

Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524

February 2022



Trestleboard

Master's Message

This year started off with a very successful event. On the 26th of January we had a Robbie Burns celebration with over thirty Brethren and Ladies there. It was unfortunate we had to postpone the installation; however thanks to the hard work of Brother Lampe this was an unforgettable experience. We have rescheduled the Installation for the 26th of February at 3:00 PM. Following the dinner we will all retire to Brother Edgar Tuna's house for a sweetheart's style dinner and celebration of installation.

This month will be backed with events from Park Cleanup, OSI, Installation Practice, and installation of Officers. I look forward to everyone getting together and joining us for such a wonderful month.

If you or any Brother you know is in need, please contact myself or Brother Tom. I have been in recent communication with so many Brothers after they were already recovering. We should be there in your time of need and most of us are willing to help. Please put your pride to the side, and let us know before it's too late.

Fraternally yours

Tim Taggett

Worshipful Master

New Design

As many of you are aware I am changing the design of the Trestleboard. The goal is taking it away from MS Publisher and into something easier and accessible by the masses. It will therefore be managed inside of Google Docs which we have full access to with our Google Business Suite of software. I am looking for a better design instead of this basic one though. So

if you'd like to assist, that would be great. If you would like to just create the template or take over as editor, both are welcomed. Talk, text or email me.

CEC UPDATE REPORT

There are several types of events which the lodge actively provides services to the community; Then there are others we participate (revive and/or plan to provide in the near future) in providing recognition to outstanding individuals; And finally there are some we plan to initiate soon that are fun for lodge Brothers and guests that will help in raising funds for trophies, scholarships etc.

The Park Pickup Program is the most recent service project where we do a twice Monthly pickup of trash that has not been properly deposited in available trash containers, and a visual inspection that City Maintenance will need to follow up on. We started this fall and had from 3 to 14 Brothers participate each time. Ideally 6 to 8 Brothers (their family members, friends and others that are invited) would spend 1+ to 2 hrs. and be more than adequate. We are currently planning (all Saturdays)the first quarter for Jan. 8th & 29th, Feb.12th & 26th, and Mar. 12th & 26th. We recognize that some Brothers cannot participate due to health reasons while others may only participate occasionally; due to work schedules, family special activities (birthdays etc.). Since several Brothers are able and willing to come out more often, if most could participate 2 to 3 times per year the city will recognize the lodge fully supports what they provide to the citizens and visitors. We will report the scheduled dates two/three months ahead in the CEC Monthly Update. When you decide when you can come please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Next month's update report will have more information on the other activities the committee is reviewing. Teacher of the Year, Child ID, Scholarships, Bowling, etc.

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100th Year Installation of Officers

Saturday, February 26, 2022

The time has finally come, we will no longer push off the installation of Officers for the 2022 Masonic Year. The Robbie Burns dinner was a great idea and a true success but was not accompanied by the installation of officers as initially planned. Due to mask mandates and other state of affairs in California, we postponed the installation for a better visitor experience. No matter the current situation we will continue on February 26th. Installation will occur at the lodge starting at 3 PM and after the dinner Brothers and significant others are welcome to retire to Brother Edgar Tuna's house for a Sweet Hearts style dinner. Specific details including RSVP, location, and menu will be shared later in the month.

Esoteric Ending



The Second Tenet RELIEF (CHARITY)

By C. Douglas Russell

Relief is one among the many traditions of modern speculative Masons that were inspired by centuries-old practices of operative masons. For example, a guild or association of German stonemasons included these words in the Regensburg Statutes of 1459: “if anyone gets into trouble with courts or in other matters, relating to the Fraternity, then shall every one, whether he is a Master or fellow, afford him aid and relief, as he is bound to do by the oath of the Fraternity. If a [brother] . . . is afflicted with protracted illness and wants for food and necessary money, then the Master who has charge of the funds shall lend him relief and assistance from the funds [of the Fraternity].”¹

In 1769, at the founding of a new lodge in England, the townspeople were invited to a meeting, and charitable funds were distributed, with this explanation in a speech by Provincial Grand Master Thomas Dunkerley: “*Charity* is the basis of *our* order; it is for this purpose we have a Grand Lodge. . . . A laudable custom prevailed among our ancient brethren; after they had sent their donations to the *general* charities, they considered the distresses of those in *particular* that resided in their respective neighborhoods, and assisted them with such a sum as could be conveniently spared from the *lodge*. In humble imitation of this masonic principle, I recommend the present charity to your consideration.”²

In last month’s *Fraternal Review*, the Cover Story quoted our great 19th century Brother Albert G. Mackey, who noted that the tenets are illustrated for a candidate “at every step of his progress.” Below are examples of ritual language about relief (charity) from each of the three Craft lodge degree ceremonies.

In the 1st degree, Relief is described in a paragraph that is analyzed sentence-by-sentence in an article you’ll find in this issue on pages 6 to 7. During the 1st degree lecture, the Master explains symbolism of the lodge room: “The Form of a lodge is oblong. It extends from east to west and from north to south, and it is said to be thus extensive to denote the universality of Masonry and to teach us that a Mason’s charity should be equally extensive; for in every country and in every clime are Masons to be found.”

The “lodge” is not confined to the physical space of the lodge room: “The Covering of a lodge is no less than the clouded canopy or star-decked heaven where all good Masons hope at last to arrive by aid of that theological ladder which Jacob, in his vision, saw, reaching from earth to heaven, the three principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope, and Charity, which admonish us to have faith in God, hope of immortality, and charity for all mankind.” (In Masonic teachings, Jacob’s ladder has rungs of Faith, Hope and Charity, “and the greatest of these is Charity.”)

In the 2nd degree, a reading focusing on charity, intoned by the Chaplain during the rite of circumambulation, includes this (from I Corinthians 13:2): “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.” Later in the ceremony, a speech with descriptions of operative and speculative Masonry states, “By Speculative Masonry we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the Square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity.”

In the 3rd degree, we find these words on the symbolism of the beehive: “It teaches us, that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our powers to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.” Toward the end of the degree, the Master delivers a charge to the candidate regarding the Masonic tenets: “Duty and honor now alike bind you to be faithful to every trust; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions; and strenuously to enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry.”

¹ “The Regensburg Statutes,” in Guy Chassignard, *The Old Charges of the Craft*. (Segnat Editions, 2016), 102.

² Thomas Dunkerley, Esq., “A Charge, delivered to the Members of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Castle-Inn, Marlborough,” in Wellins Calcott, P.M., *A Candid Disquisition*. (London: James Dixwell, printer, 1769), 137-138. The italicized words are all italicized in the source quoted.

Upcoming Events

2/7/2022	Stated Meeting @ 7 PM		3/5/2022	Park Cleanup @ 8 AM
2/12/2022	Park Cleanup @ 8 AM		3/7/2022	Stated Meeting @ 7 PM
2/14/2022	Dark - Spend time with your lady!		3/12/2022	Park Cleanup @ 8 AM
2/18/2022	OSI - GAT Jose @ 7 PM		3/14/2022	Degree Practice
2/21/2022	Installation Practice		3/21/2022	Degree
2/26/2022	Officer Installation @ 3 PM		3/26/2022	Park Cleanup @ 8 AM
2/28/2022	Grill a Steak		3/28/2022	Grill a Steak