# **TRESTLEBOARD**



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From the East



# Embracing Light, Charity, and the Spirit of Brotherhood

Greetings, esteemed brethren! As December envelops us in its wintery veil and the year draws to a close, let us embrace the spirit of light, charity, and brotherhood, that guides us towards a deeper understanding of our Masonic journey during this special time of the year.

December, with its shimmering lights and festive atmosphere, serves as a reminder of the power of light to dispel darkness. As Freemasons, we are custodians of light, both symbolically and literally. Just as we kindle the candles that illuminate our lodges, we also have a responsibility to bring light into the lives of others. Through acts of charity, kindness, and compassion, we embody the true spirit of Freemasonry, illuminating the path for those in need. In this season of giving, let us extend our hands to uplift others, spreading warmth and hope to those who may be facing challenges.

- This being my last Trestle board article from the East I want to say thank you to all my brothers and fellow officers who made 2023 a great year of brotherhood. To my brothers who have not been an officer of our lodge or sat in the East I strongly encourage you to make that commitment to your personal growth. The wisdom you gain and all the experiences you meet head on chisel away at that rough ashlar we all obligated ourselves to work to perfect, building ourselves up into a pillar of light.

Becoming a Master Mason is just the beginning. and being Past Master is not the end. Challenge yourself to learn what's in your cipher and to know the material like you did with your proficiencies. Make plans to journey out beyond the blue lodge and most of all PARTICIPATE in your blue lodge! Your lodge cannot thrive without your support. Without continuous participation, none of this life long mysterious journey of Masonry would even be possible for the next man that walks through that door. It's truly priceless what is held in these walls and I thank my brother's for giving me the chance to be a part of it.

May you, your family, and friends have a very happy holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.

Cameron Ellis, W.M.

# 2023 Lodge Officers:

**Worshipful Master Cameron Ellis** 354-4754 **Senior Warden Glenn Story** 518-3943 Junior Warden **Chris Burchfield** Treasurer Dan Heal **Secretary Sid Crane** Chaplain Ray C. Dunham PM **Senior Deacon Brett Kimball Junior Deacon Scott Wanacott** Marshal Michael Gersonde **Senior Steward Michael Meyer Junior Steward** Fritz Zanker Tiler **Richard Wanacott Officers Coach** Ray C. Dunham PM **Inspector Brad Marr PM** 

## From the West

December will be busy as always. We will have officers ready to start in January, while the others finish their year. Not too much is planned since we are all busy with family and other holiday events. As we were thankful in November let us be appreciative and giving with our time, talents and offerings. Also some officers and brothers from the lodge will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on the 25 from 10-4 at the East Avenue Raley's store. If you want to help, contact me. In December, Also let's think of ways our lodge can grow and expand. Last thing Installation of Officers is Jan 6 2024 at 1030am

-Glenn Story, P.M., SW



To stay informed, visit the Lodge website: www.chicofreemasons.org



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# Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Cemetery

We Support The Chico Masonic Family Trestleboard Darrel Hunter Trustee Chairman (530)891-6270

## From the Board of Directors

# Parking Lot Resealed and Re-stripped

The parking lot has been resealed and parking lines painted. Not only does this help better maintain the parking lot asphalt and makes parking easier, but it also greatly improves the appearance of the Chico Masonic Family Center for ourselves and renters. The resealing along with some recent pothole repairs around storm drains show the progress we've been able to make in some long overdue repairs, like the stucco repair in the portico. We've recently repaired some of the parking lot lighting following a work day in which we cleared some high tree limbs that were blocking light. All in all, these improvements have been made possible through increased income we've seen from additional cellular communication leases and ongoing sound financial management of the CMFC. The parking lot reseal was long overdue and a pricy expenditure that we were in a position to get done – even with our semi-annual payment of property taxes due in December. Renting out our facility remains key to our solvency. So as always, if you know of someone in need of rental space, please have them contact the CMFC office or visit our website www.chicofreemasons.org

