



San Leandro Lodge No. 113 TRESTLE BOARD

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116 W. Joaquin Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

APRIL 2019

FROM THE EAST

Hello Brethren,

Please join us when we welcome Brother Fanolex James Menos as a full Member of our honorable Craft. He will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 17, 2019. The degree will be a memorable experience because of our officers who will for sure deliver an outstanding performance. I'm looking ahead to thanking WB Jesse Dela Cruz for executing the third Degree lecture. I know that San Leandro Lodge 113 will continue to include the astonishing 3rd section of that lecture to all our future Master Masons Degree.



I would like to address our newly obligated Brothers. I urged you to step up and learn of the many lessons in Masonry. The best informed Masons are the ones that reads and study; searching for more Masonic enlightenment. Do not put off tomorrow what you should be doing today as we do not know how many tomorrows there will be.

At our March Stated Meeting, I mentioned that we are recruiting mentors. You can provide valuable insight and advice to our new brother Masons. We have learned in our degrees the the most important tenets of our institutions are passed on through a succession. I know many of us have been a Mason for so many years, but most are assuming that someone else will be stepping up and will pass on the lessons. You have to ask yourself, "what difference have I made" Be a Mentor and make difference.

As a reminder from our Secretary, if you have not done so far, our annual membership dues was due at the beginning of this year. Your consideration for this matter will enable us to meet our budget requirements. Any brother who has not made their dues payment will be suspended by the end of June. For your convenience, our website has the capability of accepting dues payment and donations using all major credit cards

<https://www.sanleandromasoniclodge.org/dues-donations>

Fraternally,

Bro. Jun P. Pineda
Worshipful Master

CALENDAR

APRIL 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4	5	6
7	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	12	13
14	15	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	18	19	20
21	22	23	<u>24</u>	25	26	27
28	29	30				

EVENTS

- **Tuesday, April 2nd**
officers' meeting, set-up
- **Wednesday, April 3rd**
Stated Meeting | attire: business suit
- **Tuesday, April 9th**
DSOI at Siminoff Lodge
- **April, April 16th**
3rd Degree Practice
2nd Degree Proficiency of Bro. Adrian Quinones
- **Wednesday, April 17th**
3rd Degree Conferral of Bro. Fanolex Menos
- **Wednesday, April 24th**
Open for proficiency

BIRTHDAY CORNER

APRIL
Celebrants

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| 1 st | George Sideris | 20 th | Domingo P. Ybut |
| 3 rd | Eduardo S. Advincula | 21 st | Luis Pancho N. Navarro |
| 4 th | Manolito F. Datuin | 22 nd | Rodolfo L. Padua |
| 6 th | Magdaleno J. Ypil | 27 th | Dowel C. Juan |
| 8 th | Reinaldo F. Salamanca | 28 th | George E. Anthony |
| 10 th | Jeffrey R. Hansen | | Fernando H. Reyes |
| 16 th | Glenn B. Durago | 29 th | Rene L. Ignacio |
| 17 th | Charles W. Dumm | | |
| | Fernando B. Fortuna | | |
| 18 th | Charles E. Bullard | | |

Happy Birthday Brothers!

DEGREES

Entered Apprentices
Mario Lintag

Fellow Crafts
Fanolex Menos*
Adrian Quinones
Ryan Relova
Wuilman Moran
Efren Sonza, Jr.

* scheduled for conferral this month

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

As we progress in our Masonic Education particularly tracing back the origin, symbolism, and relevance in our Craft as Speculative Masonry from the Operative Masonry tools and implements, please allow me to impart another interesting subject which is: The Movable and Immovable Jewels of our Craft.



THE IMMOVABLE AND MOVABLE JEWELS

Masons refer to jewels with different meanings, depending upon the context. The lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree mentions six jewels, and says that three are immovable and three are movable. In this context, the term jewel means an emblem or a symbol. The immovable jewels are the Square, the Level and the Plumb. The movable jewels are the Rough Ashlar, the Perfect Ashlar and the Trestleboard. We call the first three immovable because they are associated with officers who are always located in the East, West and South in a Masonic lodge. The second three are movable because they can be located in different places in the lodge.

Officers of a Masonic lodge wear emblems on a ribbon or collar around the neck to indicate the office that they hold. The three principal officers, the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden, wear the Square, the Level, and the Plumb, respectively. These emblems remind them – and the brethren of the lodge – that all Masonic actions should be measured by these three emblems. Our work should be square, or honest; it should be level, which means treating others as equals, and it should be upright, or ethical, which is the meaning of the plumb.

The other three jewels are not worn by the officers, but are symbolic of Masonic principles. The rough ashlar is a block of stone that has not yet received much attention – much like our lives at the beginning of our Masonic journey. The perfect ashlar represents the improvements in our lives which we should expect if we shape them in accordance with Masonic principles and teachings; and the trestleboard is a map of our future as we progress in Freemasonry. We are taught that we need to map out where we are going in our lives – to have a purpose instead of just drifting through life – and that we can learn more about this purpose by listening to others who have much to teach us (such as other well-informed Masons), and also by studying the broad range of human knowledge, and information which comes to us from our religious traditions. Masons call this the Great Book of Nature and Revelation.

In many countries, the immovable jewels are just the opposite – they are the Rough Ashlar, the Perfect Ashlar, and the Trestleboard. The two sets were transposed in the 1840's when imposters were trying to worm their way into Masonic lodges using exposés of the ritual. The switching of the emblems was a way to find out who was a real Mason and not an imposter.

