



# TRESTLEBOARD

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CHICO SHRINE CLUB PRESENTS

## 2023 HAMBURGER BEAN FEED

**SATURDAY MAY 6**

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## From the East

Brethren and Masonic Family!! Winter is on its way out again. Daylight savings time is March 12th so don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

St. Patrick's Day is March 17<sup>th</sup>, which celebrates St. Patrick's ridding Ireland of serpents that attacked him during a 40 day fast. There have never been serpents in Ireland though which leads scholars to believe he was either hallucinating from the 40 day fast or that him informing the church of his accomplishment was referring to him ridding the land of its pagans and druids. One of those mysteries lost to history. March 20<sup>th</sup> will be our spring equinox which will mark the beginning of spring when the land begins to come back to life and blossom again!

And Finally, Happy Birthday to our Famous brother Leland Stanford whose birthday is March 24, 1824!

-Cameron Ellis W.M.

## 2023 Lodge Officers:

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**354-4754**

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**Glenn Story**

**518-3943**

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**Richard Wanacott**

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**Ray C. Dunham PM**

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**Brad Marr PM**

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

### Masons

3/2 Remegio Mellomida

3/5 Andrew Christian

3/9 Irvin Nevol

3/22 George Wise

3/24 Otis Swihart

3/29 George Ghawi

3/31 Jerry Jackson

### Spouses and Widows

3/6 Marianne Eberhart

3/6 Eleanor Fagg

3/8 Shirley Peterson

3/10 Shirley Rice

3/12 Colleen Howard

3/16 Gina Marr

3/16 Tracy Alexander



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## Rainbow Girls

The Rainbow Girls recently volunteered at the food locker, helped serve at Burns Night, attended the Grand Worthy Advisor's reception in Sacramento, and welcomed a new member into the Assembly

-Laura Ray, Mother Advisor



## Josephine Chico No. 104, OES

Josephine Chico Chapter and Golden Feather Chapter will be celebrating the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Family on Sunday, March 26, with a Scottish Highland Theme. All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are invited to attend. 1PM, at the Chico Masonic Family Center.

-Kyna Hendra, Worthy Matron

-Gary Hendra, Worthy Patron



## Jobs Daughters

The girls celebrated Valentine's Day by making handmade old-fashioned Valentines for those they love on the 13th. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 27. All Master Masons, members of Eastern Star, members of Job's Daughters, and parents, grandparents and guardians of Job's Daughters are invited to attend. 6:30PM at the Chico Masonic Center. Our next "fun" event will be Monday, March 13th and girls between 9 and 21 are welcome to come have fun with us!

-Kyna Hendra, Bethel Guardian

## BROTHERS NIGHT

**Our very first brothers' night was a success! Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month from 6pm-7pm down the hall in the small dining room for food and fellowship.**



## **From the West**

Here we are in the month of March. Some events we got going on. The Officers From Blue Lodge will be Presenting a First Degree with other Lodges from around our District on March 18. March is a time of spring and the last vestiges of winter showing. We also move our clocks ahead. As we are moving forward and faster. We all need to look in ourselves and be ready for this ride and where it goes. Spring is a time of growth and rebirth. What does rebirth mean to you? To me, it means that you improve on the New Years Resolution that you started or are continuing. Also that you are open to new and awesome changes. We should all try this time of year to embrace the change and enjoy the new beginnings.

-Glenn Story, P.M., SW

## **From the Board of Directors**

An opportunity to place a defibrillator (AED) at the Masonic Center became possible thanks to Matt Cherrington, PM, who donated a used one and new batteries.

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are portable, life-saving devices designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AEDs are a type of computerized defibrillator that automatically analyzes the heart rhythm in people who are experiencing cardiac arrest. When appropriate, it delivers an electrical shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm. AED are often found in workplaces and public settings. They are relatively easy to use and include audible instructions so even someone unfamiliar with the device can operate it and save a life.

An AED of the same model that Worshipful Cherrington donated was discovered in a closet. After Brother Sid Crane approached the CMFC board, directors voted to purchase new pads for both devices and new batteries for the second unit. Once operable, the devices will be placed in the large and small dining rooms for easy access in case of an emergency.

We also re-elected all four board officers: Dan Heal, president; Ray Dunham, PM, vice president; Steve Moody, PM, chief financial officer and Paul Moreno, secretary. Joining the board is Pete Volpato, who replaces Rob Peters. We thank Rob for his many years of service on the board.

-Dan Heal -President, CMFC board of directors

## 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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- Steve Moody, P.M. ,Chief Financial Officer
- Paul Moreno
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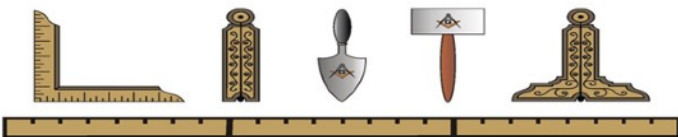
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## **A Little Light from the East: The Connection Between Hermetics and Masonry**

Have you noticed that a Masonic Lodge room is full of diametrically opposed objects and symbols which represent polar concepts or ideas? Examples of these opposites are:

- § Square and Compasses
- § Rough and Perfect Ashlars
- § Jachin and Boaz / Wisdom and Strength
- § Terrestrial and Celestial Globes
- § Darkness and Light
- § Checkered Pavement / Black and White pavers
- § East and West...North and South
- § Death and Rebirth
- § Sun and Moon
- § Stepping off upon the right and left feet
- § Cowans and Eavesdroppers
- § Ascending and Descending

Isn't it interesting that Masons are encouraged from the very beginning to control their passions and to pursue a virtuous and pure life? It's interesting, because the Greeks demanded the very same thing from their candidates before they were admitted into the Ancient Mystery Schools, and the School of Pythagoras (you can see a map of the school here).

After reading thousands of pages written by Masonic scholars, I am convinced that Freemasonry was not "invented" by the English (nor the Scots) in the seventeenth or eighteenth century. Yes, in the early eighteenth century, Freemasonry was developed into a regulated institution and rituals were developed from existing initiatory rites of operative Lodges, but something else was going on beneath the surface and intellectuals of the time could sense that there was more. "In January 1721, when the antiquarian William Stukeley (close friend of Newton and Desaguliers) determined to join the fraternity, "suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the ancients..." This illustrates that even from the first years of organized Freemasonry, educated men were recognizing something about Freemasonry that led them to believe that it was rooted in ancient philosophy and concepts. "The presence in the modern Masonic system, of many of the emblems, symbols and allegories of the ancient Temples of Initiation, as well as certain rites performed therein, has persuaded the most learned among Masonic scholars to conclude that Masonry is of very ancient origin, and is, in some aspects, the modern successor of, and heir to, the sublime Mysteries of the Temple of Solomon, and the Temples of India, Chaldea, Egypt, Greece, and Rome [I am certain this is also referring to the cult of Mithras], as well as the basic doctrine of the Essenes, Gnostics and other Mystic Orders"

May this insert on Masonry and Hermetics inspire you to dive beyond the surface of our degrees and deep into the caverns of history in your journey searching for the lost keys of Freemasonry which enrich the character, the mind and the soul.





