

Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

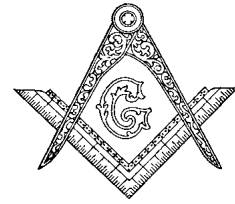
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

Bulletin



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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, March 1

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

After dinner, all will enjoy "The Story of Job"

Presented by a member of the Order of Job's Daughters

8:00 P.M. (approx) Stated Meeting

First Degree Proficiencies

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 P.M. Light Dinner

7:00 P.M. Officer's Practice

Second Degree

Tuesday, March 15

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Second Degree Conferral

Bro. Richard Darrell Link

Bro. David George Walda

Bro. John Franklin Langley (tentative)

Tuesday, March 22

Golden Veteran's Award

Worshipful Bro. William Hart

6:30 P.M. Dinner

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

Tuesday, March 29

6:30 P.M. Light Dinner

7:00 P.M. Officer's Practice

Degree-TBA

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Sunday-Monday, April 10-11

Reno Trip

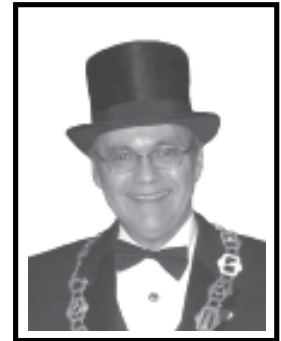
FROM THE EAST



Well, now that we are headed for March, I have a few words to say about January.

That may seem confusing, but we are always writing a half month in advance. Anyway, I received some nice comments about our crab dinner. It was a dinner and not a feed so each person received one crab each plus salad, bread, and pasta. The crabs were of good size, and thus, all seemed to be satisfied with their meal. This by the way kept our costs down and we were able to give you a tasty dinner for the usual \$4 and not the \$20-\$30 which accompanies a crab feed.

I want to welcome our newest member, Brother John Langley. He was brought into the Fraternity in due form on January 18th. I want to thank our Senior Warden, Worshipful Jim Adams, for his errorless



Vision Statement: Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30 is an organization which values harmony and is friendly to all men. It supports public education and the Masonic youth groups because Masonic values are vital to our youth and their future. It imparts worthwhile Masonic education to its members as well as educating the community about Masonry. Membership in this Lodge will result in lifelong friends, a feeling of belonging, support when needed, an understanding of Masonry, and an understanding of service to others.

MEMBERSHIP Awaiting Degrees

SECOND: Richard Darrell Link - Initiated November 16, 2004
David George Walda - Initiated November 16, 2004
John F. Langley - Initiated January 18, 2005
Michael P. Burke - Initiated February 22, 2005
THIRD: Leigh Williams Skilling - Initiated May 11, 2004

delivery of the first degree charge. My thanks also goes out to Worshipful Brother Henry Dosedorian, Jr. of Phoenix Lodge for sitting in as Junior Warden, and Brother Gordon Whiteside of Brotherhood Lodge for performing the duties of Senior Deacon. Masonry is a custodian of a tradition of initiation, and I believe this tradition was upheld on that night, and our new member was given a good introduction to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Our February stated meeting dinner was followed by a presentation from Debbie Stebbins, Senior Vice President of the Masonic Homes of California. We were given a concise rundown on all the latest developments as well as learning about the programs and services provided by the Homes. However, the most important message of the evening was that reaching the Masonic Homes of California just got a whole lot easier. As of August 2004, a single phone call is all it takes to address your questions and need for services. **If you are considering applying for admission to the Masonic Homes or need assistance through the Masonic Outreach Services, please call 888-466-3642 (888-HOME MHC).** One phone call does it all. In addition, you may visit their website at www.masonichomes.org to read about the latest developments, download recent mailings, learn about programs, and actually begin the application process.

Here comes the month of March. We are all familiar with St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, and the Vernal Equinox (first day of Spring) on March 20th. However, did you know that March 3rd will be the 74th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner as the national anthem of our country? That's right. Francis Scott Key may have written it in 1814, but it was ratified into law when President

Herbert Hoover signed the legislation on March 3, 1931. This culminated a twenty-year effort during which more than forty bills and joint resolutions were introduced in Congress. Other contenders for the title included "America the Beautiful" and "Yankee Doodle."

