

HEARTLAND LODGE TRESTLEBOARD

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“Our cause is noble; it is the cause of mankind!” - Wor. Bro. George Washington P.:M.:

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Stated Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at Heartland Lodge, 695 Ballantyne Street, El Cajon, CA. 92021

Feb. SM Dinner



Shepherds Pie, Green Beans, Spinach Salad W/ Shallot Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls, and Brownies, Coffee & Tea. Only \$15. Please RSVP to Secretary by Thursday Before Std Mtg.

Dine Out



Feb. 1st 8 AM Jimmy's of Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee, CA. 92071

Resources

Grand Lodge of California
freemason.org

Masonic Outreach Services
masonichome.org

Heartland Hall Assoc.
elcajonevents.org



Steve Thompson P.:M.:
Worshipful Master

From the East

Brethren, family and friends, greetings from the East!

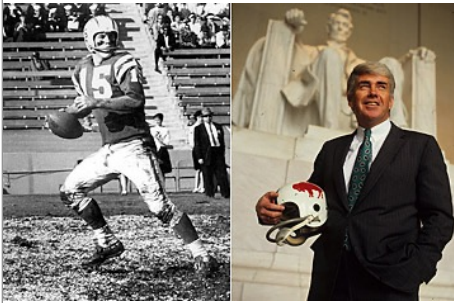
Now that our officers have been installed, we are hitting the ground running. I would like to thank everyone who attended our installation; the latest count showed that 72 people were in attendance, which is awesome. I'm not sure if anyone can recall an event that was so well attended for Heartland. I would like to give special recognition to Wor. Salazar and his Lady Trish, Wor. Mullins and his Lady Michelle, Brother Tuck and his Lady Melissa, honored Lady Laura Rafferty, Brother Wong, and my wife Shelley, for helping to make the dining hall look so wonderful for the dinner. I am looking forward to an exciting year, which I plan to have some events that can include our families. There is more to lodge than practicing, doing degrees and proficiencies. Although these are vital, I also would like to do visitations to other lodges along with family events. It is my hope that many of us will attend these events.

As I've said many times before, "you get out of Masonry what you put into Masonry"! I would also like to see how our lodge can be of service to our community, and I will be relying on our officers to help with this mission. There should be opportunities coming that can get us all involved! Again, I want to thank everyone for your attendance at installation, and I want to thank all of you brethren for putting your faith and trust in me to lead our lodge into next year! I have no doubt that I will be leaving the lodge in good hands. See you in lodge!

Steve Thompson P.:M.: Worshipful Master



From the South



Remembering Jack Kemp

- Born 7/13/1935, Los Angeles
- Died 5/2/2009, Bethesda
- Pro Football Player, Politician & U.S. Army Reserve
- Member of Fraternal Lodge No. 625 F&AM, in Hamburg, New York, and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason
- Played for AFL, NFL & CFL including San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills
- House of Representatives, Senior Economic Adviser & Sec. of H.U.D.



February Masonic Anniversaries

- David Smith - 18yrs
- Eric Schera - 10yrs
- Jerald Ostrom - 63yrs
- Dean Briley - 56yrs
- James McCaughan - 48yrs
- Harold Vincent - 51yrs
- Kirk Wickline - 45yrs
- Bryan Meyer - 26yrs
- Jordan King - 1 year
- Ron Mullins - 14yrs
- Harold MacPherson- 51yrs

Brethren,

It is my honor to step back into the role of Junior Warden. I will be also taking some of the duties of the Senior Warden as that office is vacant. This is in addition to helping candidates advance as the Candidate's Coach.

Please let the Master know if you have any desire to be a candidate's coach. Our candidates deserve our help as they work on their advancement to becoming Master Masons. I would like to remind each of you that someone took the time to help in your advancement and each one of us has a duty to help our candidates advance. I have found it rewarding to play a small part in their advancement.

I want to thank our new and returning officers for their service to Heartland Lodge. I look forward in working with you and being a part of your journey. We are going to have a GREAT year. WM Steve Thompson has many activities planned and want to involve all of the officers, members and families. Please support Heartland Lodge as best as you can.

I often tell the candidates what is expected of them as they move toward becoming a Master Mason in Heartland Lodge. I will pass this on to you for your benefit. We strongly encourage each member to try to attend the Stated Meeting and the Degrees as often as they can. We understand that life happens. Work and family must be your priority. We only ask that you include Heartland Lodge when you can. We need your participation in our meetings and events.

