



Blythe-Needles Lodge No. 473

Free & Accepted Masons of California

MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

May 2023



Lodge CALENDAR:

May 3rd Stated Meeting and Dinner
Dinner is at 6:00pm
Stated meeting is at 7:00pm

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Greetings Brethren.

Hoping to find all doing well, and enjoy what's left of our "Spring weather" with the temps on the rise. I, for one, am not ready for the summer heat yet.

Brethren, I would like to share an entry made by the Jr Warden, Brother Leonard Kienzle, of Coachella Lodge to their Trestleboard last month because it calls to us all.

"Brethren,
Spring begins. Let us continue our travels brothers. As we journey together. It's been there for a while, a structure started. We find two groups of men at the perimeter.



One group sits outside in the mud cold, hungry, staring at their corroded tools and unfinished crumbling work. They complain, point fingers, threaten each other, spread rumor and gossip, injure character.

They view their partial palace an incomplete failure. They shan't survive long-

The other group stands on the edge of the aged foundation, sheltered from the elements by the partial framing. They are hopeful - eager. Ready to get to work

Gifted in their hands are refurbished, polished tools and freshly packed lunch boxes. Charged to continue the build, they look to each other with naive exuberance - that youthful excitement of possibility the greats like Franklin, Disney, Gates seem to get before kingdoms laid.

And when fortified with cooperative support, a help-up here and there coupled with a positive word and brotherly pat-on-the-back... there's no telling the monuments achieved
With which group do I belong?

I don't know how well I'll be able to use my tools. I'm not sure my skills or experience can help erect cathedrals, but I will do my best in all my masonic actions to work with integrity honesty and honor as those before us have taught.

I am hopeful for the opportunity and challenge and grateful for the brotherhood witnessed thus. I have faith that if we follow the proven blue prints of the good builders of our lineage we may succeed

No more sitting. I don't want to think I'm a Mason. I don't want to say I'm a Mason
I want to be a Mason. I want to act as a Mason.

I have joined... now I will stand. "

We have many members of our lodge who have slipped through the cracks and feel that they can't come back to lodge due to forgetting their work. If you are one of those, please know that we are all Brothers, you are always welcome, and we are always willing to stretch forth our hand to guide you back to the Light of Freemasonry.

Fraternaly,

Kevin Currier
Worshipful Master



From the West.....

Brethren,

By the time you read this, the Cornerstone Ceremony at the Patton Museum will have taken place. As of today (4/21), the event has yet to occur, as it is on the 26th. I am excited about going for several reasons. First, I have never been to one. Second, there will be a number of Grand Lodge officers there. Third, it is the Patton Museum! And finally, there will be several brothers from the Coachella Valley (Coachella Lodge primarily) there, many whom I have had several interactions with over the past several months. Hopefully we will have some pics for the website, soon to be launched.

Now for something intended to motivate.....

As we journey, imagine approaching a foundation together. A structure has been started. There we find two groups of men at the perimeter. One group sits outside in the mud and cold, staring at their corroded tools and unfinished, crumbling work. They complain, point fingers, make threats, spread rumor and gossip, and injure character. They view their partially-built palace a failure, and thus don't survive long.

The other group stands on the edge of the foundation, sheltered from the elements by the partial framing. They are hopeful, eager and ready to get to work. In their hands are refurbished, polished tools and packed lunch boxes. They look to each other with exuberance and possibilities such was the case with names like Franklin, Disney and Gates, before their kingdoms were laid. And when fortified with cooperative support, a help-up here and there and a positive word, there's no telling what can be achieved!

With which group do I belong? I don't know how well I'll be able to use my tools. I'm not sure my skills or experience can help erect cathedrals, but I will try my best in all of my masonic actions to work with integrity, honor as those before us have taught. I am hopeful for the opportunity and challenge and grateful for the brotherhood. I have faith that if we follow the blue prints of the good builders of our lineage that we will succeed! No more sitting. I don't want to think I'm a Mason. I don't want to say I'm a Mason. I want to act as a Mason. I have joined, now I will stand!

