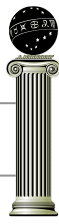


HEARTLAND LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



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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

Jan. SM Dinner



Chicken Piccata over Angel Hair Pasta, Broccoli Florets, Green Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressing, Rolls & Butter, Apple & Cherry Pie, Coffee & Tea. Only \$15. Please RSVP to Secretary by Thursday Before Std Mtg.

Dine Out



The Pancake House, Jan. 4th 8AM, 1000 N. 2nd. St. El Cajon, CA. 92021 Please RSVP, asstsecretary576@gmail.com

Resources

Grand Lodge of California freemason.org

Masonic Outreach Services masonichome.org

Heartland Hall Assoc. elcajonevents.org



La France Bragg P.:M.:
Worshipful Master

From the East

Brethren,

As we wrap up the 101st year of Heartland Lodge, I thank all the Brothers and Ladies who helped make it a success! We accomplished many goals, some new and some revived.

We have new members who stepped right in to learn and assist our craft, we thank you and look forward to your growth and travels through Freemasonry. Congratulations to Kenny Villasenor and Bryant Tuck our newest Master Masons raised in December.

The installation of the 2025 Officers will be on 11 January, 2025 at 2 pm in Heartland Masonic Center. Come out and give them a good send off for the new Masonic year. WB Steve Thompson, Master Elect, is planning for a good year. We have brothers who are preparing for their next degrees. *Read the Trestleboard and check our web site for details and dates.* It has been suggested that the Dine Out Group meet a little later for Brunch. Please let me know your Thoughts.

Enjoy the Christmas Holidays and have A Happy New Year!

LaFrance Bragg, P.:M.: Master





Remembering Red Skelton

- Born 7/18/1913
Died 9/17/1997
- Actor, Artist, Comedian & Clown - *Click Pic for Video*
- Member of Vincennes Lodge No. 1 in IN
- Raised on 9/20/1939
- Member of York Rite, Scottish Rite NMJ and Shriner
- Received 33rd Degree on 9/24/1969
- Awarded the Gorges Medal on 7/14/1995
- International Clown Hall of Fame 1989



January Masonic Anniversaries

- George Griffin - 45 Yrs
- Nihil Smith - 58 Yrs
- Paul Robinson - 35 Yrs
- Raymond Contreras-25Yrs
- Paul Sarkisian - 33 Yrs
- Edward Vacin - 53 Yrs
- Joe Mejia - 12 Yrs
- Walter Tiedge - 62 Yrs

From the West



Greetings from the West, for January!

As we embark on a new year, I hope that everyone had a wonderful and beautiful Christmas and holiday season. For our lodge, we closed out the year by raising two brothers, Kenny Villasenor and Bryant Tuck, to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and a wonderful Christmas party with great food and the usual shenanigans that come with our white elephant gift exchange.

We will kick off the new year with our Stated Meeting and dinner on the 2nd, followed by our installation of officers on Saturday the 11th, at 2:00 pm. I hope that everyone will attend.

I hope to have many activities this year that will include our families, as well as doing visitations to other lodges. Exciting times are ahead and I am honored and am looking forward to being installed as our lodge Master. I hope to see as many of you as possible this year. And, as usual, I will close with this; “You get out of Masonry what you put into Masonry!”

See you in lodge,
Steve Thompson PM, Senior Warden



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Secretary's Desk



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.**

In Memorandum

Claude Wayne LeMond

- Bro. LeMond was born on Aug. 22nd 1934
- Raised to the Sublime Degree on May 20th 1976
- Retired Sargent of California Highway Patrol
- Called from Labor on Dec. 2nd 2024 at 90yrs of age.
- He was a member of the craft for 48 years.

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



Astronomy



Astronomy (the 1st of the quadrivium), not to be confused with astrology, is the scientific study of celestial objects and phenomena beyond Earth's atmosphere, including planets, stars, galaxies, comets, and asteroids, using mathematics, physics, and chemistry to explain their origin and evolution across the universe; essentially, it's the study of "what's out there" in space. Astronomy is one of the oldest scientific disciplines that has evolved from the humble beginnings of counting stars and charting constellations with the naked eye to the impressive showcase of humankind's technological capabilities that we see today.

Astronomy is important because it helps us understand our place in the universe, provides insights into the origins of life and our solar system, allows us to predict potential threats from space like asteroids, contributes to technological advancements, and has historically been used for navigation and timekeeping, shaping our worldview throughout history; essentially, by studying the cosmos, we learn about ourselves and our planet's place within it. And now I will do something that I do well, burst some bubbles. As of the time of writing, we have absolutely no evidence that aliens exist. None. I'm sorry, I know most of you don't want that to be the case, but it is. As always, here are some links to get you started. Next month we take a look at arithmetic.

