AUGUST 2023 TRESTLE BOARD

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From the EAST



Fraternal Greeting from the East.
Brethren of Chino Valley Lodge #427,

The August sun brings the warmth of growth and the Southern California heat. As family vacations comes to a close and we – and our children – prepare to embark on a new school year, Chino Valley Lodge No. 427 will continue bringing new men into our Fraternity and they will receive what others before them had experienced through many years of extraordinary, and variety of Masonic traditions.

We are now just halfway through our Masonic year. Our officers have been working in advanced chairs to prepare for their new seats next year. I had been working with most of the officers since I was raised, and I am confident enough that you all will continue to strive on your new roles. It's already easy enough as it is to coach everyone on our ritual, keep having that desire, and passion within us and it makes it much easier for our District Inspector in qualifying everyone. We will continue to schedule Conferrals this month, and all through September for the remaining officers' proficiencies before our October's Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate our newly raised Brethren in Chino Valley Lodge No. 427, Brethren Perry Yodong, and Jerry Malona on being raised to the sub-lime degree. You are now in that stage full of life and enthusiasm. I would urge you to take advantage of every opportunity to be a part of the life of the Order in general and our Lodge in particular.

This month, our Lodge will continue to work diligently in working together with the American Red Cross Blood Drive set on August 12th at 9-3:30pm. Which will mark as our 2nd Charity Event for this year. Let us be the reason for someone's heartbeat.

The Officers School of Instructions will be dark this month, but we will be getting together for some much-needed practices.

Lastly, Brethren, I would again like to thank all the line officers and members of Chino Valley Lodge for doing such fantastic job all year and diligently upholding our Masonic honor, values, and commitments to our ancient Fraternity. The traditions we keep truly to our hearts could not have been accomplished without the examples you set every single day. The strength and support you provide to our Lodge greatly display the hope that Freemasonry will always be there.

Fraternally,
John Ehrlich Kiley
CVML #427, WM



From the SOUTH



Brethren,
Greetings from the South!!

The month of August is the beginning of school and the border between summer and autumn as we witness the change of scenery in which each season presents to our discerning eye. A time to experience what some may recall part of the first and noblest of sciences.

A review on our past events: We had two brothers raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Perry Yodong on July 29 and Jerry Malona on Aug 4. Both events were graced with the presence of brethren from other lodges in California and from the Philippines. Dinner was served on each event with a home cooked meal and grilled steaks prepared by volunteer knockers, Warren Abad and Jerry Mangawa, and brethren from the lodge. We would also like to thank our brethren and other volunteer knockers to include Erwin Co, Renato Macam and Xyborg Laita for their help in cleaning the galley, your contributions were noticed and appreciated.

Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge and thank Bro. Ace Daway for his contribution on replacing our lodge refrigerator that was about to expire and for our volunteer knockers who cleaned and set it up in the galley. Also, thank you to Ateng Wanabee Hizon for her "leche flan" dessert and Bro. Ferdie Sicam for his special soup from his very own Tonys Barbecue. This helped supplement the meal we had during our last stated meeting. The

south side will always be appreciative to our brethren who help supplement our meals during our stated meetings. That being said, don't forget to bring loose change to our stated meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Henry L. Kiley
Junior Warden



From the WEST



Good evening Brethren,

The article below and many more found all over our official California Freemason and freemason.org websites are useful articles to ponder upon, to reflect on one's journey through our beloved craft. Hence we should endeavor to read and learn from them and eventually apply these teachings towards ourselves and our fellowmen.

In the weeks that have passed, we have a couple of brothers who have successfully completed their degrees. To brothers Perry and Jerry, your hard work, perseverance and dedication in accomplishing your proficiencies is commended. To the Brethren, our hard work has materialized. Congratulations!

Gentle reminders to officers moving up to plan for your proficiencies in the next couple of months. 1st, 2nd, and hopefully a 3rd degree conferral are lined up on the the said months. Also, reminders to candidates to keep working on your return proficiencies. Assistance is available and abundant if need be.

Lastly, everyone is encouraged to participate in the lodge's upcoming blood drive on August 12, 2023.

Fraternally,

Anthony Wesley Baguiwet, SW

WORTHY OF BEING WORN

THE MASONIC APRON HAS AN ENDURING VALUE

WITHIN OUR FRATERNAL CULTURE

By Patrick C. Craddock

Below is the article from the December/January 2016 issue of California Freemason.

