



# Blythe/Needles Lodge No. 473

## Free & Accepted Masons of California

### MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

### November 2022



#### LODGE CALENDAR:

November 2nd  
7:30 pm Temple Board meeting  
8:00pm Stated Meeting



Brethren, Greetings from the East.

This is a combined November and December message. Barb and I are taking a much-needed time off for a cruise. Hopefully I'll be able to share some interesting encounters when I return.

We had an excellent Hiram Award Ceremony for Brother Curtis Creceluis on October 15, 2022.

To quote our program for the evening, The "Hiram Award Program" is the official recognition of a Brother by his own Lodge for his devoted service to that Lodge and to Masonic principles in general. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, displays his devotion with-out receiving special recognition or special honor.

Brother Curtis is truly one of the unsung heroes of our lodge. As plumber, he and his father did all the plumbing on our addition and Curtis has maintained it ever since. As a member of the community, he has served as Fire Chief for two decades and still serves as pyro chief for the fireworks display. I count it a blessing to be able to call him Brother and friend.

November is election time for your lodge officers. Some are merely holding station, but many are studying hard to advance. Plan on attending the meeting to vote and to congratulate those who give so freely of their time to our fraternity.

There is also a stated meeting dinner in November. Our treasurer, Brother James Ryan, has volunteered to prepare the meal. Last time he did so, it was GREAT. Please say yes when Brother Ken Stephens calls for a reservation. And speaking of dinners, the December dinner needs a volunteer cook. Please feel free to contact Brother Kevin Currier, our Jr. Warden, to get on his calendar.

One of our Fellowcraft brothers has stated he is ready to return his proficiency. I'm sure Worshipful Jeff Gatchell, who will assume the Master's Chair while I'm gone, will find a time to get that done. It would be really great to start off the new year with one or more Third Degrees.

I have assured the brethren that I will retire as an officer, but not as a ritualist. As long as I'm in the area, I will help in any capacity needed.

I have really enjoyed this sixth term as your Master, it is the highlight of my masonic career. When writing this message, I thought back to how long I have been doing this. In January, I'll celebrate 46 years as a Master Mason, 42 years as a Scottish Rite Mason, 41 years as a member of El Bekal Shrine, and 41 years as a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Fun Times! Larry Wuertz - Master



From the West.....

Brethren,

October was a busy month, but we got through it unscathed! I am happy to say we remain very active, and my hat is off to our brothers who **continue to make time to devote to our Lodge**, and to their craft! Without your attendance, help and support our travels would be down a very **rough and rugged road**, and none of us want that!

Congrats to Brother Curtis Crecelius for his receiving the Hiram Award on October 15th, Curtis has been affiliated with us since 1981 (that's over 40 years!) and has assisted us in various ways under the cover of darkness. His family, including wife Penny was well represented, and the dinner, catered by Janice Lyon and her sisters was great as always! I told someone that I didn't even need a fork to cut the meat since it was so tender. A special thank you to the brothers and family members that came in support of this most prestigious award given to brother Curtis.

A couple educational tidbits regarding the northeast corner. Without going into too much detail, the northeast corner represents the **dawn of light** into the soul, and is a symbol of youth emerging from the darkness of ignorance, into the **light of knowledge**. There is symbolism about placing the Entered Apprentice in the Northeast Corner. The youngest EA, place in the NE Corner is symbolic of a cornerstone, He is one of those upon whom **the lodge of the future must be erected**. We must know he is of suitable material for that purpose. If one does a little further digging into the craft, it makes what we do in Lodge (signs, words, movements, etc.) come more into focus as to why these customs have been done in the manner that they have. It might even make your head spin, but in a good way! We must always keep our minds working for our overall health, and the study of our craft is an easy way to do that.

On the Level,

Jeff Gatchell  
Senior Warden

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◆ Asking all Shriners and Scottish Rite Masons Near and Far to Blythe ◆  
to join us for the Blue Lodge

# Christmas Parade Friday Night Skeet Club BBQ, and 50/50 shoot



**Friday, December 2nd**

Skeet Club BBQ: 6 PM

50/50 shoot: 7 PM

**Saturday, December 3rd**

Golf Tournament: 8 AM - 12 PM

Lodge BBQ: 12 PM

Parade: 5 PM

Golf course contact for tee times: (760) 922-7272 (mention Shriners)

Friday Night Skeet Club, BBQ, and 50/50 shoot will be donated to the Scottish Rite Children's Language Center in Pam Springs

All donations for the golf tournament and lodge BBQ will be donated to Blythe-Needles Lodge #473 and Shriners Children Hospital

### Rooms available at the following:

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Those who wish to only shoot their personal firearms or receive instructions by licensed firearms instructors, contact: **Worshipful STU Ryan**

Personal Shoot times will be:

**Saturday and Sunday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

(Supply your own ammo)

Any donations will be donated to Scottish Rite Care

RSVP to Stu as a group or individual at: (760) 272-5757

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**Fun for all!**



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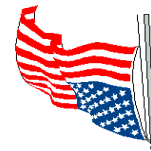
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Thank you.



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