

Petaluma Hamilton #180 F&AM

On the Hour

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From The East



Hello Brothers,

Today, as friends, I want to talk to you about something near and dear to all Masons' hearts – dinner. Well the stomach is near the heart and the thought of dinner gives most Masons I know a warm feeling just thinking about it. On May 5, on the first Thursday of the month, we will have our first stated meeting dinner in more than two years. We will be getting back into the swing of things with lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and desert. It might take some time, but now remember, stated meeting dinners are meals to which we bring family and we also bring friends who might be interested in Masonry. So the more the merrier. It is also a good time to visit the lodge if you are a member, say hello, catch up with the latest news, meet some of the newer Masons, and warm the back bench. Old friends and new are welcome.

We also have some more practices coming up for another first degree. This will be important practice for our newest Entered Apprentices to attend. Most of those roles will be the same as last time except that we will have the men in the East and West trading places and we will be working on the lines of the Senior Deacon. We will also be doing some work on the Senior Deacon proficiency. It is a moral science or philosophy, but it is important that we enjoy ourselves and participate in the good fellowship of our brothers.

Remember all the great holidays in May, like Mother's Day, May Day, and Cinco de Mayo, but don't forget your

brothers at the Lodge. We plan to have a great time on Thursdays this May. Every Thursday will be a good day to visit, so come on down. The practice of the degrees is educational and fun. Speaking of education....

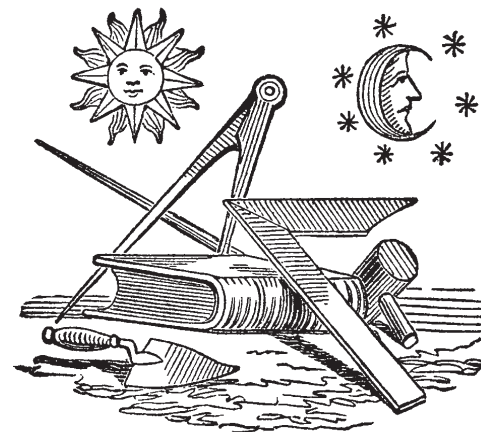
I also wanted to invite you down to the Grand Lodge this month for a meeting of the Northern California Research Lodge [NCRL] where Petaluma-Hamilton's own Tim Giddings will be reading a short paper. We usually have an educational session over wine, cheese and a few other snacks after the meeting. A discussion with members of other lodges is bound to ensue. This is all par for the course at the NCRL which meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. This month that Tuesday falls on May 17.

We may even have a special guest or two as we contemplate what the topic of the talk and also the three degrees of the blue lodge and the Royal Arch have in common. As the Worship Master of both NCRL and Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge let me extend this invitation to YOU to be my special guest to attend this meeting in the cozy basement of 1111 California Street. If you haven't seen the new lodge room downstairs, it should be a treat, but just give me a call at 530-957-8939 and we will arrange to meet up.

Don't miss out on some great opportunities to enjoy a little Freemasonry sometime in May.

All the best wishes,

Don Nicodemus,
Worshipful Master, Petaluma-Hamilton
Lodge # 180



Up Comming Events

Thursday May 5th:

- Masonic Family Dinner (6:30 pm)

- Stated Meeting (8:00 pm)

Thursday May 12th:

- 1st Degree Practice or Proficiency Practice (7:00 pm)

- 3rd Degree Ceremony
@ Santa Rosa Lodge #57 (7:00 pm)

Saturday May 14th:

- Breakfast with RSVP (8:00 am)
- Masonic Work party (9:00 am)

Thursday May 19th:

- 1st Degree Practice or Proficiency Practice (7:00 pm)

Wednesday May 25th :

- Officers School of Instruction
Santa Rosa Lodge #57(6:30 Pm)
(Mandatory for Lodge Officers)

Thursday May 26th

- 1st Degree Practice or Proficiency Practice (7:00 pm)

Hall Association

These past 2 years have been a challenge for all of us and I hope our country can get back to "normal" and enjoy life again after COVID. Part of that is meeting again in our beautiful building. I am happy to say that we are now fully open with all masonic bodies meeting again. During COVID Randy Stewart, our building manager, along with myself and several brethren regularly visited the lodge on a twice a week basis to ensure the building was staying in shape. During the time the building was not in use we shut down all appliances and other unneeded electrical; kept a close watch on all the plumbing, performed numerous small maintenance projects and kept the building clean. The building was completely sanitized in December along with annual carpet cleaning, etc. and regular janitorial service has resumed.

I encourage you to start attending lodge again if you haven't already and renew those fraternal friendships, which we all enjoy. Another part of our maintaining the building is hall association work parties. Our next work party is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 9am**. This will be preceded by breakfast at the lodge at 8am. Come join us for breakfast and then a few hours of work that needs to be done. As the old saying goes: "Many hands make light work".

If you wish to join us for breakfast, please call 707-762-4171 and leave a voice mail message so we can have enough food for all. Thank you and hope to see you soon in the building.

Fraternally,

George Whitten
President PMHA



The Secretary's Corner



As masonry picks back up into full swing with social gatherings, stated meetings, and ritual work, it is important that we practice and maintain the ritual that helps to define and set apart our ritual, creating a lasting impression in the minds of our candidates and communities.

Grand Lodge regularly holds meetings held by the Inspectors of each district to help maintain and improve ritual work. This meeting is known as The Officer's School of Instruction. (*OSI for Short*). In our district this meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month. The Lodge hosting the event varies.

This meeting is considered to be mandatory for all officers of a lodge as a way to ensure we are proficient in our degree work as a whole. Each month the inspectors focus on part of one of the three degrees. This Month they will be focusing on the 1st degree.

One of the benefits that I have enjoyed most about OSI's in the past is getting to know fellow Masons in Sonoma County from different lodges.

Non officers are always welcome, however if you are not a Master Mason and want to attend an OSI related to a degree you have already obtained, let the secretary know.

In the past Petaluma-Hamilton has not been as active in these meetings and have one of the lowest attendance levels of the district.

With Covid restrictions lifting and life getting back to a form of normal, its time to change that and once again become active members in the monthly OSI classes.

Time to REPRESENT!

If you are an officer or interested in becoming an officer of the lodge, I employ and encourage you to start attending the regularly scheduled OSI's. Together we can learn to improve ourselves in Masonry as individuals and through ritual work.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally,

David Sonnenberg
Secretary



Happy Birthday

- Dennis Van Rees May 3rd
- Jimmy Hinson Jr. May 10th
- Michael Delzell May 12th
- Royce Van Beeber May 13th
- Jonathan Wong May 24th
- Rick Rochlin May 25th
- David Biggio May 30th
- Christian James May 31st



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2  Royal Arch #22 (7 pm)	3 Rainbow Assembly #6	4 Hall Association (Virtual - 7 pm)	5  Stated Meeting (8 pm)	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 1st Degree Practice/ Proficiency Practice	13	14 Masonic Work Party (8 am)
15	16	17 Rainbow Assembly #6	18	19 1st Degree Practice/ Proficiency Practice	20	21 Council #46 (9 am) Commandery #14 (10:30 am)
22	23	24	25 OSI (Mandatory for Lodge Officers) @ Santa Rosa Lodge 6:30 pm)	26 1st Degree Practice/ Proficiency Practice	27	28
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