Welcome Lodge No. 255

TRESTLEBOARD

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If you are a Mason, anywhere in the World,

This is your Home!

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April 2016 Trestle Board

Making Good Men Better, From Time Immemorial!

Welcome Lodge No. 255

Meetings: Every Thursday

Stated Meeting:
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Meeting: 7:30 pm

Special Meetings:
Refreshments: 6:15 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm

Dark: July / August

From the East

Worshipful Jack W. Cloud

Brethren,

It's rare that Welcome Lodge experiences a period of inactivity as we have seen in the past few months, but in April, I hope all of that will change as we vote on two new members. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Stated Meeting to support the first votes of 2016.

As we move through the early part of the year, we've experienced a lot of loss among our Brethren. So I ask all of you to keep a special prayer in your heart for the Brothers and Sisters in need of our support.

Finally, last month I attended the Wardens and Masters conference and I'm continually amazed at the great work that our Grand Lodge does for Masons and their families. As some of you have seen at the Tiler's Desk, Welcome Lodge No. 255 has enjoyed, and has twice been recognized for their 100% participation in regards to its Officers donating to Masonic Relief in 2014 and 2015. I again signed us up for 2016. I hope all of our Officers will donate to this worthy cause. Also, I hope that our members realized the benefits of donating money to Masonic Relief and I would like to see the entire Lodge get involved this year. Any amount helps, and I can promise you, that this money gets put to excellent use in support of our Masonic services and Masonic Homes.

I look forward to seeing each one of you around the Lodge as we move back into our degree schedule!

Fraternally,
Jack W. Cloud, WM

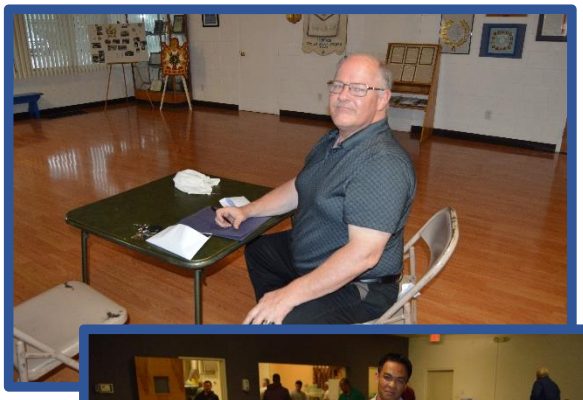
WELCOME LODGE 255

CRAB FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

$860.20

Welcome Lodge No. 255, with the help of friends and family raised over $800 for the purchase of new Welcome Lodge Officers Aprons.

We thank each and every one of you who supported this effort, and we hope that you enjoyed the dinner as much as we did. Thank you!



SPECIAL THANKS

I hope that everyone will take a few minutes to shake Brother Norman Stewarts hand and thank him for spear heading this event. It's been a couple of years since we've done a crab feed, they are a LOT OF WORK and Brother Norm handled it in true Norm fashion.

I also would like to thank Brother Bryan Sawyer for coordinating the kitchen chaos. I heard nothing but compliments on the food. Additionally, thanks to all of our Brethren that assisted in the preparation, worked the lines, bussed tables, and helped in the setup and cleanup.

DONATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW APRONS

Brethren, we are about 2/3's of the way to our goal. The cost of new Officers aprons are about $1300. Additionally, we would like to purchase new white cloth aprons for our Brothers on the sidelines.

Our Image is Everything! If you would like to donate funds for these purchases, please see Worshipful Brother Herme Valdeabella.

2016 LEADERSHIP

Officers for the Year 2016

Master:	Jack Cloud	(559) 381-2112
Sr. Warden:	Gemino Barrera, PM	(559) 362-4313
Jr. Warden:	D.W. Venturella, PM	(559) 380-5486
Treasurer:	Norman Stewart	
Secretary:	Herme Valdeabella, PM	
Chaplain:	Pat Cerdenola, PM	
Sr. Deacon:	Renz Uy	
Jr. Deacon:	Roskin Metra	
Marshal:	Rupert Beckford	
Sr. Steward:	Ed Kaczynski	
Jr. Steward:	Ben Kreschmer	
Tiler:	Hector Quioc	

Denotes the Chairman

***** Updates***

2016 COMMITTEES

LODGE SUPPORT
*** Gemino Barrera, PM**
D.W. Venturella, PM
Herme Valdeabella, PM
Pat Cerdenola, PM
Norman Stewart
Rupert Beckford
Renz Uy
Roskin Metra
Ed Kaczynski
Ben Kreschmer
Hector Quioc

