



Blythe-Needles Lodge No. 473

Free & Accepted Masons of California

MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

FEBRUARY 2023

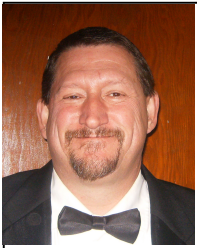


Lodge CALENDAR:

2/1/2023	5:30 PM	Dinner - at Lodge dining room
	6:30 PM	Temple Board Meeting
	7 PM	Stated Meeting
		Dress Code slacks, shirt and tie
		Announcement of 2023 Committee Appointments
2/8/2023	7PM	Officers Coach night
2/15/2023	7pm	Officers Coach Night
2/16/2023	7pm	OSI
2/22/2023	7pm	Executive Committee Meeting

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From the East



Greetings Bretherern, I would like to congratulate the Blythe/Needles Lodge #473 officer line for the 2023 Masonic year. Some, like myself, are in new chairs, some in familiar ones. Thank you to all for supporting (and a little pushing) me to make the journey to the East. A very big thank you to Worshipful Larry Wuertz, Worshipful Ted Morris and Worshipful John Brooks for making their journey from their homes in AZ to be the installation team for us. I would like to encourage all officers to make the effort to attend our Stated Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, Officer Coach Wednesday nights and Officer School of Instruction on the third Thursday of the month during the next year, it doesn't take long to get "rusty" if we don't practice and I am not ashamed to say that I need all the practice I can get myself. Here is to 2023 being a great year to our members and our Lodge.

Fraternaly,

Kevin Currier, WM.



From the West.....

Brethren,

Congrats to the 2023 line officers for being installed. Worshipful Currier I'm sure will do a very good job, and with everyone's support I believe we will have another good year. There are a handful of you that have been appointed but have yet to be formally installed. Hopefully we can get this accomplished at the next stated meeting. Special shout-out to Past Masters Larry Wuertz, Ted Morris, and John Brooks for taking the time to attend, as well as being THE installation team.

As one of the candidates coaches, I can report that we currently have three EA's working diligently on their proficiencies with their own coaches, and I must say that I have been pleased with the progress being made. As they say, it takes two to tango! As long as candidates continue to learn their proficiencies, I wouldn't be surprised if we don't have at least a degree or two in the near future. Line officers - keep your ciphers handy, blow off the dust (if applicable), and study up on your part, particularly as it pertains to the Fellowcraft degree.

I would also like to express my gratitude (I think I speak for everyone) to Worshipful Wuertz for his gracious donation in order to cover the initial cost of this lodge getting it's own website! After viewing the presentation and learning of it's potential, I will be excited to see this project come to fruition. I believe in this day and age that we need to keep up with the technology that is available so as to improve our communication and increase our visibility.

Now some 'food' (sorry) for thought. I'll try and be brief!

Some fantastic tales have been told about King Solomon's Temple, the principal symbol of Freemasonry and the basis of the rituals for the Craft. The cost of this structure has been placed by various students of biblical history at figures that well may be believed to be greater than the total wealth of that part of the world in which the Temple was erected. Palestine was a country of about 11,000 square miles or about the size of Vermont or New Hampshire. Some estimates place the cost of the structure to be in the neighborhood of some 10-20 billion dollars, which included all of the materials, precious metals and stones assembled within a period of relatively few years, and much of that coming from outside of Palestine. Imagine asking the states of Vermont or New Hampshire to commit so many resources into a single structure! Certainly makes one step back in awe of what it took back then to erect the world's most famous edifice - King Solomon's Temple.

Be sure and check the calendar on I-members for what is going on in your Lodge.

On the level,

Jeff Gatchell



From the Secretary

Congratulation to all the brothers installed this past month. I am sorry I was unable to attended due to after avoiding Covid for 2 plus years it came knocking and hit me like a ton of Bricks.

Brothers just a friendly reminder that if you have not yet paid your dues please do so.

The lodge has many fine upcoming events. If you can join us please do so. Nothing beats seeing a brother in the lodge enjoying himself.





Kevin Crain
Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 PM Dinner Temple Board 6:30 PM Stated Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7pm Officers Coach Night	9	10	11
12	13	14  <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15 7pm Officers Coach Night	16 <i>7pm OSI</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Officers for the Year 2023
Blythe-Needles Lodge #473, F&AM

Worshipful Master Kevin R. Carrier
Senior Warden Jeffrey Gatchell, PM
Junior Warden Michael Preslet PM
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Thank you.



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