

Santa Maria Lodge #580 F&AM



Trestleboard

From the East

Greetings My Brothers! Welcome to March 2019!

We would like to express our deepest condolences to the Lane family. Our prayers are with them. Jason Lane has put down his working tools to be with the great architect. Jason will be remembered as a very good man who was well-known and respected within the community. He will be greatly missed.

I once heard an allegory that is worth sharing, "God created man and woman to be like musical instruments, metaphorically. The way we conduct our lives will produce a unique melody. "Some of the music we make is quite lovely to listen to and others, as you can imagine, is difficult and dreadful to be around. I notice when we are together at the stated meeting dinners, Friday night out dinners, and special functions, we, our ladies, brothers and their families, make a beautiful symphony. I would never say our Lodge family involvement is the very best around, but I will say that we make beautiful music together.

We may be losing one of our better players soon. Brother Chase Murray is advancing rapidly in his career path to becoming a Commercial Pilot, and I know that we all wish him well. We NEED more pilots like him navigating our friendly skies. The downside is that we will have a vacancy at the Junior Warden slot next year. Chase has agreed to stay on as Senior Deacon for the rest of this year. However, If any Past Master wishes to fill the JW position next year he will need to get moving on the memory requirements. We have voting on the new officers in November.

Fraternally,



Don Ruch, PM
Worshipful Master

March 2019

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Monthly Events

3/4	Officers' Meeting
3/10	Daylight Saving Time
3/10	Hunters Safety Course
3/11	6:30—Dinner & Stated Meeting
3/13	4X4 Club Meeting
3/18	6:00 OSI—Santa Maria
3/20	First Day of Spring

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 March 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,

March is upon us and St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner. Everyone has heard the tale of St. Patrick back when they were in Elementary School and how he drove the snakes out of Ireland. I remember coloring four leaf clovers and having green all around the classroom.

Though St. Patrick was not a Freemason, he did have an interesting connection to our craft. A Brother by the name of George Washington, being a General during our American Revolution, was facing bitter cold and devastating losses of his troops. Having many Irish troops under his command, he gave the order, "The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for tomorrow the SEVENTEENTH instant, a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland]." This was their first day off in over two years and the beginning of St. Patrick's Day.

I hope you all have a wonderful March and look forward to seeing you at our Stated Meeting.

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,

First off, a warm welcome to our newly affiliated Brother Habib Naamo, of Beirut, Lebanon, New York Lodge #2, and our newly obligated brother Michael Norton. Please take a moment and get to know your new brothers.

Next, have your appetites ready for the March stated meeting dinner. Worshipful Brother Don Ruch and his lovely wife Vicki will be serving their corn beef and cabbage as the meal for the evening, an always-delicious faire.

Lastly, I would like to share some information about Corn. Corn? Where's he going with this one? Well it does pertain to nourishment and the Junior Warden....

As we know, corn was one of the Masonic wages. In addition, most rituals and history surround ancient Israel. You may find it intriguing to know that corn or maize was only transported back to Europe and Asia after the discovery of America. So why is the word "corn" used over a hundred times in the Bible? What food item was actually being referenced? After some research, I found that "corn" also meant barley, grain, or just nourishment.

Think of this brief lesson in history as nourishment for the mind.

As I work on your physical nourishment, please continue to nourish your heart and soul by surrounding yourself with those who bring joy to your life. Love thy neighbor, and cherish your family, friends, and even those you have yet to meet.

By the Plumb,
Dave Murray, Junior Warden

Happy Third Degree Anniversary

Brethren raised to Master Mason in March

Michael McCleary	44 Years
Stephen Freezell	12 Years
Glenn Hinton	12 Years
James Kreifeldt, II	10 Years
Chase Murray	2 Years
David Murray	2 Years

Happy Birthday!