Francis Scott Key was a lawyer and a poet of some note. His friend, Dr. William Beanes, was taken prisoner by the British during the burning of Washington, D.C. Key obtained the services of Colonel John Skinner, the government's prisoner exchange agent, and sailed out to the British fleet anchored off of the Baltimore shore. There he negotiated the release of his friend. However, since they heard a good deal of the preparation for the attack on Baltimore while having dinner with Admiral Alexander Cochrane, they were detained aboard ship. It was from the deck of the HMS Surprise, and later the sloop Minden, that Key and Skinner watched the bombardment of Baltimore and more specially the attack on Fort McHenry on the night of Sept 13-14, 1814. Although visibility was low during the night, in the morning, through the cleaning smoke, they saw a huge American flag still flying over the Fort McHenry. Although receiving over 1,800 bombs, rockets, and shells, the Fort had stood through the night. Key was so moved that he penned a poem dedicated to the flag as a symbol of patriotism and identity. He named it "The Defense of Fort McHenry". It was published in the Baltimore newspapers and renamed "The Star Spangled Banner." Later, it was set to music using the melody of a popular English tune called "To Anacreon in Heaven." The Flag of the United States of America flies day and night at the cemetery where he is buried and at Fort McHenry. Monuments to Key can be found at Fort McHenry, on

Eutaw Place in Baltimore, and at the Presidio in San Francisco. So now you know!

Hope to see you at the March stated meeting. As March is "Masonic Youth Activities Month," we will all retire to the lodge room after dinner where "The Story of Job" will be given by a Job's Daughter of Bethel 37. After that, the brothers will hold their stated meeting. One final note: keep those e-mail addresses coming in. The e-mail notification list is growing.

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

FROM THE WEST

By James L. Adams

From a Church Bulletin to get you thinking:

"How should I fast, O God," the old woman prayed, "should I eat less bread and butter?"

"What?" God answered. "Why, daughter, fasting has nothing to do with food. It has everything to do with what is in your heart. And so, fast from gossip and criticism, and fast from envy and anger, fast from boasting and greed. In a word, fast from all that harms or saddens another."

"O God," the old woman prayed, "you ask too much. ...I'll eat less bread and butter!"

We now have 23 who have indicated their intentions to make the Yosemite trip either by telling me or by sending in their deposit and reservation slip. If you intend or desire to go, let me know soon so that I don't let your space be taken by someone else. We need at least 33 to 35 to make the trip cost effective and we can accommodate up to 44. If you've misfiled your trip application, one is available next to the Tiler's Register in the anteroom, or call me and I'll mail you one.

The Master has set up a dinner cruise on July 4 to see the fireworks on the bay. Details will be coming out after the next stated meeting, but we will park at a designated location and be bussed to the cruise boat. After the cruise we will be returned to where we parked. Start making your plans to join him for that memorable celebration.

MASONIC APPRECIATION NIGHT

Bethel 37, Job's Daughters International, is having a Masonic Appreciation Night.

It will be a special night for all Masons. The Master is going. Please join him!

Let's make a good showing for Golden Gate Speranza Lodge.

If you plan to attend, please give the Master a call or an e-mail.

Thursday, March 24th - 7:00 p.m.

San Francisco Scottish Rite Center

2850 19th Ave at Sloat Blvd.

On Saturday, Feb 12, Dave Walda (one of our EAs) and I stood in for the Master at Pier 48 for the Giants Fan Fest. There were members from 5 Lodges manning a children's ID booth. It was Dave's and my first time to see the process in operation, so the pleasure on parents' faces when we gave them the form(s) with their child(ren)'s picture, thumb prints, and spaces to fill in more detailed specifics was very warming. There were some interesting questions posed to the different Masons manning the booth, but the best part of the experience was the response of the parents when they realized what the ID was to help them with in the event of trouble. The booth's location between the pitching cage and the autograph table and across from the ticket sales booth gave Masonry some pretty good exposure.

