



## TRESTLEBOARD

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### From the East

Springtime is upon us! When all the life around us begins to blossom again and come out of hibernation to begin a new year and to start new families. Did you know: To the ancients April was originally the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the year due to that being when life returns to the land. Then in 45 B.C. Julius Caesar ordered a calendar consisting of twelve months based on a solar year. This calendar employed a cycle of three years of 365 days, followed by a year of 366 days (leap year) making April the second month in Roman time keeping. Finally, The Gregorian calendar was instituted by papal bull *Inter gravissimas* dated 24 February, 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, after whom the calendar is named. The motivation for the adjustment was to bring the date for the celebration of Easter to the time of year in which it was celebrated when it was introduced by the early Church. Using January as the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the year, and to this day we still use the Gregorian calendar.

Our year is off to a great start, and we are implementing some new fresh ideas for our brethren to join in fellowship and for us to start to be in the public eye more. As Master of the lodge, I value my brethren's ideas and opinions so if you have any ideas that you think can improve our lodge, help us get out more into the public eye or help us express more in community outreach please let me know. The more hands-on deck and minds working to make our lodge vibrant and thriving, the better!

-Cameron Ellis WM



Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust tyranny and despotism.

— Theodore Roosevelt —

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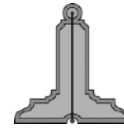
**Richard Wanacott**

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## From the West

Welcome to April and another New Spring. We are entering into a time when the days are nice but nights can be chilly. As the weather gets warmer it will give us a chance to be more social and enjoy the company of others. In the trestleboard there is always a calendar of events going on. Also ask a brother if they know of anything. As always if you have any suggestions for social activities please, please, please express them. We are open to many ideas and want to grow and strengthen our bonds of friendship.

SW Glenn Story PM

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## Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Cemetery

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Chico Nile Club

Daughters of the Nile

April is the Installation of our 2023 Club Officers of our small and mighty group of ladies dedicated to projects for "Our Kids" at Shriners Hospital. Sacramento. It's a true labor of love. If you like to sew or quilt, we would love extra hands to help with our project on the 2nd Monday from 10 to 12 noon in the small dining room at our Chico Masonic Family



Josephine Chico Chapter No. 104

Order of the Eastern Star

Happy Spring to all. What a wild winter we have had. We welcomed our 2023 Worthy Grand Matron, Kimberlie Kruse and 2023 Worthy Grand Patron, Gary Dunham and their Grand Officers, to our Chico Masonic Family Center for their Official Visit to our District on March 26th. We had a Scottish theme for the visit with a great Scottish lunch created by our Sister, Andrea Edson. It was a delicious meal and a great day. And, we had 2 pipers to provide entertainment during our lunch. We are in need of our Masonic Brothers to join our Order. We are a "co-ed" order, dedicated to many of the same principals of Masonry, Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

Fraternally,

Kyna Hendra, Worthy Matron; Gary Hendra, Worthy Patron.





Bethel 326, Job's Daughters International

The daughters of our Bethel have been having some very fun activities including “shrink art” and will be doing Easter decorations, too. We have been having Regalia meetings to and the daughters are working hard on their ritual work. We love guests to come and visit us for a meeting. Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at 6:30 pm. and we meet in the York Rite room. Membership is open to young ladies between the ages of 9 and 21. Please contact Kyna Hendra, Bethel Guardian, for more information. She can be reached by email [Chico326JDI@gmail.com](mailto:Chico326JDI@gmail.com)



## !!!Youth Groups Combined Yard Sale!!!

**May 21st another yard sale will take place at the Chico Masonic Family Center.**

**If you can DONATE anything that the youth groups can sell, please give the items to one of the youth group leaders! We all have items in good condition that we do not use, lets dig them up and empty some space in the house. The funds generated benefit the youth groups! (Masons, you know your wives have been asking you to get rid of some of your stuff, listen to your wives!)**

## Sunshine Committee

If you or a member you know need masonic relief or assistance, please let us know so we can be there for a brother or his family in their time of need. Feel free to reach out to Sid Crane, Cameron Ellis, George Wise or Ken Carlsen. We want to be of support and relieve our distressed worthy brothers.





