

Santa Maria Lodge #580 F&AM



Trestleboard

From the East

Greetings My Brothers! Welcome to April 2019!

Can you believe that this Masonic year is already one quarter behind us? Time is already flying so fast and we still have so much more to do. We now have several new Fellowcraft Masons and I think we will have at least one more before we start, very soon, to practice the Third degree.

Congratulation to Brother Joseph Linsalato on his excellent degree!

I had an epiphany dawn on me several weeks ago at church that I would like to share with you. As I entered the church and was sitting down in our usual pew, I saw a very happy and excited 2 year old boy standing on his seat, smiling and waving at everyone who sat near. He was so full of joy and he was infecting everyone with his exuberance. I smiled back and tried to remember how wonderful it was to be that age and so full of innocence. The baby boy's mother was getting visibly upset and she promptly smacked him on his well-padded bottom. She growled at him and said, "Stop that grinning, turn around and sit down, you're in Church!" The poor child went from full-on joy to sad in an instant! He started to cry and was inconsolable. His mother became embarrassed, had to pick the child up and go to the quiet room, or leave... I thought to myself, "If you cannot be filled with the spirit and joy in church...where can you be?" I dearly hope that the child doesn't get the wrong impression of God and the Church. When he's an adult he will most likely never come back to worship. He will find some other place to have the "Spirit." God knows there are plenty of those around.

Remember: There is only one way to get to Heaven and a million ways to go to hell."

Fraternally,



Don Ruch, PM
Worshipful Master



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Monthly Events

4/1	Officers' Meeting
4/8	6:30—Dinner & Stated Meeting
4/10	4X4 Club Meeting
4/15	6:00 OSI—Consuelo
4/15	TAX DAY
4/21	Easter Sunday
4/22	Eastern Monday
4/24	Public Schools Night

Candidate Coaching Wednesday

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

Friday Happenings

- Friday meetings start at 7:00 am.
- Friday dinner starts at 5:30 pm.

Dues & Contributions

Please pay your 2019 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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Santa Maria #580 Masonic Center

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From the West

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

April brings us a day of great celebration, Easter Sunday, and a day of great sadness...Tax Day. Easter is a symbol of rebirth, renewal, and all things Holy. On Tax Day, Uncle Sam comes by to take a good chunk of your earnings. Let's ignore the taxes and focus on Easter.

Easter is a festival celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but there are other traditions as well. As far as I know, the Bible does not mention any Easter Bunnies or the decorating of eggs, so where did these come from?

The Easter Bunny has been around quite some time. It is said that our famous bunny arrived in the Americas in the 1700's with German immigrants who brought their tradition of an egg laying hare called Osterhase. Nests were made by the children where the bunnies could lay their eggs. The egg is a symbol of new life and they represent Jesus' resurrection and rising from the tomb. Eggs were once forbidden during Lent, so people would decorate them and eat them on Easter to celebrate the end of Lent and the rebirth of Christ.

I hope you all have a Happy Easter and a wonderful April.

Ken Bychak, Senior Warden

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

From the South

Brethren,

For those who didn't attend the March Stated Meeting Dinner, you really missed out on a fabulous dinner. Thank you Worshipful Brother Don Ruch and his lovely wife Vicki, for another delectable Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Also, many thanks to their grand children Cameron and Cora, and all the ladies for their assistance in serving and clean up.

Our April Dinner will be Chinese food, catered from The Bamboo House in Escondido. I can honestly say, probably the best Chinese Food I've had.

As I mentioned at the Stated Dinner, the goal beginning in May is to have Ranch Catering provide our dinners. This effort should really relieve our fraternal family from the years of work in the kitchen.

I think I can speak for all past Junior Wardens; we could never have provided the unbelievable meals, enjoyed over the years, alone. The undying commitment by the ladies of the lodge has not gone unnoticed, and hopefully as we move forward, they can finally take a step back...relax...and let someone else carry the load. Thank you again Ladies!!!!

Now to a topic close to all our hearts.

This past year, there have been numerous conversations regarding the potential move back to the old lodge room. The time has come to have that conversation officially. Consider this due notice that a vote to relocate Santa Maria Masonic Lodge #580 back to the old lodge building will soon be forthcoming. Notice will be given well in advance to allow for maximum attendance for that vote.

