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TRESTLEBOARD

Sunday, Monday, April 2-3, 2006

Lodge trip to Reno
Leaving at 8:00 A.M. Sharp
From 20th Ave & Wawona

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

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

Monday, April 10, 2006

Officer's School of Instruction
Third Degree, Second Section
Host & Floor Team: Golden Gate Speranza #30
Officers are required to call off with the Inspector
Brotherhood Masonic Center
6:15 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. School

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Officer's Practice
We might visit another Lodge

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Officer's Practice
We might visit another Lodge

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Officer's Practice
We might visit another Lodge

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Sunday, May 28, 2006

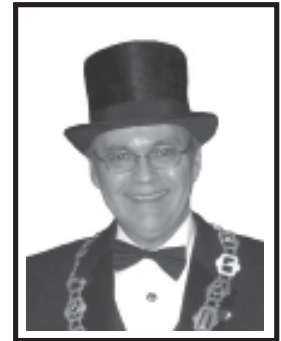
Window's Event - Lunch and Musical
Parking at the Scottish Rite Center

Leave at 11:30 A.M., Approximate return at 6:00 P.M.

FROM THE EAST



Its flowers are the daisy and the sweet pea. Your stone is the diamond if you were born in it. It starts on the same day of week as July in all years and January in leap years. What is it? Well, it is April of course. April was originally the second month of the Roman calendar and had 29 days. However, with Julius Caesar's calendar reform in 45 BCE, April was changed to 30 days in length and became the fourth month of the year.



April is the month that can bring a few nervous twitches to the good people of San Francisco. As it was on April 18, 1906 that the San Andreas Fault shook with a major earthquake estimated at 7.8 on the Richter Scale. It occurred at 5:12 AM, and its violent shocks were felt from Oregon to Los Angeles and inland as far as central Nevada. The earthquake and resulting fire is still considered one of

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
Timothy C. Craig - Initiated January 17, 2006

the worst natural disasters to hit a major city in the United States and is ranked right up there with the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 and the terrible destruction wrought on New Orleans and surrounding areas by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. On the conservative side, it is believed that over 3,000 people died in the disaster, and experts on the other side of the spectrum put the total as high as 6,000. Interesting enough, only 478 deaths were reported at the time. Some believe this was due to city officials wishing to minimize the negative impact such a disaster can have on real estate values.

Although we know the earthquake and its aftershocks caused considerable damage, there are few words that can describe the destruction caused by the terrifying fires that followed. With the water mains broken by the quake, firemen had little to fight the fire with. In some cases, explosives were used to blow open firebreaks, but often the ruins of these explosions would catch fire and so spread the inferno. It is rumored that one newspaper reporter warned readers that this was not a fire in San Francisco but a fire of San Francisco. In all, some 500 blocks of the city were destroyed. The fire burned from Van Ness Avenue through to the docks on San Francisco Bay. As a result, between 200,000 and 300,000 citizens of this great city fled to makeshift camps set up in Golden Gate Park, the Panhandle, and the beaches between Ingleside and North Beach. Later in an effort to help with relocation, the US Army built 5,610 redwood and fir houses which were designed to accommodate 20,000 displaced people. These were dubbed relief houses, and its occupants were charged a fee of \$2.00 a month. At peak occupancy, the camps were filled with 16,445 people. However, most all were gone by 1907.

Well, that is a small piece of April history for you. However, we should all be mindful of its lessons. We live within the Pacific Ring of Fire. Earthquakes are a part of our history and will occur in the future. Stop and

think about that. Have some emergency food and water set aside. Have an AM/FM radio handy with fresh batteries. Put some of those batteries in an emergency flashlight. Keep your medical prescriptions filled on time. Invest in a first aid kit. Invest also in a pair of heavy work gloves and crow bar wouldn't be bad either. Keep that wrench available to shut off gas connections. Keep your emergency phone numbers up to date. If you have a cell phone, keep that number list up to date, have it always charged up and ready to go. As Masons, we are pledged to help each other and our neighbors. However, a little forethought and preparation may mean the difference between life and death. Our motto should be, "Remember 1906 and learn from it."