CHARITY
*** Jack Cloud**
Gemino Barrera, PM
D.W. Venturella, PM

FINANCE/BUDGET
*** Charles Dimaano, PM**
Herme Valdeabella, PM
Steve Roberts, PM
Norman Stewart
Ed Kaczynski

DELINQUENT DUES
*** Herme Valdeabella, PM**
Pat Cerdenola, PM
Fabian Gonzalez
Ben Kreschmer
Audie Bedia

AUDITING
*** Roskin Metra**
Billy Solomon
Adan Trinidad
**Fabian Gonzalez
Guangfeng Zhang

HIRAM AWARD
*** Norman Stewart**
**Angel Luna, PM
Herme Valdeabella, PM
Jose Pascaul, PM
Pat Cerdenola, PM
James Withycombe

SCHOLARSHIP
*** Berme Pascual, PM**
Steve Roberts, PM
**Charles Dimaano, PM
James Withycombe
Rupert Beckford
Renz Uy

LODGE SWEETHEARTS
*** Ed Kaczynski**
James Withycombe
Billie Solomon
Hector Quioc
Fabian Gonzales
Adan Trinidad

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUND RAISING
*** D.W. Venturella**
Audie Bedia
T.J. Miranda
Ben Kreschmer
**Fabian Gonzalez

Committees are an integral part of any organization. To achieve the goals, we set for the year, committees must convene, communicate, and plan events in advance.

In 2016, each Committee Chair will be expected convene their committee at minimum, once per quarter, and report on the proceedings in writing at the next stated meeting. If Brethren on this list DO NOT wish to participate, please notify your Chairman.

2016 LEADERSHIP (CONT'D)

Fraternal Support Service Ambassador

Bro. Norman Stewart (559) 707-6354

Officers Coach

Bro. Herme Valdeabella, PM

Lemoore Masonic Temple Association

Bro. Norman Stewart
Bro. Jack Cloud, WM
Bro. D.W. Venturella, PM, SW
Bro. Gemino Barrera, PM, JW
Bro. Rupert Beckford
Bro. Ed Kaczynski

Candidates Coach

Bro. Pat Cerdenola, PM
Bro. Mel Perez, PM
Bro. Jack Cloud, WM
Bro. Norman Stewart
Bro. James Withycombe

April 2016 Calendar of Events

Mon, 4th – Job's Daughters, 7pm

Wed, 6th – WL255 Visit to Hanford Lodge 279, 6:30pm

Thu, 7th – WL255 Stated Meeting, 6:30pm

Sat, 9th – Rental, 4am – 12pm

Sun, 10th – Jobs Association Competition, All day

Tue, 12th – Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13, 7pm

Wed, 13th – DeMolay International, 7pm

Thu, 14th – WL255 1st Degree 6:30pm (Clayton Holmes)

Fri, 15th – Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13, All day (DGM setup)

Sat, 16th – Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13, All day (DGM)

Mon, 18th – Job's Daughters, 7pm

Thu, 21th – WL255 1st Degree 6:30pm (Juan Perez)

Tue, 26th – Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13, 7pm

Wed, 27th – DeMolay International, 7pm

Thu, 28st – Masonic Youths Presentation, 7pm

Fri, 29th – Job's Fundraiser: Burn your steak night jobs, 6pm – 8pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO

BROTHER RUPERT BECKFORD

WELCOME LODGE NO. 255

HIRAM AWARD NOMINEE

The Hiram Award may be presented annually by a Lodge in recognition of a Brother who continuously performs above and beyond in his dedication to bettering the fraternity.

Brother Rupert, takes great pride in ownership of the Lodge, he strives continuously behind the scenes to make it a clean and pleasant facility for all, and in doing so, never seeks recognition. Additionally, he devotes many hours to Job's Daughters, Bethel 288, in support of our youth. Join us in celebrating Bro. Rupert's achievements and to say thank you to a Brother who gives so much of his time to the betterment of our fraternitv!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April:
Masonic Youth Orders Presentation
May:
Mother's Day Dinner // Hiram Award Presentation // Past Masters Night
June:
Welcome Lodge Summer Picnic // Open House Event – Public Invitation
July: (Dark)
Family Dinner at the Lodge // July 4th Lemoore Celebration (Booth)
August: (Dark)
Stated, Treasurers and Secretaries Report, Statement of Income and expenditures, assets and liabilities (for 6 mo's ending June 30th)
September:
Constitutional observance // Open House Event – Public Invitation
October:
Annual Communication // Family Dinner at the Lodge
November:
Stated Meeting Elections
December:
Christmas Party // Lodge Sweethearts Holiday Visits // Christmas Parade (Float)

DRESS CODE

Brethren,

Nobody will EVER be asked to leave for not meeting the standards below, however, please help in projecting the image of Freemasonry by adhering to it as much as possible.

