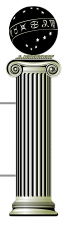


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"Our cause is noble; it is the cause of mankind!" - Wor. Bro. George Washington P.M.

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Stated Meeting

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

June SM Dinner



Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas
& Carrots, Ice Berg Lettuce Salad/
Tomatoes/ Ranch and Italian
Dressing, & Peach Cobbler,
Coffee & Tea. Only \$15. Please
RSVP to Secretary by Thursday
Before Std Mtg.

Dine Out



June 7th, 8AM at Gillespie Field
Cafe, 2015 Marshall Ave, El Cajon,
CA 92020

Resources

Grand Lodge of California
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masonichome.org

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Steve Thompson P.M.:
Worshipful Master

From the East

Brethren, family and friends, greetings from the East,

The year is nearly half over, and there are many things happening for Heartland. As you may be aware, we have had a sink hole in front of the building since the beginning of the year, which was found to be an old water cistern. Now that the problem has been identified, the Hall Association will proceed with the necessary repairs. A crack in the floor was recently discovered in the conference room adjacent to the lodge room, and has subsequently been repaired.

Now on a brighter note, while the floor was exposed in the conference room, Wor.'s Bryan Meyer and Jason Lampley got rid of the old carpet from the room, as well as the carpet in the hallway. They are now replacing the carpet with vinyl plank flooring, for a much needed upgrade. Many thanks, my brothers, for doing this.

By the time you read this article, we should have a new Entered Apprentice, Chase Kassin. Welcome Brother. More degrees should be coming in the near future, which equates to lodge growth, which is always a good thing. Heartland Lodge is now in the process of getting involved with the Masonic Child ID Program, as a way to get involved with, and give back to our local community. Our first official event should be taking place on June 14th, at our lodge, as we partner with Eastern Star for their annual craft fair. It is our hope that many brothers will get involved. We are partnering with other area lodges in this Child ID program, so there will probably be many opportunities to get this program going strong. We also hope to get a lodge event planned for our families in the near future. The bowling event that was planned for April, had to be cancelled, due to a lack of commitment from the brethren. It is hoped that we can do more than just practice two nights a week, and a family event would be nice. The Child ID program will help as well. Looking to the future, we will be having a work party in July, to help a very worthy brother, with some required home repairs. Please plan on helping out, which leads me to my usual article closing, "You get out of Masonry, what you put into Masonry!" I hope to see you all soon.

Steve Thompson PM, Worshipful Master





Remembering Samuel Colt

- Born 7/19/1814 Hartford CT.
- Died 1/10/1862 Hartford CT.
- Member of St. Johns Lodge No.4 in W. Hanford CT.
- Inventor, Industrialist, Businessman & Hunter
- Famous for Colt firearms
- Inductee of Nat. Inventors Hall of Fame 2006



June Masonic Anniversaries

Walter Brown - 64yrs
 John Gallien - 14yrs
 Nathan Colestock - 23yrs
 Cesar Carpio - 10yrs
 Donald Dernbach - 55yrs
 Tracy Smith - 13yrs
 Robert Turner - 18yrs
 Christopher Pham - 17yrs
 David Serrano - 1yr
 Lewis Balke - 30yrs
 David Berman - 24yrs
 John Austin - 48yrs
 William Hoffmark - 57yrs
 Lawrence Lyle - 48yrs

From the West

This month I want to discuss something I find to be commendable regarding masonry, particularly Heartland Lodge. We are all familiar with the attentive ear, but what about the attentive eye? Do you notice the little things, or do you let them go because someone else will take care of it? It is their job, not mine, right? Well, I am pleased to point out that over the years I have witnessed, this is not the Heartland way! Some of the *attentive* things I have observed over and over here at Heartland Lodge...

After a degree, our brothers pitch in by putting away Lodge paraphernalia. While other Brothers slip out to the Dining Hall to assist with the clean-up once refreshment is over, so all can get home in an expedient manner. Once night falls and a Brother's Lady leaves to go home, a brother or two always seems to offer a watchful eye or assistance to make sure she gets to her car and drives away safely.

