

# Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

Relief

Truth



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

## Bulletin



www.ggs30.org

Our 152nd Masonic Year

JULY - AUGUST 2005

Volume 153, Number 7

### TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, July 5

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

\*\*\*\*

THE REMAINDER OF JULY WILL BE DARK

\*\*\*\*

Tuesday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Officer's Practice  
First Degree

Wednesday, August 10

Officer's School of Instruction  
First Degree Complete  
Officers must call off with the Inspector  
Brotherhood Masonic Center  
6:15 P.M. Dinner

Tuesday, August 16

6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Officer's Practice  
Second Degree Complete

Tuesday, August 23

6:00 P.M. Open Lodge  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
Reservations to the Master  
7:30 P.M. Second Degree Conferral  
Bro. Michael Patrick Burke

Tuesday, August 30

6:00 P.M. Open Lodge  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
Reservations to the Master  
7:30 PM Third Degree Conferral  
Bro. David George Walda  
by The Shrine Acacia Club

*Looking Ahead*

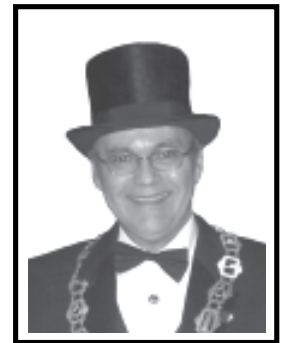
September: Lodge trip to Reno

### FROM THE EAST



Well, we are about to "kill two birds with one stone" or better yet "get two for the price of one". This bulletin covers the months of July and August. As tradition dictates, we will hold our July Stated Meeting and then remain dark for the rest of that month as we recharge our batteries. In August, we will gear up again and start the second half of our year.

Under the Roman Calendar, July was named Quintilis as it was the fifth month of a year that began in March. In 46 BC, Julius Caesar introduced the Julian Calendar, and the month was renamed to July (pronounced Julie) in honor of his birth month. However, it did not become the seventh month of the year until the Georgian Calendar was introduced in 1582. It is in this seventh month that we celebrate the birth of our country. The Fourth of July or



**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

Independence Day celebrates the day when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence and severed its colonial ties with England. Thomas Jefferson took 17 days to write the Declaration, and he drew heavily from George Mason's *Virginia Declaration of Rights*. On July 4, 1776, all thirteen colonies signed the document with New York being the lone dissenter on the actual vote. As Jefferson had said earlier about New York, it had "not yet matured for falling from the parent stem". Although it was read to the colonies on July 8, 1776, it is the date of July 4<sup>th</sup> that remains solid in the minds of our countrymen. The equation was simple. The Fourth of July equals the birthday of the United States of America. In recognition of this, the Congress declared July 4<sup>th</sup> as a federal legal holiday in 1941.

In regards to the Declaration of Independence, have you ever heard of the Dunlap Broadside? Well, John Dunlap was a printer and a patriot. He was the publisher of the Pennsylvania Packet, an Officer in the Philadelphia cavalry, and the bodyguard of George Washington at Trenton and Princeton. But more interestingly, he was the Congressional Printer and printed the original Declaration. On the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>, John Hancock ordered him to print broadside copies of the Declaration signed by him as President and Charles Thomson as Secretary. Broadside meant large sheets of paper printed on one side. It is thought that he printed 200 broadside copies which were later distributed to the members of Congress. Today, there are only 25 copies known to exist. The original has been lost, but the other 25 are dispersed among public and private institutions and private collectors. Most notably, there are copies at the National Archives and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

August was named Sextilis under the Roman Calendar as it was the sixth month of a year that began in March. It was renamed August in honor of Augustus Caesar, the first Roman Emperor, not because of his birth month but because that was the month the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra died. You see, in his youth, he was known as Gaius Octavius and was the adopted son of Julius Caesar. When Julius Caesar was murdered on the Ides

of March, Octavius defeated Marcus Brutus, Gaius Cassius, Mark Antony, and Cleopatra during the ensuing civil wars. With the defeat and death of Cleopatra, he completed Julius Caesar's dream of unifying Rome under one ruler. In 1582, August became the eighth month under the Georgian Calendar.

August is at the end of the dog days of summer. Although it leads up to the big Labor Day Holiday, it does not have a glamorous holiday of its own. Although hot and muggy weather may be the rule, we will have some important work to do. In addition to the conferral of a second degree, we will be host to the Shrine ritual team known as the Acacia Club. They do excellent work. I hope all our current Master Masons will turn out to watch them raise our newest Master Mason. And if you are coming, please remember to make dinner reservations with the Master. So, please mark Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

So, now you know! See you at the July and August Stated Meetings. Please have a safe and sane Fourth of July, and if you are going on vacation, I wish you a Bon Voyage!

