

TRESTLEBOARD

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Brethren! I hope everyone is doing well! I can't believe it's already June and we are half the way through 2023. It's been a great year with much going on for us. As for this month June 24th is the Summer Solstice! When we celebrate St. John the Baptist.

Saint John's Eve, starting at sunset on 23 June, is the eve of celebration before the Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist. The Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26–37, 56–57) states that John was born six months before Jesus; therefore, the feast of John the Baptist was fixed on 24 June, six months before Christmas according to the old Roman calculation (ante diem VIII Kalendas Iulias). This feast day is one of the very few saints' days which commemorates the anniversary of the birth, rather than the death, of the saint being honored.

The Feast of Saint John closely coincides with the June solstice, also referred to as Midsummer in the Northern Hemisphere. The Christian holy day is fixed at 24 June; but in most countries festivities are mostly held the night before, on Saint John's Eve. This holiday is celebrated in many places.

Read more about St John the Baptist along with St John the Evangelist here at <u>www.CaliforniaFreemason.org</u> <u>https://californiafreemason.org/2022/12/20/patron-saint/</u>

Remember the 1st Tuesday of every month from 6pm-7pm is our potluck Brothers Night in the small dining hall! Join us for food and fellowship.

Cameron Ellis, W.M.

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From the West: Here we are in May already. Seems like we just started the new year. As of the reading of this month's trestleboard we will have a new Entered Apprentice Mason. We also had have a class on "Hands Only CPR, and how to properly use the EAD machine. I want to thank the Chico Fire Department for coming out and helping with this. There was a wreath from the lodge at Chico cemetery, which I helped lay, for its Memorial Day program. I'm sure we will have some degrees in the mix as well. Hopefully the warm weather and approach of summer will not cause the brothers of lodge to scatter like the winds of sea. As we scatter, let us check out other lodges and learn and take notes and maybe incorporate some of their ideals. Trying to get a Blood Drive going. I need 25 confirmed people. I have a few signed up but we need more to get the bloodmobile here and have the drive and fellowship. One thing that should be at the forefront of our ideas should be that, this is to promote our organization without expecting anything in return and also we should be doing it as a true act of charity

-Glenn Story, P.M., SW



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Chico Nile Club

Daughters of the Nile

In May we honored our Princess Doris Arbuckle, as our Treasurer Emeritus, of Chico Nile Club. Princess Doris has been a dedicated member of Daughters of the Nile for many years. We appreciate you, Princess Doris and thank you for all you have done for Daughters of the Nile, Chico Nile Club.



Front Row, l-r: President Jill Ramsey, Princesses Doris Arbuckle, Mary Louise Hunter; Back Row, l-r: Princesses Jan Smith, Marie Worthy and Peggy Glander



FROM THE KITCHEN

Sean's great BBQ style ribs and homemade potato salad were highlights of our May Stated Meeting Dinner. There also was a speaker giving instructions on CPR and how to use an AED, (Automatic External Defibrillator), these units are now installed at the lodge. Our Rainbow Girls did an excellent job of serving and cleaning up. MENU:

Our June dinner will feature tri-tip sandwiches, a vegetable pasta salad, and sliced / cut watermelon.

DESSERT:

Sean's famous Brownie Mountain Ala Mode with choice of whip cream or ice cream. See you at the Lodge for our June Stated Meeting Dinner, Tuesday June 13th at 6:30 P.M. -Respectively submitted Bro. Sean Loch and Bro. F.W. (Fritz) Zanker.

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.

Chico Masonic Family Center Board of Directors

An AED might save the life of someone having a cardiac arrest. We have a now have such a defibrillator, a.ka. an AED, (automated external defibrillators) in a marked cabinet in the large dining room at the hall. The AED is secure in the cabinet so that if anyone opens the door, an audible alarm and flashing red light will go off. Brother Paul Moreno will perform monthly checks on the device and replace batteries and pads as needed.

At last month's stated meeting diner, Glenn Story, P.M., arranged for a Chico firefighter to give us a demonstration on using the AED and performing CPR. AEDs aren't just found in hospitals and fire trucks. The are found in schools and a number of public places, so having one at our facility will keep us safer.