Even at the end of the night, when the last two Brothers leave the Lodge, they wait to make sure the other's vehicle starts without incident and each is safely on their way. Those are but a few of the commendable examples of what the attentive eye may see, here at Heartland. And why I am proud to say, I am a Mason! But even prouder to say, "I am a Mason from Heartland Lodge #576". Thank you, my brothers, for setting such exemplary examples of being a Mason, particularly a Heartland Mason.

As a reminder, transportation to Lodge: if you find yourself in need of a ride to and/or from Lodge, please contact the Secretary or the Master (in a timely manner), so they can assist in arranging transportation for you.

Lastly, whenever possible remember to make a commitment, by placing or making a RSVP to each of the Lodge events you plan to attend for the remainder of the year, as well as going forward. This one small courtesy makes things so much easier for the brethren planning the event(s) and ensure your participation and good fellowship. You can always make those RSVPs with the Committee Chairman, the Lodge Secretary, or if needed the Master.

As always, I look forward to seeing you soon. Your fellowship is always welcome. As well as any assistance you can offer, which is always appreciated.

Fraternally,

Ron Chandler PM
 Senior Warden



2025 Officer Line

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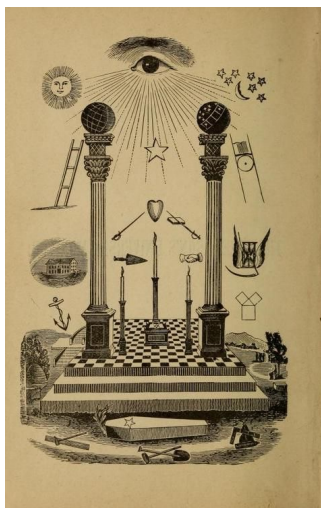
Tyler

George Whidby

Officer Coaches

Ron Chandler PM

Angel Salazar PM



From the South



Brethren,

2025 is half over and many of us will be preparing to qualify for our next position at Heartland Lodge. I wish all of us well as we study and try to perform our roles with excellence or at least to avoid the dreaded flying ritual book from Officers Coaches. I have to say "Thank You" to our Officers Coaches (Ron Chandler and Angel Salazar) as they spend a lot of time with us to improve our performances. It came up in a discussion at the Lodge a few weeks on what is a Masonic Summons and I thought that some additional information was in order.

§804.850. DUTY TO OBEY SUMMONS.

It is the duty of every Mason to obey a summons. This obligation is absolute and the penalty for disobedience shall be expulsion, unless it is shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. The summons shall be served on a Mason by:

- A. Personal delivery by the Tiler or some other member of the Lodge authorized by the Master;
- B. Being left with an adult occupant at his ordinary residence or with an adult employee at his place of business during regular business hours; or
- C. Being mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to his last known address as shown in the Lodge's records by the Secretary. Service by mail shall be presumed complete on depositing the documents in the mail in a sealed envelope with sufficient postage. The Master Mason performing the service shall provide proof of service in the form of a Certificate of Service which is filed with the Secretary.

Masonic Trivia

On his solo flight across the Atlantic, Charles Lindbergh wore a square and compasses on his jacket for good luck. Lindbergh was a Freemason.

See you at Heartland Lodge!

Ron Mullins Junior Warden



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\$6,576
Ages 50 - 54
\$5,480
Ages 55 -59
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Ages 65 - 71
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Ages 72 or Older
\$3,288

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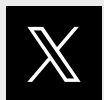
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**Secretary's Desk**

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

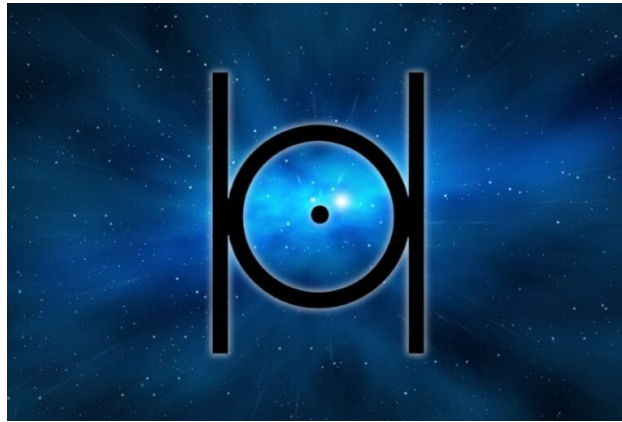
We have set up a Venmo account on our website so that you may pay your dues directly to Heartland Lodge, this will save you a fee. **You may go online to the Heartland 576 website, click on the link and Pay your dues via Venmo, "Bryan Meyer-88", without paying a fee, or on iMember 2.0 and pay your dues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

