



# TRESTLEBOARD

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January 2009

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 157th YEAR



## From the East

Richard Pullen PM, Master

Greetings to all as we approach 2009.

### STATED MEETING JANUARY 8, 2009

This will be our Roll Call dinner. The Cooking Crew are preparing a crab feed which will cost \$20 per person, a real bargain for a crab dinner. Reservations are an absolute necessity, since we can't afford to buy a lot more crab than we need. The 2009 budget will be presented at the lodge business meeting following dinner.

### OFFICERS SCHOOL TUESDAY JANUARY 6:

Washington 20 will exemplify the Third Degree opening and the Flag presentation. I will call on some of you for help, since we are lacking both wardens. I do not expect that Brother Dongo will be back in time.

### PRACTICES

Practices are scheduled January 15th, 22d and 29th. I hope to be ready to do a second degree at Past Masters night in February.

### PAST MASTERS NIGHT

Third Thursday in February. Fifty-year pins will be presented. I will be notifying recipients and will announce the names in the February Trestleboard.

### INSTALLATION

We will complete our installations at the February stated meeting.

### VALENTINES DAY

We are planning for a "Sweethearts Theme" at the stated dinner

### MASONIC TEMPLE

Parts of the Masonic Temple are showing their age and the Temple Board has made the lodges aware of some of the needs in case they would like to assist in getting them taken care of. At the last Stated Meeting Washington Lodge voted to contribute \$600 toward repairing the pool tables, since we make use of them as an attendance draw at Stated Meeting Dinners. That was repairing wear and tear. The Temple Board did not repair the billiard table, which would have entailed replacing the slate. Not many people play billiards, and I think we could spend the money on other entertainment equipment. An air hockey game comes, but there are other possibilities.

Fraternally,  
Richard



## Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Edward J. Deschenes, 1/1/1924
- David F. Freeman, 1/1/1933
- Scott J. Germer, 1/1/1956
- John W. Knox, 1/6/1937
- Russell M. James, 1/7/1927
- Frederick V. Hardiman, 1/8/1970
- Steven W. Anders, 1/12/1954
- Alan M. Banks, 1/12/1966
- Allen R. Kramer, 1/14/1952
- Robert A. Borges, 1/15/1933
- James R. Lash, 1/22/1933
- Jerry B. Livingston-Joy, 1/23/1941
- John M. Obregon, Sr., 1/24/1962
- Joe K. Hammer, 1/24/1922
- David E. Entrican, 1/26/1940
- William G. Rotas, 1/29/1923
- Frank Mac Bride, Jr., 1/31/1912

## Stated Meeting and Roll Call Dinner

**January 8, 2009**

*Lets welcome in the new year with a*

## Crab Feed

*Antipasto  
Chopped Green salad  
Pasta  
Fresh Cracked Crab  
Bread & Butter  
Beverage*

Social Hour 5:30PM - Dinner 6:30PM  
Stated Meeting 7:30PM

Only \$20.00 per person...such a deal!

**RSVP REQUIRED** by noon, January 5, 2009  
Call: Wally Clark at 916/649-8040

## PAST MASTER'S NIGHT

**February 5th, 2009**

50 Year Pin Presentations

*Mark you calendar*

# The 2009 Washington Lodge Officers

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## On the Lighter Side

Light travels faster than sound.  
This is why some people appear bright  
until you hear them speak.

I did not hit you!  
I simply high-fived your face.

A friend will stop you from overreacting.  
A best friend will walk beside you giggling,  
"Someone is going to get it!"

### 2008 Darwin Awards

#### Third Place

After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up!, and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop.

The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

## From the Editors Desk

Wally Clark



Greetings Brethren, Happy New Year...it's 2009, and time to make some resolutions. The big question is how long will they be kept, but it's the thought that counts, right? There is the usual one, exercise and loose weight...it needs to happen this year. Be nice to everyone ...that's usually not too hard. Here is the new one. Learn to read the cipher book so I can help coach candidates. That is going to be tuff. I looked at it for about 30 minutes and felt totally lost so then I watched National Treasures to see if any clues would pop up. They didn't, but I will still try. Hmm, I wonder if the DaVinci Code has any.

**Worshipful Richard Pullen** asked if we could do a Crab Feed for the **January Stated Meeting and Roll Call Dinner** our answer was **YOU BET**. It will be great! We will have antipasto trays, chopped green salad, pasta, fresh bread and plenty of fresh cracked Dungeness Crab. The crab is coming from RW Seafood, the same vendor we used before. It comes cracked cleaned and iced down, ready to enjoy. The current price on fresh Dungeness Crab is \$4.95 per pound, gross weight, which is before cooking and cleaning. They figure about 3 lbs per person and the typical yield is about 50%, so you can see that a \$20.00 ticket is a bargain. **Reservations are required for this dinner, even from the regulars. Call me by noon on Monday, January 5th at 916/649-8040.** Here is a personal request and invitation to all of the **Entered Apprentices**. Please plan on coming to the Roll Call Dinner and help with the serving. It will be a good way to meet the brethren and become active. I look forward to your call.

Just received a call from **Brother Alan Kramer** who is residing in Cincinnati. All is well, it is cold, snow on the ground and a truly different lifestyle from California. He is enjoying his job as a school bus driver. He starts early, but gets off fairly early, too, which has given him the opportunity to add another job. Alan has a part time job with the AAA as a driving instructor, yup, how cool is that, a life-long Californian teaching kids to drive in the ice and snow. We'll have to tune in to WKRP to see if he's in the news.

The last issue of the Freemason Magazine published by the California Grand Lodge has some very interesting articles in a continuing series of how Masonry is changing and in many cases Lodges are growing. Do you have a petition? Are you prepared to assist in bringing in a new member? Why not?

I know that some of our Brothers are graduates of Grant High School "back in the days" when it was the only school north of the river. Well to all of you Pacers congratulations your alma-mater brought Sacramento its first State High School Football Championship. That is quite an accomplishment for any school, let alone a PUBLIC SCHOOL in an impoverished area.

As I was putting the Trestleboard together I was going through the January Birthdays and noticed the name of one of our senior members, **Frank MacBride, Jr.** who was born in 1912. I have had the pleasure of knowing Frank most of my life as he was a friend of my Dad going back to their days in either 20/30 or Jr. Chamber. Frank was a prominent realtor involved in developing many of Sacramento's great neighborhoods. He and his brothers Tom (judge) and Kirt (columnist) were all graduates of Sacramento High School. Happy Birthday to you Frank and to all of our Birthday boys. I hope to see you at Roll Call.

Here is a little update on the Masonic Temple. About a month ago there was serious flooding and damage to our lodge room and one of the tenant spaces downstairs from overflowing toilets on the 3rd floor. **Worshipful Richard Pullen** states, "It is my understanding that the insurance will cover most, if not all. Ken MacGiver (Building Mgr.) has been requiring renters to buy insurance as part of the rental fee. Incidentally, I don't think that it was vandalism that caused the damage. It is my understanding that it was just the result of garden variety teenage cerebral vacuity in trying to flush paper towels down the toilet." Well it is handled and we are back in business and we have another term "cerebral vacuity" to use in stead of calling someone stupid.

Happy New Year.

Wally Clark