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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Budget, Re-obligation

Monday, January 9, 2006

Officer's School of Instruction

First Degree, Host - Mission Lodge

Officer's are required to call off with the Inspector

Brotherhood Masonic Center

6:15 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. School

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Officer's Practice

First Degree

Tuesday January 17, 2006

6:00 PM Open Lodge

6:30 P.M. Dinner

Dinner Reservations to the Master Please

7:30 PM First Degree Conferral

Mr. Timothy Charles Craig

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Crab Dinner and Games

One crab per person, salad, pasta, dessert

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

6:30 PM Dinner

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Officer's Practice

Second Degree

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Official Visit of the District Inspector

Officer's will wear Tuxedos

FROM THE EAST



Welcome back! I trust your holidays were of good cheer! We had a good crowd at our December 13th annual meeting and truly missed those of you that were unable to attend. After a hearty dinner of Caesar salad and prime rib, we set about the task of installing our 2006 Officers. Do you know which officers are elected and those appointed? Well, first of all, there are 13 officer positions. The Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected by the Lodge at the November stated meeting. The other eight officers: Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Marshal, Senior and Junior Stewards, Organist, and Tiler are appointed by the Master. In addition, any Master Mason in good standing, whether or not a member of the Lodge, may be appointed Tiler or Organist.



Well, here I am, and there you are! You may wonder what is on my mind after a year as Master and entering into another as the same. I expounded on this subject at our installation ceremony. For the record and for those who could not attend, I will repeat my installation remarks.

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

THIRD: Michael P. Burke - Initiated February 22, 2005
Richard Pembroke - Initiated August 16, 2005

"Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, family and friends. I want you to know how honored I am that you have chosen me to lead this Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. The seat of the Worshipful Master in the east is traditionally known as the Oriental Chair. This, of course, alludes to the Oriental Chair of King Solomon. My friends, I am no King Solomon, but I do possess an intense desire to see this Lodge succeed. My tenure as Master this year has taught me that this lodge can survive. The responsibility falls on me to convince the brothers of this very fact. So far, it is 153 years and counting. That's a grand history. Let's shoot for 200 and see who best can lead and best agree.

This Lodge is experiencing a renewed sense of mission, and it is due to an influx of new brothers and a dedication to Masonic values on the part of the brothers of this Lodge.

This year we rededicated ourselves to our number one mission. That, of course, being the making of Masons. We raised four brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We have two Fellowcrafts waiting in the wings to take their third degree, and we have one brand new candidate that will be initiated in January.

This year we took an active part in supporting our Masonic youth groups. We are now making monthly financial contributions to the support of Assembly No. 1, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, as well as Bethel 37 and Bethel 101, Jobs Daughters International. Why are we doing this? Because Masonic values are vital to our youth and their future.

This year we reached out to the community at large and participated in the Masonic Child ID program. Our brothers, participated in the Child ID Booths at the Giants Fanfest as well as the Aloha Festival. We are proud to know, that by the work of these brothers, over 500 children had their photos and finger prints recorded on forms that their parents can use in case the unthinkable happens. Why are we doing this? Because we can help our community in this vital service as well as educating the community about Masonry.

This year we committed ourselves to public education. The Masonic Fraternity has always cherished and supported education. In fact, many Masons were evolved in the creation of public education in this country. First, we donated \$5,000 to the Lowell High School Fund. This fund supports the basic core subjects at the school. When cutbacks occur in support from the federal and state

governments, the fund steps in, pays teacher salaries, and keeps them teaching the important subjects of English, math, and science. Second, we adopted a kindergarten class at the Mission Education Center. These children are for the most part from poor immigrant families. We provided them with stationary supplies, holiday treats, as well as warm jackets in the winter. Why are we doing this? Because Masons have to be committed to public education in this country. Public education and education in general are the bedrock of our great republic. However, it is public education, in particular, that is the safety net that ensures this country will have a broad base of informed citizens for the future.

Finally, the year 2006 is now in front of us. I dedicate myself and this lodge to a further pursuit of Masonic values. I hope through this journey a member can truly state to his friends and brothers that membership in Golden Gate Speranza Lodge will result in lifelong friends, a feeling of belonging, support when needed, an understanding of Masonry, and an understanding of service to others."

I would like to sincerely thank my Installing Team: The Worshipful Glenn G. Whiteside Sr., P.M. – Installing Officer, Henry Dosdorian Jr., P.M. – Master of Ceremonies, and Edward G. Woodward, P.M. – Installing Chaplain. Thanks for launching us into 2006. You did excellent work!

