



TRESTLEBOARD

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From the East

Greetings, esteemed brethren! As July illuminates our path, we gather to celebrate the spirit of light, liberty, and brotherhood. July holds a special place in the hearts of many, particularly for our brethren in the United States, as it marks the commemoration of Independence Day. On this occasion, we honor the valor and foresight of our forefathers who fought for freedom, justice, and equality. As Freemasons, we cherish the principles upon which our nation was built and strive to uphold them in our daily lives. Let us remember that liberty is not merely a privilege, but a responsibility. Through our acts of service, compassion, and dedication to the greater good, we carry forth the torch of liberty, the lantern of this sacred wisdom, shining its light upon the path of progress for all humanity.



Rainbow Girls

Cameron Ellis, W.M.

May was a busy month for the Rainbow Girls with the Masonic Youth yard sale, lodge serving, volunteering at the Chocolate Fest, and the First Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor, our very own Hannah Ray, in Visalia. In June, the Assembly attended Northern Rainbow Camp, volunteered at the Chico Community Food Locker, and went on a mystery trip to lunch and a movie. The Assembly will wrapped up the term with a tri tip fundraiser on June 24th. An Installation of Officers will be held on July 9th at 3:00PM.

Laura Ray, Advisor



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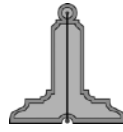
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From the West: The long days of summer are starting. We also celebrate our birth as a nation and the rights and freedoms that the Constitution and Bill of Rights bestowed upon us. We are lucky to live in a country where we can freely be who we want to be. Even though sometimes Masonry could not be as expressed as it is now, it still allowed people to be members and seek the light. I have the experience of seeing a country that did not allow certain freedoms and it is one of the things that I will never forget. Even when I hear how bad things are I know we still got it good. Speaking of Freemasonry here is an article I found that's interesting <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/freemasonry-statue-liberty> We as a lodge will hopefully be doing some degrees and visit some places. Let us all try to keep in touch as we all go do our summer fun visits and business.

-Glenn Story, P.M., SW

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Chico Nile Club

Daughters of the Nile

We continue to have busy work days and recently received a large gift of fabrics, trims, patterns and thread from our sister Club at the Masonic Home in Union City.

Our Menzaleh Temple, Daughters of the Nile, will be celebrating our 100 th birthday this summer and we are getting ready for our Fall Festival fund raising event in October.

Happy Summer vacation – we will meet again in September.

Jill Ramsey, Club President



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

Summer Time greetings.

We are happy to welcome two new members to our Chapter -Sister Amelia Helm and Brother Dan Heal.

We had a Chapter field trip to New Clairvaux Monastery in Vina and Sister Jill Ramsey had an opportunity to play the organ in the Chapel.

We are on “vacation” the months of July and August and we wish everyone a safe and joyful summer time.

Kyna Hendra, Worthy Matron
Gary Hendra, Worthy Patron



Bethel 326, Job's Daughters International

Our Daughters are very excited to be attending our State wide convention in Ontario this year. We have our mascots and look-a-like attire ready to go. We look forward to meeting other Daughters from all over the state of California.

We will have a summer break with some fun events during the summer months.

If you know a young lady that might be interested in our Order, please let us know.

Kyna Hendra, Bethel Guardian

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.

Here is a Sneak Peak of Our Banner That Will Be Displayed at Our Booth at The Thursday Night Market in Downtown Chico



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Blue Lodge Stated Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:30 P.M. Dinner @ 6:30

Contact: Secretary893-3171

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 Willis895-0156

Contact: Darrin Deatherage . . .774-7110

Eastern Star Stated Meeting: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. 7:30 P.M.

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Daughters of the Nile Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month. 10:00 A.M.

Contact: Jill Ramsey893-5750

DeMolay Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. 7:00 P.M.

Contact: Michael Meyer514-0252

Job's Daughters Stated Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.

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Rainbow Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.

Contact: Laura Ray345-4967

Black Butte Scottish Rite Club

Contact: Steve Moody343-2030

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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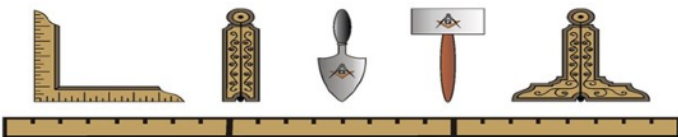
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Spotlight Mason of the Month

Brother George Wise



What induced you to become a Mason?

In high school I became interested in Freemasonry from watching tv and reading about it. At that time, it was interesting because it was mysterious and I did not know any masons.

