

Golden Gate Speranza

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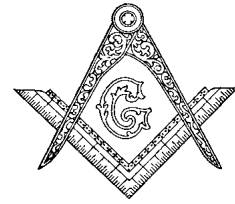
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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Reservations required

Tuesday, August 10

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Second Degree Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 17

Golden Veterans Award

6:30 P.M. Dinner

Reservations required with

Anastasia Jouganas

(415) 221-2907

7:30 P.M. Presentations

Recipients:

Walter Zolezzi, P.M.

Herbert L. Werner

Ernest G. Batchelor, Jr.

George S. Youngling

Tuesday, August 24

DARK

Tuesday, August 31

DARK



RENO TRIP

August 27-28, 2004

FROM THE EAST



Since I let you off the hook for the last part of July, I hope you were able to take time and enjoy your brief vacation from the Lodge. For those who have had their vacation, we hope you enjoyed it. To those that are on or going on vacation, please have a safe trip.

It was inspiring to see the members respond to our various outings and functions with such enthusiasm. We had a large turnout for the Past Masters' Night and the Junior Past Master's Night on June 15th at which time Worshipful James L. Adams, Master 1999-2003 was honored with a plaque for his many years of dedication to Masonry and to Golden Gate Speranza Lodge in particular. Edward G. Woodward, P.M. was honored with a Certificate for his 66 years of dedication as candidates' and officers' coach for many years and as Master of the Lodge twice. I also like to thank all the Past Masters for their dedication and support. Golden Gate Speranza Lodge is very pleased and proud to have such devoted and dedicated brethren. Thanks to Patrick Burke, Senior Warden who chaired this event and made possible Worshipful Inspector's attendance. The evening was capped by Armenian dance performance. We enjoyed the colorful costumes as well as the dance steps and music of the Karoon Dance Ensemble. These were classically choreographed ladies' dances and popular Armenian folk dances, a good time was had by all. The Spring Banquet Lunch honoring our widows was a sell out. A Delicious lunch was enjoyed by all at Willow Steak House at Jamestown and was followed by the matinee performance of "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Fallon Theatre in Columbia. We shared goodies and jokes while en route to the Gold Country. I am pleased to report that I've received many thank you



MEMBERSHIP Awaiting Degrees

SECOND: Leigh Williams Skilling - Initiated May 11, 2004

notes and cards from the attendees expressing their appreciation for the delicious luncheon, a great show and a great social evening. Last but not least was the Alaska Cruise - We were so fortunate to have such a nice weather as well as a great group, spectacular views, most exciting itineraries with finest shipboard amenities as well great entertainment. Again, a lovely time was had by all and we will have wonderful memories to last a lifetime.

Looking ahead – the night of August 17th will be a presentation of 50 year Golden Veteran awards with certificates and pins to the following Brethren: Walter Zolessi, P.M., Herbert L. Werner, Ernest G. Batchelor and George S. Youngling. A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the presentation. Please mark your calendars and be with us to help honor these Brethren who have served Masonry so well. This will be an open meeting with family and friends most welcome. Last but not least the bus for the Reno Trip on August 27 – 28 is filled up nicely. If you would like to inquire to be placed on the waiting list for any last minute cancellations, please contact Bill and Veronica Bellamy at (650) 756-5426. The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp from Scottish Rite Bldg. at 19th Ave. & Sloat where we will also park our cars.

You Brethren out there, are you aware that the Lodge has an excellent caterer serving good quality and generous dinners for only \$4.00? What more can we do to get you to come to Lodge?

**“THE MORE YOU GO -
THE MORE YOU GET”**

A man whose income was from ferrying passengers across a river was asked, “How many times a day do you cross the river?”

“I go as often as I can,” he replied. “The more I go, the more I get. If I don’t go, I don’t get.”

So it is with Lodge attendance - the more we go, the more we get out of our membership.

Hope to see you all at Lodge with your families.

