/Practice	2 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	3
4	5 6:30 Officers Mtg	6	7 6:30 Candidate Coaching	8 6:30 Degree/Practice	9 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	10
11	12 6:30 Stated Dinner 7:30 Stated Mtg	13	14 Valentine's Day 6:30 Candidate Coaching	15 6:30 Degree/Practice	16 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	17
18	19 Presidents Day 6:00 OSI –Consuelo	20	21 6:30 Candidate Coaching	22 6:30 Degree/Practice	23 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	24
25	26	27	28 6:30 Candidate Coaching			



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