

Santa Maria Lodge #580 F&AM



Trestleboard

From the East

Greetings My Brothers! Welcome to February 2019!

It is hard for me to believe that as I write this article that we are already one month into the year. So much has to be done this year and the time is slipping by fast.

First, let me extend my congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice Michael Norton. We welcome you into our Lodge and look forward to spending time with you, my brother!

I would like to use this article to reach as many Brothers, Wives, family members, and friends as possible. I would like to speak of peace and harmony in our Lodge.

When we enter the lodge we should leave our anger, differences, and volatile opinions outside the lodge doors. While in the lodge we should only enjoy fellowship. All too often we are tempted to talk about politics, religion...etc. Quite often, these topics can cause heated arguments and ultimately hurt feelings. We have possibly alienated members and maybe turned off men and their families from joining our beloved fraternity. I know that we are all passionate about our beliefs but, let's be considerate of others. Let's all come in peace and leave in joy.

Fraternally,



Don Ruch, PM
Worshipful Master



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Major Monthly Events

2/4	Officers' Meeting
2/11	6:30—Dinner & Stated Meeting
2/12	Lincoln's Birthday
2/14	Happy Valentines Day!
2/13	4X4 Club Meeting
2/18	6:00 OSI—Santa Maria
2/18	Presidents Day

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

2019 Dues date is February 1, 2019.

Pay by cash, check or credit card.
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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

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

Can you believe we are already in February?!? Time is flying by! January has seen the officers practicing for degrees and qualifications, the first OSI for the year, and everyone has been working hard in their new seats.

And a big congratulations goes out to our newest Entered Apprentice Mason, Brother Michael Norton!! Our first degree of the year was excellent and you definitely missed a good one if you weren't there!

Have a very Happy Valentines Day! Don't forget to snag your special someone a bouquet of flowers or a box of chocolates and spend some quality time together!

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,

The position of Junior Warden is very gratifying though not without challenges including stocking the kitchen supplies, cooking, setup, and cleanup. All of this can only be possible with the help of so many brethren and their ladies. As such I would like to express my gratitude to all those who pitch in and help with all the work it takes to provide an "always outstanding" dinner event.

Moving forward into 2019, I would like to plan a few theme nights this coming year such as "Breakfast for Dinner", Summer time BBQ outside, etc. As we've done in past, I will be posting a sign up sheet in the kitchen for those who would like to provide some of those traditional dinners we've all enjoyed through the years.

Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for not only dinners, but also special events outside the stated meetings would be most welcome. Events such as Gulls and Padre games, dinner theatre, even overnight outings up the coast. Please feel free to get me your ideas. Dmurray62@me.com or 619.302.1223.

Fraternally,

Dave Murray
Junior Warden

Happy Third Degree Anniversary

Brethren raised to Master Mason in February

<i>Chris Christoff, Past Master</i>	65 Years
Joseph Elmore	53 Years
Melik Meshedjian	40 Years
Joe Denham	38 Years
Milton Taylor, Jr.	38 Years
Robert Collins	22 Years
Kevin Hogan	19 Years
Thomas Mountain, Sr.	19 Years
<i>Bruce Smith, Past Master</i>	17 Years
<i>Dennis Spelts, Past Master</i>	13 Years
Richard Swafford	11 Years
David Griffin	9 Years
Carl Muse	9 Years

Happy Birthday!

For 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

Happy Valentine's Day

Lodge Directory

Don Ruch, PM (Vicki)	Master	619-787-3858
Ken Bychak (Laura)	Senior Warden	707-328-9617
Dave Murray (Catheren)	Junior Warden	619-302-1223
Bob Weldon (Brenda)	Treasurer	760-789-5284
Bill Graham, PM (Teri)	Secretary	951-970-4294
Keith Cochenour (Caren)	Chaplain	619-843-3019
Chase Murray	Senior Deacon	619-607-2935
Peter Johnson	Junior Deacon	858-943-1079
Rex McCray	Marshall	760-788-4957
Bill Biggs	Senior Steward	760-532-2574
Mike Reher	Junior Steward	760-566-6953
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 Medicine Man and the Senior Deacon

The terms "Medicine Man" is often misunderstood. Some think of the role as being like a priest, but there really is no similarity. A priest is a functionary of a religion, an intermediary between God and man. A Medicine Man is not an intermediary. His authority comes from his own mystic spiritual experience. He helps others walk the path he has walked himself.