[Online courses](#) [History of Astronomy](#) [NASA](#) [space.com](#) [No aliens](#)

[Professor Dave Explains Astronomy](#) [Astronomy Crash Course](#)

Editorial

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you are all doing well. So far I have had overwhelmingly positive feedback for the Trestleboard, and I thank all of you. It is always nice to know one's work is appreciated and well received. One great thing about Masonry is that there is no shortage of topics to write about. If it's underlined, it's a link, click on it!

The Hall Association has purchased the brand new folding chairs and racks for the hall, and they have been delivered. We have also got a new American flag for the pole out front, and are in the process of having new security cameras installed on the property. The cameras have state of the art analytics that look for people and vehicles and will be integrated into our existing alarm system. We also have a new cleaning company that will clean the Lodge a couple times a week, and are in the process of having repairs done to the north side wall. We had a new switch installed to turn off the outlet outside to deter vagrants from staying on property. We have discovered a new sink hole (it's always something), so at this time, I am not sure how much that will cost, nor how that might delay any future endeavors. I will keep you all posted as things develop.

I want to say a special thank you to the Brother that Raised me 20 years ago, Wor. Lanny Bragg. Thank you for the honor of taking on the Trestleboard, your mentorship and all you have done and will continue to do for Heartland. You are much appreciated!

Sincerely & Fraternaly, Happy New Year!,

Jason Lampley P.:M.: Asst.Sec./HA Pres./Editor



3Peat or Bust!



Anno Lucis

Happy New Year! Welcome to 6025! Most of you may have noticed that on certain Masonic documents, certificates or plaques and Corner stones etc..., the year is different, and followed by the initials "A.L." But not all of you may know what that means. It's the Masonic Calendar, which is based on the "Anno Lucis" dating system. The Anno Lucis dating system is the Gregorian year plus 4000. For example, the Grand Lodge was formed in 1850, on the seal it says 5850 AL. Heartland Lodge got it's charter in 1923, or 5923 A.L. And now we are in the year 2025 or 6025 A.L.

Anno Lucis is a Latin phrase that means "in the Year of Light". This calendar era, which would designate 4001 BC as 'year zero', was adopted in the 18th century as a simplification of the Anno Mundi era dating system used in the Hebrew calendar.

The Scottish Rite use Anno Mundi (In the year of the World), also known as the Jewish Calendar. Which adds 3,760 yrs to the Gregorian year. Royal Arch Masons use the date Zerubbabel began building the 2nd Temple, which was 530 years before Christ. This is called Anno Inventionis (In the Year of the Discovery) or A.I. So 2024 is 2554. Cryptic Masons use the date beginning with the completion of the 1st Temple (King Solomon's Temple) Which is 1000 years before Christ. Which is called Anno Depositionis (In the Year of Deposit) or A.Dep. And the Knights Templar Order was founded in 1118 A.D. So modern Masonic Templars use that as the start date for their Calendar. This is called Anno Ordinis or A.O. So 2024 is 906 A.O. And the Shriners do not use a different calendar, they have a custom. It's always 5 o'clock somewhere.

MASONIC CALENDAR SYSTEM

A Moment of Levity

There's a man, walking down the street at one o'clock in the morning--he's loaded.

A policeman stops him and asks him, "where do you think you're going in that condition?"

"I'm on my way to a lecture on Freemasonry," the man slurred.

"Where can you possibly get a lecture on Freemasonry at this time of night?" the officers asks.

"From my wife, when I get home!"

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.

It was so cold, I'm a 33rd Degree Mason and I went down 4 degrees! - Red Skelton

I personally believe that we were put here to build and not to destroy. So if by chance some day you're not feeling well and you should remember some silly little thing I've said or done, and it brings a smile to your face or a chuckle to your heart - then my purpose as your clown has been fulfilled.

Good night and may God bless.

- Red Skelton



Masonry & Art


“The Oath of the Horatii” by Bother Jacques-Louis David



A notable example of Freemasonry's influence in art is Jacques-Louis David's "The Oath of the Horatii," painted in 1784. This work features three brothers taking an oath of loyalty to Rome, with their father holding their swords. The painting is believed to contain Masonic symbolism, such as the three pillars in the background representing the three degrees of Freemasonry, as well as the three Chief Officers.. Additionally, the themes of loyalty and sacrifice in the painting can be seen as embodying the Masonic values of brotherhood, duty, and self-sacrifice. The theme of taking an oath, can also be seen in his works "The Oath of the Tennis Court", "The Distribution of the Eagles", and "Leonidas at Thermopylae". I recommend that you read about Brother David (there is a link above). He was a very interesting man. Other than a great artist, he was a French Revolutionary, a friend and supporter of Napoleon, and was blessed by the Pope.

January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30PM		Dine Out 8AM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Practice Or Proficiency TBD 7PM	J. Shell Daylight Stated Meeting 10AM		Installation Practice 7PM		Heartland 576 Installation 2PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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