

# Golden Gate Speranza

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

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Second Degree Proficiency

**Saturday-Wednesday, October 7-11, 2006**

Annual Communication  
of the Grand Lodge of California

**Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

\*\*Dark\*\*

**Saturday, October 14, 2006**

Anniversary Banquet and  
Presentation of 2007 Hiram Award  
United Irish Cultural Center  
6:00 PM Social  
7:00 PM Dinner

**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**

\*\*Dark\*\*

**Monday, October 23, 2006**

Officer's School of Instruction  
Balloting, Flag & GL Officer Presentation  
Mission Lodge is the Host  
Brotherhood Masonic Center  
6:15 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. School  
*Officers are required to call off with the Inspector*

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

6:30 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Officer's Practice First Degree

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006**

First Degree Conferral or  
Officer's Practice  
\*\*TBA\*\*

*Looking Ahead*

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies  
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting  
Election of 2007 Officers

### FROM THE EAST



Well, my friends, October is shaping up to be a busy month. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is upon us as well as our Anniversary Celebration and a possible First Degree.

However, before I plunge into the future, I have a few thoughts about September. First, at the stated meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful flag presentation by the Sojourners. It was called *The Heroes of 76, Building the American Flag*. We witnessed the folding of the Flag and what each fold stands for as well as an explanation of meaning of the Stars and Stripes throughout the history of our nation. It was concluded with rousing and heartfelt toast to the flag. I want to thank WB Kerry O'Brien for his patriotic and stirring presentation. In addition, our Br. Leigh Skilling gave a well thought out speech called *Masons and the Constitution of the United States*. This was in honor of our Constitutional Observance. It was an explanation of the provisions of Constitution with an insight as to how Masons were involved in writing and signing this historical document. To Br. Skilling, I say a job well done!

Secondly, we just got back from the second Reno trip of the year. Everyone was winner. That's right! There are no losers in this group. I want to thank WB Bill and Veronica Bellamy for their hard work in planning and executing this great tip. As an added bonus, we had the pleasure of seeing WB Art Larsen and his wife Marilyn. Art is a Past Master of our Lodge and a Past Potentate of the Shrine. They were in town to visit with our Brother Kach Papazian and his wife Florence who were on the trip with us.



**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

Now for October. Please join us on Saturday, October 14 as we celebrate the 154<sup>th</sup> year of this Lodge. We have a scrumptious dinner planned for you and better yet, it is free to members, their ladies, and widows. This is our way of saying thanks for standing behind Golden Gate Speranza Lodge throughout the year. However, as we pay our respects to this Lodge, we must remember that 154 years is a long time, and we did not travel this road alone. This lodge is consolidation of five great lodges, and it was through their hard work and perseverance that we are still here after 154 years. Established in 1853, *Golden Gate Lodge No. 30* consolidated with *Speranza Italiana Lodge No. 219* on July 1, 1966, with *Roosevelt Lodge No. 500* on July 1, 1975, with *Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 44* on February 7, 1978, and finally with *Far West Lodge No. 673* on July 11, 1978. So, Happy Birthday to all those fine Lodges and best wishes on another 150 plus years!

The 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>. No matter how you feel about the Grand Lodge, the fact is that this body makes the decisions that determines the face of Masonry in this state. What is Grand Lodge? Good Question! Grand Lodge consists of (1) all the current Grand Officers from Grand Master down to Grand Tiler, (2) all Past Grand Officers, (3) all Past Masters in the Jurisdiction, and (4) the current Masters and Wardens in the Jurisdiction. There is one exception. If the Master and Wardens of a particular Lodge can not go, a representative may be elected from the Lodge membership. These are the members that can vote and thus hold the power at Grand Lodge. However, any Master Mason may attend and may stand and voice his agreement or disagreement with any piece of legislation that comes before the body. I hope all Master Masons will take this opportunity to make his voice heard. If not directly on the Grand Lodge floor, at least with his brothers as we sit together and determine how we will vote on the upcoming legislation.

The following is a brief list of Grand Master Sorsabal's Decisions and Recommendations:

Decision 1: Use of Costumes for the Second Section of the Third Degree. Supports the use of costumes.

Decision 2: Use of electronic teaching Aids for Lectures. Supports the use such aids and explains that the verbal portions are not violations of ritual secrecy.

Decision 3: Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Yes, the Masonic Homes can establish such a community under Section 8010 of CMC.

Recommendation 2006-01: Reducing 5/6 to 3/4 Vote for Adoption of Legislation

Recommendation 2006-02: Adoption of a New Code. This is a major revision of the CA Masonic Code and changes numerous sections.

