

Golden Gate Speranza

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

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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, July 4, 2006

Dark - July 4th Holiday

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Remainder of July is Dark

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Officer's Practice

Third Degree - First Section

Sunday, August 13, 2006

Lodge Mystery Trip

"From the Mountains to the Sea"

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

Officer's School of Instruction

Third Degree, First Section

Host: California No. 1

Officers are required to call off with the Inspector

Brotherhood Masonic Center

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

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

-Dark-

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Officer's Practice

Third Degree - Second Section

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

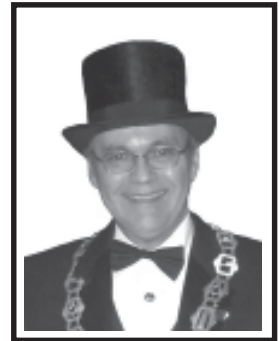
Constitutional Observance

Flag presentation by The Sojourners

FROM THE EAST



"What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas?" I know you've heard that phrase. Is it true? Well, you will have to ask one of the 24 members and friends that just got back from the entertainment capital of the world. The Lodge trip was a success and our digs at the MGM Grand were ultra modern, the shows were spectacular, and the food was good. Talk about a huge hotel, I do believe that you can get a week's worth of exercise just walking from your room to the casino. That plus 105 degree heat combined for an interesting experience. I think we all returned with a few less pounds around the middle. It was a joy to see WB Keith and Doris Wong who made the trip from their residence at the Masonic Home. They had the extra pleasure of seeing their daughter who lives in Las Vegas. I especially want to thank WB Vrej and Maida Mekhalian for their hard work in organizing this trip. Success is always in the details, and they were right on the money with this one. So, take my advice, seek out those travelers and find out what really happened, and maybe you too will consider traveling with the Lodge on its next outing. I sincerely hope so!



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

It was brought to my attention that I had not yet mentioned the names of our most recent, new Master Masons. I apologize. They were right, and a Master should always be mindful of his limitations and be always ready to welcome counsel. Advice and council are important tools for a Master and yet, it must be understood that in the end the decision is his to make and his alone. In this case, the advice was golden. I welcome the opportunity to correct this error and will do so posthaste. Our new members are the life blood of our fraternity. Without them, our fraternal spirit weakens. With them, we thrive and prosper. They should know that we feel privileged to have them in our Lodge, and we in turn should be ready to teach them to live a Masonic life dictated by the ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Thus, I am pleased to welcome Brother Richard Pembroke. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 28, 2006. He is known as Rex to his friends of which I hope he considers us. To our distinct pleasure, he has already passed his Third Degree Proficiency, and this, he did within two months of being raised. In addition, he has agreed to be our Junior Deacon for the 2007 Masonic year. Brother Richard, I congratulate you on your keen interest in our Fraternity and this Lodge.

It is also my pleasure to welcome Brother Timothy Craig. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 23, 2006. He is the newest Master Mason in the Lodge, and has already shown an interest in the intellectual side of Masonry. He is currently considering a paper on the Third Degree. Masonic scholars are hard to find. I hope his interest in the "philosophy" of Masonry remains high. Brother Tim has agreed to join the line next year and will be our 2007 Junior Steward. Brother Tim, I congratulate your devotion to this Lodge and hope your Masonic studies will further the intellectual and philosophical development of the Fraternity.

It is also important to note that we have two new members by affiliation. At the June stated meeting, we voted membership privileges to Brother Henry Theodore Doslodian Jr., P.M. and Brother Aldo Samuel Disgrazzi. WB Doslodian

has been a real asset to our degree teams, and we hope he will continue to help us with his ritual knowledge and performance expertise. Brother Aldo, we welcome you aboard and hope to get to know you better in the days and weeks ahead.

Per tradition, we are dark in July except for the monthly stated meeting. Thus, this bulletin covers the months of July and August. Our next Lodge event will be the Mystery Trip on Sunday August 13. The watch words are: "From the Mountains to the Sea." I know the secret to the mystery (I am the Master after all), and I can tell you that it will be a wonderful outing. Although the trip is booked, I again encourage you to join us on our Lodge excursions. They are planned for your pleasure and enjoyment. So, the next time you see a flyer don't wait or hesitate. Check it out and give us a call.