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



A Point Within A Circle



Derived from the operative stonemasons of old, the practices and lessons of Freemasonry are founded upon the principles of geometry. Its teachings sculpt Masons into better men, guided by the three central values of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. As any Mason knows, getting to the heart of Masonry's philosophies and ethical teachings requires ongoing study and practice. Veiled in allegory, extracting these teachings' wisdom requires a thorough understanding of Masonic rituals' many symbols. One such symbol Masons encounter frequently is the point within a circle.

In recent history, Freemasonry has adopted its interpretation of this image, with the point in the center of the circle representing the individual man or Mason. The circle represents the line between our passions, vices, prejudices, and those around us. As Masons, we work each day to prevent our selfish interests from passing beyond the circle and infringing on our duty to our God and fellow man. The two perpendicular parallel lines represent the patron saints of Freemasonry: Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

Similarly, another interpretation describes teaches that the circle represents the boundary line of the Mason's duty to God and his brethren. Residing within the circle, it is a reminder that we should maintain decency and goodwill towards our Brothers and fellow humans as we strive to live up to the ideals of Freemasonry.

Still, another interpretation by Masons is that the point in the circle refers to the circumambulation a new initiate is required to make about the sacred Altar in the lodge room while the Brethren stand in two parallel lines. One of the familiar depictions of the symbol includes a "B" on the left side of the left vertical line for John the Baptist, an "E" on the outer right side of the right line, and the Volume of Sacred Law above the circle.

As with many Masonic symbols, it is unknown when or where the point within the circle first originated. Over the ages, there have been alternate depictions, and it has held many meanings that are different from its significance in modern Masonry. For example, we know of a variation carved on Ancient Egyptian monuments. In these instances, the Alpha and Omega, or the symbol of God, shows the circle flanked by two perpendicular snakes rather than the straight lines we see in modern Masonry. While the first instances of this symbol may not be known, we can be sure the point within a circle did not originate in 1717 when the first Grand Lodge was established in England. Regardless, as interpreted in contemporary speculative Masonry, it holds significant meaning to Masons across the globe. It serves as a reminder to live a life guided by our brotherhood's morals so that we may become better men having a positive influence on our communities and those closest to us.

Flag Day

Flag is celebrated on June 14th because it commemorates the adoption of flag of the United States on June 14th, 1777 by resolution of the 2nd Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Consolidated Laws designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Federal law leaves it to the discretion of president to officially proclaim the observance. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter 1, Section 110 is the official statute on Flag Day. The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this date.

The week of June 14 (June 09–15, 2024; June 08–14, 2025; June 14–20, 2026) is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation "urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America." The flag should also be displayed on all government buildings. Some organizations, such as the towns of Quincy, Massachusetts and Dedham, Massachusetts, hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents.

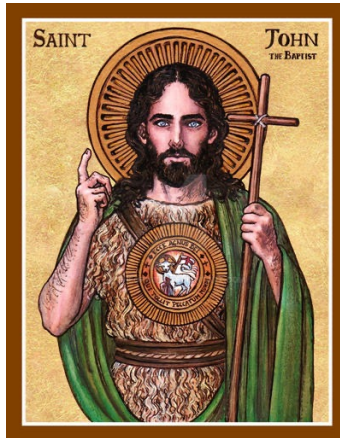
The National Flag Day Foundation holds an annual observance for Flag Day on the second Sunday in June. The next observances of the Foundation's annual observance (as opposed to the US federal government's observance) will be on June 08, 2025, and June 14, 2026. The program includes a ceremonial raising of the national flag, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the national anthem, a parade and other events.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, Maryland, birthplace of the 1813 flag that inspired Francis Scott Key (1779–1843) to pen his famous poem a year later, has celebrated Flag Day since 1927. In that year, a museum was created in the home of flag-banner-pennant maker Mary Pickersgill on the historic property.

American fraternal order and social club the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has celebrated the holiday since the early days of the organization and allegiance to the flag is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the BPOE Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression.