All Degrees: Suit and Tie.
Stated Meetings: Suit Coat, Slacks, and Collared Shirt.
Tie not required (except for Official Visits/Ceremonies)
Practices: Casual attire.

Tuxedos will be reserved for: Grand Lodge Official Visits (March Stated Mtg), Formal Ceremonies (Hiram Award, PM Night, Public Schools, Youth Appreciation, etc…).

Fraternally,
Jack W. Cloud, WM

APRIL STATED MEETING

April 7TH, 7:30 PM

Officers Dress: Suit and Tie

Sideliners: Suit, tie not required.

Voting on applications for Mr. Clayton Holmes and Jaun Perez

Quote of the Month

"Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds."

-Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt

April Birthdays

Apr 03 – Rufo, Benigno O.
Apr 04 – Sawyer, Bryan M.
Apr 08 – Reel, Joe F.
Apr 11 – Thomas, Tyrell L.
Apr 12 – Canonoy, Jeffrey D.
Apr 12 – Satumbaga, Noel Q.
Apr 13 – Valdeabella, Herminio E.
Apr 16 – Nelson, Wallace E.
Apr 18 – Albaniel, Rodande A.
Apr 22 – Buyao, Edgar P.
Apr 24 – Domantay, Dave
Apr 27 – Lopez, Sadiri A.
Apr 29 – Baltazar, Felino S. Jr.
Apr 30 – Kaczynski, Edwin J. Jr.

Brother Willard Nissen

Brethren,

Brother Willard came back into our lives last year after we were contacted by his son and daughter. He currently resides at the Redwoods Springs Healthcare Center in Visalia and at 1925 E. Houston Ave. in Visalia. I hope that each of you get the opportunity to go by and visit Brother Willard. It's been one of my great Masonic experiences to get to know a Brother of the Greatest Generation.

- WB Jack.

BROTHER WILLARD NISSEN

Willard was the "eldest" of his twin brother, Wayne, by just a few minutes. Willard and the family came to California in 1929 in a Model T Ford during the Great Depression times. He grew up in El Monte, California with twin brother Wayne, and three of his older brothers.

Willard married his wife Aileen on Feb. 27, 1942 in Winslow, Arizona. Married for 70 years when Aileen passed away in 2012. Along the way Willard and Aileen raised 3 children.

World War ll Years:

Willard and twin brother Wayne entered the United States Army on March 9, 1943 in El Monte, CA. They were both assigned to the 302nd Signal Operation Battalion at Camp Swift, Texas. As part of the 302nd Signal Battalion they were assigned to the Telephone Platoon. Trained in pole climbing, field phone and filed switchboard repair. While in training, Willard was promoted with one stripe to Private First Class. He was told the main reason for the promotion was to help tell him and his twin brother apart.

The 302nd Signal Company was in training during this time to be ready for the invasion of France and Germany in 1944. Williard and his twin brother Wayne landed at Normandy in July of 1944. They remained together through many campaigns through France and into Germany, with only one mission when they were separated. They were part of General Patton's Third Army march through Europe, providing communication centers for the Third Army just behind General Patton's lead through Europe. Willard attained the rank of Tech Sargent by the time the war was over. Willard received many campaign ribbons as result of his service during this time.