Medicine involves the process of awakening the spiritual potentials within the person and attuning the perceptions of the individual to be more receptive to the spiritual forces which surround him. Such an awakening may be involved at initiation into the tribal structure or into one of the men's societies of the tribe or clan, or in a ritual of healing, either physical or emotional.

One of the major responsibilities of the Medicine Man, in addition to his role as counselor and advisor for the spiritual life of the clan, is to serve as the guide during initiation or spirit quest. The Medicine Man helps to explain, to guide and to guard the candidate as he is approaching the central mystery of his own existence. He helps the candidate make sense of the experiences which are often overwhelming to the emotions and to the senses.

In Freemasonry, the role is taken by the Senior Deacon. It is he who oversees the preparation of the candidate, including the emotional preparation represented by the "usual interrogatories." It is he who then greets the candidate at the door of the Lodge room

and who conducts him through the ceremonies of initiation. The Senior Deacon leads the candidate through the mythic journey, represented in Freemasonry as following the path marked out by the sun.

Among many tribes, the bat is considered the special symbol of the Medicine Man because it is a symbol of rebirth. It lives in a cave (womb), and sleeps upside down, the same position as a child prior to birth. The Medicine Man facilitates the "rebirth" of the young man, leading him from the darkness of the cave/womb into the Light. One can easily substitute the symbolism of the Preparation Room for that of the cave, and the role of the Senior Deacon for that of the Medicine Man.

While the Master provides the instruction in the mysteries, he does so through the Senior Deacon. It is the Senior Deacon who adapts it to the individual candidate by giving him the working tools and helping him learn the signs and tokens.

In the Fellowcraft Degree, it is the Senior Deacon who shows the candidate the path to self-transcendence, conducting him up the winding stairs in which the information received through the five senses and operated upon by the rational processes of the mind (7 liberal arts) is replaced by insight and intuition.

One can think of the principal role of the Medicine Man or Senior Deacon as helping the candidate find a workable definition of reality which is in some way different from the one he has at the beginning of the encounter.

Secretary's Corner

The Masonic Year has begun and we are moving right along. Welcome to our new Brother, Mike Norton. He had a great 1st Degree and if you missed it, you missed out!

At the February Stated Meeting I will be presenting the Semi-Annual Secretary's report. Please join us if you can. The Master has a great year planned and all it needs to be successful is you.

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 go to our website, <http://www.santamaria580.org>, and pay online. You can make payments for 2017, 2018 and 2019 online.

If you have paid and have not received your card in a reasonable amount of time, please contact me at 951-970-4294 or e-mail me at sm580santamaria@sbcglobal.net and I will take care of it.

Hope to see you in the Lodge!

S/F

Bill Graham, PM

This can be a little difficult for us to understand today. Starting in the 1800s a new concept of reality took hold in European and American culture and spread rapidly. It is perfectly knowable, and it is the same in all places and at all times. Any uncertainty simply means that we have not yet done enough research.

For example, take illness. When an illness appears, we have set methods to test, diagnose and treat. When we are forced to accept the fact that alternate elements can play a role, such prayer, or mental attitude, we may become uncomfortable and mutter "placebo effect" or that "it's all in the mind."

Of course, it is "all in the mind." Our entire concept of reality is in the mind (where else would it be?). The insight of the Medicine Man is that there are many ways to view reality, many worlds, each equally "real," and that to be cognizant of those many realities is not to be mentally ill or self-delusional, it is merely to be awake and aware.

The candidate comes hoping to find deeper truth, greater spiritual enlightenment, and a more acute sense of himself and the worlds of which he is a part. He searches for vision of the world, of reality, which will fulfill his needs. And in that great and universal question, the Medicine Man/Senior Deacon is his guide.

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February 2019

“The Month of Love”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	2
3	4 6:30 Officers' Mtg	5	6 6:30 Coaching	7 6:30 Degree/Practice	8 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	9
10	11 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Mtg	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 6:30 Coaching 7:00 4X4 Club	14 6:30 Degree/Practice Valentines Day	15 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	16
17	18 6:00 OSI Presidents Day	19	20 6:30 Coaching	21 6:30 Degree/Practice	22 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	23
24	25	26	27 6:30 Coaching	28 6:30 Degree/Practice		