The apron is the initial gift of Freemasonry to the candidate: The new Entered Apprentice is informed that it is the unique badge of a Mason, and that he must wear it at each tiled meeting. He is instructed to wear it as an emblem of innocence and honor, pure and unspotted before the world. These are simple instructions; however, they leave a lot to ponder. The initiate may not truly grasp the depth of the apron's symbolic nature when he first receives it. As he advances, he will gain further instruction on wearing this apron as a Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The apron should remain the focal point of his self- examination and reflection, year after year, as he grows and matures in life and in Masonry.

An Ever-Present Reminder

The symbolic meaning of the apron is described to the initiate in very colorful language: It is "to be worn with pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity" without "stain of dishonorable word or deed upon its fair white surface," and "to remind him of purity of mind and morals."

He is told: "Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements." A thoughtful brother will ponder what it means to dress with dignity and honor. He will reflect on his actions and will think of the apron as a reminder, and a standard, for his actions and deeds.

Many brothers, after growing within the craft, will find themselves wearing a different apron – one reflecting the responsibility of office. This apron may reflect a station in the lodge, or be festooned with a district or grand rank. Its original pure white surface may be obscured by elaborately embroidered bullion and gilt work. But although a brother may find himself wearing this beautifully embellished apron, most important still is the presence of the apron itself, regardless of its size, shape, or decoration. No matter how beautiful an apron may be, its appearance has no real connection with its Masonic significance.

The viewpoint of a reflective Mason is that the apron itself contains enough real and ancient symbolism; enough sanctity in its age; and enough mystery in its descent to make

any assumed higher meaning unnecessary. One only need examine historic images of our earliest brethren to accept that the current standardized apron is a wholly modern design – a stylized interpretation of what to operative masons was a utilitarian garment. Although various grand jurisdictions are at odds on what is deemed "correct" when it comes to the shape and size of an apron, in the end that is far less important than what the apron teaches us.

A Mirror, A Beacon

It is often said that dress is the first impression of identity that one person conveys to another. For this same reason, the apron should be considered every time one enters the lodge. How many Masons have worn a borrowed apron pulled from a drawer or box in the lodge for a stated meeting? Perhaps this apron is tattered or has coffee stains on it. Likely it is in disrepair, since it has been discarded.

Some Masons may wear it without so much as a second thought, but it is unlikely that they can do so with pleasure to themselves and honor to the fraternity. Yet, it is not the lodge's responsibility to provide a pristine apron, just as it is not the lodge's responsibility to furnish suitable clothing for brothers in attendance.

The apron is the "badge of a Mason," and the one piece of regalia in which brothers should take the most pride. It is, after all, the most identifiable way to express their commitment to Masonry. Donning an apron of exceptional quality and beauty brings meaning to lodge meetings.

An apron should be purchased by each Mason for his own use, so that he may develop a personal and intimate relationship with it. It may be heavily decorated (for aprons of rank or station) or a plain lambskin of elegant proportion, but it should never be made of cheap material or shoddily constructed. Brothers should wear this apron each time they attend lodge, with the pride that comes from the diligence they have demonstrated in attaining such a great privilege.

The apron is a mirror, reflecting how we, as Masons, conduct our daily lives. But it is more than that: It is a beacon that expresses our commitment to the craft. Regardless of size, shape, or ornamentation, this apron should always be an inspiration for nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and greater achievements.

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SEMI-ANNUAL SECRETARY REPORT

August 2023
Chino Valley Lodge 427
Free and Accepted Masons of California



From the SECRETARY'S DESK

I would like to report excerpts from the Secretary's Semi-Annual Report for 2023.
For the period ending June 30, 2023 we have the following data:
Master Masons - 75
FCM - 3
EAM - 9
Applicants - 2
62 Members have paid their Annual Dues. 12 Members have not yet paid their Annual Dues.
7 Members were remitted their Annual Dues.
2 Members were suspended; 1 EAM and 1 MM.

As of end of July 2023 we have the following data.
Master Masons - 76
FCM - 4
EAM - 8
Applicants - 4

We have an average 24 members attendance during our stated meetings or 27% of our total members.

Fraternally,

Eric G. Calixto, PM

Secretary