## Masonic Bodies Info :

**Blue Lodge** Stated Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:30 P.M. Dinner @ 6:30  
Contact: Secretary . . . . .893-3171

**Royal Arch** Stated Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month. 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: John L Barneson, secretary. . .354-4754

**Chico Shrine Club** Stated Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month. 6:00 P.M.  
Contact: Larry Willis . . . . .895-0156  
Contact: Darrin Deatherage . . .774-7110

**Eastern Star** Stated Meeting: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: Kyna Hendra . . . .  
Chico326JDI@gmail.com

**Daughters of the Nile** Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month. 10:00 A.M.  
Contact: Jill Ramsey . . . . .893-5750

**DeMolay** Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Michael Meyer . . . . .514-0252

**Job's Daughters** Stated Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Kyna Hendra . . . .  
Chico326JDI@gmail.com

**Rainbow** Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Laura Ray . . . . .345-4967

**Black Butte Scottish Rite Club**  
Contact: Steve Moody . . . . .343-2030

**Butte Council No. 50** 3rd Monday of the month. 7:30 P.M. Contact: Cameron Ellis. . .345-4754

**Butte Commandery No. 5** 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 PM  
Contact: TBD

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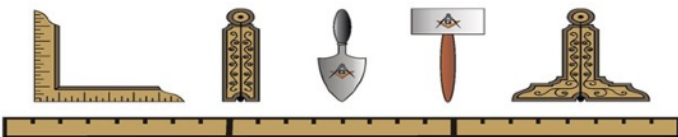
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CHICO SHRINE CLUB PRESENTS

# 2023 HAMBURGER BEAN FEED

**SATURDAY  
MAY 6**



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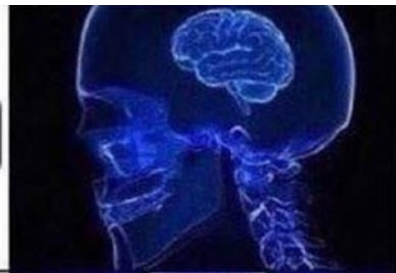
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## Interesting Dates for April

- America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959.
- The first Webster Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912.
- The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.

**Look inside of what makes up a masonic lodge! Link is from our Grand Lodge of California. <https://freemason.org/lodge-room/>**



# Spotlight Mason of the Month

## Brother Dean Fairbanks

### What induced you to become a Mason?

Even though my father, a grandfather and a great uncle were Masons it was never discussed. Although I remember several Shriner breakfast events and going to the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles for the Shrine circus a young kid. The Shrine circus was a magical event for a kid like me from a small agricultural town. I was always interested in deep esoteric literature since college and so it was a natural progression until I asked to be a member in January 2015. When I told my father, he

was happy for me as he knew one has to ask and do it for oneself. I was really happy to tell him I made master mason just a couple of months before his untimely passing.

### What do you do for a living?

My wife and I moved to Chico in January 2003, as I had been hired as an assistant professor in the Dept. of Geography and Planning at Chico State Univ.

Previous to this job I had been living and working in South Africa for nearly 10 years. Time has moved right along as now I have been at Chico State for 20 years this year and made full professor and served six years as dept. chair. I really like the students, my colleagues, and the interesting research projects I have been pleased to be apart of to help the Sacramento Valley region.

### What do you do for your community?

I have been involved in my children's charter schools (parent board member), the local chapter of the Westin

Price Foundation for traditional nutrition and sustainable agriculture, and I was a board member for the Biodynamic Agricultural Association of Northern California. As I stated above, all my research projects now involve regional topics: agricultural water resources, land use management and food systems. I really try to stay informed on local/regional issues and help where I can.

### How do you occupy your free time?

Ah, well raising two children has been very busy—free time? Hahaha. Joking aside, I have always enjoyed cooking, reading (lots!), fly fishing, camping, gardening, lots of travel, and general construction on anything. I really like working with my hands. My father was a plumbing contractor so I learned at an early age to get dirty and get to it. Here's a little secret little know of me, I was a journeyman plumber until I left my fathers business at 21.... But please ask brother Dan Heal for plumbing advice, not me! Hahaha.

