

MARCH 2024

REDLANDS LODGE #300

TRESTLEBOARD



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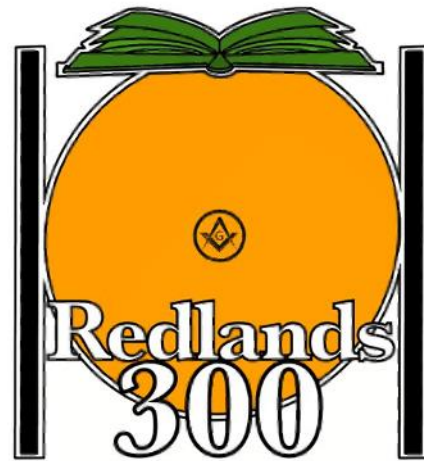
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From the East

Brethren and Friends,

The month of March is here and we are almost a quarter through the year! Wow, time flies. This month we are honoring our Youth Orders: Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay. On behalf of Redlands, Masonic Lodge #300, I am proud to give our continuing support to these orders as they make massive impacts on the lives of the children and young adults who participate in them. They will continue to receive our full support in all of their endeavors, and we are extremely grateful to have each and every one of them around, including the adults that have continued to stay dedicated after all this time. Your zeal does not go unnoticed!

In addition to Youth Orders month, we will also be having our first Town Hall of the year on Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm. We will have a St. Patrick's Day potluck on the same Monday that we have the Town Hall so bring your favorite dish and let's celebrate together before we embark on some strategic planning for the next half decade and beyond. We will also have 2 second degrees. Brothers Christian De Vera and John Linehan have been patiently waiting to be passed to the second degree of Masonry and I am pleased to say that we are ready to deliver an exceptional degree! Royal Arch is also having a cigar event March 6th at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to

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Furthermore we will be cleaning up around the Lodge and getting it back into working order which we should all be excited about. The bookshelves are done and the library is coming along nicely, now our part begins as we need to start to put the books in their new home. This will be an ongoing project this spring as we declutter and tidy up our Lodge. Brethren, we should take pride in the fact that we have a not only functional, but thriving Lodge! We should be proud that "The Craft" has so graciously entrusted its deepest secrets, rites and benefits upon us and we should dedicate our utmost effort and loyalty to it, yes for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and by doing so greatly improving ourselves in the process. I pray you all are blessed, and I ask that The Great Architect give us all peace, wisdom, and strength and that He fortifies us all and leads us to Universal Truth and Goodness!

Fraternally,



There is a Seafaring Man



THE FIRST MASONS to reach California were seafaring men who traded along the coast from San Diego on the south to the Russian settlements on the north. They were a hardy lot who feared neither man nor element and, from some accounts, not averse to an occasional bit of smuggling. They sailed their flimsy little vessels out of New England ports, battled storms off Cape Horn, and months later declared their cargoes at Monterey. Some, engaged in straight hide and tallow trade, came up the South American and Mexican coasts, making their way here as directly as winds would permit. Others, in the China and Hawaiian Islands trade, often sailed across the Pacific and back between visits to our ports, while a few went as far north as Sitka.

Among the earliest of these traders were Captains John Meek, Robert J. Elwell, David P. Penhallow, Joseph O. Carter, John Paty, Supercargo Carter Carew, the brothers Robert G. and William Heath Davis, Jr., and probably Stephen Reynolds. Meek, Elwell, Paty, and Reynolds were from Massachusetts. The record is not clear on Carter, but Penhallow was a New Hampshire man and Carew was a Pennsylvanian. The Davis Brothers, born in Honolulu, were sons of William Heath Davis, Sr., a Boston shipmaster who died in the Hawaiian Islands in 1823. Save for Carew, who lost his life when his ship foundered in a storm, and Reynolds whose coming here is questioned by some historians, they were all sharp traders who realized substantial fortunes from their California ventures.

Elwell and William Heath Davis, Jr. (the latter nicknamed "Kanaka Davis") married native California women and, in all things but money matters, became more Californian than the Californians themselves. Meek and Paty were content to own property here and trade along our coast but, like Carter, Reynolds and Robert Davis, preferred to live in the Hawaiian Islands, Paty dying there in 1868 and Meek in 1875.