Once I got into college, I began researching more about freemasonry and learning that it was actually a fraternity based upon making good men better. At that time in my life I was looking for something to help me learn to improve myself and guide me in the direction of the person I wanted to be but wasn't exactly sure how to get there. Eventually I met a Mason, Brother Ryan Hyland at the Chico Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. During the graduation

ceremony, I noticed his tie had the Masonic square and compass on it. I asked him about it and he was extremely nice and informative, then he invited me to the masonic lodge for dinner. I met a lot of great people at the dinner who were very welcoming and friendly. I attended a few more dinners and then placed in an application, probably one of the best things I have ever done. Applying freemasonry to my everyday life has helped me tremendously improve my life and the lives of those around me.

What do you do for a living?

I currently work in law enforcement, I have been employed by the Butte County Probation Department for almost 5 years, for the past two years I have been assigned as a Detective with the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF).

What do you do for your community?

My favorite thing is donating blood, there is always a high demand for it and it does save lives. Additionally, being a good role model, and just being nice to as many people as I can. There has been a lot of negative things happening in the world the past few years and sometimes being nice to or helping a random stranger, an easy and small thing can make a huge difference in their life.

What do you do for your local lodge?

I'm usually pretty busy so I try to help out as much as I can, where I can. During the COVID pandemic, I, along with other brothers made contact with all lodge members via phone in order to check on them and notify them of zoom meetings, which would help them continue to be active and social. Additionally, last year I hand wrote Christmas cards to all members so that even those who have moved away or have not been active in a while know they are not forgotten. I also try to help with the sunshine committee and whenever volunteers are needed such as in the kitchen for the Burns night charity dinner or helping with the Shriners hamburger and bean feed. Eventually I would like to move into the officer line and help out a lot more.

How do you occupy your free time?

Free time??? If I have it I like to go fishing, hiking or camping. I also like to take on random projects to learn new things.

Thank you, Brother George Wise, for all that you do!



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

Masons

7/1 Harry Burleson
7/1 Brett Kimball
7/4 Lewis Watson
7/5 Sidney Crane
7/10 Robert Breeding
7/12 Gerson Cortez Palacios
7/12 Richard Wonacott
7/14 Richard Guynn
7/16 Jay Halbert
7/16 Barry Kimball
7/19 Mark Mead
7/24 Mark Matthews
7/31 Darrel Stephens

Spouses and Widows:

7/2 Beverly Myers
7/2 Bonnie Geha
7/4 Virginia Crowston
7/5 Jane Coy
7/8 Dana Picot
7/13 Marty Wright
7/15 Karin Hansen
7/22 Jeanne Bell
7/25 Linda Ussery
7/27 Debra Rist
7/29 Cheryl Ghica



W.M. Cameron, Ellis's Tribute to Glenn Story, P.M.

For those that missed the June Stated Meeting, below is a beautiful tribute presented by our W.M. to Brother Glenn Story P.M.:

With the utmost respect and heartfelt appreciation, we express our honor to a remarkable individual who has touched our lives in countless ways. Our esteemed brother, Worshipful Glenn Story. You are a true embodiment of unwavering dedication, selflessness, and devotion to our fraternity and the lives around you. As we reflect on your remarkable journey, we stand in awe of the indelible mark you have left on your brothers, our great nation's military, and our lodge Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge #111.

Brother Worshipful Glenn Story, your commitment to serving our nation's military is an inspiration to us all. Through your courageous acts, you have defended the ideals of liberty, justice, and freedom. You selflessly put your life on the line, shouldering the responsibility of protecting and safeguarding our way of life. Your sacrifice and unwavering resolve deserve the highest praise, for you have exemplified the true essence of patriotism.

Beyond your military service, you have continued your noble journey by devoting yourself to our Masonic fraternity. As Past Master of Chico-Leland Stanford lodge #111, you have exemplified the principles of Freemasonry with unwavering dedication. Through your leadership, you have guided our lodge with integrity, selflessness and a profound understanding of the values that unite us as brethren.

Your tireless efforts in traveling to local lodges, connecting with fellow Masons, and spreading the light of knowledge and brotherhood have not gone unnoticed. You have fostered a sense of unity within our community encouraging fellowship, public service, and personal growth among all who have had the privilege of crossing your path.

Our Worshipful Brother Glenn Story, we express our deepest gratitude for your service to our country, your dedication to our Masonic fraternity, and the immeasurable impact you have had on our lives. Your humility, fellowship, and unwavering commitment to our shared principles serve as a guiding light for us all. You are an embodiment of honor, an example of selflessness, and a beacon of light within our fraternity. We salute you Brother, and we extend our deepest admiration to you. Our Brother.

SACRED GEOMETRY

We all try to understand the Unity that permeates the Life

Unveiling the Mysteries of Sacred Geometry: The Language of Creation

Introduction

Sacred geometry, a profound and ancient system of understanding, reveals the hidden harmony and inherent order of the universe. From the patterns found in nature to the architectural wonders of sacred structures, the principles of sacred geometry offer a lens through which we can explore the interconnectedness and divine nature of existence. In this article, we embark on a journey into the realm of sacred geometry, unraveling its origins, key principles, and its significance across cultures and disciplines.