We have replaced a rider mower purchased in 2018 with a new model. The old one worked well but we have a large lawn and the mower simply wore out after five years. The new one works better and is keeping our lawns looking sharp.

As always, if you know of someone in need of rental space, please have them contact the CMFC office or visit our website <u>www.chicofreemasons.org</u>

-Dan Heal, CMFC Board President

Masonic Bodies Info :

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

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

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. Contact: Kyna Hendra Chico326JDI@gmail.com

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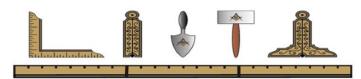
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Josephine Chico Chapter, No. 104 Order of the Eastern Star

We had a fabulous Friendship night recently, with visiting Sisters and Brothers from all over the North State.



We are very excited to initiate a new Sister in June. We will also have an affiliation ceremony for a Sister that has recently moved to the North State.

We are going on a "field trip" on June 10 to New Clairvaux Winery, located at 26240 7th St., Vina. Please contact Sister

Malinda Caven for more details-email to <u>mcaven519@sbcglobal.net</u> or land line 530-426-9232 or cell 530-391-5126.

Our Ann Sigel Memorial Patient Comfort Program continues to make "port pals" that are delivered to Infusion Centers in Butte County. We would love to have you join our Order. If you have questions we would be happen to answer them for you.

-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 making Mother's Day cards. We have been having Regalia meetings to and the daughters are working hard on their ritual work. In June several of the daughters with chaperons are heading to Ontario,CA for Grand Bethel – the annual meeting with daughters from around our State.

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



A special thank you to the Chico Fire Department and Fire Captain Ed Gonzalez for hosting a hands on CPR and ADD training for our Lodge. A very critical skill to know and can save many lives!

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

6/1 Bobby Ussery 6/7 Darrel Roe 6/9 Russell Brines 6/12 Randall Pearce 6/13 Marvin Wooten 6/17 Orville Tracy 6/20 Jeremiah Stanley 6/20 Darrel Hunter 6/21 Eugene Rideout 6/22 Eugene Ringel 6/25 Robert Pepple 6/26 Derrell Kelch 6/27 Glenn Wood 6/28 Joseph Zink **Spouses and Widows:** 6/2 Shirley Zink 6/5 Fran Swithenbank 6/6 Lisa Catterall 6/8 Patricia Shields 6/8 Beverly Johnson 6/10 Georgia Dietrich 6/13 Susan Raitt 6/16 Debbie Carlsen 6/20 Karen Sipple 6/23 Rowena Griffith 6/27 Lucille Stephenson 6/30 Lauren Ghawi



Chico Shrine Club's Hamburger and Bean Feed

Thank you to all that participated and helped make this years event a success!

Everything the Shrine does has 1 purpose. Helping the kids!!!



Spotlight Mason of the Month Brother Travis Crane



Travis while hiking up Mount Shasta

What induced you to become a Mason?

I was exposed to masonry through my dad as many of you might have guessed. He invited me to "coffee soiree", as he puts it. I really enjoyed the company, everyone seemed to be a great person with interesting backgrounds and life philosophies. Eventually I inquired how does one become a mason and the rest is history.

What do you do for a living?

I am a full-time student at Chico State working on my degree in Microbiology. Additionally, I work as a lab aid at Oroville hospitals where I run tests on patient specimens to help determine what their ailments are.

What do you do for your community?

I like to help tutor other students, especially on the subject of chemistry. I'm currently tutoring a coworker and am in the process of developing youtube videos to help explain some of the more complex ideas related to chemistry.

What do you do for your local lodge?

I like to participate in degrees when possible. I think it is important to welcome new members to the fraternity and support them through their journey. I also join in on lodge clean up days and try to support all the different fund-raising ventures.

How do you occupy your free time?

Right now, my primary hobby is probably running. I am preparing for a 100 kilometer race in June so I have been dedicating a lot of free time to getting miles under my belt. Otherwise I work on developing youtube videos as I mentioned before and have recently taken an interest in reading about stoic philosophy.