-Dan Heal, President, CMFC Board of Directors



# Chico Nile Club Menzaleh Temple. Daughters of the Nile

Our Supreme Queen recently enjoyed a visit to our Menzaleh Temple and a visit to the Sacrament Shrine Hospital, who had a wonderful tour of the Hospital including a visit to the Research floor. Locally, we continue on our sewing projects including exam gowns and quilts for the Hospital's use. And, it's always for the Kids. If you enjoy sewing we would love to have you join us. You do not have to be a member. More hands make for more projects completed. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, with sewing from 10 a.m. to noon in the small dining room of our Family Center. Season's Greetings

-Jill Ramsey, Club President

# Josephine Chico Chapter, No. 104 Order of the Eastern Star

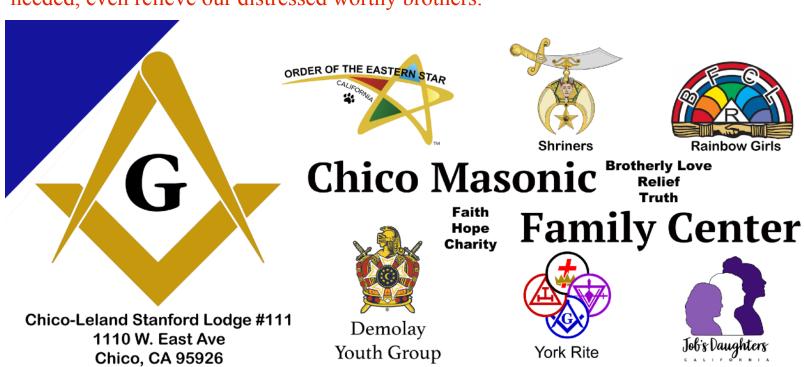
Sincere Holiday Wishes from the Sisters and Brothers of Josephine Chico Chapter to every single member of the Chico Masonic Fraternal Family. We wish you and your families the joys of the Holidays and wonderful times with your families and friends.

We had our 134th Installation of Officers for 2024 in November. We are ready to move forward with the good times of our Order and our new corps of Officers. We would like to invite you to consider joining our Order. It is an experience that we believe you will enjoy including our social enjoyment times. Fraternally,

-Genendal Burchfield, Worthy Matron

### **Sunshine Committee**

If you or a brother you know needs anything, please let them know to reach out or let us know. Call Ken Carlsen at 530-520-0873. We want to be of support and if its needed, even relieve our distressed worthy brothers.



## **Masonic Bodies Info:**

Blue Lodge Stated Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the

month. 7:30 P.M. Dinner @ 6:30

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 Saturday of the month. 10:00 A.M. At the Cozy Diner

**Banquet Room** 

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.

**Black Butte Scottish Rite Club** 

Contact: Steve Moody . . . . . . . 343-2030

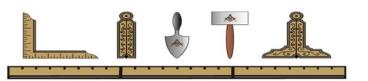
Butte Council No. 50 3rd Monday of the month.

7:30 P.M. Contact: Cameron Ellis. . .345-4754

Butte Commandery No. 5 3rd Wednesday of the

month. 7:30 PM

Contact: TBD



## 2023 Board of Directors:

- •Dan Heal- President
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- •Glenn Story P.M., Ex-Officio
- Pete Volpato
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# BE THE EXAMPLE

# Job's Daughters, Bethel 326

On Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. our Bethel will have an installation of Officers in the York Rite Room. The installation is open to the Public. We would love to have your presence at our event and encourage you to bring any young ladies that might be interested in joining our Bethel.

Happy Holidays from the Daughters of Bethel 326, Chico

-Kyna Hendra, Bethel Guardian



The Chico Shrine Club welcomes Chicos two newest Nobles: Noble Novel and Noble Meyer. They were accompanied by Noble Story, P.M. .





Brother Story, P.M., participated as a bell ringer to help The Salvation Army.

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

the month of November!!

