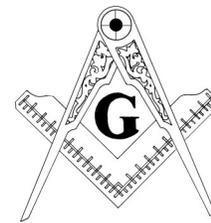


# TRESTLE BOARD



April, 2016, Issue 3

## FROM THE EAST



### Happy April Brethren,

I would like to begin by congratulating our brother Zaro on March 10th was passed to the degree of fellowcraft, it

was a long time coming and he has been very patient. We had a grand time and watched the respective officers put on a fine degree, notably our Senior Deacon Alex Saslow, and our Junior Warden David Biggio PM, well done my brothers.

On March 24th we had an Open House where we opened our doors for men considering becoming part of our craft. Our Senior Warden decorated the lodge in preparation by setting up the lodge as we would a stated meeting, and the adjacent room of reflection in accordance to the Royal Arch installation. We also had flyers and information on hand, as well as knowledgeable brothers ready to converse with the potential members. These events are important to the longevity of our Lodge, without good men to carry on in our footsteps, we are destined to fade into antiquity. When we have events such as this, it is important to attend to show these men that by our presence, we have internalized the lessons we have learned, and that the cement of brotherly love is solid.

Continuing on this theme, we also had a fellowship night on March 31st, where the Officers of Petaluma-Hamilton #180, and those Masons who are interested in becoming officers of the Lodge gathered together over Old Chicago pizza to have a few

laughs, and talk about the direction of the year, and years to come. It is my belief that this night is a night of orienting ourselves towards great work, and through focus we will accomplish our due. The "Master's Wages". (One Hundred One Questions about Freemasonry)

According to the ritual, corn, wine and oil are symbolic of the payment a Freemason earns today by "good work, true work, square work." "A Master's Wages" may be the same, may be different, for every brother. They are the friendships formed through Freemasonry; the consciousness of unselfish work; taking part in movements and actions for the betterment of the condition of neighbors; inherent in learning and in making it possible for other men to learn that men of widely different beliefs, convictions, circumstances, education, skills and character may live and work, play and love together in peace and happiness. A Master's Wages are intangible, but more real because any brother may earn as much as he will.

To give us more opportunities to earn the Master's Wages, more events will be had planned by our events committee, in April, Petaluma celebrates it's 35th Annual Butter and Eggs day event, each year it's a lovely day with the warm spring weather to enjoy, we plan on having a get together on the 3rd floor and having a social, we'll be bringing some chicken

wings to cook up, if you want to bring a dish, it would be welcome. We hope to see you there, I'm going to try to get some old familiar faces to attend. The date of the event is April 23rd at 11am. You might want to arrive a bit early to find parking as it's going to be in demand that day.

As April is **Public Schools Month** we have a few items that we have been hard at work on, most notably is the good work that our scholarship committee has completed, we are pleased to announce that this year we have awarded 6 students a \$1000.00 scholarship. The students must be currently enrolled in a High School in Petaluma, and must complete an essay on the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. We will include some of the awarded essays in this and future Trestleboards for your enjoyment. Lastly, we are preparing to confer a couple of 3rd degrees, and as such we will need participation in the upcoming practices. If you would like to participate, we have a role for all Master Masons interested. Your regular attendance at our practice meetings is essential in providing a quality degree for the Brothers who are preparing to take that sublime step.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
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Master  
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## RESOLUTION

## From the West

**Whereas,**

for the past several years interest rates have been quite low, and

**Whereas,**

Grand Lodge has a pooled investment fund for its endowment fund and other investments that receives higher interest than Certificates of Deposit, and

**Whereas,**

Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 Life Membership Fund has been invested in low interest Certificates of Deposit, and

**Whereas,**

Grand Lodge is offering to accept funds to invest in their pooled fund with better returns, and

**Whereas,**

Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 Life Membership Fund can receive better interest rates than currently being paid,

**Therefore,**

be it resolved, that Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 transfer its Life Membership Fund to the Grand Lodge pooled investment fund and receive interest payments at regular intervals.

Resolution proposed by George F. Whitten PM, Treasurer

*Brethren, this resolution will be voted on at the April 7, 2016 stated meeting at our lodge (9 Western Avenue, Petaluma) at 8pm.*

This month in April we celebrate with the Grand Master the amazing public school system, how it started and what it means in the life of so many citizens. Do you realize that the Masonic fraternity was the inspiration behind the formation of a system of learning whereby every child would receive an education. It's true. I believe it's one of Masonry's proudest achievements. Throughout history, education has proved to be the deciding factor for how far a person can succeed. And so it is today as the bar has been set at a high level for the basic requirements of a job. It used to be a high school education could get you a job, but now it seems a college degree is the standard. We in this Lodge can be proud to honor six exceptional high school students with a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education in college. This Lodge also proudly sponsors a Rainbow Girls Assembly which helps promote growth in young girls' lives at a time when crucial decisions are being made. We assist in the education of our member's lives, teaching timeless lessons of morality, honor, and truth. You can see how education opens the door to more 'light' in our lives, helping us to make smarter decisions and living by a higher standard, how important it is.

