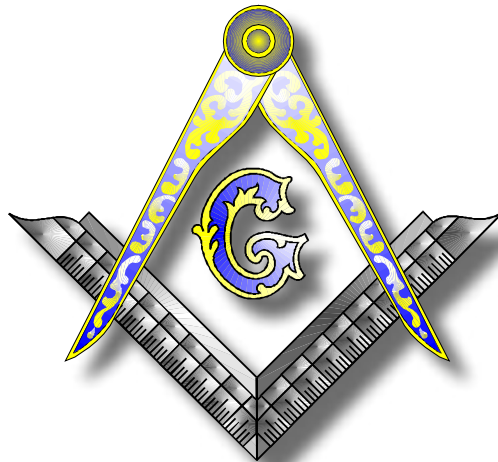


The Trestle Board

Channel Islands

Lodge No. 214



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From The East

Brethren,

The Two Pillars

The Fellow-Craft is introduced to the wonders of his world of art and science through portals flanked by two massive pillars. Detailed description of these pillars in the Books of Kings indicates a style of design common to Egyptian architecture,



where a pillar terminates in a capital representing a conventionalized lotus blossom, or the seed pod of that sacred lily. Such twin pillars are frequently found among Egyptian and Sumerian archaeological remains.

The pillars of King Solomon's Temple, and in fact that entire group of structures, were the work of Phoenician artists, according to the Biblical account. From other sources we gather that these same designers and craftsmen, initiated Dionysiac architects, were responsible for the magnificent palaces and temples at Byblos, the cultural and esthetic center of ancient Phoenicia. The Phoenician realm occupied an area roughly the same as that of modern Syria and Lebanon, and in Biblical accounts is usually called Tyre, from the name of its then capital city. Byblos, also known as Gub'l or Gebal, the present-day village of Jebeil, was particularly famous for architects and sculptors.

The twin pillars symbolize the dual nature of life and death, positive and negative or rather active (establishment) and passive (endurance), male and female, light and dark, good and evil, uniting in a central point of equilibrium, the apex of an equilateral triangle; a circle between two parallel uprights. Isis represented standing between two pillars of opposing polarity, the Ark of the Covenant between two Cherubim, Christ crucified between two thieves, are all symbols of the same trinity, the completeness and perfection of Deity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James C. Clay, Master



From The West

Brethren,

The Hiram Award was designed to be presented to the "unsung hero" of every Lodge such as the volunteer who makes the coffee at each meeting, the one who sets the tables or arranges the furniture and ornaments in the Lodge room, the painter, the gardener, the handyman, the organist, the program chairman or any number of outstanding Brethren who consistently donate their time and talents to our beloved Fraternity or who have brought credit to the Craft by their community activities.



The Hiram Award was launched in February of 1977 at Galt Lodge No. 267. That first year only one Hiram Award was presented. But it quickly caught on and in 1978 forty were presented and in 1979 two hundred and fifty were presented. By 1980, nearly all Lodges participated in granting a Hiram Award.

The Brother who has been selected as a Hiram Award recipient is being singled out as your individual Lodge's choice. This is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a member that has unselfishly given of his time, talents and energy for the betterment of his Lodge and Freemasonry. The real warmth and pleasure of being chosen for this special honor is most satisfying, because it comes directly from the Brethren and friends he has accumulated within his community.

Each dedicated Brother who is selected for this honor deserves individual recognition for his numerous years of devoted service. He has earned a few moments in the spotlight of fame and honor; therefore, it should be conducted in a most dignified manner.

Channel Island Lodge No. 214
Would Like to Congratulate
Brother Terry Holts
His Dedication and Service
Makes Him the 2011
Hiram Award Recipient

Brother Terry's Award Ceremony
will be on June 17th at 6:30 P.M.



The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Dinner will consist of:

- Green Salad & Corn Bread
- Meat Loaf with Mashed Potatoes and gravy
- Mixed vegetables
- Vanilla pudding



Hiram Award Committee: Chairman: Ramon Babilonia
Members: Mark Coker, Chuck Batterson PM., Don Hauser, and Tom Ewing

Fraternally,

Ramon Babilonia, Senior Warden



From The South

Brethren,

Did You Know?

Have you ever wondered or have you forgotten why a Masonic Lodge is called or referred to as the Blue Lodge? There are various theories, none of which are entirely satisfactory or generically accepted. The correct name is “Symbolic Lodge” – also properly called a “Craft Lodge”. Many regard the term blue lodge as a Masonic slang. The color may have come from biblical or historical references, from the blue of the Order of the Garter, or from the monitorial “Clouded canopy or starydecked heaven”. Earliest known reference to Blue Lodge as a Masonic order was in 1731. When the Grand Lodge of England resolved that its officers should wear white leather aprons lined with blue silk and wear their jewels and pendants from blue ribbons. Various shades of blue were used as no particular shade was designated. However, this may be how it had originated and blue became the color of the Lodge. The term “Blue Lodge” became a frequently used and readily recognized nickname for the Lodge.



