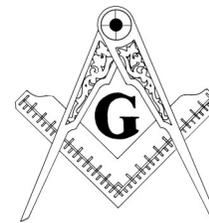


# TRESTLE BOARD



September, 2016, Issue 8

## FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer months spending it with friends and family.

August was a busy month we initiated David Sonnenberg and raised Vern Dorothy. Brother Sonnenberg's initiation was a wonderful evening, we enjoyed the long form lecture from William Padgett PM of this lodge, and the guest charge by our Inspector Michael Paynter. Afterwards, we enjoyed several hours of camaraderie and brotherly love.

We have a few events coming up for September, the Hiram Award ceremony on the 1st, a visitation to Santa Rosa Luther Burbank #57 on the 8th for an initiation, Masons for Mitts, and the Mason of the year for Don Nicodemus on the 17th. It's going to be another busy month, but the more we come together for events, the stronger the bonds of brotherhood.

I also wanted to try to arrange an outing for interested Masons, in particular, a trip to the USS Hornet sometime in October, we will have more information on this at our stated meeting.

We are still looking for dependable masons to serve as coaches. I am trying something new when

it comes to candidates, taking a group of coaches and candidates, and scheduling a proficiency class. They will go over the degree work and have opportunities to further discuss the esoteric nature of the craft. This way we will bring people together in teams which will establish bonds of brotherhood that will last a lifetime. If this sounds like something for you, let's talk about it at the next stated meeting.

December is approaching, this means we are looking for volunteers for the Christmas party, we need all available members to participate. A sign up list is in the tiler's room.

Sincerely and fraternally,

William "Woody" Purdy

Master



## From the West



Time Is On Our Side

Welcome to the fraternity and congratulations on making this

decision to our new Brother, David Sonnenberg, entered and accepted on August 11. The entire conferral team was close to perfect as we witnessed this first degree. Wor. David Biggio, the opening and obligation, Wor. William Padgett presented the long form lecture eloquently and with hardly a stutter, and Wor. Michael Paynter galvanized the evening with the charge. Now, Wor. Woody will have his hands full as his coach and we're all happy.

Lately, while studying for Vern Dorothy's third degree on August 25, I got to thinking about time in three degrees. After passing the meridian point of our masonic year on St. John's day, and considering the Junior Warden's position in the South, using his 24-inch guage to measure the time within the one-third portion of the day of his usual vocation, I reflected on what has been accomplished and what more there is to do. Certainly I can do more in 24 hours using a guide.

There is plenty to be thankful for but God helps those who help themselves, and I want to be busy. Looking through our member list and correcting the p's and q's, it was sad to think about those of my Brothers who we have lost contact with and

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haven't seen in a long time. We have 148 members, 135 Master Masons in our lodge, but how many do we know? For such a small town, in such a magnificent building in the middle of town, there is a fraternity of men which has existed for 300 years next year, all tempered by the same rituals, who don't know each other. Don't we all want the same thing, to eat good food and have fun. Why not meet us at the next Stated Meeting and see if you can have fun. Meanwhile, note the common gavel and it's ability to break off the superfluous barriers which prevent you from fulfilling your 24 hours each day.

The more we learn, the more we want to know. Attending the degree conferrals reminds us of the beauty therein and coming to meetings reminds us of each other, it isn't easy being a friend but it is so essential to happiness.

Guy Chalmers PM

**Coat Drive**

Bring in your new or slightly used jackets/coats (male-female-child or adult). There is a big box on the 3rd floor reception room. Help those in need. After a month or so the items will be taken to COTS, an organization we support that helps those in need

**Hiram Award**

I am pleased to announce that this year we have awarded the Hiram award. Our Awards committee met and painstakingly discussed the possibility of the award and they came to a unanimous decision.

The "Hiram Award Program" is the official recognition of a Brother by his own Lodge for his devoted service to that Lodge and to Masonic principles in general. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, displays his devotion without receiving special recognition or special honor. Every Lodge has many such members. They are the living cement that binds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood. You will find them at labor in kitchens, the coaching rooms, the committees – anywhere that a true and steady hand of assistance is needed.

