

# Golden Gate Speranza

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

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### TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

*Reservations to Veronica Bellamy: 650-756-5426*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Installation Practice after Meeting

2007 Officers please attend

Dress for Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Musical Presentation

7:30 PM Installation of 2007 Officers

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Dress for Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

Dark due to the Holidays

Tuesday, December 26, 2006

Dark due to the Holidays

#### Looking Ahead

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations to Veronica Bellamy: 650-756-5426*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

"Official visit of the District Inspector"

Presentation of 2007 Budget

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Dress for Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Officer's School of Instruction

First Degree. Host: Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge

*Officers are required to call off with the Inspector*

Brotherhood Masonic Center

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

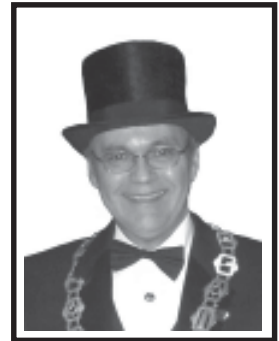
Dress: Casual

### FROM THE EAST



December is upon us. Wow, I can't believe another year is almost over. Where does the time go? Well, that is a deep question. It has befuddled man, and I hate to say this, since "time began." Time is called a fundamental quantity. These are quantities which cannot be defined by the use of other quantities because there is nothing more fundamental than what is presently known. Thus, similar to the definition of other fundamental quantities (like space and mass), time is defined via measurement. Did you know that the origins of our current time keeping methods can be traced back to the Sumerian civilization in Mesopotamia around 2000 BC? Man has always been looking for ways to mark the passage of time. Thus, a large variety of devices have been invented to measure it. There are sundials, waterclocks, hourglasses, pendulums, chronometers, wristwatches, and today's ultra-accurate atomic clock. If all this interests you, then you should think of taking up Horology which is the study of the science and art of timekeeping devices.

Now, how about a good time? This is something we know about! On October 14<sup>th</sup>, both brethren and guests had a wonderful time celebrating the Lodge's 154<sup>th</sup> birthday at our Annual Anniversary Dinner. Through the



**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

good offices of WB Loyal Sutton, we enjoyed Filet Mignon or Chicken Chardonnay at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. All the details were handled by the dynamic duo of WB Vrej and Maida Mekhalian. During dinner, we were serenaded by "Top of the Mark," an excellent San Francisco based barbershop quartet. After dinner, I had the honor of presenting Brother Jim Poulos with the 2006 Hiram Award. Brother Jim has been an asset to this Lodge for many years, and I hope we made this clear to him during the ceremony. In addition, it was a pleasure to meet WB Ed Maita and his wife Norma.

October also gave us the opportunity to initiate a worthy young man into the Mysteries of the Craft. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the First Degree of Masonry was conferred upon Jason Allen Benton. Brother Jason is preparing to become an Officer in United States Army, and I hope his Masonic experience will set him off on the right foot. I would like to thank the following Brothers: Ed Fernandez, P.M. for help at Treasurer and Steward, Dan Boyd for his help at Secretary, Gordon Whiteside of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge for his help at Steward, Jim Poulos for doing a great job on his first shot as Marshall, Dave Walda for doing an equally good job in his first degree as Sr. Deacon, Richard Pembroke for an excellent charge, Jim Adams, P.M. for giving his all at Sr. Warden although not feeling well, and Armando Bolaños, P.M. for always being there and fulfilling his duties at Jr. Warden. As they say, "There is nothing like a little help from your friends!"

Our November Italian Night is over, and the bellies are full. WB Glenn Whiteside's "famous spaghetti" was served with garlic bread and salad. As the adage goes, "the success is in the sauce." The Whiteside sauce is dynamite. It was necessary to boil up extra spaghetti on an emergency basis to feed his hungry fans. We will do this again next year.

On another November note, My son Michael is taking his Third Degree in late November. He has completed his proficiencies, and I am ready to raise him the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Not many Masons are in the position to confer the Three Degrees of Masonry upon their son. I feel privileged and excited. As I am writing this prior to his degree, I will report to you further in the January bulletin.

