

When I first joined our Masonic Fraternity, we celebrated our public schools all year long, but especially during Public Schools month. We were asked by our Grand Master to visit a public school during this month, attend a school board meeting and invite a public-school representative to speak to our Lodge. Some of us were teachers so this commitment was easier.

Although Fresno Unified did not have corner stone layings for its new schools, Clovis did. This was much to the thanks of Doc Buchanan, their superintendent and a member of Clovis Lodge. In the fall of 1969, there was such a ceremony and before the formal ceremony, Grand Lodge opened at the Clovis Masonic Temple. We then went to the location of the new school and several brethren were selected to take part in the actual ceremony along with several of the Grand Lodge officers. I remember that I was chosen to carry either the corn, wine, or oil. I do not remember which one. I truly felt honoured to participate when our Grand Lodged put on such a ceremony.

Shortly thereafter, I moved to San Francisco to start Law School. I had an evening that was open and I went to visit a Lodge about 4 blocks from where I lived on Mission St. After I showed up, I presented my dues card and ID to the tyler and he selected a committee to examine me to verify that I was a Master Mason in good standing so I could attend their Lodge. As soon as the committee had approved me, we walked out of the room and I immediately saw one of the GL officers who was part of the GL officers who had laid the corner stone in Clovis. Needless to say, if I had seen him before my examination, he could have vouched for me. I do not remember much about the meeting other than it was their stated meeting and the walls of the lodge room were copper with hand scroll work. I wonder if this Lodge is still in existence and if the beautiful building is still standing.

How many of you watched Jeopardy on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>? There was a category called "Lamb chops". The Answer (really the question) was: "This fraternity gives all new members a white lamb skin apron as a symbol of purity." None of the three contestants knew the answer, nor did they even offer an answer. How sad that so many people today do not know who we are or what we do.

As our Webmaster, I try to post pictures from our Lodge activities on our website as soon as possible. I was recently asked to provide some of these pictures in my monthly Trestleboard article.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Pedro Marron was initiated an entered Apprentice Mason.



On Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> WM Bill Lyons and Secretary Bryan Kincade conducted a Masonic Funeral for Brother Chuck Bersani. It was great to see so many people fill the seats on both sides of our Lodge room. Brother Chuck was Master of Ponderosa Lodge No. 700 in 1980 then he was our inspector for

10 years and when Ponderosa Lodge consolidated with Las Palmas in the early 1990's, he became our officer's coach. We will miss you Bro. Chuck.

