



# THE TRESTLE BOARD

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## From the East



### Brothers of Lodi Lodge #256

Join us at our stated meeting on January 5th for our Lodi Lodge Installation. We have frozen the line so that we can help fill seats in the lodge.

If you would like to help our lodge by filling in a chair, helping with degrees, or being a sideliner to support **YOUR** brethren...you know where to find us.

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday month. A safe New Year.

Now it's time to get to work and help your lodge grow!

See you soon.

Worshipful Scott Campbell, PM.

January Dinner Menu: TBD \$10.00/Person

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY January 2nd

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

### Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Bro. Will McVicker PM



Dues notices have been sent out by Grand Lodge this year; both by email and the paper notices have been sent out by USPS. Dues are \$130.50 this year (for 2023) and can be paid by credit card on-line at [imember.freemason.org](http://imember.freemason.org) or by mailing your payment directly to **Lodi Lodge No. 256, PO Box 387, Lodi, CA 95241**.

Our Lodge is moving to an electronic (paperless) version of our Trestle Board starting with the March 2023 edition.

If a member wants to continue to receive a paper version of our Trestle Board, please let us know by sending an email to [lodilodge256@gmail.com](mailto:lodilodge256@gmail.com) or send a letter to our Lodge at PO Box 387, Lodi, CA 95241

A letter was sent out to those who do not have an email address on file in the Grand Lodge data base this past September and if no response was received you will automatically continue to receive a paper copy of our Trestle Board.



## Ponderings of a Steward

Bro. Tim Reynolds



While we are all proud to be a Mason, some of us may advertise or broadcast it more openly than others. And that is fine. What is important is that we honor our obligations and keep the mysteries just that. So how do we exemplify what it means to be a Mason while doing that? How do we show that good men have become better men without “giving too much away”?

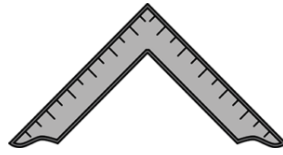
During our rituals we take obligations, learn the working tools of each degree, and listen to lectures and charges that are filled with lessons and instructions. The contents of each degree give us ample guidance in making use of the working tools to better ourselves. When we allow those with whom we come into contact to see how we have been bettered by and improved through Freemasonry, and that our working tools stay bright from use, we are exemplifying Freemasonry while honoring our obligations.

Brother Theodore Roosevelt said something that relates to this: “Freemasonry teaches not only temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust, tyranny, and despotism.”. If we can follow those teachings and denounce those same things we can continue to keep the secrets imparted to us and be exemplary examples of Freemasonry.

## Lodge Officer's Duties Series

There will be a series of Lodge Officer's Duties articles in the coming months. This is to educate the brethren of the duties of all the lodge officers. Hopefully, this will encourage you to think about becoming an officer of the lodge knowing what your duties will be if you decide to “step into the line” and continue your Masonic journey to the next level.

# Masonic Lodge Officer Duties and Responsibilities



## MASTER

His Jewel is the **Square**, which is a stonemason's tool to ascertain true and correct angles of the cut and smoothed stone... thus his Jewel symbolizes **virtue**.

The Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge is the highest-ranking of all Lodge Officers which a Lodge may elect.

The Worshipful Master sits in the East of the Lodge room (symbolic of the Rising Sun in the East) and directs all of the business of the Lodge.

**Note:** *Even if the building faces a different direction, the Master is said to be “in the East”. He also presides over rituals and ceremonies.*

As Master, his word is final over any and all actions pertaining to his Lodge.

It is his duty to: **“Set the Craft to work and give them wholesome instruction for their labor”**.

While the Worshipful Master's rank is the highest of all members, his Lodge Officer Duties are the easiest to remember.

The Worshipful Master is responsible for every single thing within his lodge during his year as Master. He is ultimately responsible for every other lodge officer and their duties, every lodge committee, ritual and degree work, Masonic education, social functions, fundraisers, District and Grand Lodge liaison, Trestle Board communication, etc.

All eyes are upon the Master. If lodge functions go smoothly, it is the Master who takes the credit. If lodge functions go awry, it is the Master who bears the blame. Therefore, the Master wears many hats.

It is his duty to preside over business meetings, the conferral of degrees, and delegation of duties to all other Lodge Officers.

While Freemasons call the Master, “Worshipful Master”, they do not, as some people may erroneously believe, actually worship him. “Worshipful” is an honorary title that shows respect for his position. In France, the word “Worshipful” is replaced with the word “Venerable”.

*Definition of “Worshipful” – Used as a respectful form of address. Claiming respect; worthy of honor on account of character, dignity, etc.; honorable.*



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*SCOTT ANDERSON*

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# 2023 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02  <b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	03  <b>Tokay Shrine</b> <i>Richmaid on Cherokee Lane</i> 5:30PM	04  <b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	05	06	07
08  <b>DeMolay</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	09	10	11	12	13	14
15  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	16  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	17	18  <b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction at <i>Morning Star Lodge</i></b> (FCs & MMs Only) 7:00PM  <b>Eastern Star</b> Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM	19	20	21
22  <b>DeMolay</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	23  <b>DeMolay</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	24  <b>Job's Daughters</b> 6:00PM	25  <b>Job's Daughters</b> 6:00PM	26	27	28
29  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	30  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> <i>Woodbridge Lodge</i> 7:00PM	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

*All events at Lodi Lodge 321 Pine St. Lodi unless otherwise noted*

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## UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
January 3rd, Tuesday	<b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
January 8th, Thursday	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
January 19th, Thursday	<b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction</b> <i>Morning Star Lodge</i> (FCs & MMs Only)	7:00 PM

## Youth Groups

Job's Daughters Meets at Lodi Lodge	First and Third Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.
Cloud 7 Assembly Meets at Woodbridge Lodge	Second and fourth Mondays	7:00 p.m.
DeMolay Meets at Woodbridge Lodge	First and third Mondays	7:00 p.m.