Fraternally,  
Patrick J. Burke, Master

## You and God

by Mother Theresa

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self centered.

**Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

**Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

**Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

**Be honest anyway.**

What you spend years creating others could destroy overnight.

**Create anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

**Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today will often be forgotten.

**Do good anyway.**

Give the best you have and it may never be enough.

**Give your best anyway.**

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

**It was never between you and them anyway.**

[From Southern California Research Lodge—April 2005]

## FROM THE WEST

By James L. Adams

In the process of reducing the column size last month, some editing was made to the preface of my article regarding the Washington Monument. To make sure you know I'm not that smart (I just read a lot), I tell you that the article was passed to me by a friend and associate (and Masonic sponsor) from my days in Washington, DC (and I seem to recall something about a District of Columbia PGM having originally provided it). Some of us from the Lodge with our ladies and friends made a trip there a few years ago, but didn't get to visit the Monument because it was under renovation, I thought you would enjoy the lesson therein. While I knew of the words on the cap, I had never never thought of them as presented. It also ties in to our season of "patriotism," especially because of the "connection" to one of our early brethren. It connects to the symbolism of our "Temple building."

Those of you who were not present at our May Stated Meeting missed a real treat. We witnessed excellent long form Second Degree proficiencies by Brothers Richard Link and Dave Walda. Our officers' coach, WB Ed Woodward, has been coaching these two men and he is again commended for his dedication. At the tender age of 91, he keeps us in awe

with his proficiency in the ritual. After the proficiency exam, we then had a great presentation by the Assistant Grand Secretary, WB Alan Casalou, Jr., on the meaning of the Second Degree. It was a great evening and with some excellent Masonic Education.

My thanks to our Worshipful Master for allowing me to continue (at least for this year) my efforts to provide some opportunity to expose or re-expose members and ladies to some of the myriad to wonders this magnificent state has to offer. Yosemite National Park served as the central theme of our trip in June and we saw some of the glorious and humbling handiwork of the Supreme Architect, not to mention the handiwork of the Park Service personnel with restoration of many parts of the park (including roads and bridges - several detours). If you have not been there, you need to go - and make a stop at the Ahwahnee Hotel for lunch. The price is dear, but the opportunity to indulge yourself in excellent food and superlative surroundings should not be bypassed. Our stop at the Sugar Pine Railroad took us back in time, and although it is only a narrow-gauge line, the steam power took me back several years as my Dad was a railroader. My first memories of his work was him on a crew using a steam engine to switch cars tearing down and making up trains. We made our obligatory stops at two businesses important to the State, a cheese (from happy cows, of course) factory - Hilmar, the country's largest cheese maker (have you ever seen a 700 pound block of cheddar?) - and the Delicato Winery. Neither are as unique

as they used to be since many states are now following our state's extensive lead in these two industries - and they are working hard and positively to catch up and overtake. All in all, it was a good trip and we had opportunity to get reacquainted with some of our members and ladies that have not lately been able to be around the Lodge. The group doing the traveling again reinforced my feeling that we are blessed with a truly outstanding organization of members and their ladies in Golden Gate Speranza, and in Masonry.

## RENO TRIP

### September 18-19, 2005

Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Park at the  
20th Avenue and Wawona  
The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. sharp  
and returns on Monday at 8:00 p.m.

Members, Wives and Widows  
Double Occupancy \$30.00 Per Person  
Single Occupancy \$42.00 Per Person

Non Members  
Double Occupancy \$40.00 Per Person  
Single Occupancy \$52.00 Per Person

Deadline August 30, 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***



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### JULY

Gabriel C. Contreras .....	1
Robert G. Jessee .....	2
Joe G. Cherolis .....	4
Rodney E. Lotspeich .....	6
S. Myron Tatarian, PM .....	8
John W. Lauck .....	12
Carl H. Holzinger, Jr. ....	13
Arakel S. Derounian .....	17
John M. Julius .....	17
Robert M. Valera .....	19
Victor H. Raineri .....	21
Platon Kavvadias .....	21
Kenneth W. Kyle, PM .....	24
George Hirzel .....	27
Michael H. Dillon .....	29

### 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 birthday these months are invited for a complimentary dinner.

## Happy 4th of July