Recommendation 2006-03: Date of Presentation of the Diamond Jubilee Award

Recommendation 2006-04: Eligibility of Applicants from Military Families. Deals with applicants whose wives are in the military.

Recommendation 2006-05: Fiscal Year of Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Financial Statements. Amends code to say fiscal year ends in October.

Recommendation 2006-06: Legislative Calendar for the Annual Communication. Amends the code to allow legislation to be taken up on the first or second day of the communication.

All the above decisions and recommendations must be voted on by the Grand Lodge. If you wish more details, see the Master at Lodge, or go on line to [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) and under Member Resources, you will see a list of documents you can view and/or download.

As I mentioned, we have a candidate in the pipeline. His application was read without objection at the last stated meeting. If all goes to plan, I hope to have a First Degree on the last Tuesday of October. It is TBA at the present. Why? Because it is getting to the end of the year, and the calendar is getting full. However, I wanted to let you know that Degrees are my number one priority, and I will plan accordingly.

Did you know October in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to April in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa? Neither did I. However, whatever the season, Golden Gate Speranza is the number one Lodge for me. This feeling was reinforced at our recent Officer's School of Instruction where our Lodge was the host and put on an excellent Second Section of Third Degree. I want to give a "BIG THANK YOU" to our Officers as well as WB Hank Dordorian, WB Ed Fernandez, and Br. Richard Pembroke who filled in as Senior Warden, First Base, and Jr. Deacon respectfully. Additionally, we received help from WB Tom Burkard and Br. Gordon Whiteside of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge, and my sincere thanks goes out to them also.

So now you know!  
Fraternally,  
Patrick J. Burke, Master

## CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE

By Br. Adam Factley  
Presented on September 6, 2005  
At Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

Continued from last month

### THE FRENCH INDIAN WAR

1754 saw now Lieutenant Colonial Washington lead a Virginian expedition to challenge French claims to the Allegheny River Valley. Winning his first battle and his Colonelcy, Washington was eventually forced to surrender to

the French. Upon his return he resigned his commission and the Virginia forces were reorganized.

The following year 1755, Britain dispatched General Edward Braddock and 1400 British regulars to dispel the French. Britain had little confidence in the 700 Militiamen assembled. Washington again volunteered to support his Government as Aide-de-camp to Braddock. Braddock and the force headed slowly toward the site of French aggression constructing a road enroute. Braddock headed Washington's suggestion that the force make haste and advance on the French before they built their forces. Braddock left a British unit behind and moved forward with two thirds of his forces. The outcome of the ensuing battle, which occurred while crossing the Monongahela River, was a bloody defeat. In spite of the loss of Braddock and 900 or more souls Washington persevered unable however to rally the British regulars against a force which although they had been warned, scared them to their core. Through the hardship of combat he was still able to take time to write his mother and tell her of his good fortune and the state of others she knew.

Washington was rewarded for his bravery with the full command of the Virginia militia in 1756. He was charged with defending 350 miles of territory.

1758 is marked by a four-colony expedition that signaled the end of the French Indian War. Washington's political career begins with what will become fifteen years of service in the House Burgesses – the first legislative assembly in the new world and the foundation for American self-government.

In 1759 he resigned his command and returned to Mount Vernon and married widow Martha Dandridge Custis. At only twenty-seven George Washington is the most experienced American officer in Virginia. For 16 years George Washington tended to his domestic life on his Mount Vernon plantation staying active in political affairs

### THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

In 1774 Washington and a colleague George Mason pen a letter to the crown protesting the Governments "Intolerable Acts". Subsequently, Washington was chosen to represent Virginia at the First Continental Congress. The meeting's intention was to end the neglect and abuse being suffered by the colonies. The delegates entertained the idea of the construction of an American parliament, wrote a "Declaration of Rights and Grievances" to the King. They approved resolutions advising the colonies to begin training their citizens for war. The "Continental Association" was set up to enforce an embargo against England. When the meeting ended the delegates agreed to let the King revise their points. They would reconvene in the spring. The first meeting ended in October.

April of 1775 saw the American capture of Fort Ticonderoga and fighting had occurred in

Lexington and Concord, an American army had also gathered outside of Boston. On May 10. The delegates assembled at the State House in Philadelphia for the second Continental Congress. The tone of this meeting was urgent because America was at war and British reinforcements were on their way. The Congress had previously sent a letter of peace to avoid war but the offer was rejected. The Congress would begin on going work to state their position for freedom. They discussed financing the war and opening diplomatic channels for help. Foremost, the dialogue shifted to Independence. The second session resulted in the appointment of George Washington as Commander and Chief of the Continental Army. Washington insisted on taking no payment for his service. He also wrote his wife and remarked that he would see her shortly and as it turned out it was nine years before they met again.