This Fourth of July we celebrate the 230th birthday of our country. It all began with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. When you hear the words Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, do they sound familiar? Those are our God-given rights according to the Declaration of Independence. Furthermore, it is our democratic form of government that best protects those rights. Think about these things on the Fourth of July between the parade, the hot dogs, and the fireworks. Remember, we are celebrating the birth of this country and all it stands for.

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

Secrecy & Ritual

Norman B. Leeper
Editor - Southern CA Research Lodge
Fraternal Review March 15, 2006

Received the March 2006 publication of the Waikato Lodge of Research No. 445 (New Zealand) and lo and behold what should my wondrous eyes observe: the Second Section of the Third Degree, in plain language, subject only to some variations common to the different jurisdictions of the United States. Admittedly, some things were omitted, but it was still somewhat of a shock.

Many times we have been told that everything one wants to know about Freemasonry can be found in the public library. It has also been said that the ritual is in plain language in almost all jurisdictions except the United States. If so, why do we still have cipher rituals?

Interesting comments and food for thought! What do you think my brothers? I may bring this subject up at the next stated meeting.

-The Master-

The Ten Commandments of a Mason

1. BELIEVE IN GOD
2. PRACTICE BROTHERLY LOVE
3. RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED
4. SEARCH FOR TRUTH
5. BE AN EXEMPLARY CITIZEN
6. BE PURE IN LIFE AND CONDUCT
7. BE TEMPERATE
8. BE COURAGEOUS
9. BE PRUDENT
10. BE JUST

*John R. Nocas, P.M.
Southern California Research Lodge
Papers, Vol. 4*

Interesting Masonic Laws from Texas

A member of a Texas Lodge, when visiting in a Texas Lodge, has substantially all the rights of a member of that Lodge. By provision of Article 417, he may vote on a petition for the degrees. The rationale for this is evident. A ballot on a petition for the Mysteries affects the entire Masonic organism. For the qualified visitor to vote bespeaks the universality of Masonry.

Article 382 provides that non-affiliated Mason may not visit any Texas Lodge more than three times without petitioning a Lodge for membership. This is to prevent any Brother so disposed from enjoying the privileges of a Lodge without assuming any part of its responsibilities.



A Mystery Trip!

Join Phoenix Lodge
and
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge
as they journey from the
“Mountains to the Sea”
The Date:
Sunday, August 13th
Departing Scottish Rite Masonic
Center at 8:00 am
Approximate Return: 6:00 pm



RENO TRIP

September 10-11, 2006
Sands Regency Hotel Casino

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

Members, Wives and Widows
Double Occupancy \$27.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$35.00 Per Person

Non Members
Double Occupancy \$45.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$60.00 Per Person

Deadline August 22, 2006

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



IN MEMORIAM

S. Myron Tatarian, P.M.
Raised May 21, 1953
Entered into Rest
June 3, 2006

Richard H. Tompkins
Raised February 26, 1947
Entered into Rest
May 31, 2006

*Almighty Father
Into Thy Hands
We Commend the Souls of our
Dear Departed Brethren*

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge Calendar of Events

July
- Dark-

August 13
Mystery Trip

September 5
Constitutional Observance
Flag presentation by the Sojourners

September 10-11
Lodge trip to Reno

October 8-11
Grand Lodge

October-TBA
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.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend greetings to the following mem-
bers 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
Rodney E. Lotspeich	6
Carl H. Holzinger, Jr.	13
John M. Julius	17
Artakel Derounian, PM	17
Robert M. Valera	19
Victor H. Raineri	21
Platon Kavvadias	21
Kenneth W. Kyle, PM	24
George Hirzel, Jr.	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
Henry Dordorian, P.M.	17
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, P.M.	23
James J. Kamariotis	24
Gerald S. Rinker	26
Frank Feldman	28

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited
for a complimentary dinner.

*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 this page.*