

# Santa Maria Lodge #580 F&AM

January 2018



## Trestleboard

### From the East

***Greetings My Brothers! Welcome to January 2018!***

Let me wish a very happy and healthy New Year to our Brothers, family and friends. I hope your Christmas holiday was one filled with magic and joy!

First, I would like to thank Worshipful Glen Jarvis and his line of officers for a job well done during 2017. Everyone was dedicated, worked hard, and accomplished a great deal during 2017.

Second, thanks to everyone who attended the installation. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Everyone working together made this a great experience and I cannot thank you enough.

Let me personally congratulate the newly installed officers. I thank each and every one of you for stepping up and volunteering to help make our Lodge successful during 2018 and beyond. I have confidence in you and know that you will help us continue the fine tradition of Degrees and Fellowship shared in our Lodge.

We can look forward to continuing events and traditions that we have had in the past, as well as adding a few new ones. Please stay tuned for updates.

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

Fraternally,

R. Wayne Rhea, PM  
Worshipful Master



***Happy New Year!!***

12 New Chapters,  
365 New Chances

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### Monthly Events

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### Candidate Coaching Wednesday

To schedule practice, please contact:  
**Rex McCray, Head Candidates Coach**  
760-788-4957 or [h-mccray@cox.net](mailto:h-mccray@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](mailto:info@santamaria580.org)

#### **Trestleboard Editor**

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## From the West

Thank you Brethren and families for allowing me to serve as your Senior Warden for this ensuing Masonic year. After committing myself for a fourth time as Senior Warden, I feel like the Bride who has been divorced three times, is about to get married again, and has the audacity to wear white. Trust me, I am not innocent when it comes to Masonry.

I am also reminded of something that Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) once said, "The reason God made man is because he was disappointed in the monkey." We all should reflect on this blessing and become the most outstanding examples of the work of the Almighty.

Those of you who were fortunate to attend the 2018 annual Installation of Officers will agree with me that this installation was truly amazing. Well-organized and the Scottish Troop and Piper were a very special treat. The affair was catered by Ranch Catering was a banquet fit for a King. Well done Worshipful Wayne! May this year have favorable winds and following seas.

Fraternally,

*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,

Happy New Year and I hope your Christmas was wonderful! Congratulations to all of the newly installed officers and I look forward to an excellent year with everyone.

The January Dinner will be our annual Chili Cook-Off! Cook your favorite chili recipe and enter the Cook-Off. Make sure you come hungry! This is a savory, delicious, and filling meal.

Speaking of dinners, I have not yet retired and am required to keep on working for a few more years to care for my wife, kids, and especially dogs. That being said, I do not get off work until 5:00pm and have a small problem making the dinners. I humbly ask that if anyone would like to help out and make a dinner, please let me know. I greatly appreciate any assistance.

Fraternally,

*Ken Bychak, Junior Warden*

## Happy Third Degree Anniversary

*Brethren raised to Master Mason in January*

Wallace Ray	55 Years
Earl Bean	49 Years
George Acuna	35 Years
<i>Jack Story, Past Master</i>	33 Years
Bob Stuckey	14 Years
<i>Bill Graham, Past Master</i>	8 Years
John Boyer	4 Years
Guy Harris	4 Years
Michael Meandro	4 Years

## Happy January Birthday!!

George Boggs, Jr.	1st
Douglas Todt	4th
John Petrovich	5th
<i>Bob Weldon, Past Master</i>	5th
<i>Don Ruch, Past Master</i>	9th
Doug Critser	10th
Thomas Sparling	15th
<i>Michael Torres, Past Master</i>	20th
David White	20th
Dennis Carlton	25th
Phylip Peltier	28th
Winfried Weickgenannt	30th



### **Lodge Directory**

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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
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## The Unchanging Light of Freemasonry

Todd E. Creason

*I added an old book on Freemasonry to my collection over the weekend, and I was thumbing through it. It was from the turn of the last century, and it was collection of essays on Freemasonry written by some of the fraternity's leading Masonic researchers and scholars of that time. I use these old books a lot when I research ideas for an article or a blog post.*

*My wife asked me one time why I'd use such old books in my research. "Aren't those books a little outdated?"*

*No, they are not. Very little changes in Freemasonry.*

*There's something comforting in knowing you are part of a fraternity whose values and morals remain the same in an ever changing world--that the same values that George Washington held in high regard are still valued today by that same group of men.*

*Some might argue that the fraternity is outdated. I disagree. There are some time-honored tenets that do not change over time. How we should represent ourselves to the world does not change. How we should treat others. Honesty and integrity are rare today, but still valued amongst Masons. The hallmarks of good character have not changed over time. How to harness and put our talents and skills to their best use hasn't changed over time. That desire to improve ourselves--to learn from our mistakes and constantly strive to become better men has remained important to men for centuries.*

*These things will never become outdated, and the further society drifts from these core fundamental principles, the more men will seek them out within the walls of a Masonic Lodge.*

### 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.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year 6:30 Officers Mtg	2	3 6:30 Candidate Coaching	4 1st Degree Practice	5 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	6
7	8 6:30 Chili Cookoff 7:30 Stated Mtg	9	10 6:30 Candidate Coaching	11 1st Degree	12 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	13
14	15 MLK, Jr Day 6:00 OSI Santa Maria	16	17 6:30 Candidate Coaching	18	19 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	20
21	22	23	24 6:30 Candidate Coaching	25	26 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	27
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