Membership is up at Golden Gate Speranza. In addition to Brother Jason taking his degrees, we just voted two men

to membership and are considering the applications of two others. We also have an application for affiliation to be read at the next stated meeting. You will hear more about them all in the coming weeks. I am looking at a possible double First Degree in January. So, come back and join us. Brother Vic Raineri did, and we are happy to see him again. Remember, if you are rusty, we will help you. Just make that effort on Tuesday nights. Read the bulletin and act in the name of Freemasonry.

The 2006 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of California is now a memory. The business of the Fraternity was discussed and voted upon. As I said before, even though you may not like Grand Lodge, you should keep abreast of its decisions. Remember it's actions affect every Master Mason in California. The 2006 voting results are listed in this bulletin for your edification. If you want a blow by blow description, you will have to bend the ear of one of the Brothers that attended this year. Specifically, that would be The Worshipful Glenn Whiteside, WB Jim Adams, and Brother Dave Walda. I want to thank these Brothers for taking the time out of their busy lives to attend to the interests of this Lodge at the Annual Meeting.

Since we are talking about Grand Lodge, I am pleased to report to you that the Lodge received the Grand Lodge Membership Development Award and is on the Grand Master's Honor Roll. This is conferred upon a Lodge that raised 5 or more Master Masons during the Masonic Year ending September 25, 2006. We received a nice certificate, and it will be framed and hung outside the entrance to the Lodge Room.

It is time again for our Annual Installation of Officers. I am pleased to announce that WB Marc Seidenfeld will be the Installing Officer and will be assisted by WB Hank Dordorian as Master of Ceremonies. It will be held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> which is the second Tuesday in December. Dinner will be earlier this year and will start at 6:00 P.M. We will be serenaded by a Choir Group between 7:00 PM and 7:25 PM. The installation ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM.

The Officers, elected and appointed, for the ensuing Masonic Year are as follows:

Master:	Patrick J. Burke, P.M.
Senior Warden:	Armando J. Bolaños, P.M.
Junior Warden:	James L. Adams, P.M.
Treasurer:	Loyal D. Sutton, P.M.

Secretary:	Glenn G. Whiteside, P.M.
Chaplain:	William B. Bellamy, III, P.M.
Senior Deacon:	David G. Walda
Junior Deacon:	Richard M. Pembroke
Marshal:	James Poulos
Senior Steward:	Leigh W. Skilling
Junior Steward:	Timothy C. Craig
Tiler:	Sean J. Schluntz
Organist:	Russ Ward

If you come to Installation, you will hear our new Conn Organ. It was given to the Lodge by Irma Johnson in memory of her husband, Norman Edward Johnson, a past master of this Lodge. It is much larger than our old organ and is installed on the ground floor in the southwest corner of the Lodge Room. We know it will bring us hours of pleasure under the deft hand of our Organist, Russ Ward.

Now, I wish to sound a serious note. Although things are looking up as far as new membership is concerned, it is still the same Lodge members that are holding down the fort in the top elected positions. Year after year they are charged with the administration and ritual load of this Lodge. I am heading into my third year as Master, and WB Jim Adams and WB Armando Bolaños are bravely holding up their end as Wardens. The future of this Lodge is still in doubt. We need members and past masters to rekindle their interest in this Lodge and this fraternity and offer themselves in service to the Lodge. If this additional help does not come, 154 years of service and brotherhood may come to an end. I have talked about this before, and it still feels as though I am shouting in the wilderness. So, I will continue to shout it - from the roof tops if necessary. This is a good Lodge, a gentle Lodge, a Lodge with a long and honored history. Respect it, support it, and offer it your assistance and undivided attention.

Finally, dinner reservations are always a must. Even if the dinner is free. We must have enough for all that attend and do not want the Lodge to pay for unused meals. Make reservations and please cancel them if you can not come. It is a courtesy to those working hard to make your experience a worthwhile one. Until further notice, reservations are to be given to Veronica Bellamy. Her number is in the Trestleboard and on the last page of this bulletin.

