

Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

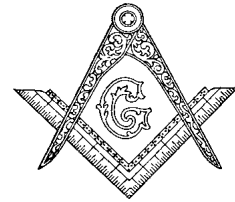
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

Bulletin



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TRESTLEBOARD

Sunday-Tuesday, June 5-7

Lodge trip to Yosemite National Park
Bus leaves Brotherhood Masonic Center
at 7:30 A.M.

Tuesday, June 7

Dark

Wednesday, June 8

Officer's School of Instruction
3rd Degree, 2nd Section
Officers must call off with the Inspector
Golden Gate Speranza is the host Lodge
Brotherhood Masonic Center
6:15 P.M. Dinner

Tuesday, June 14

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies
Reservations required: 415-221-2907
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

**Official Visit of the District Inspector
Officers will wear Tuxedos**

Tuesday, June 21

6:00 P.M. Open Lodge
6:30 P.M. Dinner
Reservations to the Master
7:30 PM Third Degree Conferral
Bro. Leigh Williams Skilling
by California Commandery No. 1

Tuesday, June 28

Golden Veteran's Award
Bro. Roger G. Spindler
6:30 P.M. Dinner
Reservations required: 415-221-2907

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, July 5

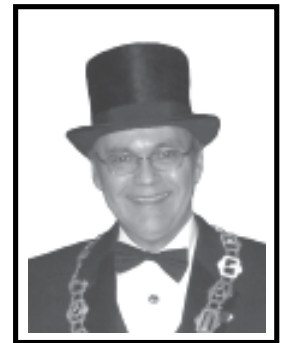
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The remainder of July will be DARK

FROM THE EAST



Well, as I always say, let's hear the bad news before the good. That way you can enjoy the good news with no aftertaste. First, I had to cancel the 4th of July Dinner Cruise. This pained me to no end as I was really looking forward to going. However, we had some cancellations and our numbers were below the required minimum. Maybe we will visit this idea again next year. Second, I had to cancel the two Third Degrees we had planned in May. I was not a happy camper. However, we simply could not fill all the cast positions in time to meet our schedule. Many of our past masters and brethren that helped with this degree in the past are no longer available. Some have passed on to the arms of the Great Architect, and others have moved away. In any case, we have a number of vacancies in the line up. Hopefully, over the next couple of months we can re-establish a solid Third Degree team. I would like our Master Masons to stop a moment and think about their commitment to our Fraternity and this Lodge. We could use some help. Are you up to it?



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

Ok, that's enough of that. You get the picture. Let's move on to the good news. I want to congratulate Worshipful Brother Bill Bellamy and his wife, Veronica, for their hard work in planning and executing a successful trip to Reno. Although I lost a little moola (or is the term "my shirt"), it was a nice get away for Margie and me. We are looking forward to their second installment in August.

On April 19th, we made Brother John Franklin Langley a Fellowcraft Mason in due form. I want to thank Worshipful Brother Jim Adams for again enlightening us with his faithful rendition of the Staircase Lecture. We are without a Senior Deacon this year, and Brother Adams has rescued us on numerous occasions. My deepest thanks go out to him.

As you are aware, one of the main priorities of Masonry in this country is the support of public education. In an effort to do our part, we presented a check for \$5,000 to the Lowell Fund at the May 3rd stated meeting dinner. The money is earmarked for teacher retention at Lowell High School. That means when state budget cuts threaten a teacher position at Lowell, the Fund will step in and keep that teacher in the classroom. On hand to accept the check was Lowell Fund Chairman, Bonnie Jones, and Student Body President, Jonas Chin. We were delighted to learn that Bonnie reached her majority in Bethel 37 of Job's Daughters, and has many pleasant memories of her time spent in the Masonic family.

Also, at the May stated meeting, Brothers David Walda and Richard Link performed their second degree proficiencies. We then remained in the second degree so our Fellowcrafts could hear the lecture by the Assistant Grand Secretary, Alan Casalou Jr. He congratulated our Fellowcrafts and their coach, Worshipful Brother Ed Woodward, on their fine work. He then proceeded to lecture on the meaning of the Fellowcraft Degree. I want to thank Brother Alan for taking the time in his busy schedule to come and speak to us.