In the meantime, there are many items to discuss, questions to answer and concerns to address. As such, we will be

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having a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 am on April 20, 2019 to begin answering those questions and concerns.

The goal here is transparency. We have a lot of work to do, and we are looking forward to full participation of all the brothers, to ensure the decisions made are appropriate. I look forward to an enthusiastic event.

By the Plumb,
Dave Murray, Junior Warden

Happy Third Degree Anniversary

Brethren raised to Master Mason in April

Vonnie Ruple, Jr.	51 Years
Donald Fairchilds, Jr.	48 Years
Bobby Lyles	38 Years
Michael Torres, Past Master	33 Years
Raymond Garcia	32 Years
David Witt	32 Years
Mark Meade	27 Years
Donald Ruch, Past Master	27 Years
Ronald Hughes	24 Years
Glen Jarvis, Past Master	5 Years
Ryan Dreyer	2 Years

Happy Birthday!

For April

David Griffin	5th
Earl Bean	6th
Bobbie Nitz	6th
Robert Collins	8th
Michael Reher	8th
Walter Scaff	11th
David Hovsepian	24th
James Whitten, Past Master	26th
Paul Nilson	27th
Mark Lantz	28th

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Brethren, see this as due notice that a vote to relocate Santa Maria Masonic Lodge #580 back to 310 9th Street, Ramona, CA 92065 will be held as an item of the May Stated Meeting Agenda on 13 May, 2019.

Lodge Directory

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SMMBA Directory

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- Plumbline
- Setting Maul
- Square
- Trowel

Secretary's Corner

Welcome to April! Happy Easter!!! May you have a great day filled with family and friends! Congratulations to Brother Joseph Linsalato! He had an excellent Degree. Thank you to Brother Kris Cabuhat and Brother Amado Ancheta from Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge #296 for performing excellent ritual and assisting us in the Degree.

My email has changed to secretary@santamaria580.org

Reminder!! Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Changed your e-mail address? Have you notified the Lodge if you have done any of these things?? In an ongoing effort to ensure that all member get due and timely notice of all Lodge information, it is important that you keep your information updated with us.

I would greatly appreciate it if all of you would log in to www.freemason.org, go to the *My Profile* section and ensure that all of your address/phone number/e-mail is up to date. This will automatically update the *i-member* section that I use as the Secretary for your mailings and other contacts.

We are now four months into the New Year and I am up to date and have sent out all of the paid Dues Cards. I am continuing to get Dues payments trickling in, however, we still have many Brothers that have not paid. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, you are now officially overdue. If you are 2 or more years in arrears, you may be suspended for non-payment of dues as per the California Masonic Code, **Section 809.370. Suspension for Non Payment of Dues.** Neither the Master, I, nor any other Brother in Lodge wishes this to happen! PLEASE get caught up and pay your dues. If you are financially unable to pay your dues, please contact the Master to discuss.

If you have lost your envelope, you can mail your dues to:

Santa Maria Lodge No. 580,
 PO Box 68, Ramona, CA 92065

You can also pay your current and past dues on our website: <http://www.santamaria580.org>

If you have paid and have not yet received your card, please contact me at 951-970-4294 or e-mail me at secretary@santamaria580.org and I will take care of it.

Hope to see you in the Lodge!

S/F
 Bill Graham, PM

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

April is designated "Public Schools Month" by our Grand Master Stuart Wright. Two things are happening in our area. 1—Public Schools Celebration to be held April 8 at 9:00 am at Cesar Chavez Elementary School at 1404 40th St. in San Diego. They would like to see as many Blue Lodge Brothers as possible at this event. 2—Public Schools Night at our Lodge to be held on April 24 at 6:00 pm when we honor the Outstanding 6th graders for Ramona, Spencer Valley, and Julian Elementary Schools. All Brothers are welcome.

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April 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Officers' Mtg	2	3 6:30 Coaching	4 6:30 Degree/Practice	5 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	6
7	8 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Mtg	9	10 6:30 Coaching 7:00 4X4 Club	11 6:30 Degree/Practice	12 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	13
14	15 6:00 OSI **TAX DAY**	16	17 6:30 Coaching	18 6:30 Degree/Practice	19 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	20
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