Our recipient has thanklessly worked for the lodge for many years, has organized our charitable efforts with the Salvation Army, and has served on our Hall Association throughout the years.

It is my pleasure as Master of the Lodge to honor Worshipful Joe Zusin PM as the 2016 year Hiram Award recipient.

As per his request, we will be conducting the award ceremony at our September stated meeting.

Well done brother Joe, your lifetime of dedication is well recognized.

William Purdy

Master

**September Birthday's**

Happy Birthday Brethren!



Lance	Norgrove PM	Sept 1
Mark	Rousey-Seidel PM	Sept 3
Kevin	Campbell PM	Sept 4
William	Dillon PM	Sept 6
Joern	Kroll	Sept 8
Keith	Tyler	Sept 15
Douglas	Noren	Sept 16
Albert	Behrens Jr PM	Sept 17
Sheldon	Ornstein	Sept 18
Albert	Enyeart	Sept 19
Frank	Prim	Sept 20
Kevin	Eddy	Sept 21
Jerome	Nathan	Sept 24
David	Jacobs	Sept 28
Edwin	Barr	Sept 30

**Stated Meeting Dinner**

Thursday September 1, 2016  
6:30 PM

**Grandma's Old Fashioned Meatloaf**

Oven baked potatoes  
Vegetable medley  
Salad, coffee or tea.

Dessert: A special, Amish Country delight, served a la mode.

Brethren: This dinner is being prepared by the adults and served by the girls of Petaluma Rainbow Assembly.

Please make your reservations with our Junior Warden by calling 707-287-2001 by August 29th. Also, if you have special dietary needs please let him know so he can make arrangements.

We want everyone to be happy and not go away hungry!



In Northern California, we support the Junior Giants, the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund. This free, non-competitive baseball program serves boys and girls ages 5-18 from more than 150 cities throughout the region. The kids learn teamwork, respect, and self-confidence through this program, which also furnishes them with jerseys, hats, baseball equipment, and tickets to select Giants games. Don't forget to buy your tickets for Masons Night at AT&T Park on Wednesday, September 28!

<https://www.masons4mitts.org>

### Agenda

#### FRIDAY, OCT 28

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibit Hall Open  
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grand Lodge Opening and Business Session

#### SATURDAY, OCT 29

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibit Hall Open  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Business Session  
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break (Masons)  
1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Business Session  
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Special Event: Awards and Entertainment Evening

#### SUNDAY, OCT 30

9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Public Ceremonies  
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Installation of Officers  
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Close Grand Lodge  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Reception

## From The Hall Association

Brethren:

Due to a change in the carpet installer's schedule the new carpet was installed at the end of July for the stairs, landings, 3rd floor "fan" room and the family room. The work party on July 23rd completed several projects, one of them rearranging the furniture in the "fan room" on the third floor. With new carpet the room looks great! We will be looking at new furniture for the family room over the next several months to match the carpet. In time, some new paint as well. Our next work party is Saturday, September 10th at 9am, with breakfast at 8am at a local coffee shop. Be a part of this ongoing labor of love and join us. If you can make it please let one of the association directors know. There is an opening for a director on the Hall Association board. If you are interested in serving, please contact me or any member of the board.

Thank you.

George F. Whitten PM

PMHA President





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## SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Hall Association Meeting 7:00PM	1 Lodge #180 Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting 8:00 PM	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM	7	8 1st Degree Santa Rosa #57	9	10 Hall Association Work Party 9AM Breakfast at Sax's 8AM
11	12 Royal Arch Masons	13	14	15 Advanced station practice	16	17
18	19	20 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM	21 OSI Petaluma Vitruvius @ 7:00PM	22 3rd Degree Practice 7:00 PM	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 3rd Degree Brother Zaro 7:00 PM	30	