June is here folks and summer draws near. First, I would like to invite the Master Masons to Lodge on Tuesday, June 21 to see California Commandery No. 1 confer the Third Degree of Masonry on Brother Leigh Williams Skilling. Please come and see this excellent ritual team in action. Dinner reservations to the Master please.

Don't forget Father's Day on Sunday June 19th. This day pays homage to all father figures whether they be fathers, stepfathers,



Worshipful Master Patrick Burke presenting \$5,000 check to Lowell High School Fund Chairman, Bonnie Jones and Student Body President, Jonas Chin



Assistant Grand Secretary, WB Alan Casalou, Jr. and Worshipful Master Patrick J. Burke

grandfathers, or uncles. It was first celebrated in Spokane, Washington in 1909. It grew in popularity after President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a Father's Day in 1924. However, it was President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 who signed a presidential proclamation that declared the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

In addition, don't forget Flag Day on June 14th. It marks the 228th anniversary of our flag. The Stars and Stripes came into existence in 1777, and the first celebration of this fact occurred 100 years later in 1877. President

Harry Truman signed congressional legislation in 1949 that made this remembrance a day of national observance. Take time and learn about your flag. It has a long and proud history. It has led our troops into battle and many have died protecting what it stands for. It is even planted on the moon. Learn about its history and how to display it. Remember, it is one people, one nation, one flag.

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

FROM THE WEST

By James L. Adams

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

There can never be a building of greater height in Washington DC than the Washington Monument. On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument are displayed two words: *Laus Deo*. Once you know *Laus Deo's* history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. What do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation. *Laus Deo*: "Praise be to God!"

Atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant, a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the North. The Jefferson Memorial is to the South, the Capitol to the East and the Lincoln Memorial to the West. A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on how interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God! When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were any items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy: "One Nation, Under God."

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you never read it? Well, now is

your unique opportunity, so read on! "Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United states at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Laus Deo! As you probably guessed, over 92 percent of Americans like the idea that our Pledge of Allegiance includes the phrase "under God." It is clear when one studies the history of our great nation, that Washington's America was one of the few countries in all the world established under the guidance, direction and banner of Almighty God, to whom was given all praise honor and worship by the great men who formed and fashioned her pivotal foundations. When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. Though many try to disprove and reason, their arguments are weak and easily proven without basis. Their efforts will forever be in vain; God assures us of that. Have you noticed as of late, how many more people are coming together, affirming the fact that this nation was, from the beginning, built on God? Any nation that is not built upon God will fail. Do you wonder why, when other nations fall into an abyss, does the United States continually prosper? Now you know, but do not let the arrogance of some instill doubt within you. The truth is, we have always been one nation under God! *Laus Deo!* Praise be to God!

You may forget the width and height of "*Laus Deo*", it's location, or the architects, but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127: 1)

It is hoped you will educate your families and friends on this information.

Notice:


Due to the Lodge Yosemite trip, the June Stated Meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, June 14th**. This meeting will be the OFFICIAL VISIT of the Worshipful Glenn G. Whiteside, Inspector of the 162nd Masonic District.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Dr. Calvin Taam	1
Loyal D. Sutton, PM	2
Richard C. Schmitt, PM	3
Andrew D. Filipek	4
David T. Yohannan	5
Edward E. Fernandez Jr., PM	6
Bedros Kaprielian	6
Robert R. Craft	8
Arthur A. Proctor	8
Marvin C. O'Daniel	15
Frank P. Agnost	15
J. Robert Ellis	16
Craig C. Calvert	17
Henry M. Sante, PM	17
Thomas M. Lee	18
Richard H. Tompkins	19
David F. Morris, PM	20
Ernie Gabiati, PM	20
Ralph M. Reardon	22
Reynold Schmidt, PM	22
Ging Bobg Lowe, PM	24
John W. Thompson	29
Curtis N. Decker	30

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



IN MEMORIAM

Arthur C. Huser
 Raised November 26, 1952
 Entered into Rest
 March 14, 2005

Lee R. Johnston
 Raised July 01, 1952
 Entered into Rest
 March 29, 2005

Norman E. Johnson, PM
 Raised July 10, 1951
 Entered into Rest
 April 26, 2005

*Almighty Father
 Into Thy Hands
 We Commend the Souls of our
 Dear Departed Brothers*