For March

Jason Berry	4th
Bryan Young	4th
Julian Freezell	6th
Richard Walworth	7th
Charles Taylor, Jr.	9th
Judd Keener, Past Master	10th
John Bryant	11th
Stephen Freezell	12th
Cole Sulser	12th
Carsten Stevens	13th
Milton Taylor, Jr.	13th
Jim Anthony, Jr.	19th
Elvin Reamey, II	22nd
Albert Trammel	23rd
Jason Lane	24th
Douglas Fender	26th
Joe Ybarra	27th



Lodge Directory

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Chase Murray	Senior Deacon	619-607-2935
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Bill Biggs	Senior Steward	760-532-2574
Mike Reher	Junior Steward	760-566-6953
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Pete Casalegno (Jill)	Organist	760-788-4764

SMMBA Directory

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Masonic Civility

John Marinucci, Past Grand Master of Delaware

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" I ask that you contemplate that scripture. We've all heard it while we were in Masonic darkness, being led by our faithful guide around our respective lodges so that the brethren of the lodge may inspect us and our preparation in order that they might find us worthy to receive Masonic Light.

While this scripture is recited as part of every one of our respective first degrees, I contend that the recited Psalm and the Entered Apprentice degree ritual is a metaphor for much more than preparing us to receive Masonic light. I believe this Psalm and the Entered Apprentice ritual has a very poignant message for us in today's society.

It is clear that the vast majority of Masons all seek to dwell together in unity. But I ask that you stop and truly contemplate what the Psalm and the Entered Apprentice ritual is telling us. Do we truly dwell together in unity? Within the protected bastions of our respective Masonic Lodges, we do, but in our American society as a whole, I'm embarrassed to say, not so much. Unfortunately, we live in a time marked by discord and intolerance to a degree that I have never experienced before. Never before in my 58 years have I seen or felt such divisiveness permeating every aspect of life within American society.

I realize that the actions of a few do not and should not define the whole, but I ask you brethren—is this the society in which we want to live? Is this society the legacy we want our children to inherit?

So what do we do? How do we, as Masons, rise above this turbulence and span the societal divide?

"And the men who hold high places, must be the ones who start to mold a new reality, closer to the heart." This is the opening line to a 1970's rock and roll song performed by the group named Rush in 1977.

We as Masons are the ones who can help heal this country and heal our society by practicing outside of our lodge, that same Masonic Civility that we enjoy within our lodges. Every Mason has a deep respect and admiration for every other Mason, whether they have met or not. Why? Because regardless of our religion, our political views, our nationality or the color of skin, we all took the same obligations and we all seek to improve our personal Masonic Edifices through Faith, Hope, and Charity.

My brethren, we as Masons can be a beacon in society by allowing our Masonic light to shine through in our daily lives and in our personal interactions with non-masons. It all starts with extending our Masonic Civility beyond our Masonic circles and into society in general. I'm not suggesting that we violate our vows by divulging that which we should not, but if we treat our fellow man who is a non-

Secretary's Corner

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! I am looking forward to our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner put on by the Worshipful Master and his lovely Lady, Vicki!! One of my favorite meals of the year!

I would like to thank the Brothers for sending me to the Secretary and Treasurer's Retreat. I had a great time and really learned a lot. The sessions were very intense, but I picked up some good tips to improve my skills and to be able to help the Lodge.

We are now three 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:

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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 there. 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

mason with similar civility that we treat our fellow Masons—we will improve our respective corners of the world. The Masonic Civility that has become second nature to us can influence and help change the world.

Life is about relationships. It's not about money or about power. It's not about authority, or positions and titles. Life is about relationships. We are defined by how we treat people and how we manage our relationships. We can disagree with each other without becoming disagreeable. We can hold differing views and perspectives in a civil and respectful manner.

As Masons, we hold ourselves to a higher standard by acting upon the square and circumscribing our desires. I challenge each and every Mason who reads or hears this to practice the same Masonic Civility outside their respective lodges that we so naturally practice and enjoy within. Let's lead the charge to tone down the discord and do our individual part and heal our society through Masonic Civility.

History is replete with instances and examples of Masons and Masonry guiding society change. We owe it to society, our fellow man and most importantly our future generations to reverse the current trend of polarization, discord, and divisiveness and help create a legacy of civility, respect, and tolerance.

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"Luck of the Irish"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 Daylight Saving 8AM - 6PM Hunters Safety Course	11 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Mtg	12	13 6:30 Coaching 7:00 4X4 Club	14 6:30 Degree/Practice	15 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	16
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 6:00 OSI	19	20 6:30 Coaching 1st Day of Spring!	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	29 7:00 Frat Boy 5:30 Dinner Out	30
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