Earthquakes aside, don't forget about our Widows' Event scheduled for Sunday, May 28. The signup deadline is April 15. Come with us and enjoy a day of food and musical comedy. Please consult the "hot pink flyer" that accompanied your March bulletin. As the flyer says, "No reservation – no seat – no lunch – no fun."

On March 15, the Pacifica School Board gave its thanks to Golden Gate Speranza Lodge, San Francisco Lodge, and Del Mar Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for purchasing the Leapfrog Reading System for the school district. Our special thanks go out to Brother Roger G. Spindler for taking the time and representing our Lodge on that night. As I understand it, there is very nice certificate coming our way. Roger and I are proud to be members of this Lodge! I hope you are too.

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

NEWS OF THE BRETHREN

Have some good news
you'd like to share,
please email to
Mekhalian@sbcglobal.net
or mail/give to your Master

THE PROMPTERS

Have you ever been in your Lodge when well meaning brothers, usually the older ones, have endeavored to display their knowledge by audibly correcting the presiding officer with the word which has temporarily slipped his mind? Let us bear in mind that the officer is more often confused by these "helpers" and the noise they create, than assisted. Have you thought that the annoyance of these "sideliners" may be the cause of increasing non attendance at Lodge? Are you one of these?

Oh, those prompters! The really helpful ones come in only when it obvious that a prompt is appropriate. The others lie in wait ready to pounce. It is bad enough when they are members of the Lodge, but the height of taste and presumption is reached when a visitor assumes the role of prompter. Is he really so anxious that the ritual should be delivered word perfect, or is he merely trying to prove how well he has memorized charges himself?

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From the Master:

This is an interesting article. Perhaps a bit negative but it has a point. In our Lodge, the only one authorized to prompt is the Officer's Coach. It is through his knowledge and command of ritual that our Degrees remain correct. Remember, he is appointed by the Inspector of the Masonic District for this important work.

FROM THE WEST

By James L. Adams

Meet John Franklin Langley. You may have already seen his picture in the Lodge Website and you've met him if you've been at Lodge the last few months. He graciously (with only minimum arm-twisting) consented to sit as our Junior Steward this year. John, we thank you and eagerly



anticipate your advancement through the Line. John was born December 10, 1955 at Schwabisch Hall, West Germany. He was adopted by SFC (Sergeant First Class) Harvey Langley and his wife Flossie. John's father was in the U.S. Army so he lived on many army bases in both the U.S. and Germany while growing up. He graduated from High School in Weaver, Alabama, in June 1973 and immediately joined the U.S. Navy. Before leaving the Navy in July 1982, he achieved the rating of AW1 (Aviation Electronics Warfare Technician) and served in Anti-submarine Warfare Squadrons and as an instructor on the submarine-hunting equipment. John was a night auditor in hotels in San Francisco until 2001 when downsizing and or reorganization left him unemployed. Since then he has worked as a Security Guard and is now security supervisor for a building on South Van Ness. He enjoys reading history and science fiction and computer games. Welcome Aboard, John! It is our privilege to have you with us.

Quite a big sermon in this little story...

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house — like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember — when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

RENO TRIP

April 2-3, 2006

Sands Regency Hotel Casino

Leaving at 8:00 a.m. SHARP
from 20th Ave & Wawona

WIDOWS' BANQUET & MUSICAL

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006

"PLAY IT AGAIN SAM"

Bus leaves Scottish Rite
11:30 a.m.

Approximate return 6:00 p.m.

Widows Free

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge
Members, Spouses, Ladies \$25.00 each

All others: \$75.00 each

Deadline for reservations

April 15, 2006

For information call Vrej Mekhalian

650-992-3226



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Robert D. Maxwell	3
Russell S. Morth	6
Chris P. Enevold, Jr.	8
Gabriel L. Andrade, P.M.	9
Arthur D. Paymiller, P.M.	15
Charles A. Black	16
Milton C. Axt	18
Alfred J. Musetti, P.M.	19
Larry L. Golden	19
Stanley D. Burrows	19
Philip A. McHale, P.M.	21
Kenneth A. Schluter	22

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