We were happy to hold an open house last month to show off our beautiful building and inform the public some of the ideals of Masonry. You see, we are not so secret about our Craft and we can even talk about what Masonry is and does. In fact, talking about what is a Mason is the best way to inform those who inquire. The Internet certainly is worthwhile but can contain untruths and false information while in the disguise of Masonry. The masonic

book, "Is It True What They Say About Masonry", by Art DeHoyos and Brent Morris, is an excellent source for determining what is accurate and what is derogatory. Education is life long, we never stop learning. Keep asking questions, searching for the truth and helping others do the same, is a noble goal for us all. Don't stop believing that you can make a difference, if not you, who?

Guy Chalmers, Senior Warden

**Stated Meeting Dinner**

Thursday April 7, 2016

6:30 PM

Ribs, Baked beans, Corn bread and Caesar salad

Served by

The Girls of Petaluma Assembly #6  
Reservations 707 762-4171

Please make reservations before April 2nd

**April Birthday's**

Happy Birthday Brethren!



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| Ted Langford       | April 4  |
| Carl Lorenzen      | April 4  |
| Stanley Nelson     | April 5  |
| Jasmines Peralta   | April 9  |
| John Edwards       | April 11 |
| Daniel Morrison    | April 17 |
| Edward Sadler      | April 22 |
| Wilhelm Slubik     | April 22 |
| John Hackman       | April 23 |
| Christian Eddleman | April 25 |
| Ralph Milner       | April 25 |

## From The Grand Master

Dear Brethren:

You might have read about recent events in some US states including Georgia and Tennessee where Masonic grand lodges have adopted new rules or have enforced existing rules that discipline Masons because of their sexual orientation. Such rules and actions do not coincide with the principles of Freemasonry as practiced by the Grand Lodge of California and do not support what we understand as the great aim of our fraternity.

Freemasonry is a universal system which uses the tools and techniques of the old stonemasons' guilds to illustrate simple moral and ethical principles. To this it adds a philosophical and spiritual framework for personal improvement. Freemasonry encourages its members to be better by improving their relationships with others, by practicing a life of tolerance, compassion, honesty, and the pursuit of justice. Freemasonry instructs its members to uphold and respect the laws of their government and not to undermine those laws. It attempts to make the world a better place by making its members better citizens of the communities in which they live.

Freemasonry may be found worldwide, in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Freemasonry works through local lodges. In California and elsewhere, some lodges are comprised of men only, some of women only and some of both

men and women. Each lodge typically operates under a grand lodge, and there are a number of these grand lodges operating in California. Each grand lodge is independent and operates under its own set of rules as its members may decide.

With more than 50,000 members statewide, those lodges under the Grand Lodge of California are open to men of good character and faith, regardless of their race, color, religious beliefs, political views, economic station, sexual orientation, physical ability, citizenship or national origin. Our lodges currently work in English, Spanish, French, and Armenian.

Through this universal brotherhood, California Masons learn to be better husbands, better fathers, better friends, and better citizens. By appreciating our differences, we learn to focus on what unites us. Thus, the discussion of religion, politics, and business is not permitted in our lodges. In this way we live up to the centuries-old aim of our fraternity – to unite men of every country, sect, and opinion and cause true friendship among those who otherwise would have remained at a distance.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
M. David Perry  
Grand Master

## From Rainbow



Gillian Tinsley, Past Worthy Advisor of Petaluma Assembly #6, as part of her senior project, is seeking donations of paperback books. She has placed a box in the lobby area of the third floor to collect them. Please help her out and bring several with you the next time you attend lodge.



Also, Arianna Schwalbenberg, currently Hope of the assembly is having a fund raiser. She is taking orders for See's Candies and will have order forms at the stated meeting dinner. Please consider in making a purchase of a box of Chocolate. Thank you.

### **RAMS/Rainbow pancake breakfast**

Sunday, April 24th 7am - 11:30am.

## From The Hall Association

Brethren:

At our March meeting the board agreed to make a change in our phone system provider. Upgrading our outdated phones will be included in this change as well. Time, as well as technology, marches on and these upgrades are overdue. A remotely accessible voice mail along with many other modern features will make for better communications between all of us, the members and the public.

At the lodge stated meeting in March the membership voted to change our internet provider as well as upgrading the web site, also long overdue. We are modernizing our technology while maintaining the tradition in keeping our building looking its best and keeping with its Victorian era appearance. Our next work party is Saturday, April 9th at 9am.

Lastly, I want to welcome and congratulate our newest board member, David Kinnison. I know he will be an asset and an active member of our board.

George F. Whitten PM

PMHA President



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| 10                                                      | 11                                                       | 12                                          | 13                                      | 14<br>Practice<br>3rd Degree<br>7:00PM                              | 15  | 16<br>Council Assembly<br>9 AM, Command-<br>ery Conclave             |
| 17                                                      | 18                                                       | 19<br>Petaluma<br>Rainbow Assy #6<br>7:00PM | 20                                      | 21<br>Practice<br>3rd Degree<br>7:00PM                              | 22  | 23<br>Butter and<br>Eggs Day<br>Social                               |
| RAMS/Rainbow<br>pancake break-<br>fast 7am -<br>11:30am | 24                                                       | 25                                          | 26                                      | OSI Scottish<br>Rite Hall hosted<br>by La<br>Fayette#57 @<br>7:00PM | 27  | 28<br>Practice<br>3rd Degree<br>7:00PM                               |
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