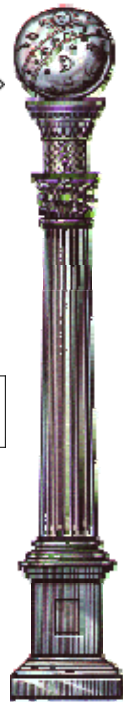




# THE TRESTLEBOARD



OF

## SIMI VALLEY LODGE #806 FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

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### Words from the East...

Brethren,

January brought a good start to the year. We started with an initiation and wrapped up with a raising. And February looks to be even better. If you look at the calendar at the end of the Trestleboard, you will see three 3rd Degrees. And all three within a week of each other.

On the 9th, we are doing a double 3rd. We will start at 10am. There will be a lunch break between the Degrees. This should be a very enjoyable day.

Simi Valley Lodge will be installing some new technologies over the next couple of months. We will be adding wireless DSL access and security cameras. The wireless will be secured and access will be limited to tenants of our building. Wireless access may help us gain more rental business. The cameras initially will be placed inside to monitor the doors. Future enhancements may include out-

side cameras.

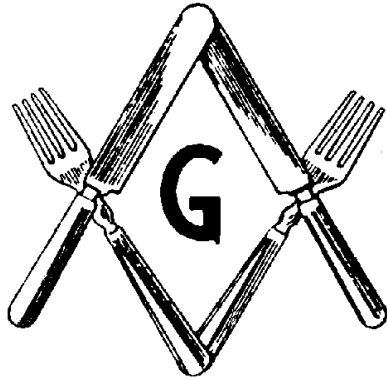
Both of these are only possible because of equipment donations and support of the Building Association.



There is a new feature in this edition of the Trestleboard. We are including 2 months worth of calendar. While some of the details for March are missing, the dates are blocked in. We added this feature because of a request of a member of the Lodge. So, if you have any suggestions on what kind of information you would like to see in future editions, please let me know. We are limited in how many pages we have, but we can get creative in how we present the information.

S&F,

Terry Baker  
Master



## DAVE'S DINER

**T**his month's menu is decidedly Italian.

Jeanine Myers has decided to cook up the following fare for your consumption:

- Chilled/tossed Salad
- Gourmet Spaghetti entrée
- Garlic bread
- A yummy dessert!

Coffee & Lemonade will also be served. Get your reservations in to Dave Smith as soon as possible at 526-4594. Dinners with RSVP are \$7, those without reservations will be \$8.

## Words from the West...

Brethren,

**W**elcome to the Month of February! The only month of the year with a "Leap Day". That's right, February has 29 days this year which gives us one extra day to accomplish our good works in Masonry.



Our Stated Meeting is on February 6, 2008 and our Brother Maurice Cohen has committed to giving his First Degree Proficiency at that Meeting. He has already submitted his written answers to the written questions to me and will be scheduled to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 20th.

Please check the February Calendar to see when he and other Brothers are scheduled to receive their respective degrees and to take note of all of the other Masonic Family events during the month. See you there!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Tom White,  
Senior Warden

## From the Secretary's Table...

Brethren:

**W**ith the 2008 year off to a great start, your Secretary wishes to provide the following news of interest:

- Bro. Charlie Krefting, of whom we passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason as a courtesy to his home lodge back east, has decided to affiliate with Simi Valley Lodge. His paperwork is in process with his home Grand Lodge and we will act upon his petition when the response is received.
- The 2007 year end financials will be submitted to the

Lodge at the February Stated Meeting. Copies can be made available at any regular member's request.

- Lodge name badges have been shipped from the manufacturer and should be available for the officers in the next several weeks.



Fraternaly,  
Carl Swanson,  
Asst. Secretary

## Star News

**S**imi Valley Chapter #637, Order of the Eastern Star is starting out a new year with the Installation last November of Jeanine Myers as Worthy Matron; and a new staff of officers both in and outside the labyrinth.

We would like to extend a welcome to all Masons and their wives to stop by the Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner on February 6th. The EM-ERA club (the fundraising arm of the Eastern Star chapter) will be cooking the meal for the Lodge. Stop by and say "Hi!", and meet the ladies of the Eastern Star. Jeanine, as well as any of the ladies of the chapter present, would be happy to answer any questions about Chapter membership that you may have.



There is an entirely different world of Masonry that you are missing out on not being part of the Eastern Star. Many couples have found it an enjoyable avenue to share Masonic principles with their spouse by both belonging to the Eastern Star chapter in Simi Valley.