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

FROM THE WEST

By James L. Adams

We present another of our new members, Dave Walda, a native of San Francisco. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1974 and was a member of DeMolay. His first occupational challenge, to use his terms, was a brief career in the fast-food industry during his last year of high school. Several months after graduation, he started work for Bank of America in the Securities Transfer Department. He was with the Bank of America for 28 years in various capacities, the last one being in Back office Operations for Securities Brokerage Service. The department was consolidated and moved to New York three years ago. David opted not to make the move and took advantage of the offer of the one year's severance pay. He currently works part time for First Lutheran Church, San Francisco, as the administrative



assistant and as part time office support for the Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries located in St. Francis Lutheran Church, San Francisco. Has one son, Matthew, who was adopted from Korea at the age of 5 months. Matthew is now 21 years of age and lives in Dublin, California. David lives with and cares for his mother, and is also active at his church, Saint Paulus Lutheran, which is in the process of rebuilding the Church building after the previous one burned down in 1995. Dave is making himself active in the Lodge by graciously taking on the position of Junior Deacon for the 2006 year.

Readings from out of the West.

Once upon a time there was a rich King who had four wives. He loved the 4th wife the most and adorned her with rich robes and treated her to the finest of delicacies. He gave her nothing but the best.

He also loved the 3rd wife very much and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another.

He also loved his 2nd wife. She was his confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with him. Whenever the King faced a problem, he could confide in her, and she would help him get through the difficult times.

The King's 1st wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife. Although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her!

One day, the King fell ill and he knew his time was short. He thought of his luxurious life and wondered, "I now have four wives with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone."

Thus, he asked the 4th wife, "I have loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"No way!" replied the 4th wife and she walked away without another word. Her answer cut like a sharp knife right into his heart.

The sad King then asked the 3rd wife, "I have loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"No!" replied the 3rd wife. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to remarry!"

His heart sank and turned cold.

He then asked the 2nd wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" replied the 2nd wife. "At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave."

Her answer struck him like a bolt of lightning, and the King was devastated.

Then a voice called out: "I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go."

The King looked up, and there was his first wife. She was very skinny as she suffered from malnutrition and neglect. Greatly grieved, the King said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!"

In truth, we all have the 4 wives in our lives:

Our 4th wife is our body. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look good, it will leave us when we die.

Our 3rd wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, it will all go to others.

Our 2nd wife is our family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave.

And our 1st wife is our Soul, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, our Soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go.

Cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now, for it is the only part of us that will follow us to the throne of God and continue with us throughout Eternity.

A SHORT ANECDOTE CONCERNING PAUL

(from Masonic Forums on AOL)

There is an anecdote about Paul, the Apostle, on his visit to Ephesus; and while the

story is specifically Christian in origin, its moral application is universal. There Paul did extraordinary miracles so that strips of cloths, or aprons, were carried away to the sick whose illnesses left them. Just what those miracles were is not explained to us, but the important element in Paul's technique was his dynamic belief in Jesus Christ to save men from desolation.

At the same time in that city there were itinerant exorcists-fakers who capitalized on the fears and dreams of the disabled. They would deliver a spiel to achieve a temporary exaltation during which it seemed that the injured would be cured. After collecting their fee, the exorcists would find another locale to ply their trade and left the sick in a miserable state. These soothsayers were jealous of Paul's abilities and concluded that his power lay in the magic formula of his words..."In the name of Jesus Christ, I adjure the illness to come out!"

So, mistaking the verbalism for the spirit which Paul was able to communicate, these fakers approached a madman before a crowd and declared, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I adjure you to be sane." At that, the madman replied, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" After which he chased them to the amusement of the crowd who then ran the hoaxers out of town.

Consequently, we can apply this story to our own Masonic institution. If asked a Brother can reply, "The Great Architect I know, and a Master Mason I know; but who are you?" A Brother Master Mason is one who pays his dues regularly and performs the work of the lodge when needed. It is not enough to be just a part of the magic formula. Can Masonry make a difference in this crazy and confused world by making merely more dues paying members?

Can the lodges continue to be a valuable asset to the community, if members deny the financial obligations to their temple? Remember that famous query, "What makes you a Master Mason?" It carries us farther than the dues card carrying member and takes us to obligations dear to us and our fellow men. Until all Masons engage in a dynamic crusade and participate fully in the rights and benefits of their own lodges, the world will always consider Freemasons to be the itinerant exorcists and not the resolution of the world's illnesses.



IN MEMORIAM

Dan D. Tarbell

Raised June 25, 1947

Entered into Rest

February 4, 2005

Clifton C. Brinkley

Raised February 28, 1951

Entered into Rest

November 25, 2005

Almighty Father

Into Thy Hands

We Commend the Souls of our

Dear Departed Brothers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

John C. Reynolds, P.M.	1
Raymond R. Zerbib	6
John G. Travis	7
Robert B. Ohm, P.M.	8
Daniel P. Boyd	9
Harold L. Tunnell	10
David P. Leaf	12
Michael S. Kurtz	14
Leo M. Houweling	16
Frederick D. Teffault, P.M.	16
Leonard J. Marconi	22
Jadin C. Hoffmann, P.M.	22
Roger G. Spindler	28
William E. Broderson	28
David E. Meders	31

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