Thank you, Brother Crane, for all that you do!

Light from the East: Trivium and Quadrivium

The trivium and quadrivium form the seven liberal arts. From around 500BC, Liberal Arts education began to take shape in Ancient Greece. To begin with, Pythagoras argued that there was a mathematical and geometrical harmony to the cosmos or the universe (Pythagoras spent many years in Egypt, and may have got many of his ideas from Egyptian mathematics, cosmology and philosophy).

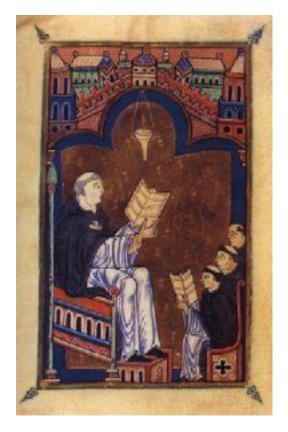


Pythagoras argued that mathematics and the beauty of number, ratio and proportion were the first principles of everything in existence. His followers linked the four arts of astronomy, mathematics, geometry and music into one are of study called the Quadrivium. The study of number in particular was thought to purify the soul by putting it in mathematical harmony with the universe. Here the microcosm – the human soul – was at one with the macrocosm – the cosmos. Plato put the mathematical sciences at the heart of his design for the new Republic.

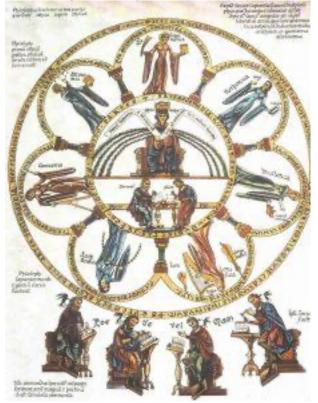
In 4th century Athens, the government of the polis, or city-state, respected the ability of rhetoric or public speaking above almost everything else. The Sophists claimed to be able to teach rhetorical skills to those who could pay them, and a science of oratory began to develop. Success required knowledge of grammar and dialectic; grammar in order to produce eloquence, and dialectic in order to make one's arguments powerful enough to win debates. In time, rhetoric, grammar and dialectic became the educational programme of the Trivium. Until the European Renaissance, the trivium and the quadrivium were the foundation of Western education.

Hugh of St. Victor said (c. 1130s), 'grammar is the knowledge of how to speak without error; dialectic is the clear-sighted argument which separates the true from the false; rhetoric is the discipline of persuading to every suitable thing.'

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In this mnemonic about the seven liberal arts, grammar has priority over the others: Gram loquitur; Dia vera docet; Rhet verba colorat; Mus canit; Ar numerat; Ge ponderat; Asti colit astra. Grammar speaks; dialectic teaches truth; rhetoric adorns words; Music sings; arithmetic counts; geometry measures; astronomy studies stars.



The picture (Hortus deliciarum [Garden of Delights] of Herrad von Landsberg) is part of a 12th century illustrated manuscript showing the seven liberal arts of the Trivium and Quadrivium circled around Socrates and Plato and Philosophy. This shows that the seven liberal arts were bound together by a philosophical approach to discovering the first principles of the universe and mankind. This philosophical approach is at the heart of our own programme of modern Liberal Arts.

In the Middle Ages Liberal Arts became the melting pot for Pagan, Judaic, Christian and Islamic intellectual tolerance in the centuries before the European Renaissance. But by the 14th century the spirit of Liberal Arts had been lost to the letter of the prescriptive instrumentalism of Scholastic compendia. These were opposed in the Renaissance by Petrarch and others, and a new humanistic form of Liberal Arts emerged which included the whole range of the arts. The Trivium and Quadrivium became less central to Liberal Arts over the next few hundred years, to be replaced by different models of Liberal Arts education.

From: LiberalArts.online

Please remember, articles are due on the 16th of the month in order to appear on the following months trestleboard. Pictures from your events are strongly encouraged and feedback on improving the trestleboard is welcome!