We hope to see you at the dinner!

Regards,

Dave Smith  
Past Patron

## What kind of Mason are you?

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows - no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs - you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

--- Grand Lodge of  
Kansas Magazine



## Announcements!

### RV Parking:

Need to get your RV off the street? Contact Mike Thompson at (805) 522-8736 for information on RV parking at the Lodge.

### Masonic Apparel:

Plan to purchase your Lodge Hat, Jacket, or shirt today! It makes a great gift for that "special Mason" in your life. New shirts with an embroidered logo are available. Contact Dave Smith, PM, at (805) 526-4594.

### Building Reservations:

Need a place for your own reception, meeting, banquet, or other special function? Contact Jay Monroe at (805) 660-4232, or Monroeappraisal@sbcglobal.net for information.

### High 12 Luncheon:

I would like to invite all Masons in our Lodge to attend a Masonic luncheon. Our lunches are held on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at high noon. We meet at the Plug Nickel in Westlake Village.

High 12 is International and has a scholarship philanthropy. We invite the brothers to come and find out about us. Any questions, call me at 526-4594.

Dave Smith, PM

### Greetings from Fidelity

**W**e are coming to the end of another term. We just had our reception for our Grand Officer in Jan. 5th and we want to thank everyone who attended. It was a beautiful night.



Our next installation is Sunday February 10th at 2pm and we would love you to be there. The Worthy Advisor elect is Trisha Armstrong. We do not have a new calendar planned yet however we will keep you updated.

We look forward to serving the stated dinner in February.

Thank you for your continued support!

Donna Drivere  
Mother Advisor

### Welcome our newest Master Mason...



**B**rother Corey Beeson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Wednesday, January 23. His degree was conferred by his father, Worshipful Robert Beeson III, a Past Master of Simi Valley Lodge.

His degree was well attended by brothers from Reseda, Van Nuys, Old West and other nearby lodges. Brother Beeson "ships out" for Naval Basic Training in early March. Welcome to the fraternity, Corey!



### 2008 ELECTION INFORMATION

Come work the polls with us!



Ladies and Brothers,

With the consent of our Worshipful Master, I have signed the Lodge up to perform "Adopt-A-Poll" election services for all three elections in 2008. The elections are on **2/05/08**, **6/03/08** and **11/04/08**. We will again be at the Simi Library. The work day runs from about 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The requirement to be election workers are that you be registered to vote in Ventura County, and that you attend a training session to learn how to work the new voting machines and handle the various forms.

We especially need one Spanish speaker for each day.

Please contact me with your preferred work-shift times, if you are willing to serve on any or all of the above dates, at 805-306-1240 or [glhartjen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glhartjen@sbcglobal.net).

Fraternally,

Gary Hartjen, PM

# Masonic Trivia to share...

- At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Quebec, occupied a lodge room, which straddled the boundary between Canada and the American state of Vermont. There were entrances on both sides of the border.
- Washington Chapter #3 of Portsmouth, New Hampshire announced its meetings via the town crier, who received from 6 to 25 cents for his work.
- In 1872 the Commissioner of Patents held that the Masonic emblem could not be used in a trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.
- In Robinson vs. Yates City Lodge, Illinois, in 1877, a court ruled that an expelled Mason was not entitled to the return of his degree fees. The court held that the plaintiff voluntarily paid the fees and the expulsion under the provisions of the rules of the organization does not constitute the rescission of a contract under which the fees were paid.
- Frederick A Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the statue of Liberty in New York harbor. The Grand Lodge of NY laid the corner stone on August 5, 1885.
- In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was found a stone in a small chapel, dated 1517, with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love & care, upon the level, and by the square."
- Francis Stephens, the Duke of Lorraine, received the first two Masonic degrees in 1731 in a special lodge convened at The Hague, Holland, becoming the first known royal Freemason. Later he received the Third Degree in England. In 1735 he renounced his title.
- Bernard Pierre Mangam, Marshall of France and Senator was appointed Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France and served from 1862 to 1865. This is unusual because he was not a Mason. He was appointed by Emperor Napoleon III. Dr. Joseph Ignace Guillotine was a member of Concorde Fraternelle Lodge of Paris and a member of the French Assembly. He invented the device that bears his name and was later used to execute him.
- In July 1863, Confederate raiders rode into Versailles, Indiana, capturing the local militia and stealing the county treasury. The next day, General John Morgan (CSA), learned that his men had also made off with the jewels of the local lodge. They were returned the following day. Morgan was from Daviess Lodge #22, Lexington, KY.
- Wheelock Commandery No. 5 in Texas lost all 55 of its members when they were killed serving in the Confederate Army. The Commandery ceased to exist.
- Missouri's first Confederate Capitol was the Masonic Building in Neosho, MS. From here the legislature passed the Act of Secession.
- USA General Thomas Benton, also Grand Master of Iowa, ordered Federal troops to protect Albert Pike's home and prevent the library from being burned, when his troops took Little Rock, Arkansas.