On the Level,

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.

Kevin Crain
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BLYTHE- NEEDLES LODGE #473

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  1 | 2 | 3 5:30pm Dinner 7pm Stated Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Memorial Day | 30 | 31 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

Programs | California Scottish Rite Foundation

1. RiteCare Language Centers

2.

PROGRAMS

Speech, language and literacy disorders can strike any child – with devastating outcomes. Many of these children struggle daily with the task of speaking, reading and writing. They become used to being teased, ignored, or scolded when they want to say something, when attempting to read, or when asked to write. Unfortunately, countless children with speech, language and literacy disorders are socially promoted from one grade to the next and suffer from extremely low self-confidence and difficulty succeeding academically.

The California Scottish Rite Foundation designates the funds raised from their donors to support the RiteCare Childhood Language Centers of California. We have also partnered with several Universities and private practices, like [Speech Goals](#), with the goal of making a lasting difference in the lives of children in California.

Each year the Foundation provides support for life-changing speech, language, and literacy treatment of childhood language disorders to more than 2,300 children in communities across the state, free of charge. Since its founding in 1958, the Foundation also provides in excess of \$200,000.00 annually in support of a wide variety of scholarship assistance to over 100 California students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Each year the RiteCare Childhood Language Centers in California provide services to over 2,300 children with speech, language and literacy disorders. The RiteCare Childhood Language Program clinics provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities. At the core of every program is the Scottish Rite mission to “help children communicate.”

Equally important, all services are available regardless of race, creed, or the family’s inability to pay.

2. University Partnerships

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CENTERS

By partnering with several private Speech-Language Pathologist practices, the California Scottish Rite Foundation can offer more services to more children in more communities. These partnerships also place speech pathologist graduate students in internships where needed, helping grow the next generation of speech professionals while increasing our ability to help the children who need our services the most. We are currently partnered with Sunrise A Speech Pathology Corp in Fresno, Speech-Language Learning Associates, Inc. in Sacramento, and Speech Goals in Burlingame, Oakland, and San Francisco.

We begin accepting applications for our various scholarships in the upcoming months. Subscribe below and we will let you know when the application process opens again.

Stay Informed

The California Scottish Rite Foundation offers scholarships for both graduate and undergraduate studies to students who are California residents maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA and 12 units per term. All awards are paid out half in August and half in February of each year of the award.

The William F Stovall Scholarship and the Baldwin Scholarship support students pursuing a Master or Doctorate Degree in a field of public service such as Public-School Administration or Speech Language Pathology. The Stovall Scholarship awards \$6,000 per year for up to two years and the Baldwin Scholarship awards \$6,000 for one year.

The Ruppert Scholarship supports students pursuing an undergraduate degree in either medicine, engineering, forestry, or public-school administration. The Ruppert Scholarship awards \$3,000 per year for up to four years.

The Lester W Miller Scholarship supports students pursuing an undergraduate degree in any field of study. The Miller Scholarship awards \$3,000 per year for up to four years.

The Harry Lister Scholarship supports students pursuing an undergraduate degree in any field of study. The applicant must be a young man who is a blood relative of a California Mason and/or a past or current member of DeMolay International. The Lister Scholarship awards \$3,000 per year for up to four years.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CENTERS

The California Scottish Rite Foundation has entered into strategic partnerships with several universities to ensure that we are able to offer a greater breadth of services to a wider range of children in various communities. These partnerships also enable aspiring graduate students at these universities to obtain the necessary hands-on experience they need under the supervision of their clinical professors so that they can make an immediate difference as a Speech-Language Pathologist upon graduation. We are currently partnered with California State University Long Beach, California State University Los Angeles, Chapman University in Orange County, and University of the Pacific in Stockton.

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Thank you.



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