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MARCH TRESTLEBOARD

Racing Into Spring

**Spring gratitude, lodge updates
and events.**

Words by Jeffery Gatchell

Brethren,

As we race into Spring, I'd like to thank all of you for your continued membership and participation in Blythe-Needles #473! I truly hope all of you are doing well. Over the past couple of years I have been fortunate to have visited a number of other lodges - more in these past two years than in my first 15 years combined. I believe it has definitely broadened my journey, and has given me the opportunity not only to meet many other masons, but to look at the varying architecture of those lodges. Observing other brothers putting on degrees has

been both fun and inspirational. I would encourage all of you to make that one of your goals as a mason

Just recently I was able to attend a 2nd degree for Alex Okamoto, one of PM Gary Okamoto's sons. This took place at Coachella #476 on February 22nd. Their 'team' did themselves proud, and at the end of it, young Alex was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Speaking of degrees, I anticipate us having at least one, and possibly more degrees in the not-too-distant future. Please remain diligent in your studies, especially if you are a line officer. Check the calendar to reference the practice schedule.



We have had pretty good and consistent participation, and I see real progress. I think maybe the Keurig coffee maker being there has kept some coming back! Let's try and all be participants in our 2nd Annual Skeet Shoot & Ribeye dinner on the afternoon of Saturday, April 20th. That will be a heck of a fun outing, and I expect there will be a few from other lodges attend, similar to last year. There is a flyer with more information on this website. RSVP's are SUPER IMPORTANT as we need to buy ribeye's, etc. for everyone. The best number for an RSVP is near the bottom of that flyer.

And lastly, the Colorado River Fair.

We have been fortunate to have again been asked to post at the Exhibit Hall on Thursday through Sunday, March 14th - 17th. There may still be some open shifts, and as Master I ask of you to please step up and help us get the schedule filled. We do receive some compensation for our effort, which does aid with our bank account. It's not difficult work, and only requires a few hours on any of those days.

Take care Brethren, and I hope to see many of you again soon!

On the Square,
Jeff Gatchell

Breaking into the New Season

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Greetings,

As we step into March, we find ourselves at the threshold of a vibrant new season. March, often heralded as the gateway to spring, brings with it a sense of renewal and anticipation. It's a time when nature awakens from its winter slumber, bursting forth with new life and vitality.

In the Masonic calendar, March holds a special significance as it symbolizes the transition from darkness to light, mirroring the journey of the candidate through the degrees of Freemasonry. Just as the sun breaks through the clouds after a long winter's day, may we too break through the barriers that hold us back and emerge stronger and more resilient. Like the dawn of a new day, let us nurture and



Speak with Honesty, Think with Sincerity, Act with Integrity.

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cultivate the seeds of brotherly love, relief, and truth planted within us.

March invites us to shed the heaviness of winter and embrace the promise of new beginnings. It's a time to cast off the darkness and embrace the light, both within ourselves and within our Lodge. Let us greet each other with warmth and kindness, knowing that together, we can overcome any challenge and achieve great things.

As we journey through March, let us carry with us the spirit of renewal and rejuvenation. May this month inspire us to sow the seeds of brotherhood and unity, fostering a sense of camaraderie and fellowship among us.

Fraternally,

Sutton Miller, Junior Warden

Helpful Links

Blythe-Needles Website:

<http://blythe-needles473.com>

Purpose: To serve at a central location for all calendar events, updates, and lodge news for the Blythe-Needles Lodge.

California Grand Lodge Website:

<https://freemason.org>

Purpose: The grand lodge website functions as the central online presence for Masonry in the State of California. It can be used as a resource to answers questions fields about masonry, find additional articles for education and to keep track of Masonic events taking place in your region and state.

iMembers Website:

https://member.freemason.org/users/sign_in

Purpose: You can use your iMembers account to monitor calendar events at the local and state level. You can also manage dues, donations and find Masonic education. If you need assistance with creating an iMembers account please contact the lodge secretary Kevin Crain.

March Calendar

SUN 25	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI Mar 1	SAT 2
3	4	5	6 ● 7pm Stated Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12 ● 7pm Candidates Coach Night	13	14 Colorado River Fair ● 7pm Candidates Coach Night	15	16
17 Colorado River Fair	18	19	20 ● 7pm Monthly OSI	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 ● 7am Cornerstone Ceremony - Air M	28	29	30
31	Apr 1	2	3 ● 7pm Stated Meeting	4	5	6 ● 1pm Scottish Rite - International D

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