Fraternally,

Mark Coker, Junior Warden



The Lodge Has Received Applications From the Following:

Bremen Schmeltz	Ventura
Pedro DeLaCruz	Ventura
Mitchell Dotson	Oxnard
Alan Majeski	Ventura

These Applicants will be voted on at the April Stated Meeting.

Remember to look at our Lodge
web site for more information:

<http://www.lodge214.com/>

From The Secretary

Brethren,

“The Trestle Board” by E-mail

Keeping our Lodge members informed on the social and fraternal activities of Freemasonry in general and our Lodge in particular is very important. The primary means of doing this is “The Trestle Board.” Like everything else, there have been major changes in communication world from “snail” mail to e-mail, texting to Facebook and Twitter, from magazines and newspapers at a newsstand to e-zines (on-line magazines) and newspaper websites. The same is happening within Masonry. More and more Lodges are seeing the advantage of transitioning to an online or e-mailed newsletter, whether it is in the ability to communicate important information rapidly or the reduction in costs associated with printing and mailing.



At the March Stated Meeting the Lodge voted to begin transitioning from a printed copy of our “The Trestle Board,” to an online and e-mailed format. The transition phase will take place over the next three to four months during which time the Lodge will use regular mail and e-mail to send “The Trestle Board.” Some of the reasons the Lodge is moving to an online and e-mailed newsletter are:

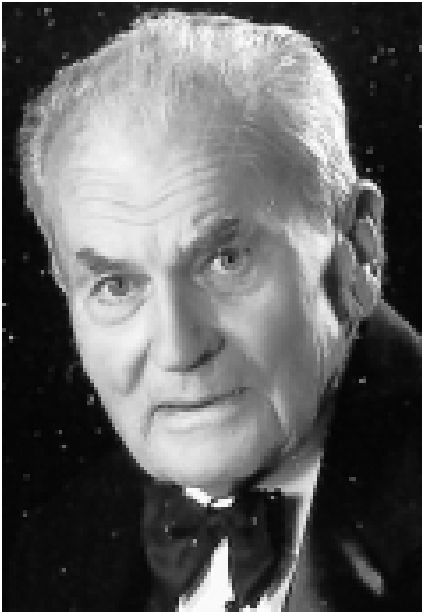
- In spite of the best efforts of everyone involved The Trestle Board is sometimes late. The March issues, for example, was delivered only days before the Stated Meeting.
- A number of “The Trestle Boards” are returned each month as undeliverable because the recipient has moved.
- The cost of printing and mailing increases with the cost of doing business. The Lodge spends over \$2,000 a year to print and mail our Lodge newsletter.
- It is easier and quicker to stop delivery of a computer managed format than one that is mailed.

If you are a Master Mason of Channel Islands Lodge or the widow of a Mason and want to receive a printed copy of “The Trestle Board,” one will be mailed to you. Candidates will receive a printed version as long as they continue to advance through the degrees. If they haven’t advanced to the next degree within one year the Candidate will only receive the e-mailed version. Non-members of the Lodge will only be able to receive an e-mail version of the Lodge newsletter “The Trestle Board.”

Should you have any questions, or wish to receive a printed copy of “The Trestle Board,” please contact me 805-482-6756 or by e-mail: raybroomfield@msn.com.

Fraternally,

Raymond Broomfield, Secretary



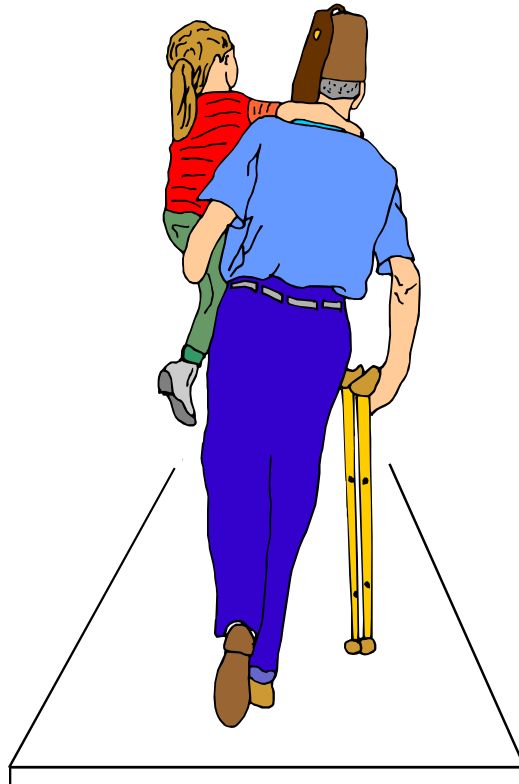
Brother Edward Lloyd Sutton, Sr., 86, of Ventura, died Tuesday, March 15, 2011, passing onto that Celestial Lodge not built by the hand of man. Born April 18, 1924 in Detroit, he had been a Ventura County resident 65 years, coming from Rockford, Mich. Edward proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, flight crew chief in the Burmese Theater. He was also a chief petty officer/steel worker in the Seabee Active Navy Reserves, retiring in 1993.