We start our year in the best position we've been in for a long time regarding our most important function - making Masons. We have one candidate working on his Second Degree proficiency, three working on their Entered Apprentice Proficiency (at least 2 planning on doing the long form), and one candidate preparing for his initiation (by the time you read this, that will have happened). Repeating myself, there is nothing more important than a room full of brothers when the candidates are brought to light. It honors the Lodge and the cast, but more importantly it honors the candidate and gives him a sense of well being.

With our newest person approved for membership we are going to have the privilege of performing one of the rare experiences for a Masonic Lodge - a sitting Master is going to have the experience and honor of conducting degrees for his son. WB Patrick will be tending to the duties for his son Michael. The last time we came close to this was when WB Ed Woodward had the honor of conducting the degrees for his grandson-in-law Don Bierey, also a very rare occasion.

As a result of all this degree activity I again strongly encourage (and plead for) your attendance at our degrees. WB Pat is using post card announcements to get the information to you in addition to postings in the Trestleboard. We have a light dinner before the degree (and rehearsals), so let either the Master or

myself know if you are going to be there. If you want to take a role in a degree or degrees, contact either the Master or the Officer's Coach, WB Ed Woodward, and let them know - we'll be proud to have you *in suit* again.

Following that thought, and although it is a repeat, the following from the AOL Masonic Forum on Line is appropriate:

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight
 Say, Son, Let's go to Lodge tonight
 We Haven't been for years,
 Let's don our little apron white
 And sit among the peers.
 I feel a kind of longing, Boy,
 to climb up those old stairs;
 I know we'd get a thrill of joy
 and lay aside the care.
 I'd like to get out on the floor—
 Come on, let's get in line;
 I'd like to Grace the East once more
 And give the same old sign.
 I want to hear the gavel ring.
 To hear the organ play;
 I want to hear the Craftsmen sing
 I think the Tyler'd let us in,
 That old familiar lay.
 Although he'd hesitate,
 And then we'd see that same old grin.
 Come on, or we'll be late.
 Pass up your bridge or picture show
 Your wrestling or your fight;
 Switch off that darned old TV set—
 Let's go to Lodge tonight.

-Anonymous



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- Clifton C. Brinkley 2
- William H. Billingsley 10
- Roger L. Pierce 11
- Walter Zolezzi, PM 15
- Howard E. Mangels 18
- George J. Rossi Jr. 25
- William R. Hansen 28
- Robert O. Reynolds, P.M. 30

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

YOSEMITE Trip, Sunday, June 5 through Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

The Lodge has approved covering some of the cost of the trip, so prices you need to be concerned with are:

MEMBERS, THEIR LADIES, and WIDOWS:
 Double Occupancy, \$180 per person
 Single Occupancy, \$220 per person

NONMEMBERS (GUESTS):
 Double Occupancy, \$359 per person
 Single Occupancy, \$439 per person

Flyers are available at the Temple or by calling the Senior Warden. Deposits and reservation forms (the bottom of the backside of the flyer) are to be forwarded to the Senior Warden (address and phone number on back page of this bulletin) before April 1, 2005. Final payment is due by May 3, 2005. Please let him know your intentions as soon as you can, so that the travel agency can confirm reservations.



RENO TRIP

April 10-11, 2005

Sands Regency Hotel Casino

Park at the Scottish Rite Temple
 19th Ave. and Sloat Blvd.
 The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. sharp

Members, Wives and Widows
 Double Occupancy \$30.00 Per Person
 Single Occupancy \$41.00 Per Person

Non Members
 Double Occupancy \$47.00 Per Person
 Single Occupancy \$62.00 Per Person

Deadline March 18, 2005

For reservations mail checks to:
 William B. Bellamy, III
 624 Clarinada Avenue
 Daly City, CA 94015-4210

Make checks payable to:
 Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

Your Check Is Your Reservation