1. The Language of Creation: Understanding Sacred Geometry

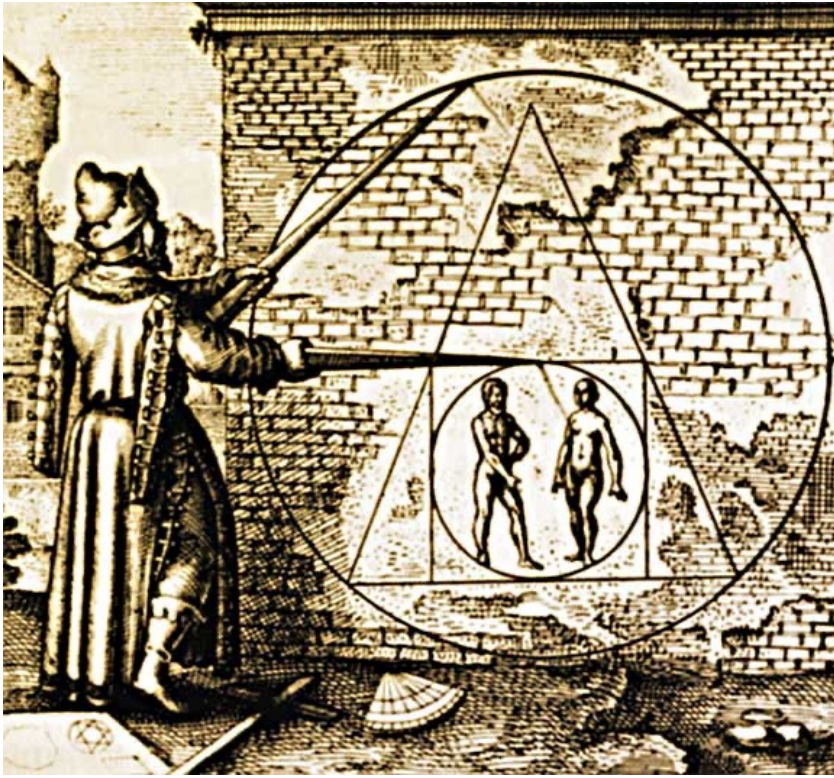
Sacred geometry is the study of geometric patterns, ratios, and proportions that reflect the fundamental structure of the cosmos. It posits that underlying the apparent chaos of the world lies a geometric blueprint that shapes and connects all aspects of creation. Sacred geometry is often associated with spiritual and esoteric traditions, as it reveals the divine order and beauty inherent in the natural world.

2. Historical Roots: Ancient Origins and Cross-Cultural Presence

The roots of sacred geometry can be traced back to ancient civilizations such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, and China. In Egypt, the knowledge of sacred geometry was applied in temple construction and reflected in the dimensions and proportions of the pyramids. In Greece, philosophers such as Pythagoras recognized the mathematical and geometric principles that govern the universe. Sacred geometric symbols and designs can also be found in Hindu and Buddhist traditions, as well as in the Islamic art of the Middle East.

3. Key Principles: Harmonic Proportions and Universal Patterns

Sacred geometry is guided by fundamental principles that govern the formation and organization of shapes and patterns. These principles include the golden ratio (ϕ), the Fibonacci sequence, fractals, and the Platonic solids. The golden ratio, often found in nature and art, represents a ratio of approximately 1.618 and is believed to embody divine proportion and aesthetic beauty. The Fibonacci sequence, a series of numbers where each number is the sum of the two preceding ones (e.g., 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21...), is seen as a reflection of growth patterns in nature.



4. Applications and Significance: From Art to Architecture

Sacred geometry has practical applications in various fields, including architecture, art, and design. Architects and builders often incorporate geometric principles in the design and construction of sacred spaces, such as cathedrals, temples, and mosques, to create spaces that resonate with spiritual significance and evoke a sense of awe. In art and design, sacred geometric patterns are used to create visually harmonious and energetically balanced compositions.

5. Spiritual and Personal Transformation

Sacred geometry is not only a tool for understanding the external world but also a means for personal and spiritual transformation. Through contemplating and working with sacred geometric symbols and patterns, individuals can access higher states of consciousness, experience a sense of interconnectedness, and tap into the underlying unity of existence. Sacred geometry becomes a path for inner exploration and alignment with the divine.

Conclusion

Sacred geometry, the language of creation, provides a glimpse into the profound order and interconnectedness of the universe. By exploring the geometric patterns and principles that shape the natural world and human creations, we gain insight into the beauty, harmony, and underlying intelligence that permeates all aspects of existence. Sacred geometry serves as a bridge between the physical and the spiritual, inviting us to awaken to the deep interplay of patterns, proportions, and energies that define our reality. As we delve into the mysteries of sacred geometry, we embark on a journey of discovery, transformation, and alignment with the divine order that surrounds us.