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

## Golden Gate Speranza

Lodge #30, F. & A. M.  
Annual Installation of Officers

Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Musical Presentation at 7:00 PM  
Installation Ceremony at 7:30 PM

Reservations are required for  
Dinner

Please RSVP to  
Veronica Bellamy  
(650) 756-5426

By December 10, 2006

Here are the results, in summary form, of the actions taken at the 2006 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:

### GRAND MASTER'S DECISION:

Decision No. 1: AFFIRMED  
Use of Costumes for Second Section of Third Degree  
Decision No. 2: FAILED  
Use of Electronic Teaching Aids for Lectures  
Decision No. 3: AFFIRMED  
Continuing Care Retirement Communities

### GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1: CARRY-OVER  
Reducing 5/6 to 3/4 for Adoption of Legislation  
Recommendation No. 2: PASSED  
Adoption of a New Code  
Recommendation No. 3: PASSED  
Date for Presentation for Diamond Jubilee Award  
Recommendation No. 4: PASSED  
Eligibility of Applicants from Military Families  
Recommendation No. 5: PASSED  
Fiscal Year of Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Financial Statements  
Recommendation No. 6: PASSED  
Legislative Calendar for Annual Communication

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 2005

Grand Master Doan's Recommendation No. 2: PASSED  
Use of Raffles by Masonic Organizations  
Grand Master Doan's Recommendation

No. 5: FAILED  
Optional Grand Lodge Officers  
Grand Master Doan's Recommendation  
No. 7: FAILED  
Three Year Evaluation of Chance to Advance  
Resolution No. 05-05: WITHDRAWN  
Emergent Matters  
Resolution No. 05-06: WITHDRAWN  
Emergent Matter Debatable  
Resolution No. 05-09: FAILED  
Storage of Alcoholic Beverages on Masonic Property

### RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION - 2006

Resolution No. 06-01: FAILED  
Unmasonic Conduct  
Resolution No. 06-02: PASSED  
Research Lodge Officers  
Resolution No. 06-03: CARRY-OVER  
Lodge Formation  
Resolution No. 06-04: PASSED  
Support for Masonic Information and Child ID Booths by the California Masonic Foundation  
Resolution No. 06-05: CARRY-OVER  
Forfeiture of Fees  
Resolution No. 06-06: FAILED  
Modification to Cipher  
Resolution No. 06-07: PASSED  
Transfer Life Memberships to Grand Master's Lodge  
Resolution No. 06-08: FAILED  
Masonic Relief for Masonic Youth Group Members  
Resolution No. 06-09: CARRY-OVER  
Formulation of Annual Dues of Constituent Lodges

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

In accordance with California Masonic Code Section 6100, the action to adopt the budget of Grand Lodge for the fiscal year 2006-2007 was approved.

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008, as proposed by the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge, was adopted and is fixed at \$29.00.

Total registration for the 157th Annual Communication was 1,296, with 299 of 344 chartered lodges represented.

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By Glenn G. Whiteside, P.M.

Brethren, as a reminder, your current dues cards expire 12/31/2006. The new dues receipts have been mailed. Please send in your dues before January 1st so you don't lose your current status.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

William S. Calvert .....	2
Arthur A. Apostolou .....	4
George S. Youngling .....	4
Donald E. Fontaine .....	5
Gregory G. Dillender .....	6
David G. Walda .....	7
H. Paul Martin .....	9
John F. Langley .....	9
Gordon F. Rathburn .....	11
Aldo S. Disgrazzi .....	12
Harvey C. Martin .....	13
R. Edward Burton .....	13
William J. Bennecker .....	15
Lloyd O. Bullard .....	15
John W. Hartman .....	17
Adam N. Factley .....	19
William R. Parker, Sr. ....	22
George Poon .....	22
Elroy D. Joyce, P.M. ....	23
George E. Mullen .....	24
Frank A. D'Amico .....	25
Philip Vuljan .....	25
William E. Hart, P.M. ....	25
Martin K. Kloess, P.M. ....	25
Kach Papazian .....	30
Donald H. Felter .....	31

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



## IN MEMORIAM

**John Franklin Knowles, Jr.**

Raised November 29, 1956

Entered into Rest

February 9, 2006

*Almighty Father  
Into Thy Hands*

*We Commend the Soul of our  
Dear Departed Brother*

*If you know of a brother who is ill or in distress please let our sunshine chairman, Edward G. Woodward, PM, know so we can send out some cheer. His phone number is on page 4.*