



TRESTLEBOARD

A Chico Freemasons Tradition Since 1856
Published by Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge, No. 111, F&AM
Vol. 167 No.90 - October, 2023



From the East



Greetings, esteemed brethren! October, a time of transition and change, serves as a reminder of the transformative power inherent in our Masonic journey. Just as nature sheds its leaves in preparation for renewal, we too can reflect upon our own growth and shed the burdens that hinder our progress. Let us draw inspiration from the changing seasons, embracing the symbolism of transformation and embracing the virtues that guide us towards personal and spiritual elevation. As we navigate the intricate web of Masonic symbolism, may we decode its hidden messages and apply its wisdom to our daily lives, fostering a deeper understanding of our Craft.

In this month of October, we celebrate Halloween and the change of the seasons as we move away from the hot summer and into the fall weather. My favorite time of year (It's also the month of my birthday lol) At our stated meeting dinner this month we will be hosting a Rainbow girls desert auction, so bring your wallet and help the Rainbow girls raise money for their charity through their hard work and creativity. The Rainbow Girls will also be placing a box out at lodge for donations of canned goods to give to those in need. So, buy a few extra cans and bring them in and help these wonderful young ladies help those in need this holiday season.

Table Mountain Lodge put on a wonderful outdoor 3rd degree last month which was performed by the Ben Ali Shriner Past master's degree Team who did an outstanding job. A huge Congratulations to our Table Mountain Brothers who like a Phoenix have risen from the ashes of the Paradise Fire to rebuild their lodges activity and their community.

Let us shed the old and embrace the new, nurturing the seeds of wisdom and virtue that lie within us. May this be a month of profound discoveries, personal growth, and the strengthening of our Masonic bonds. Wishing you all an October filled with enlightenment, the joy of Masonic fulfillment and lots of candy!

Cameron Ellis, W.M.

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.

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

Order of the Rainbow

The Rainbow Girls attended the 3rd Disney Takeover Day on September 9th with 350 people in attendance for a leadership training in Disneyland. The Assembly will be taking wreath orders in October with delivery right after Thanksgiving. The girls will also be collecting canned food for the statewide service project to donate nonperishables to local food banks.



Masonic Assistance
Fraternal care based on Masonic values



We support and serve the whole family

- MASONIC HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
- MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES
- MASONIC FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Call
888/466-3642
for information and support

We support and serve the whole family

- MASONIC HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
- MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES
- MASONIC FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Call **888/466-3642** for information and support

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



Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Lodge
No. 111, F&AM
1110 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA.
95926

**Chico-Leland Stanford
Masonic Cemetery**

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

From the Board of Directors

Thanks for the Shelves; Parking Lot to be Resealed and Striped

A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has purchased three strong metal shelves for the Chico Masonic Family Center garage, which will help tremendously for storing items. The CMFC greatly appreciates the donor's generosity.

Holes at two storm drains have been repaired in the front and back parking lots. The repair required cutting into and excavating the asphalt to create a two-foot-wide concrete perimeter around the drains to prevent the sinking of surrounding asphalt. We thank brother Levy Magneson who did the work at a reasonable fee.

This fall the parking areas around the hall will be resealed and parking spaces restriped. This will not only protect the parking lot from water intrusion but will greatly enhance the appearance and make parking easier with bright white striping.

We expect to eventually get new neighbors to the west and north, now that the home and walnut orchard of our late brother Michael Caprealian has sold. Michael was a Master mason for more than 50 years and a fantastic neighbor. A 75-home subdivision is being planned for this property.

On Saturday, Sept. 9 a successful yard work party was held to prune and remove tree limbs. A scissor lift was rented to reach high limbs impeding garbage trucks and blocking parking lot lights. Low tree branches over parking spots were also trimmed. Thanks to a strong turnout of brothers a lot was accomplished.

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

The Rainbow girls at their leadership training at Disneyland!



Chico Masonic

Brotherly Love
Relief
Truth

Faith
Hope
Charity

Family Center



Demolay
Youth Group



York Rite



Job's Daughters
CALIFORNIA

Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge #111
1110 W. East Ave
Chico, CA 95926

Masonic Bodies Info :

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 Saturday of the month. 10:00 A.M. At the Cozy Diner Banquet Room
Contact: Larry Willis895-0156
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 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.
Contact: Kyna Hendra
Chico326JDI@gmail.com

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

2023 Board of Directors:

- Dan Heal- President
- Ray Dunham, P.M., Vice President
- Steve Moody, P.M., Chief Financial Officer
- Paul Moreno, Secretary
- Cameron Ellis, Ex-Officio
- Glenn Story P.M., Ex-Officio
- Pete Volpato
- Darrel Roe

Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Lodge

No. 111, F&AM

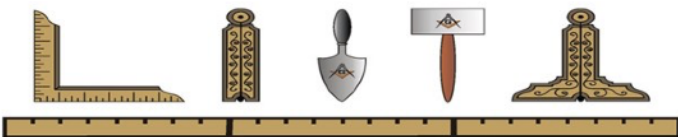
SUPPORTS THE CHICO MASONIC
FAMILY CENTER TRESTLEBOARD



Cameron Ellis 2023
Sid Crane, Secretary

(530) 893-3171

BE THE
EXAMPLE



Unmasking the Symbolism of Halloween: A Deep Dive into its Mystical Origins

Halloween, celebrated on the night of October 31st, is a time of revelry, costumes, and spooky decor. Beneath its surface, however, lies a tapestry of symbolism, often tracing its roots back to ancient Celtic and Christian traditions. In this write-up, we'll explore the rich symbolism of Halloween and its intriguing connections to the occult, the harvest season, and the mystical world.

1. **The Harvest Festival Connection:**

- Halloween, originally known as Samhain, marked the end of the Celtic harvest season. Symbolically, it represented the cycle of life, death, and rebirth.
- The bountiful harvest and the impending winter's darkness were seen as metaphors for life's cyclical nature. Halloween was a time to celebrate abundance and prepare for the coming scarcity.

2. **The Thin Veil Between Worlds:**

- One of Halloween's most enduring symbols is the belief that on this night, the veil between the physical world and the spirit world is at its thinnest. This notion is rooted in Celtic and Druidic beliefs.
- People lit bonfires and candles to ward off evil spirits and to guide the souls of the deceased back to their homes for a night.
- This symbolism echoes the Masonic concept of seeking light in darkness, where enlightenment and knowledge are gained by transcending the ordinary and exploring the unknown.

3. **Costumes and Masks:**

- Dressing up in costumes and masks on Halloween has a dual symbolism. It conceals one's identity while allowing for personal transformation.
- The act of wearing a mask can symbolize the duality of human nature, exploring hidden aspects of the self, or even shedding societal roles for a night.
- In a Masonic context, masks and costumes can represent the multifaceted nature of the individual, where one's true essence may be concealed, revealing the inner workings only to those who seek it.

4. **Jack-o'-Lanterns:**

- The carved pumpkin, or Jack-o'-lantern, has roots in Irish folklore. The tale of Stingy Jack, who tricked the Devil, is often associated with this tradition.
- Symbolically, the Jack-o'-lantern represents the eternal struggle between light and darkness, good and evil.
- In a Masonic context, it can be seen as an allegory for the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment, as Masons strive to bring light to the world.

5. **Harvest Symbols:**

- Corn stalks, gourds, and apples are common Halloween decorations, representing the abundance of the harvest season.
- In a symbolic sense, these items remind us of the rewards of hard work and the need to be grateful for life's blessings.

Halloween's symbolism is a fascinating blend of ancient traditions, folklore, and cultural influences. It reminds us of the cyclical nature of life, the connection between the physical and spiritual realms, and the transformative power of masks and costumes. In a Masonic context, Halloween's symbolism aligns with the search for light and enlightenment, where hidden truths are revealed by those willing to explore the depths of symbolism and mysticism. Thus, Halloween serves as a bridge between the mundane and the mysterious, inviting us to delve deeper into

Happy Birthday to our Brother's, Spouses and Widows!! Birthdays for the month of October!!

Mason's

- 10/2 - George Young
- 10/5 - Cameron Ellis
- 10/13 - James Vernon
- 10/13 - De' Ondre White
- 10/14 - Steven Keeler
- 10/17 - Michael Burke
- 10/19 - Spencer McNairn
- 10/20 - Karl Dietrich
- 10/22 - Paul Moreno
- 10/23 - Edward Anderson
- 10/24 - James Stratton
- 10/25 - Frederick Zanker

Spouses and Widows

- 10/1 - Michele Smith
- 10/7 - Jeanette Wells
- 10/8 - Jeannine Fox
- 10/10 - Christine Gore
- 10/11 - Diane Rice
- 10/11 - Kate Ellis
- 10/13 - Erlline Estes
- 10/17 - Sandy Burke
- 10/21 - Celia Martin
- 10/22 - Genendal Burchfield
- 10/25 - Staci Swithenbank
- 10/25 - Stack Swithenbank
- 10/25 - Marcie Tevis
- 10/26 - Guelsy Stanley
- 10/31 - Susan Crane

