

Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Lodge No. 57

November Trestleboard

855 Seventh Street, Santa Rosa Ca.

Stated Meeting – 1st Thursday

From the South:

Upcoming Events

Our next Stated Meeting will be Thursday, November 5th. We will begin our social hour at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30 and the Stated Meeting at 7:30. Our menu will be:

Traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with All the Trimmings

Please contact me with your reservation, no later than noon November 2nd (we need to know how large of a turkey to buy!). Call 544-2181 or email flyngv@sonic.net. Only \$10!

Thursday, November 19th will be our monthly social hour beginning at 6 PM. We will have sandwiches, salad, munchies and beverages available for \$5. Anyone is welcome to attend, particularly those interested in learning more about Masonry in general and our lodge in particular.

Trestle Board Mailing

Last Call! For the past several months we have given notice that we will soon stop mailing the Trestle Board, except for those who do not have email and who inform us that they wish to continue to receive it by U. S. Mail.

Many organizations do the same to save labor, paper and mailing costs. Please be assured that, if you don't have email, we will continue to send the Trestle Board by U.S. Mail. But, as the say on TV, "you need to act now!"

Please call our secretary, Worshipful Larry Schmidt, at 707-539-9712, no later than November 10th if you want to continue to receive your Trestle Board by U.S. Mail. Please also call and inform him if you have changed your email address or you have never given us one so we can make sure you receive the Trestle Board and other announcements from the Lodge.

We will send all Trestle Boards by email effective with the November Trestle Board, except to those people who have requested their Trestle Board be sent by U.S. Mail.

Best regards,

Mike Voorhees, Acting Junior Warden

Secretary's Corner:

The lodge has received a request for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues from Mark K. Robison, P.M. He was suspended from La Fayette Lodge #126 on 11/13/2001 for non-payment of dues and from Santa Rosa Luther Burbank #57 on 5/31/2002 for the same. He has to be reinstated by both lodges before he is restored to good standing. His request was read at the October stated meeting on 10/1/2015 of Santa Rosa Luther Burbank. He has submitted his request in writing and it was accompanied by the proper fees. His application will be read again at the November stated meeting on November 5 and will be voted on. It will take a 2/3 vote in favor for him to be reinstated. As far as I know, his application for reinstatement was not read at La Fayette. So they are at least one month behind us. If we turn him down, he cannot be reinstated. I urge you to attend the November stated meeting, especially those of you who may have feelings about his reinstatement.

At the November stated meeting, we will also be nominating and voting on the five elected officers of the lodge for the 2016 Masonic year. Hopefully we will have at least one brother nominated for each of the five offices. The offices are Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. I am willing to serve another year as secretary but would not mind someone who is willing to take the position running against me. So it is very important that each member attend the November stated meeting. Only those Master Masons in attendance at the stated meeting may vote.

The 2016 dues notices will be going out soon. The dues for 2016 will be \$140.50. Our dues are made up by three items. The first is dues of \$97.00. We are on a dues plus per capita system. This allows us not to have to change our by-laws every time the per capita is raised. Per capita has been going up every year for some time. This year it was voted at Grand Lodge on the 10th of this month that per capita would be \$42.50. We also voted at Grand Lodge to have a \$1.00 assessment for the upkeep of the George Washington Memorial in Alexander, Virginia. That makes our 2016 dues 97.00 plus \$42.50 plus \$1.00 assessment or \$140.50. Remember, we are Grand Lodge. Of all of the votes cast at the annual communications (Grand Lodge), Past Grand Masters and all of the votes from what we think is Grand Lodge totaled less than 40. Each lodge had a total of 4 votes, one for the Master, one for the Senior Warden, one for the Junior Warden and one to be shared by all of the Past Masters of the Lodge. This year we were only able to cast three votes as we have no installed Junior Warden. Not all lodges sent their officers but of those that did, we the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters had the most votes and could control the voting. So the next time you start to blame Grand Lodge for something, remember we are Grand Lodge. If anyone would like to know how the voting went and how and why I voted the way I did, just ask me. See me in lodge, e-mail me or give me a phone call.

*Fraternally & sincerely,
Larry L. Schmidt, P.M.
Secretary*

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Monthly Schedule:

- 5th Stated Meeting**
5:30 *Social Hour*
6:30 *Dinner*
7:30 *Stated Meeting*
- 19th Social**
6:00 *Social Hour*

Stated Meeting Dinner:

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