Remember **“ONE MASON CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!”**

Fraternally,
Vrej M. Mekhalian, Master

FROM THE WEST

By Patrick J. Burke

Brethren,

As I mentioned in the May “From the West”, I attended the Senior Warden’s Retreat in San Ramon. The main emphasis was on leadership training, and I am using that experience to design a vision statement for this Lodge. Hopefully, I will be able to share that with you in a few months. Why, because I believe it is important for the Lodge to keep its sights on the future. Remember, our forefathers had a vision of the future. If they had failed at that task, Freemasonry would not exist today.

The future is paramount, but the day to day operations must also be addressed. Thus, Lodge Management is also an important topic for a Master Mason that is about to serve in the Oriental Chair. The ins and outs of running a Lodge are now presented in a series of Lodge Certification Courses offered by Grand Lodge. As you know, managing a Lodge can be a challenging proposition. And if you don’t know, just ask past master, and he can fill you in real fast. A declining membership and maintaining assets in a declining market are just a few of the challenges that present themselves in today’s environment. These intense one-day workshops are an attempt to give Lodge Officers, Trustees, and Hall directors the tools to answer these questions and more.

On June 12th, I took the Lodge Finance Course in Oakland. It was presented by Allan Casalou - Assistant Grand Secretary, and David Schwarzenberger – Investment Manager of the Grand Lodge Investment Committee. Topics covered were: 1) Lodge income, expenses, and funds, 2) the Lodge Budget, 3) Lodge Financial Statements and Reporting, and 4) Investments and Long Term Planning. It was compressive in its presentation and was followed by a certification examination.

On June 19th, I took the Lodge Administration Course in Sacramento. It was presented by John Cooper - Grand Secretary, Kim Hegg - Member Services

Manager, and Mark Gibson. Managing Membership Data, Lodge Governance, Management Guidelines and Ordances, and Communication Strategies were the subjects covered. As with above course, a certification examination was given at the end of the day.

Both these courses included detailed discussions of California Masonic Code sections that were relevant to the particular subject covered. This was extremely helpful as the language in the CMC can often be confusing to the un-initiated. Further study will have wait as the course locations have now shifted to Southern California. Next year, I am told, multiple dates will be available at each location. This will be most helpful.

So, you now know what I am up to. I am trying to educate myself and become an informed Mason and thus, hopefully, a good Master. Masonic education, however, is indeed a life long quest, but I am at least taking the first steps.

So, what kind of a Mason are you? Maybe this humorous and yet thoughtful passage will help you decide:

What Kind Of A Freemason Are You?

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows — no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers — they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites – if you don’t keep a string on them, they will fly away.

Some are like balloons — full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs — you can tell which way they will bounce.

And then some are like a good watch — open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

*Grand Lodge of Kansas Magazine
Southern California Research Lodge,
Volume 4*

There is a lot of “pure gold” in our Lodge. Are you one of them? See you in August!



Worshipful Inspector John Bermudez, Edward Woodward, P.M., Vrej Mekhalian, P.M., James L. Adams, P.M. and Patrick J. Burke, Senior Warden



Golden Gate Speranza Group on board Regal Princess cruising Alaska



*Golden Veterans Award Recipients
From left to right Worshipful Inspector John Bermudez, Donald McKinsey,
Elroy D. Joyce, P.M. and Worshipful Master Vrej Mekhalian*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend greetings to the following members of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge who will be celebrating their birthday during the month of August.

William B. Bellamy III, PM	3
Ephthemes J. Chituras	8
Robert S. Hansen	8
James E. Ryan	8
Arthur Guerrazzi	9
William L. Batty	10
Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.	12
Robert L. Moore, P.M.	13
Donald W. Bierey	13
Joseph S. Gray	14
Robert R. Tweedie	14
Anthony R. San Jose	15
Anthony T. Fadale	15
Thomas C. Ledda	18
John F. Knowles	21
Louis E. Hutzler	22
Orrin A. De Voto	22
James Poulos	22
Edward F. Belluomini	22
Patrick J. Burke	23
James J. Kamariotis	24
Gerald S. Rinker	26
Frank Feldman	28

Brethren celebrating their birthdays this month are invited for a complimentary dinner.



IN MEMORIAM

Charles Walter Daniels

Raised July 25, 1945

Entered into Rest

June 15, 2004

Almighty Father

Into Thy Hands

We Commend the Soul of our

Dear Departed Brother