The choice of Washington as leader was strategic as he held a popular place in the hearts of the colonists and his persona was a source of both security and pride.

He took command July 3, 1775 at Cambridge, Mass., and found not an army but a force of unorganized, poorly disciplined; short-term enlisted militia and his officers were often insubordinate. Addressing them on July 4, 1775 Washington said, "they and those who enlist are now Troops of the United Provinces of North America," and he expressed hope "that all Distinctions of Colonies will be laid aside; so that one and the same Spirit may animate the whole, and the only Contest be, who shall render, on this great and trying occasion, the most essential service to the Great and common cause in which we are all engaged."

Washington's first job was holding the British at Boston, the force had to be trained in the field. Washington overcame all handicaps by occupying Dorchester Heights and forcing the British to evacuate Boston on March 17, 1776. On June 7, Congress begins to craft the Declaration of Independence. The document is refined and debated and by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the document is complete. Washington's personal copy is dispatched to him in New York where he orders it read to the army.

Against his wishes he attempted to defend New York City, poorly equipped with an untrained army against a large British land and sea force commanded by Sir William Howe. He had no experience in conducting a large-scale action and he sent part of his force to Brooklyn, where it was and surrounded. Washington saved his army with a retreat across the East River back to Manhattan all the way into Pennsylvania. Washington developed his military skill through trial and error.

On Christmas night, 1776 with colonial morale at its lowest he staged an invasion of New Jersey. He crossed the Delaware and surrounded and defeated the British. He pushed on in January to Princeton where he defeated a second British force.

On Sept. 11, 1777, at the battle of Brandywine, he attempted to defend Philadelphia and was defeated. His counterattack on Oct. 4 in Germantown also failed. With two losses in a row, members of congress and disgruntled officers sought to discredit him but his popularity saw him through.

Washington took to quarters at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78. At Valley Forge Washington faced incredible hardship and wanted for even the basic necessities. Two fellow brethren from abroad, French General Lafayette and Prussian General Steuben aided Washington through the hardship. Stueben drilled and organized the troops and was able to train and tighten the forces. Washington secured increased powers from Congress whom had been a stumbling block through the entire campaign. Triumphant with a well-trained striking force, personally devoted to him he attacked the British retreating from Philadelphia to New York and even managed to rally a retreating colonial unit that had been given poor command. *To be continued*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Albert Minasian, Jr. ....	1
Keith Wong, P.M. ....	1
William P. Fluss ....	6
Fred A. Scibuola, PM ....	10
Gilbert M. Travis, P.M. ....	11
James F. Gibson ....	11
James Leo Adams, P.M. ....	12
Edward A. Maita, P.M. ....	16
Richard D. Green, P.M. ....	23
Norman I. Olkein ....	24
William R. Schaafsma ....	24
Erich G. Leipholz ....	25
Richard D. Link ....	25
Clarence H. Wikse, P.M. ....	27
Donald L. McKinsey ....	28

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



## IN MEMORIAM



**Bedros Kaprielian**

Raised October 22, 2002

Entered into Rest

September 6, 2006

*Almighty Father  
Into Thy Hands*

*We Commend the Soul of our  
Dear Departed Brother*

### Golden Gate Speranza Lodge Calendar of Events

**October 7-11**

Annual Communication of the  
Grand Lodge of California

**October 14**

Anniversary Dinner  
Hiram Award Presentation

**November 7**

Elections

**November 14**

Italian Night and Games  
"Glenn's Famous Spaghetti"

**December 12**

Lodge Installation

**Dates are subject to change.  
Always check your Trestleboard.**

### Anniversary Banquet Golden Gate Speranza Lodge No. 30

Cordially invites you to attend

A DINNER TO CELEBRATE  
THE 154<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THIS LODGE  
AND PRESENTATION OF THE  
2006 HIRAM AWARD TO

**JAMES POULOS**

Saturday, October 14, 2006  
Social 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM  
United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, California

No charge for members, their ladies,  
and widows

Guests \$35.00 per person  
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All reservations must be secured by a  
check for \$35.00 per person.  
Checks for members, their ladies, and  
widows will be returned at the door

Deadline for Reservations is

October 5, 2006

Please see flyer for dinner choices