



The Trestleboard



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Masonic October News

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Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner and Stated Meeting on the 6th

OES Stated Meeting and elections on the 7th

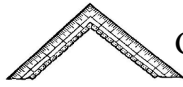
IORG Installation on the 8th

IORG Stated Meeting on the 11th and 25th

Masonic Family Barbecue on the 15th

Grand Chapter 20th - 22nd

From the Master



Greetings from the East,

Brethren, the month of October is here and we are now almost at the close of this term and year. We have some great events this month and I am looking forward to the remainder of the year. First off, I would like to congratulate our officers for putting on a fabulous 1st degree (three of them) last month. Secondly, we have our Masonic Annual BBQ at the lodge on the 15th at high noon or 12:00pm. In addition I would like to share some history that can relate to Freemasonry. It is this month that Jacques de Molay and a handful of Knights Templar where captured and seized in a monumental exercise. By the order and command of Phillip the Faire (not for his morals but for the tone of his skin) and Pope Clement V, de Molay and a group of Knights Templar where captured on Friday, 13th of October in the year 1307.

They were charged with heresy and rude and licentious acts. These were, however, not actually true, but because the King of France at the time was in much debt and found refuge in paying back loans in the investment of sacking the Knights

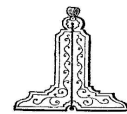
Templars' wealthy coffers. The Knights Templar were disbanded and it is said that the fleet at La Rochelle was able to escape with the Templar treasure to either Scotland or even America. It is known that Rosslyn Chapel is famous for its housing of William Sinclair, a Knight Templar, and also to the Famous Freemason Sinclair of Scotland. I have been to Rosslyn myself and seen symbols and images carved in stone that resemble the same symbols we use. In fact, there is a carving in one section of the Chapel that portrays a man with half a shirt on, in rolled-up trousers and a noose around his neck being held by someone behind him. Whether this is a correlation to Freemasonry or not, it shows something peculiar in regards to a connection to say the least. We have an unknown origin, but it adds some credence to the fact that we might have our roots, at least partially, in the Knights Templar legacy. So remember this 13th to give a salute to our possible ancient brethren who

gave up their lives rather than to forfeit their integrity. Happy trails Brethren, I'll see you at Lodge!

Tim Towey

Master 2011

From the West



Greetings from the West,

Well Brethren, the month of October is upon us, and that means time for Halloween. The history of the Halloween superstitions is veiled in strict allegory. This spooky holiday does indeed have its own unique past. Many scholars believe that the holiday has been used in a modern concept from the old Roman feast of Pomona. Others believe that this spooky day comes from the old Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced *sow-in*). They would prepare themselves by stocking supplies. In addition, during this festival they would have a huge bonfire and feast before the coming winter.

The superstition began due to the belief that October 31st was a day when the world of the dead and the living came together and the dead would rise and cause havoc and destruction on the community and its crops. The term itself is rooted in old Irish terminology literally meaning "summer's end".

The custom of wearing a Halloween costume, whether it is a homemade costume or not, has its roots in medieval history. The poor used to travel house to house asking for food and sustenance in return for prayers being said for the dead on All Soul's Day. This was called "souling" and was a common practice done around the end of the year on the exact same date that we have Halloween today. In the British Isles, the children dressed up or "guised" themselves and would go door to door asking for food and money. They would carry around a hand-crafted lantern that was made of a scooped out turnip. The children, who now dress in a Halloween fancy dress, wear a wide range of costumes that were not available back then. The original Halloween costume usually depicted monsters and ghosts that would raid the village and were used to scare off or appease the evil spirits into not bringing about destruction in the village. There are a variety of costumes that children wear today ranging from popular TV characters to ancient gods and everything in between. The Halloween superstitions that we have today were very real to the common person way back when. The spirit of Halloween is alive today and it shows our connection to the past every October 31st. Have a safe and fun October, brethren! Fiat Lux,

Alex Towey
Senior Warden

From the Secretary



Brethren,

September was a solid month for memberships. The Officers knocked out three 1st Degrees in one night and we took in a couple applications. October promises to be just as busy with several requests for an application pending. I would like to take a minute to thank those Brothers who came in to update their records.