Masonic Trivia: On November 10, 1928, the Grand Lodge of California held a special communication at Culver City to lay the corner stone of the Masonic Temple. The lodge room was so crowded that the grand line officers were unable to enter the room. They retired to a nearby Ladies' powder room to open the Grand Lodge for the ceremony.

See you at Heartland Lodge!

Ron Mullins P.:M.: Junior Warden



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Secretary's Desk

Concordant Bodies

Scottish Rite
scottishritesandiego.org

York Rite
yorkritesandiego.org

Al Bahr Shrine
albahrshrine.org

Shriners International
shrinersinternational.org

Order of the Eastern Star
oescal.org

Youth Orders

DeMolay International
demolay.org

Jobs Daughters
International
jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls
gorainbow.org

931st District

La Mesa Lodge 407
lodge407.freemason.org

Lemon Grove Lodge 736
facebook.com/groups/lg736/



Grand Lodge has sent out dues notices for **2025 of \$274**

We have set up a Venmo account on our website so that you may pay your dues directly to Heartland Lodge, this will save you a fee. **You may go online to the Heartland 576 website, click on the link and Pay your dues via Venmo, "Bryan Meyer-88", without paying a fee, or on iMember 2.0 and pay your dues with a credit card via Grand Lodge. There is a fee using the Grand Lodge site.**

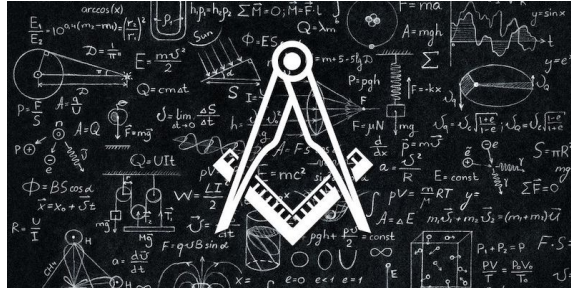
Go to Grand Lodge website ([http://imember.freemason.org/users/sign in](http://imember.freemason.org/users/sign_in)) Click on sign in, Check membership status, Enter your E-mail Address. Or Your member ID number (which can be found on your dues card or above your name on your issue of California Freemason Magazine), which can be used to sign for the first time.. Enter a password, confirm password, complete form. Go to IMember 2.0 and log in. Use the dashboard to select the different sections/ this will put you into your personal data file. You will be able to change your information only. You will not be able change anyone else's information. There will be certain reports that you may view but not change. **The new program has no provision for printing batches of dues cards. Dues cards will not mailed.** You will be able to print out your dues card by accessing iMember 2.0. Also by selecting the tab for virtual dues card, this Grand Lodge app can be downloaded to a smart phone for a "virtual dues card" when visiting other lodges. This app has a 5 minute window to show the Tiler. Call us if you need assistance to log-in. Be Sure to check our website every month the calendar and updates, also special events. **The secretary's email has changed. It is now secretaryheartlandlodge@gmail.com. The assistant secretary email is now asstsecretary576@gmail.com**



Fraternally, Bryan Meyer P.:M.: Secretary



Arithmetic



Arithmetic is an elementary branch of mathematics that studies numerical operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In a wider sense, it also includes exponentiation, extraction of roots, and taking logarithms. Arithmetic operations form the basis of many branches of mathematics, such as algebra, calculus, and statistics. They play a similar role in the sciences, like physics and economics. Arithmetic is present in many aspects of daily life, for example, to calculate change while shopping or to manage personal finances. It is one of the earliest forms of mathematics education that students encounter. Its cognitive and conceptual foundations are studied by psychology and philosophy.

The earliest forms of arithmetic are sometimes traced back to counting and tally marks used to keep track of quantities. Some historians suggest that the Lebombo bone (dated about 43,000 years ago) and the Ishango bone (dated about 22,000 to 30,000 years ago) are the oldest arithmetic artifacts but this interpretation is disputed.[156] However, a basic sense of numbers may predate these findings and might even have existed before the development of language.

Arithmetic is the foundation of mathematics. The difference between math and arithmetic is this: "Math" refers to the broader field of mathematics, encompassing various branches like algebra, geometry, calculus, and trigonometry, while "arithmetic" is a specific, foundational branch of math that focuses solely on basic operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with numbers; essentially, arithmetic is the most elementary part of mathematics.

I never liked math class when I was younger, and I still don't. I do not find it enjoyable in any way whatsoever. However, I do understand it's importance and appreciate it's value to human achievement, both individual and as a whole. Of course here are some links. Next month we will look at Geometry.