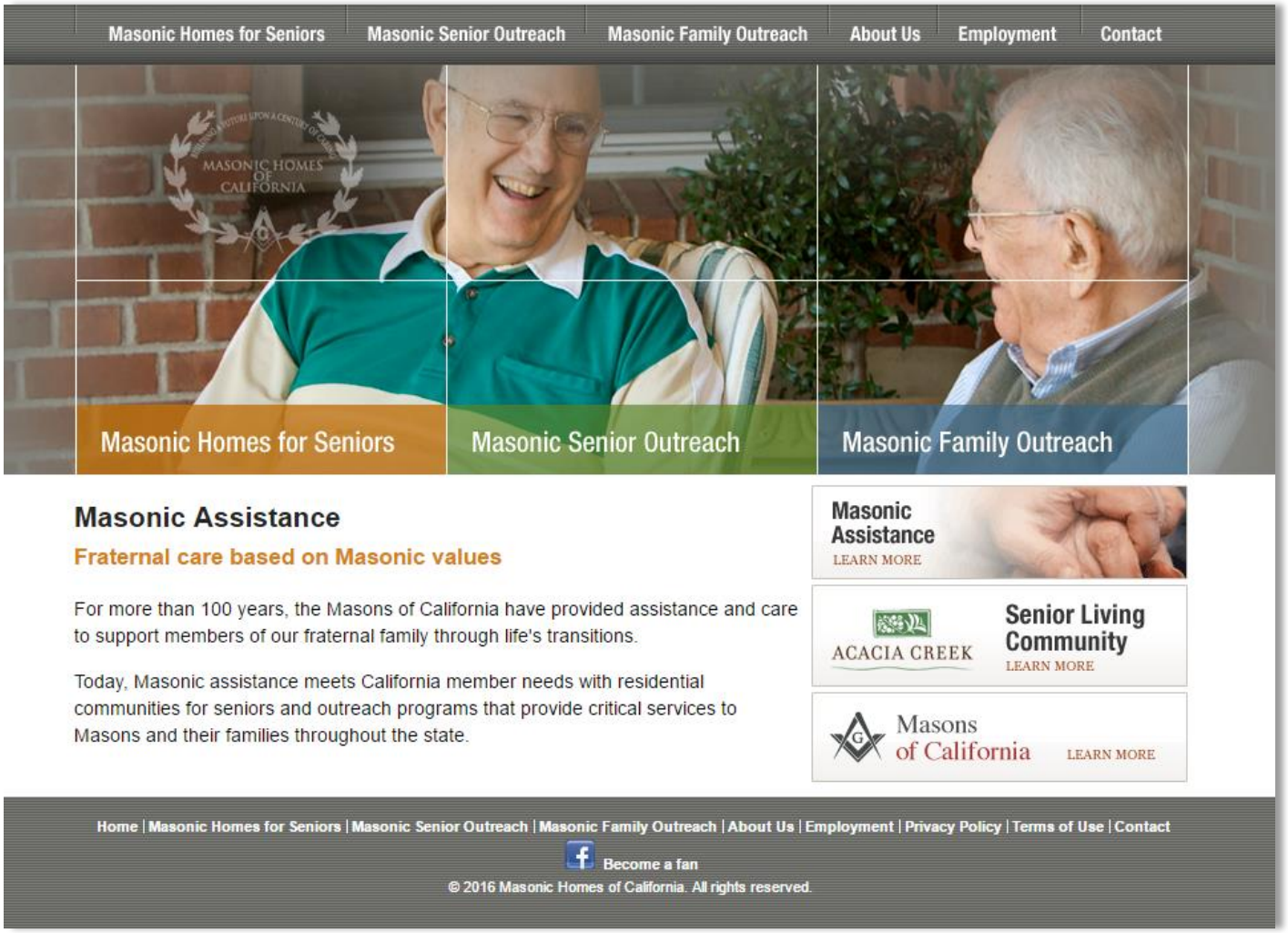
After returning from the war, Willard went to work for the Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles as a telephone repairman. This career was to last until retirement on Feb. 12, 1980. These years also included an assignment in Iran with American Telephone during 1978.

Masonic Beginnings:

Willard joined the Masons in El Sereno, CA Lodge #588 in 1948, one year after his twin brother Wayne joined in 1947. Willard received his 50 year recognition in September of 1998 from the Lemoore Lodge. Willard became a member of the Lemoore Lodge after the Coalinga lodge closed after the 1983 earthquake. Member now for 68 years and counting…….

Added World War ll recognition:

Willard was invited to be a special honorary guest at the dedication of the Greatest Generation Wall Memorial on Mooney Blvd in Visalia on Veteran's Day 2006.



WELCOME LODGE ANNUAL OFFICER DONATIONS

IN SUPPORT OF

THE GRAND LODGE'S PHILANTROPIC EFFORTS

Brethren,

For the past two years, Welcome Lodge has been recognized for 100% of their Officers donating to the Grand Lodge in support of a range of different programs.

I understand that there are some that are concerned about where their money goes when it is donated. During my discussions and visits to the Grand Lodge, I have only the greatest respect for the work they are doing with the money that I donate each year.

Donations can be in ANY amount you can afford. Please show your support for the good work that the Grand Lodge is doing all over the state, and give. See/call me if you can give.

I hope that ALL of our Welcome Lodge Brethren will donate this year. I particularly ask that ALL of our Officers donate.

Fraternally,
WB Jack