



# Central Coast Lodge # 237

# Trestleboard

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## A Message From the East

### February Lodge Events

Hesperian Lodge Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM	3rd
Central Coast Lodge Dinner 6:00 PM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM	4th
Officer's Practice Work TBD 7:00 PM	11th
OSI — Santa Maria Masonic Center 7:00 PM	17th
Temple Board Mtg 6:30 PM Officer's Practice Work TBD 7:00 PM	18th
Cook Yur' Own & A Movie Returns 6:00 PM	21st
Executive Committee 6:30 PM Officer's Practice Work TBD 7:00 PM	25th

### Greetings Brethren

Gentlemen, don't forget that February the 14th. is Valentines Day, and tell that someone special that you love her.

We are celebrating George Washingtons birthday this month. Here are a few fun facts about our greatest Mason.

\*Born on February 22, 1732

\*Died on December 14, 1799 ( age 67 years )

\*Presidential term April 30, 1789 – March 4, 1797

\*Vice President was John Adams

\*Cause of death was throat infection

\*Washington's last words " Tis well"

\*George Washington's best friend was Henry Knox

\*Washington owned more than 50,000 acres of land and was an ardent promotor of westward expansion.

Our March the 4th stated meeting will be our inspector's Official Visit so please come down to the lodge and support the brethren, and our Inspector.

A reminder that every Thursday the guys meet at the Mayor's Place in Nipomo, so please join the Brothers for good food and great conversation. We also meet every Tuesday night at the lodge around 6:30 pm for coffee.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Dave Murry, PM

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**From the West**

**F**ebruary already! My but how time flies when you're having fun.

A month for us to celebrate our wives and sweethearts, the ones that support us in all our undertakings, silly or not. A special thank you to you all for allowing us to continue doing the things we do, even when we forget to tell you how special you are to us.

**Thoughts on Approaching Prospective Members**

**SITUATION:** Masons do not solicit members. Informing a man about Masonry is not solicitation. Many men don't know anything about Masonry and will not join an organization which they know little about. We do talk to men, invite consideration, answer questions, and provide information.

**ACTION:** Invite a prospective member's consideration.

A 1993 Grand Master's Decision states the following: "A member may ask a man whom he believes to be a worthy prospective Mason if he has considered membership in the Masonic fraternity or if he would like to have information to enable him to make such a decision. A member must inform the prospective member or inquirer that the fraternity does not extend an invitation to become a member, that his application must be made of his own free will and accord, and that he

must pass a secret ballot for admission. After providing the information, the inquirer should be left to make his decision without persuasion. If the inquirer makes no decision within a reasonable time, the member may make a single follow-up contact to see if additional information is needed."

Begin a dialogue with the prospective member about aspects of the fraternity that would be attractive to him. Do this in a personal, caring way, paying attention to his interests and needs. The dialogue can be as simple as a casual conversation, letting good friends and family know what you do in your free time. Talk about your involvement in a Masonic activity, such as a lodge community service or program.

- Following are suggestions for this dialogue:
- Tell him about the fraternity.
- Tell him why you became and remain a Mason.
- Tell him why he would make a good Mason.
- Tell him what benefits Masonry will bring to his life.
- Ask him to consider what you tell him and invite his questions and interest.
- Tell him you will be glad to provide an application should he desire to join.

Talk freely about the purposes and principles of the fraternity, membership requirements, financial obligations, expectations of members, opportunities for personal development, Masonic charities, community service, family activities, and many other subjects.

Tell others about the rewards of being a Mason: personal growth; friendships with men and their families who share your beliefs and values; associating with other men of honor

**February Birthdays**

*Happy Birthday to . .*

Howard Allen Hess	8th
John Wilfred Hobberlin	8th
Bradley Theodore Anderson	14th
<b>Scott Allen Carranza</b>	<b>24th</b>
Frank Lathom Holloway Jr.	24th
<b>Charles E. Kears</b>	<b>25th</b>

**Bold** indicates Past Master

**February  
Masonic Birthdays**

James Edward Harris	9th
Dylan William Todd	19th
Garret Scott Matsuura	20th
Howard Allen Hess	23rd
James Patrick Bettles	25th
Duane Herbert Ericson	26th
Steven Patrick Funkhouser	28th