On September 3rd the Cryptic Masons held their ritual practice at the Temple and extend their thanks. Your Temple received high regards from many of the visitors. Some Brothers are looking forward to visiting your Lodge again in the future; possibly for a Stated Meeting dinner.

Compliments from the community have steadily been coming in for the work done at the Odd Fellows Pioneer Cemetery. The landscaping company did a stellar job as well as the workers who repaired the fence and gate.

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Please continue to keep the lines of communication open and look for your 2012 Dues notice soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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From the Eastern Star



Sisters and Brothers,

On September 16, we had our first meeting after a month and a half of being dark. It was a pretty interesting meeting, as everyone gradually got back into the swing of things. We were honored and delighted to hear that our own Kelli Miller will be a Deputy Grand Matron for the next term! Congratulations!

That weekend, Sunday the 18th, members of the chapter went to see "The Man of La Mancha" at Lawrence Welk Theater. What a fantastic production. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Huge thank-you's to Jim Lyle, Dorothy Wills, and Vicki Francis for putting it all together.

Friday, October 7th will be Elections at Fallbrook Chapter! Congratulations to everyone moving up the line.

Sunday, October 9th is the Deputy Grand Matrons' Tea. It is at 2:00 pm at Escondido Masonic Center, and the theme is "Opening Day at Ascot". How posh!

Grand Chapter is almost upon us, October 19th through 22nd. If you need to get any forms or any reservations in, now is the time. We hope to see you there!

And finally, with regret, a little relief, and lots of love, Friday November 4th is Fallbrook Chapter's Farewell Night. It has been an honor.

Star Love,

Jenny & Jim

From the Rainbow



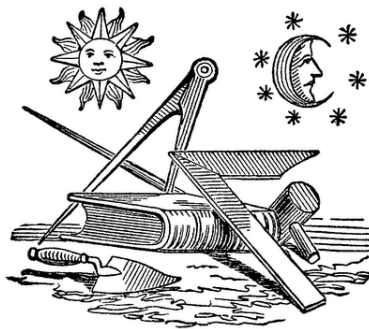
Because of a medical emergency, the Mother Advisor is with her parents, and will not be submitting an article this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarilyn and her family in this crisis. However, Rainbow is flourishing, and will be installing Jessica Lyle as Worthy Advisor on Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 PM. Please show your support for our young people by attending this installation, or any regular meeting (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 PM).

Masonic Family Barbecue



October 15th, 12 PM

"Fallbrook Ritual"



Once upon a time, an elderly Mason passed to his eternal reward. He climbed the golden stair to the pearly gates, where he met St. Peter. He identified himself as a member of the Craft, and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?"

Proudly the Brother replied, "Fallbrook Lodge #317."

St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Mason, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate, and, strangely enough, each clock kept a different time.

He asked why, and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual.

The Brother asked where his Lodge's clock was, as he couldn't see it. St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course."

"The kitchen?" asked the Mason.

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."

*Just a reminder
... next month's
input to the
Trestleboard is
due by the 15th!*



Happy Birthday!

- Oct 9 Ernest L. Powell PM
- Oct 10 Robert L. Miller
- Oct 11 Richard W. Hayden
- Oct 13 Hy H. Zornes PM
- Oct 14 James F. Hansen
James R. Lyle
- Oct 21 Patrick A. Gerard
Michael E. Popelka
- Oct 24 Robert H. Hall
- Oct 26 Ralph E. Steinfoff

October 6th Menu



- Bratwurst**
- Red Cabbage**
- Vegetables**
- Coffee / Tea**
- Apple Strudel**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 EMERA	6 Stated Meeting Dinner 6PM Stated Meeting 7:30PM	7 OES 7:30 PM	8  Rainbow Installation 2 PM
9	10	11 Rainbow 7 PM	12	13 Lodge Degree/Practice	14	15 Family Barbecue 12 PM
16	17	18 OSI @ Vista 7 PM	19 Temple & Cemetery Assns 7 PM	20 Lodge OES Grand Chapter	21 OES Grand Chapter	22 OES Grand Chapter
23	24	25 Rainbow 7 PM	26	27 Lodge Degree/Practice	28	29
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