Coincidentally, June 14 is also the date for the annual anniversary of the Bear Flag Revolt in California. On June 14, 1846, 33 American settlers and mountain men arrested the Mexican general in command at Sonoma, and declared the "Bear Flag Republic" on the Pacific Ocean coast as an independent nation. A flag emblazoned with a bear, a red stripe, a star and the words "California Republic" was raised to symbolize independence from Mexico of the former province of Alta California. The Bear Flag was adopted as California's state flag upon joining the Union as the 31st state in 1850, after being annexed by the United States following the Mexican–American War of 1846–1849. Prominently flying both the US and state flags on June 14 is a tradition for some Californians

St. John the Baptist



As you all should know, one of our Patron Saints is St. John the Baptist. Also known as St. John the forerunner and John the Immerser, or John the Baptiser. John is mentioned by the Roman Jewish historian Josephus, and he is revered as a major religious figure and Saint in Christianity. In Islam, the Bahá'í Faith, the Druze faith, and Mandaeism; he is considered to be the final and most vital prophet. According to the New Testament, John anticipated a messianic figure greater than himself; in the Gospels, he is portrayed as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus himself identifies John as "Elijah who is to come", which is a direct reference to the Book of Malachi (Malachi 4:5), as confirmed by the angel who announced John's birth to his father, Zechariah. According to the Gospel of Luke, John and Jesus were relatives.

John used baptism as the central symbol or sacrament of his pre-messianic movement. Most biblical scholars agree that John baptized Jesus, and several New Testament accounts report that some of Jesus's early followers had previously been followers of John. According to the New Testament, John was sentenced to death and subsequently beheaded by Herod Antipas around AD 30 after John rebuked him for divorcing his wife and then unlawfully wedding Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. Josephus also mentions John in the Antiquities of the Jews and states that he was executed by order of Herod Antipas in the fortress at Machaerus.

Followers of John existed well into the 2nd century AD, and some proclaimed him to be the Messiah awaited by Jews. In modern times, the followers of John the Baptist are the Mandaeans, an ancient ethnoreligious group who believe that he is their greatest and final prophet. In the Roman martyrology, John is the only saint whose birth and death are both commemorated. In the United States his feast day is typically celebrated on June 24th. Freemasons have celebrated his feast day since the beginning on the fraternity. It has been a part of many Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge formations. If you recalled in the last issue, it was a part of the beginning of Masonry in San Diego.



In Memorandum

- Rejoice, none for this month!

Hall Association

President - Jason Lampley PM

Vice Pres. - Lanny Bragg PM

Secretary - Pete Reith

CFO - Mark Vettel

ExOfficio-SteveThompsonPM

ExOfficio - Ron Chandler PM



Editorial

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you are well. This month is my one year anniversary as the Trestleboard editor. That went by fast. I hope you all have enjoyed the new format and content, and that it has become a more interesting and informative read.

As for the Hall, the broken conduit with electrical wires in the sink hole have been repaired. The hole is partially filled with sand and we are doing our due diligence on the final phase of filling the hole. Everything has been done legally, and as safe and cost effective as possible. We do not want to deal with this problem a second time. The crack in the conference room floor has been repaired and Bryan and myself have begun installing the new floor in the south side hallway and conference room. As of time of writing, we are almost done with the hallway. We are getting estimates on having the two trees next to the conference room removed and may possibly sell the palm trees outside on the edge of the parking lot. We also ordered a new defibrillator. Plans are underway to get the lights in the hall repaired as well. So things are moving along fairly well. As always I will keep you all updated on our progress.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Lampley P.:M.:



June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Executive Meeting 6PM Practice 7PM			Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30PM		Dine Out 8AM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Practice 7PM			Practice 7PM		 Eastern Star Craft Fair/Child ID Program
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Practice 7PM			Practice 7PM		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Practice 7PM	St. John the Baptist Day 		DOSI at La Mesa Lodge		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	Executive Meeting 6PM Practice 7PM					

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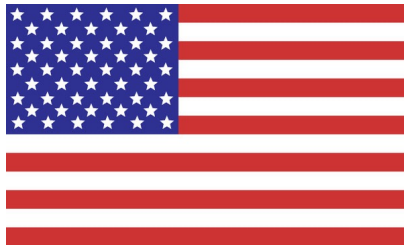
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