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## **What do you do for your local lodge?**

I have really enjoyed some of the latitude our lodge has afforded me to help us get engaged outside and inside the lodge. I thank brothers like Steve Catteral, Darrel Hunter, Matt Cherrington, and Sid Crane for supporting some of the early ideas I have tried to nurture: developing the lodge website and managing it, open house events, working tools group (originally the book club!), the Catalyst Christmas toy drives, and most recently developing a yearly local charity event in collaboration with the Butte County Scottish Society and Shrine Club in the form of the Burns Night Charity dinner. I also was grateful to sit on the CMFC board for a three-year stint as secretary. I suppose I liken the process to breathing, we need to breath-out and show the community who we are as Masons and we need to breath-in to help all our brothers work on ourselves to better understand the significance and principles of the degrees and their deep esoteric hereditary. We need both functions to be successful, especially in a world where there are way too many distractions. I have found our lodge brothers and officers over the years to be very supportive of new ideas and new traditions—if you have them bring them forward, be organized and be persistent. Just remember they are all experiments we try together to make our lodge shine. That's why Freemasons are a brotherhood of good men!

Thank you, Brother Fairbanks, for all you do!

## **Brother's night update!**

Our second Brothers night was successful! Our first night had 8 members and our second Brothers night had 25 members in attendance!! I have requested Fritz to help with planning the food part as I came to learn quickly that is something I am not good at. Lol He was kind to accept. So as our brother's night appears to be quickly growing from the Fun, Food and Fellowship we will be better planned from this point on when it comes to food. I invite all the brothers out to join us on a relaxing night of Food and Fellowship. Though be aware there is not one the month of April as our building had a great opportunity to take a large rental that evening. So, I hope to see you for Brothers night in May!



## A little history from the Worshipful Master:

**Hermes Trismegistus**, also spelled **Hermes Trismegistos**, the Greek name applied to the Egyptian god Thoth as the reputed author or source of the Hermetic writings, works of revelation on occult subjects and theology. The word Occult has been given a bad name by those who do not understand what it really means, it simply means “hidden knowledge” of both the seen (physical laws) and unseen (spiritual/moral laws). The Knowledge contained within the occult sciences can be used for GOOD (the upliftment of human consciousness) or EVIL (manipulation and control). Which is why we must always make sure to use our knowledge of ancient wisdoms to do GOOD and uplift our fellow creatures.

Thoth was the scribe of the gods, the inventor of writing, and the patron of all the arts dependent on writing, including medicine, astronomy, and magic. At least as early as Herodotus, Greeks had identified him with their god Hermes, and by the 3rd century BCE the identification was official. On the Rosetta Stone (196 BCE) Hermes “the great, the great” is evidently Thoth. The epithet Trismegistus (Greek: “thrice-greatest”) occurs only rarely outside the Hermetic texts. It represents a development from the Egyptian *aa aa* (“great, great”; that is, “greatest”), which is found as an epithet of Thoth in late hieroglyphics.

The writings ascribed to Hermes-Thoth fall into two main classes: “popular” Hermetism dealt with astrology and the other occult sciences, and “learned” Hermetism concerned itself with theology and philosophy. From the Renaissance until the end of the 19th century little attention was paid to the popular Hermetic literature. More recent study has shown that its development preceded that of the learned Hermetism and that it reflects ideas and beliefs that were widely held in the early Roman Empire and are therefore significant for the religious and intellectual history of the time.



# Happy Birthday to our Brother's, Spouses and Widows!!

## Birthdays for the month of April!!

### Masons

- 4/2 Kevin Avila
- 4/2 Jerrold Hann
- 4/5 Bradley Marr
- 4/6 John Picot
- 4/6 Norman Larson
- 4/7 Angelo Volpato
- 4/8 Pietro Volpato
- 4/13 Ronald Conrow
- 4/16 Glenn Story
- 4/18 Edward DeMichele
- 4/20 Kenneth Carlsen
- 4/21 John Barneson III
- 4/24 Allen Smith
- 4/26 Douglas Dauterman
- 4/26 Gregory Robertson



### Spouses and Widows

- 4/10 Betty Veffredo
- 4/13 Heidi Whitt
- 4/13 Rebecca Cherrington
- 4/18 Sue Kidwell
- 4/20 Ada Rae Langie
- 4/23 Margaret Jones
- 4/25 Adine Gnekow
- 4/26 Mary Jane Robertson