**Masonic Family**

**From the South**

**Lodge Committees**

**Central Coast Star Chapter No. 97  
Order of Eastern Star**  
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
7:30 PM  
Santa Maria Masonic Ctr  
Secretary: Tracy Lee  
Ph: (805) 937-3280

**San Luis RAM Chapter No. 62 /  
SLO Cryptic Council #38**  
Meetings: 1st Wednesday  
6:00 PM  
Secretary: Christian Marano, PM  
Ph: (805) 712-9212

**SLO Commandry No. 27**  
Meetings: 2nd Saturday  
9:00 AM  
Secretary: Christian Marano, PM  
Ph: (805) 712-9212

**Santa Lucia chapter #95 OES**  
Meets: 2nd Monday 7p Stated mtg/  
dinner 6p  
4th Monday casual/potluck dinner 6p  
Secretary: Cathy Veley  
(805) 471-0183

**Central Coast Shrine Club**  
Meetings: Mayors Place, Nipomo 4th  
Saturday of the month.  
Secretary: Rusty Kern  
Ph: (805) 733-0483

**Central Coast Assembly IORG #92**  
Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays 6:30p  
SLO Masonic Center  
Mother Advisor: Victoria Law  
Ph. (805) 260-3172

**Santa Lucia Court # 143 Order of  
Amaranth**  
Meetings: 3rd Friday  
7:30 PM

**Arroyo Masonic Temple Assn.**  
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday  
Board Pres: Garret S. Matsuura  
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**Greetings Brethren**

**B**rethren, It has been a very busy year so far with two rentals completed and one more scheduled.

We are also hosting a Masonic Outreach Services training event to strengthen our efforts to support all those in our Masonic family. If any of you need support or know of someone who does, please don't hesitate to contact a lodge leader.

Jeff Massingham  
Jr. Warden

**From the Secretary's Desk**

**A**nother reminder to pay your 2025 dues. Dues can be paid by credit card now online at <https://freemaon.org>.

Glenn W. Elliott, PM  
Secretary

**Auditing**

Brad Anderson

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**Candidate's Coach**

Zack Braun, PM

**Charity**

Charlie Kears , PM  
David Murray, PM  
Jeff Messingham

**Delinquent Dues**

David Murray, PM  
Glenn Elliott, PM

**Retention**

David Murray, PM  
Frank Luenser, PM

**Masonic Widows**

Open

**Masonic Youth Groups**

Frank Luenser, PM

**Officers Coach**

Zack Braun. PM

**Sunshine**

All Officers

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Congratulations to our new Fellowcraft Mason!  
**Brother Skylar Caldwell**





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9	10	11 Officer’s Practice TBD 7:00 PM	12	13 Breakfast at The Mayors Place Nipomo 8:00 AM	14  <b>Trestleboard Deadline</b>	15
16	17 OSI—Santa Maria Masonic Center 7:00 PM	18 <b>Temple Board</b> Mtg 6:30 PM Officer’s Practice TBD	19	20 Breakfast at The Mayors Place Nipomo 8:00 AM	21 <b>Cook Yur’ Own &amp; A Movie Returns</b> 6:00 PM	22
23	24	25 <b>Executive Committee</b> 6:30 PM Officer’s Practice TBD	26	27 Breakfast at The Mayors Place Nipomo 8:00 AM	28	



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and integrity who believe there's more to life than pleasure and money; participating in community service; being part of an organization committed to making a difference.

**SITUATION:** Most prospective members are not familiar with Masonry.

**ACTION:** Stay informed and be comfortable talking about the fraternity.

- Be prepared to answer the question, "What do Masons do?" Some suggested responses include:
  - Charity is at the heart of Masonic activities.
  - We help make the world a better place through philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service.
  - Each year California Masons donate millions of dollars and thousands of hours to philanthropic causes.
  - Masonic charities receive no public funding and are supported entirely by member contributions.
  - The vast majority of Masonic philanthropies benefit non-Masons.
  - Cite your lodge's specific philanthropic programs.
- Just a few thoughts to remind each of us of what we can do to

## Need Space??

*For your meetings, family gatherings, receptions, group functions, etc.*

Available for Rent

## Arroyo Masonic Hall

For details call

Jeff Massingham

707-373-3094

spread the light of Freemasonry.

Happy February, See you at the Stated Meeting,

Zack Braun, PM  
Senior Warden