

# Golden Gate Speranza

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

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday, April 3, 2007**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies  
Presentation of undergraduate scholarships

*Reservations to 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Installation of Jr. Steward

Attire: Suit or Sports Coat

**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

*Reservations to the Jr. Warden*

7:00 PM Red Book Education Series

For Masons, Candidates, non-Masons

7:30 PM Degree Practice: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sect, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

Officer's School of Instruction

2<sup>nd</sup> Sect, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Host: Mission Lodge

*Officers are required to call off with the Inspector*

Brotherhood Masonic Center - Attire: Casual

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

**Sunday-Monday April, 22-23, 2007**

Lodge trip to Reno

Bus leaves at 8:00 A.M sharp

from 20<sup>th</sup> Ave & Wawona

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**

First Degree Conferral upon

Mr. Jonathon Paul McCluskey

Degree 7:30 PM

Light supper after degree (sandwich board)

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

*Looking Ahead*

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Attire: Suit or Sports Coat

**Sunday, May 27, 2007**

Lodge Widows Event - Lunch and a Musical

### FROM THE EAST



Come one, come all! The April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is approaching. Please join us for a wonderful day trip on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> in honor of our Lodge widows. We are traveling to the Gold Country and will visit Jamestown. After lunch at the Historic National Hotel, there will be shopping. After that we will enjoy the Musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." It won 7 Tony Award nominations on Broadway, and the movie version started Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds. The best part is that widows and their escort are free. Members and their ladies pay only \$38.00 each for this great day out. The whole idea is to have a good time while supporting the Lodge's effort to bring you quality social events.



Don't forget the Lodge Reno trip on Sunday-Monday April 22-23. Overnight accommodations are at the Sand's Regency Hotel. The bus leaves at 8:00 AM sharp on Sunday and returns around 6:00 PM on Monday. Deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>. See the box in this bulletin for reservation information. Hurry up on this one if you are interested, While we are on the subject of travel, for those really adventurous travelers, the Lodge is sponsoring a trip to London, England. It will

**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

Second: Bro. Jason A. Benton - initiated October 31, 2006

Second: Bro. George S. Lazar - initiated January 30, 2007

Second: Bro. James C. Steinway - initiated January 30, 2007

be October 10-17 and will include round trip air from San Francisco to London, 6 nights accommodations and a City Tour. The rest is up to your imagination. There is a box in the bulletin with reservation information

Education continues to be a big priority at Golden Gate Speranza Lodge. First, at the Stated Meeting dinner on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be presenting the 2007 undergraduate scholarships. This year's recipients are Jason Cheang and Steffi Liem. Both are seniors at Abraham Lincoln High School. Next fall, Jason will be attending San Francisco State University, and Steffi will be attending California State University at Hayward. I want to thank WB Marc Seidenfeld and his committee for their diligent work in bringing these scholarships to fruition.

Secondly, at the Stated Meeting in March, the Lodge voted to make a donation to the calculator project at Pine Valley Middle School in San Ramon. The school is currently running a campaign to buy TI-83 calculators, a software navigation system to program the calculators, and laptop to run the software. They were a little short of their goal, and the donation from the Lodge put them over the top. I want to thank Br. Sean Schluntz and WB Armando Bolaños for bringing this matter to the attention of the Lodge.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our second red book education class. These informal sessions cover the information in the Candidate's Coaching Book and are intended for members, candidates, and non-masons alike. Please come and learn a little about your fraternity. Do you know why you became a Mason? Do you know why you continue to be a member? Do you understand the symbols in your lodge room? If not, it is time to answer those questions and join us for these lessons. Our next session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be preceded by dinner. After the session, the officers will practice, and the candidates will work on their proficiencies. Come, learn, and be a part of the daily life of your Lodge.

As far as dinners go, I want to thank Br. Richard Pembroke, Br. David Walda, and Br. Leigh Skilling for their efforts in the kitchen. We have had some excellent meals at our officer practices and education sessions. This week, Br. Richard with the help of Br. David prepared a meal of salmon, rice, and asparagus with hollandaise sauce. It was fabulous. Not long ago Br. Leigh brought us some very delicious Hawaiian food. Again, it is was very tasty. Thank you my bothers for your efforts.

Out first Golden Veterans Award recipient for 2007 is Br. Howard Mangels. He lives in Palm Desert, California and will not be able to travel here for the presentation. His 50 year pin and certificate are being mailed to him. I am pleased to say he sent a short biography to us, and I want to share that with you.

Br. Mangels was born in San Francisco in 1930. He has resided in San Francisco, Hayward, Cupertino, San Jose, Moraga, Palatine, Illinois, and retired to Palm Desert where he has lived for 19 years. He graduated from Lick Wilmerding High School in San Francisco. He was a member of the US Navy Reserve for 10 years and served 22 months in the Korean Conflict. He worked as an executive for nation wide retailers for 43 years and has been an active member of two Homeowners Associations for 15 years. He is an active tennis player and has enjoyed a 1956 classic T-Bird for many years. In addition, for the last 55 years, he has owned and improved a mountain cabin in South Lake Tahoe. He prides himself as being an active, loving grandfather and great-grandfather, and he states that his family consists of his beautiful wife of 56 years, two children, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren!