Unfortunately, though the business affairs of these brethren cover pages of history, their Masonic records are incomplete and hard to trace. The raising dates of only two, Elwell and Penhallow, are available. Fragments of personal correspondence, signatures in a Tiler's register, and a few minute entries must suffice for the rest.

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- Finally, reach out to us by sending a friend request to @rickjohnson. You will then be added to our Lodge "Chat Room" and the "RSVP" thread.

Stated Meeting Highlights (February)

- The January 8th and 21st minutes were approved.
- The annual reports of the secretary, treasurer, temple board and trustees were presented and accepted.
- Bills in the amount of \$12,425.09 were presented and paid by order of the Master and vote of the lodge.
- The budget for 2024 was presented and accepted.
- The lodge voted to do degrees and coaching for the brothers of Palm Springs Lodge.
- Brothers Klein, Lyle and Worshipful Le Vesque were installed into their offices.

From The Secretary

Brethern,

Suspension letters for non-payment of dues will be sent out at the beginning of March. To avoid being suspended for non-payment of dues, please pay your dues ASAP.

We do not want to lose you as an active member of your lodge. You may pay your dues on-line by signing on to iMember 2.0 or by sending a check made out to Redlands Masonic Lodge. Please contact the secretary or any of the elected officers if you have any questions.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rill Keel PM



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DEMOLAY
 INTERNATIONAL

THE ROAD BEGINS HERE

★★★★★
 DeMolay is a place where young men ages 12-20 can grow in confidence and learn valuable skills and they have a lot of fun doing it.

**REDLANDS DEMOLAY
 OPEN HOUSE
 March 7, 2024
 131 Cajon St.,
 Redlands, CA 92373**

EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY

In DeMolay, there's always something to do on the weekends.

Our members are challenged to embrace new ideas and brainstorm creative approaches to create their own activities and adventures.

That means every month, there's a chance for your son to do what he loves and try something new.

Plus, our members learn valuable life skills, like public speaking, personal finance, resume building, and more.

READY TO LEARN MORE?



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Springtime is full of fun social activities for Bethel. We have planned Bethel activities that the girls can bring their friends to so more girls can experience the benefits of being a Jobie. There are also some statewide events that we are attending so the members can meet other Jobies from around the state. The Bethel has been challenged to initiate 3 new members this year.

We have begun 2 service projects; both are geared at helping the homeless and foster youth in our community. One project will be donating items to make kits for youth in need, and the other project is buying gift cards for graduating at risk students. The lodge members can participate by dropping their coins in the PENNY WAR JARS, or donating items needed for the kits.

Upcoming activities

March

Sunday 3- Grand Librarians Day- Griffith Observatory

Sunday 3- **CANCELED** non regalia meeting 4:30pm

Sunday 17 – DeMolay Devo Day at Magic Mountain

Sunday 24- regalia meeting 4:30pm – founders birthday Celebration after meeting.

April

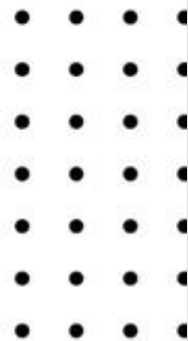
Friday April 5- 7- Leadership Camp- oak Glen

The mission of Job's Daughters International is to be a girls leadership organization that offers the qualities that today's young women want and need, fun, friendship, helping others, and the chance to learn leadership skills. To be a member of Job's Daughters International is to be part of a group that promotes friendship among young women and confidence in themselves. Job's Daughters is open to girls ages 10-20 who have a Masonic relationship through either a relative or sponsorship. For girls younger than ten we have the JD2Bee program so they can start learning the lessons of Job's.

Sincerely,

Christy Lyle -(909) 534-1515

Bethel Guardian #104 Redlands



Redlands #300 Town Hall Meeting 2024

Attention Brethren:

Brethren of Redlands Lodge #300 F&AM, mark your calendars for an important gathering at the Redlands Masonic Temple on Monday, March 18th, 2024, at 6:30 pm. We're holding a Town Hall meeting that promises to be both enlightening and essential as we look ahead. This is our chance to come together, review our Lodge's current stance, and chart a course for the next five years. Your voice and perspective are crucial to our collective progress and success. Let's collaborate, brain storm, share ideas, and ensure our Lodge's future shines bright. We're counting on your insights and camaraderie. See you there for what's sure to be a productive and inspiring evening!