The square is also used on the altar as one of the Three Great Lights in Masonry [[hyperlink to this article](#)] and is the jewel of the Master. A square is used to make sure that a stone is perfectly square on its sides and top – an essential feature if it is to support the weight of the stones above it in a wall. A stone that is thus square is an important symbol of an honest life. If a stone is not true – not square on its sides and top – it will cause the wall to be unstable. In a similar way, if our lives are not lived honestly, we create instability in our relationship with others. The square is also linked to the Masonic principle of Truth [[hyperlink to this article](#)]. To be honest is to be truthful with others. Masons act upon the square because being honest and truthful in all our dealings with others is essential if we are to lay a good foundation in everything that we do as Masons.

The level is the jewel of the Senior Warden. As a stone must be square in order to be of any value in building a wall, so must it be properly laid in relation to the other blocks that make it up. The level is said to represent equality, which is another way of saying that we must treat others in such a way as to respect their dignity and value. Masons don't believe that everyone is equally endowed with the same talents or experiences in life. Nor do they want to reduce everyone to the lowest common denominator. Masons respect the talents, abilities and achievements of others which contribute to our common culture and society. But, we are expected to treat others in such a way that we respect their individuality,

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and in a way which acknowledges the fundamental worth of each individual. To treat someone equitably is to recognize that there is a fundamental humanity which we all share, and which we must at all times respect.

The plumb is worn by the Junior Warden. Our stonemason ancestors used a plumb to keep a wall perfectly vertical as it was built. If a wall were out of plumb, it could topple over, rendering all the work of building the wall useless. In a similar manner, Masons believe that our lives have to be built in such a way that our conduct matches our beliefs. Uprightness of character is a strength which we expect all Masons to pursue. If we ignore our responsibility to lead ethical lives we run the risk that our lives, like a poorly built wall, will topple over and be useless. We need to test our actions against the plumb to make sure that the decisions we are making are those that will contribute to a lasting stability in our lives, and not contribute to an eventual collapse due to ignoring this important Masonic emblem.

The Rough and Perfect Ashlars are often found in a Masonic lodge near the Worshipful Master in the East, where they can be easily seen by all Masons in the lodge. These emblems have nothing to do with perfection in an absolute sense, because Freemasonry makes no attempt to make a man perfect. They are instead representative of the progress in life that we expect all Masons to make. Masons believe it a primary responsibility of each person to improve himself. He is encouraged to seek more knowledge - often referred to by a Mason's search for further light - and he is urged to improve his life by applying the symbols and teachings of Freemasonry to himself. We are not so much interested in what a Mason eventually becomes as we are in the fact that he is growing and learning, working to improve himself daily, in order to make his life more valuable to himself, his family, and to the world in which he lives.

The term trestleboard is peculiar to Freemasonry and comes from a time when Masons met at inns and taverns. In earlier times they would meet for a social occasion, such as a dinner, and also conduct their Masonic ceremonies in the same dining room. Tables in those inns were not permanent pieces of furniture as they are nowadays in restaurants. They were instead made up of planks of wood placed on portable frameworks, called trestles. The boards which formed the table were the trestle boards. Masons discovered that if these trestle boards were turned over that they made splendid chalkboards on which to draw Masonic symbols and diagrams. They also recalled that their stonemason ancestors often used such boards upon which to draw their architectural designs so that the craftsmen would know how to construct the building. It was from this original practical function that Freemasonry took the term trestleboard to describe a map of our lives.

The main idea here is that our lives should have purpose. If we don't know where we are going, anyway will get us there. But Masons of old needed a plan in order to build a cathedral or a castle, and today we need a plan to make our lives meaningful. Freemasonry does not tell us where to find that plan. Some find it in their religious tradition; some find it through a life of service to others; but most find it because they study the great accomplishments of humanity, and also anchor it in the teachings of the world's great religions. The main teaching of the trestleboard is that we do need a map if we are going to accomplish anything in life. Of course we all need help in constructing such a map. We don't need to do it all ourselves. Freemasonry encourages us to seek out those who have knowledge and wisdom to share, and of course, we are expected to share the knowledge and wisdom we have with others.

(Credit: Original Article published in Freemason.org - Masons of California)

Fraternally yours,

Bro Eric Simsuangco
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

Winter is nearly over. All the spring plants are up and blooming as are the weeds. Enjoy Spring my brothers and Sisters!

We are still in the process of forming the Masonic Outreach Program (MOS) Committee. If interested please contact one of the Pillars.



April's dinner will be:

Cannelloni Milano

Italian crepes stuffed with chicken and mushrooms with Marsala sauce

Garden salad with Roma tomatoes and Italian dressing

Sicily vegetable medley

Italian herbed rice

Fresh baked baguettes and butter

dessert - Spumoni

For reservations contact Brothers:

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Fraternally,

Bro. Bill Eadus

Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

This month of April we celebrate our Public Schools!

From the Grand Lodge:

Public education is one of our fraternity's most treasured causes – and it is one that we have championed for hundreds of years. The California Masonic Foundation is dedicated to the support of students and teachers in our state. Each year the California Masonic Foundation gives \$1,000 to each of the five California teachers of the year in recognition of their important contributions to public education in our state.

Additionally, California Masonic Foundation continues to champion programs like Raising A Reader, which is an award-winning literacy program that provides a rotation of high-quality books to children, along with parent education around the importance of book sharing and its role in literacy development. In the last six years the California Masonic Foundation has raised \$1.6 million for this program, and with your help, it hopes to raise another \$2.5 million. Donate now by going to <https://masonicfoundation.org/ways-to-give/give-now/>

Fraternally,

WB Rey V. Tiopo, HA
Secretary



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please contact our Hall Association CFO

Any Masonic Function must be cleared with the Master and the Junior Warden

MASONIC FAMILIES

Job's Daughter Bethel No. 175

Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 5:00 pm

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Meets every month
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