# Mason's

12/6 – Ronald Lemm

12/8 – Gonzalo Gomez

12/10 – Eric Norlie

12/11 – William Thompson

12/11 – Stephen Moody

12/12 – Richard Linton

12/13 – La Verl Leany

12/14 – Michael Murrish

12/14 – Christopher Burchfield

12/17 – Ray Dunham

12/18 – Scott Wonacott

12/21 – Stephen Jones

12/26 – Clark Brandstatt

12/26 – Jordan Frazer

12/27 – William Harris

12/29 – Aaron Stewart

12/29 – David Vanderveen

12/29 – John Welch

12/31 – John Warwick

12/31 – William Bearse

12/31 – John Barneson III

# **Spouses and Widows**

12/2 – Suzanne Peters

12/3 – Laurel Zanker

12/3 – Joan Dresser

12/6 – Judy Symons

12/6 – Sandra Morgan

12/7 – Cheryle Christian

12/13 – Arleen Anderson

12/14 – Lori Teschan

12/18 – Portia Ceruti

12/25 – Carol McCowan



# **Coffee Soiree**

Come to our world-renowned Coffee Soiree. We meet every Thursday morning from 7:00 am till around 9:00 am.

## Objective vs. Subjective: Understanding the Fundamental Difference

## **Introduction:**

In our pursuit of knowledge and understanding, it is crucial to distinguish between objective and subjective perspectives. These two terms are often used to describe different ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us. Objective refers to facts and observations that can be verified by evidence, while subjective relates to personal opinions and experiences that may vary from person to person. Understanding the difference between these perspectives is essential in fields such as science, philosophy, and everyday decision-making. In this article, we will delve into the contrasting nature of objective and subjective viewpoints and explore their significance in various contexts.

## **Objective Perspective:**

The objective perspective aims to establish truths based on empirical evidence and facts that can be observed or measured. It is independent of personal beliefs or emotions, striving to provide an unbiased view of reality. In the scientific realm, objectivity is crucial for conducting experiments, making observations, and drawing conclusions that can be replicated and verified. Scientists strive to eliminate personal biases and emotions to ensure the accuracy and reliability of their findings. For example, when measuring the boiling point of water at sea level, scientists can objectively determine it to be 100 degrees Celsius (212 degrees Fahrenheit) through repeatable experiments and established standards. These measurements are not influenced by personal opinions or perspectives but are based on universally accepted principles and methods. Objective perspectives are not limited to scientific pursuits alone; they are also vital in fields such as journalism and law. Journalists aim to present unbiased news and factual information, relying on verifiable sources and corroborating evidence. Similarly, in the legal system, objective evidence is crucial in establishing guilt or innocence and providing a fair and just outcome.

## **Subjective Perspective:**

In contrast to objectivity, subjectivity refers to personal opinions, interpretations, and experiences. Subjective views are influenced by an individual's emotions, biases, cultural background, and personal history. They are shaped by personal preferences, beliefs, and values, making them highly individualistic. Art, literature, and personal narratives are realms where subjective perspectives thrive. For instance, a movie review is a subjective assessment of a film, reflecting the reviewer's personal tastes and preferences. Two individuals may have entirely different opinions about a movie, with one finding it captivating and the other deeming it dull. These contrasting viewpoints arise due to their subjective experiences and preferences, and neither can be objectively labeled as right or wrong. Subjectivity is also prevalent in ethical debates and moral dilemmas. Different cultures and individuals hold distinct ethical frameworks, leading to differing opinions on what is right or wrong. For instance, the subjectivity of the abortion debate lies in differing beliefs about when life begins, and the value assigned to various rights and choices.

## **Bridging the Gap:**

While objectivity and subjectivity are distinct, they are not mutually exclusive. In many situations, they coexist and complement each other. For instance, scientific research often begins with subjective curiosity and hypotheses, which are then subjected to objective experimentation and analysis. Similarly, subjective opinions and experiences can inspire objective research questions, leading to new discoveries and advancements. Recognizing the distinction between the two perspectives allows for open-mindedness, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of complex issues. It encourages us to consider multiple viewpoints, question our biases, and seek common ground when confronted with differences.

## **Conclusion:**

Objective and subjective perspectives represent two fundamental approaches to perceiving and understanding the world. The objective perspective seeks to uncover universal truths through empirical evidence and systematic observation, while subjectivity emphasizes personal experiences, opinions, and interpretations. Both perspectives have their place in various domains of knowledge, from science to art, law to ethics. By acknowledging and navigating the difference between objective and subjective viewpoints, we can foster intellectual growth, engage in productive discourse, and ultimately gain a richer understanding of the diverse world we inhabit.

-Submitted by Cameron Ellis, W.M.