Ed was a life member of the Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 F.&A.M. and Order of the Eastern Star, Channel Islands Chapter No. 78, where he served as associate patron. He was a 32nd degree mason, of Scottish Rite, Ventura Valley, a Knight's Commander Court of Honor life member, and a member of Al Malaikah Shriner's Noble, of Los Angeles.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Ires N. Mott Sutton; son, Stephen Sutton; daughter, Helen N. Sutton.

Services were held March 18th at the at the Ted Mayr Funeral Home with the Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 F.&A.M., and Order of the Eastern Star, Channel Islands Chapter No. 78 participating. Interment was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park where the United States Navy will rendered military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital of Los Angeles: 3160 Geneva Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020-1199, (888) 486-5437



2011 Lodge Committees

Budget	Ray Broomfield, Don Hauser, WM, SW and JW Butch Hafstrom
Charity	Andy Little, WM, SW and JW
Trestle board	Larry Young, Ray Broomfield, WM, SW and JW
Audit	Andy Little, Gary Adkinson, SW and JW
Delinquent Dues Member Retention	Ray Broomfield, WM, SW, JW and Dee Matson
Investments	Ray Broomfield, Don Hauser, Dee Matson, Butch Hafstrom, WM, SW and JW.
Public Schools	Bill Kavanaugh, Charles Rudd, Terry Holts. and Dee Matson
Masonic Education	David VadBunker, WM and SW
Masonic Homes	Roger Ferris and William Downey
Child ID	Chuck Batterson
Social	David Hopkins
Meals	Ray Broomfield, David Hopkins and Mark Coker
Widows	Dave Contreras and William Downey
Youth	Dee Matson
Telephone	Woody French

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2011 Calendar

March

24 **Second Degree Brother Jay and Brother Ken** 6:30 P. M.

26 -27 Rail Fest in Fillmore with Child ID



April - Public Schools Month

6 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

7 **Stated Meeting Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
Inspector's Official Visitation

Wor. Westel R. Reed

Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.

12 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

13 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

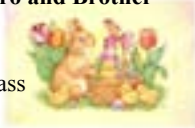
14 **First Degrees: Brother Mitchell and Brother Alen** 6:30 P. M.

19 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

20 Offices' School of Instruction 7:00 P. M.
1st Degree Proficiency, 1st and 2nd Sections
of 2nd Degree. Oxnard Lodge No. 341 Hosting.

20 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

21 **First Degrees: Brother Pedro and Brother Brenem** 6:30 P. M.



26 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

27 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

28 Second Degrees pending 6:30 P. M.

May

3 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

4 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

5 **Stated Meeting Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.

10 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

11 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

17 Offices' School of Instruction 7:00 P. M.
Year 2011 Planning Status, 1st & 2nd Sections
of 1st Degree, Lecture. Anacapa No. 710 Hosting.

18 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

19 Possible Degrees 6:30 P. M.

24 Third Degree Proficiency Class 6:30 P. M.

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Officers for 2011

Master	James C. Clay (Jeanine)
Sr. Warden	Ramon D. Babilonia
Jr. Warden	Mark Coker (Kathlean)
Treasurer	Butch Hafstrom (Sally)
Secretary	Raymond Broomfield, P.M. (Christine)
Chaplain	Bill Downey (Anita)
Sr. Deacon	Charlie Vanoni (Jewelyn)
Jr. Deacon	John McBride
Marshal	Gary Adkinson (Leslie)
Sr. Steward	Jedidiah Smith (Kimberly)
Jr. Steward	Max Sanford
Tiler	Norm Fielding
Offrs. Coach	David VadBunker (Laura)
Can. Coach	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)
Organist	Thomas R. Ewing Reseda No. 666

APRIL 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Representing
The Years
1910 - 1981



1 Bryan W. Haley	16 Eric L. Kienitz
1 Charles R. Rudd	17 Harold N. Rosengren
1 Robert G. Grahovac	17 Michael J. Owens
3 Jeffrey A. Hager	19 Alan R. Riekki
5 George H. Rose	24 Wesley H. Beck
5 Norman T. Weitzel	25 Donald L. Rowell
5 Samuel L. Hill	25 Chant N. Arabian
5 Brandt A. Hammer	25 James V. Wyman
6 Robert D. Pritchett	26 Franklin L. Stork
7 Russell H. Johnsen	26 Richard M. Depalma, II
7 Walter R. Dexheimer, Jr.	27 Gary E. Tucker
8 John N. Dryden 1910	27 C. M. Franek
9 Gary L. Washburn, Jr.	30 Steven W. Scott
11 Thomas J. Phillips, II	
16 John Curtis	



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