...More Trivia next month!

## CORN, WINE AND OIL

**W**e learn in the Fellow Craft Degree that a Mason's wages are paid in corn, wine and oil. They were the most important products of the Middle East. They constituted the wealth of the people and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment.

Corn is the symbol of nourishment, knowledge, sacrifice, prosperity and resurrection. In the Biblical sense, corn referred to kernels of any grain, wheat particularly. As early man attempted to symbolize abstract thought with commonly known items, corn or wheat became associated with spiritual and intellectual nourishment as well as physical. It also became a symbol of resurrection, because, if stored properly during the winter months, it will produce when planted in the spring.

Wine is used as an element of Masonic consecration as a symbol of the inward refreshment of a good conscience and reminds us of the eternal refreshments which the good are to receive in the future life for the faithful performance of duty in the present. Among the ancients, blood was endowed with great sanctity and considered synonymous with life. Probably because of its color and nutritional value, wine became the symbol for blood and hence of life itself. So wine restores the body and the jaded energies of the soul.

In Biblical times, oil was made from olives. It was used as a cosmetic, a medicine, as fuel for lighting, and an ingredient for food. All of these uses became associated with a symbolic significance of pleasure, gladness and joy. Together, corn, wine and oil symbolically represent the wages or rewards of a good life. When a man has attained a perfection of personal spirit and thought and concern for his fellow creatures is he entitled to those spiritual wages of the corn or nourishment, the wine of refreshment in body and soul and the oil of joy in work well performed.

(Source: Masonic Information for Stated Meetings, Grand Lodge of California)

### *Our Appendant and Concordant Bodies:*

*All groups meet at the Simi Valley Masonic Center, unless otherwise noted.*

#### **Fidelity Assembly #242, Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.  
Donna Drivere, Mother Advisor, (805) 526-7785  
Trisha Armstrong, Worthy Advisor



#### **Bethel #345, International Order of Job's Daughters**

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.  
Barbee Groshko, Bethel Guardian, (805) 582-0974



#### **Simi Valley Chapter #637, Order of the Eastern Star**

Meets 2nd Thursday at 8:00 pm.  
Jeanine Meyers, Worthy Matron (805) 279-3213



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# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>12:00pm:</i> High-12 meeting at the Plug Nickel in WLW.	5  Simi Valley Lodge at the Polls. (Simi Valley Lib.) <i>7:30pm:</i> Jobs Daughters meeting	6 <i>5:30pm:</i> Stated Meeting Dinner <i>7:00pm:</i> Stated Meeting	7	8	9 <i>10:00am:</i> Double 3° for Bro. Bob Purdum & Bro. Marty Maren.
10 <i>9:00am:</i> LAMSB meeting @ Pasadena Scottish Rite. <i>2:00pm:</i> Rainbow Installation	11	12 <i>7:00pm:</i> Rainbow meeting	13 <i>7:00pm:</i> 3° for Bro. TJ Groshko	14 <i>8:00pm:</i> OES Meeting	15	16
17	18 <i>12:00pm:</i> High-12 meeting at the Plug Nickel in WLW.	19 <i>7:00pm:</i> OSI @ Anacapa. (2nd section of 3°, lecture & prof.) <i>7:30pm:</i> Jobs Daughters meeting	20 <i>7:00pm:</i> Double 2° for Bro. Jeff Hayden & Bro. Maurice Cohen	21	22	23 <i>6:00pm:</i> SCPMA dinner and meeting @ Pasadena Scottish Rite.
24  <i>OES Grand Reception</i>	25	26 <i>7:00pm:</i> Rainbow meeting	27	28	29	

# March 2008

## Tentative Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>12:00pm: High-12 meeting At the Plug Nickel in WLV.</i>	4 <i>7:30pm: Jobs Daughters meeting</i>	5 <i>5:30pm: Stated Meeting Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm: Stated Meeting</i>	6	7	8
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23	24	25 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow meeting</i>	26  <i>Degree TBD</i>	27	28 <i>7:00pm: "Spirit of Hiram" performance @ Pasadena Scottish Rite.</i>	29
30	31					