[Full Arithmetic Course in 5 hours](#)

[Arithmetic Basics](#)

[Intro to Math](#)

[Math Foundations – Basic Math Skills every Adult should know](#)

The Pirate Mason



FREEMASONS MONTHLY MAGAZINE - 1842

The always talented, and sometimes eccentric, HARRIET MARTINEAU, in her Retrospect of "Western Travels," relates the following anecdote:-

"Then came Captain L. with his five fine daughters. He looked too old to be their father and well he might. When master of a vessel, he was set ashore by pirates, with his crew, on a desert Island, where he was thirty-six days without food. Almost all his crew were dead, and he just dying, when help arrived - by means of Freemasonry. Among the pirates was a Scotchman, a Mason, as was Captain L. The two exchanged signs. The Scotchman could not give aid at the moment but after many days of fruitless and anxious attempts, he contrived to sail back, at the risk of his life, and landed on the desert Island on the thirty-sixth day from his leaving it. He had no expectation of finding the party alive but to take the chance and loose no time, he jumped ashore with a kettle full of wine in his hand. He poured wine down the throats of the few whom he found still breathing, and treated them so judiciously that they recovered. At least it was called recovery: but Capt. L.'s looks are very haggard and nervous still. He took the Scotchman home, and cherished him to the day of his death:'

It will probably be recollected by a portion of our readers, that while in this country, we believe in the year 1856, Miss Martineau, perhaps laboring under one of those fits of eccentricity which frequently lead her into acts of indiscretion, sided with the enemies of our Institution, and contributed of her talents and influence to bring it into disrepute and public contempt. It operated in her case, however, as did McFingal's gun, which "Being charged for duck, or plover, Shot wide and kicked its owner over."

Of the result of that exploit we do not complain. That which excites our surprise is, that she should have so far forgotten what is due to the character of an ingenuous and honorable opponent - a character that we had a right to expect to find in a lady of her intelligence - as to give publicity to an incident, the truth of which she does not doubt, so beautifully exhibiting the practical utility of the Order under its holier attributes - without the slightest reference to her previously expressed opinions. It afforded her an honorable opportunity to have acknowledged her error, and to have done tardy justice to an Institution, which, while writing the anecdote, she must have felt conscious she had wrongfully traduced. But her self-pride was permitted to triumph, even to the prejudice of her character for integrity and truth! Comment, however, was not necessary. The mere recital of the incident furnished a full refutation of all she had previously written against the Institution. She has given to her readers the evidence, that the heart of the renegade - dead to all other associations but that of crime - can be reached and awakened to a sense of the kindlier feelings of humanity, by the irresistible appeals of Freemasonry. The pirate-Mason, at the risk of his own life, saves that of his Brother! What a sweet spirit is here shown! - the pirate no more, but warmed by the benevolent affections, he pants to succor and to save. Even in such hands, the wine is blessed by Him whose ways are indeed mysterious.



From the “Grand Lodge Bulletin” of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Oct. 1970

MASONRY AND PIRATES

(As related in The Pocket History of Freemasonry by

Fred L. Pick and G. Norman Knight)

In 1795 an American Ship from Maine was captured by pirates from Tripoli and the captain and crew were taken to the pirate’s home port and there forced to labour as slaves. One day, while the crew was working, a Tripolitan officer who had been initiated in France recognized the enslaved captain as a Freemason. The officer immediately took steps to provide some comforts for the captain and later was able to secure his release.

In another story of pirates related at the Stability Lodge of Instruction in 1845 asserts that fifteen years before a merchant vessel which was bound for Cuba had been captured by pirates. The Ship was looted, the Captain and the crew were bound securely. The pirates then prepared to burn the ship. The captain of the captured ship in his extremity made the S. Of an E.A. to which a pirate responded with that of a F.C. The pirate then made representations to the captain of the pirate ship and was able to secure the release of the ship and the crew. The following day the pirate ship encountered the erstwhile captured ship again but made no attempt to molest her. The story says that the mate of the ship lost no time in applying for membership in the Craft once the lucky ship was brought safely home to England. The editors of the Pocket History say that the Freemason’s Quarterly Review in commenting on the story wrote, “we have a remarkable instance of a man who, though he disregarded every law both human and divine, had yet remained faithful to his Masonic obligation”.

February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						Dine Out 8AM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 Groundhog DAY	TBD			Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	TBD			TBD	 Happy Valentine's Day!	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Dark  HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY			DOSI at Heartland 6:30PM		
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	TBD	Hall Association Meeting 6pm		TBD		

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