



Blythe-Needles Lodge No. 473

Free & Accepted Masons of California

MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

April 2023



Lodge CALENDAR:

4/5/2023	5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM	Dinner - Sizzler Temple Board Meeting Stated Meeting Official
4/11	7PM	OSI
4/26	9:00am	Cornerstone Ceremony George Patton Museum Chirico Summit



Greetings Bretherern,



Happy Springtime in the desert southwest. We had a very busy month of March, we were hosted by Worshipful Ted Morris and his wife Cindy to a delicious bread-bowl dinner at the stated meeting dinner, our lodge members studied and practiced for many weeks, and hosted Coachella Lodge members to a breakfast and 3rd degree exemplification and finally finished up the month with our annual volunteer duty at the Colorado River Fair. Thank you to all the brothers who took time out of their busy lives to do so. This coming month of April, our lodge is assisting with a Cornerstone ceremony at the George Patton Museum in Chiraco Summit at 9 am on April 26, our lodge has been asked to assist, so if you have not attended a Cornerstone ceremony before, I highly suggest you do so, its quite a show. I, unfortunately will not be in attendance due to work schedule conflicts. Stated dinner and meeting will be on Wednesday the 5th beginning at 530 pm for dinner and 7 for Business, please be aware that we will be having our official visit from Stu Ryan, Inspector of the 834th Masonic District that night. As usual, Wednesday nights are open for Officer coach nights and OSI is on the 20th, which, as we all are aware, is mandatory for all line officers attendance. Anyone unable to attend OSI is to contact our inspector.

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From the West.....

Hello again Brethren,

Hope everyone is well and upright! March is such a great month around here in that the temps are/were so darn nice, both day and night. Thanks to those of you that were able to cover the exhibit hall during the 4 days of the Colorado River Fair. This, as most of you know is a nice way of generating some much-needed income for the Lodge without having to break a sweat.

We had a great 3rd degree practice here on Saturday, the 11th of March. Breakfast was prepared by us prior to (everyone survived), and we had 6 Lodge members from the Coachella Lodge drive out and participate. I really enjoyed the number of masons that were there, as well as getting to know a few of our brothers from Coachella a little bit better. No one was absolutely perfect (we always try though) but none the less, we got through it fairly well, and it was incredibly productive! The 3rd Ruffian from Coachella was VERY convincing, and even drew a smattering of applause!

Had a nice, but hard working and long adventure on 3/13. Myself and brothers Stu Ryan, Sutton Miller and Jimmy Ryan journeyed up to the Rim of the World Lodge (Crestview) hauling literally tons (probably around 3) of provisions for those up on the mountain desperately in need of non-perishable food (pet food too!), paper products, etc. Many donations had been received prior to that day which definitely made the trip 'quite a haul!' Some of the items were provided not only by ourselves, but by other Inland Empire lodges, as well as a very generous donation by the huge Food Pantry in Coachella. Crestview lodge would dole out at their discretion once we had unloaded and left, which I heard that they did in relatively short order. The return trip included a stop at a Farmer Boys restaurant in Beaumont (highly recommend!) where Worshipful Stu picked up the tab. 6am to 9pm is certainly a long stretch, and I expect we were all a little sore the next day. I was shocked as to the amount of snow still on the ground, as well as the widespread damage that the storms had caused.

To pick up from where I left off last month, I just want to summarize by saying that if we cannot take care of our own brethren, it would be somewhat difficult to think that we could take care a few of the various needs within our own communities. We must first be concerned with the welfare of our own, existing members which one would believe would spill over into our communities. If we are successful in this realm, then we are in large part doing what we masons signed up for - brotherly love, relief and truth. You, my brothers are our most important resource! If you cannot attend lodge once a month for a stated meeting (and unfortunately many of you do not), it would be greatly appreciated if you could perhaps provide us with some input as to any ideas you might have to enhance the attraction to the fraternity. New blood is the insurance policy to a continued existence here.

With brotherly love,

Jeff Gatchell
Senior Warden



From the Secretary

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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.

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Hello Brethren: From the South. A new twist of technology for myself. I am happy to report degree work to accomplish is in the wind. I never thought about the day would come when I would be back in lodge again serving in the capacity to help keep our beautiful Blythe Lodge a float. I have been blessed by this lodge and at the same time spoiled by the greatest generation who ever served in positions and degree work to help us accomplish the goal of the lodge. My Dad told me and I have heard it since that time the reason for becoming a mason was that by learning the work you would become a better man. We are always in need of men to keep our lodge rolling and open. I am busy too, but not enough to see many great years of degree work go by the wayside. I know your busy too, but we are always there usually every week trying to perfect the work. We think of you-think of us-your help and experience would be awesome. Still here engaged in this great opportunity to serve our community. Hope to see you some day soon. Thanks to the brothers who help us from afar. Happy Easter everybody. Our lodge has something for everyone.

Michael Presley, PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 5:30 Dinner 7:00 PM Stated Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 7pm Officers Coach Night	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7pm officers Coach night	20 OSI 7pm	21	22
23/30	24	25	26 Cornerstone Ceremony George Patton Museum Chirico Summit	27	28	29

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 Thank you.



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