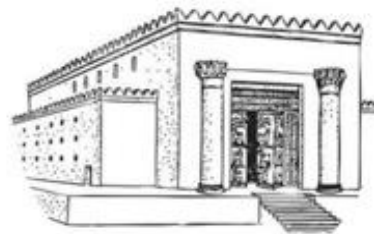
The Line

We will briefly discuss the Lodge's "line" and some of the duties of the officers.



Ritual

We will discuss the importance of outstanding and exemplary ritual.



Strategic Planning

We will discuss what it takes to maintain our beautiful building and begin planning for the next 5 years.

March 18th, 2023

Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm | Potluck at 6:00 pm



Redlands #300 Town Hall Meeting

2024

Agenda:

Date: Monday, March 18th, 2024

Location: 131 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

6:30 PM - 6:35 PM: Opening Remarks

- Welcome by the Worshipful Master
- Overview of the evening's objectives

6:35 PM - 6:45 PM: Review of 2024 Plans

- Presentation of current year's plans and goals
- Brief discussion on progress and expectations

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM: Importance of Strategic Planning

- Explanation of the need for both short-term (2024) and long-term (2025-2030) planning
- How our plans will align with the Grand Lodge's future directions

7:00 PM - 7:10 PM: Officer Roles and Ritual Importance

- Overview of officer positions and their duties within the lodge
- Discussion on the significance of ritual in Masonic practice

7:10 PM - 7:20 PM: Introduction to CMC and Freemasonry's "Entire Law"

- Brief on the California Masonic Code (CMC)
- Overview of the foundational laws governing Freemasonry

7:20 PM - 7:40 PM: Breakout Sessions

- Brethren divide into smaller groups to discuss various aspects for the 2025-2030 plan
- Topics include community involvement, lodge improvements, membership growth, and education

7:40 PM - 8:00 PM: Group Discussions and Feedback

- Reconvene as a whole to share insights and suggestions from breakout sessions
- Open floor for comments, ideas, and collaborative planning

8:00 PM - 8:15 PM: Closing and Next Steps

- Summary of key takeaways and agreed-upon actions for the 2025-2030 plan
- Closing remarks by the Worshipful Master
- Announcement of next steps and follow-up meeting (10/14/23)

8:15 PM: Adjournment (THANK YOU!)

Dear Brethren and Friends,

As we approach the 2024 Masonic year, I am honored to remind you of the "Sponsor Stated Meeting Dinner Program," initiated under Worshipful Jim Cox's leadership. This initiative has significantly enhanced our fellowship and communal engagement, proving essential to our Lodge's spirit.

Your continued support is crucial. Contributions to this program ensure our meetings remain inviting and our bonds of brotherhood strengthened. As a non-profit, your donations are tax-deductible, and a suggested sponsorship of \$350 per meeting covers costs and supports the Job's Daughters' invaluable participation.

Sponsors will be recognized on our "Sponsors" list, receiving complimentary dinner for themselves and their family as a token of our gratitude. Upon donating, you'll receive a receipt for tax purposes, including our EIN and Tax ID.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the enduring legacy of our Lodge. Your support is key to perpetuating the warmth and unity that define our gatherings.

Warmest regards,

Frank Cobos,
Master, Redlands Lodge #300

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Calendar

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Breakfast 8:00am Masonic Education (Masonic Table Topics)
3	4 Stated Meeting and Dinner / M.O.S Presentation Dinner (6:30pm) Meeting (7:30pm)	5	6	7	8	9 Breakfast 8:00am Masonic Education (Masonic Table Topics)
10	11 2 nd Degree – DeVera & Linehan 6:30pm	12	13	14	15	16 Breakfast 8:00am Masonic Education (Masonic Table Topics)
17	18 Youth Order Dinner 6:30pm	19	20	21	22	23 Breakfast 8:00am Masonic Education (Masonic Table Topics)
24	25 Degree Practice 6:30pm	26	27 OSI 6:30pm Fontana	28	29	30 Breakfast 8:00am Masonic Education (Masonic Table Topics)
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