Best of luck to you Br. Mangels on your next 50 years. I encourage all our fifty year recipients to send us a biography if they can not come to the Lodge for a presentation. That way we can celebrate their achievement in the bulletin.

So now you know!  
See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,  
Patrick J. Burke, Master

## CORNER STONES

From time to time, Brethren ask why Masonry is involved in the placement of corner stones, and so a little information about the history of the tradition may be helpful. The tradition goes back to antiquity - so far that it literally cannot be traced to its origins, and it probably evolved out of the foundation and completion sacrifices which were common with any large building project (and which are echoed in the legend of the Master Mason Degree). In Babylon, clay cylinders, called "timmon" were inscribed with the history of the king and of the building, and buried in the foundations of the structure. Clay tablets describing the building and the history of the king were

buried in the floors of the buildings erected by Darius and Cyrus. During the construction of the cathedrals of the Middle Ages, special stones, hollowed to receive offerings, were included in the foundations of the walls. Thus, from the remotest times, the laying of a special stone, usually sealing in a deposit intended for future generations, has been a part of any significant building. Although the terms are often used interchangeably, there are actually three major classifications of such stones.

FOUNDATION STONES are the first stones placed as part of the foundation of a building (or, in the case of most of the medieval cathedrals, the high altar). These stones are below the level of the ground. The stone George Washington laid for the nation's capital was actually a foundation stone, as is clearly shown by the newspaper accounts of the time.

CORNER STONES are the first stones placed at ground level. They are generally placed in the northeast corner, from which building traditionally commenced. They are part of the structure of the building, and, of necessity, are placed before the building is built. Until the 1950s and 60s, this was the type of stone most commonly placed by the fraternity.

COMMEMORATIVE or DEDICATORY STONES are the stones most commonly placed by the fraternity today. They are not part of the structure of the building, but fit into a space left in the stone or brick work. They usually seal a cavity in which a "time capsule" type of deposit is made. Generally, the placement of such a stone is the last act in the building and serves as a dedication of the building and a signal of its completion.

The association of Masonry with the placement of corner stones is obvious and comes from the craft guilds. There are records of Masonic Lodges in Ireland placing corner stones, with full parades and ceremonies, dating from the 1500s and records from England from the late 1600s. Apparently, the first stones in Washington, D.C. which were placed by Lodges with Masonic ceremonies were not those in federal buildings at all, but those which marked the boundaries of the District of Columbia.

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**London Trip  
October 10-17, 2007**

\$869.50 for members, their ladies, widows  
 \$1739 for all others  
 \$100 deposit with booking  
 Final payment due by August 1, 2007  
 Arrangements by Carol Feiner  
 Airport Travel Agency, Inc  
 San Francisco International Airport  
 PO Box 251567, San Francisco, CA 94125-1567  
 Phone: 650-877-0422  
 Fax: 650-877-0715  
 E-mail: cf.airport@gmail.com

**Widows Banquet & Musical  
Sunday, May 27, 2007**

Lunch at the Historic National Hotel  
 Shopping in Jamestown  
 Musical: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas  
 The musical won 7 Tony Award nominations  
 Widows + their escort are guests of the Lodge  
 \$38.00 each for members and their ladies  
 All others: \$76.00 per person  
 Deadline for reservations: April 2, 2007  
 Everyone (paying or not) must send in a reservation form

**Golden Gate Speranza Lodge  
2007 Calendar of Social Events**

- May 27**  
Widows Event/Trip  
Trip to Jamestown and Musical
  - June 19**  
Past Masters Night  
Glenn Whiteside's Famous Spaghetti
  - July 15-16**  
Reno Trip #2
  - August 19**  
Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge
  - September 4**  
Constitutional Observance
  - October 10-17**  
London Trip
  - November 10**  
Anniversary Dinner  
the Irish Cultural Center
  - December 11**  
Installation of 2008 Officers
- All events subject to change  
Please check the Trestleboard**



**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

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



**RENO TRIP**

**APRIL 22-23, 2007**

A Sunday - Monday Trip

Sands Regency Hotel Casino

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

Members, Wives and Widows  
 Double Occupancy \$28.00 Per Person  
 Single Occupancy \$35.00 Per Person

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

**Deadline April 10, 2007**

*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

**Only reservations secured by checks will be accepted and will guarantee your seats.**

*Happy  
Easter*



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

**Youth Groups Schedules**

**San Francisco Assembly #1 Rainbow for Girls**  
 Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 pm, Golden Gate Masonic Temple  
**Jobs Daughters Bethel #37**  
 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Scottish Rite Center  
**DeMolay, San Francisco Chapter**  
 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30pm, Golden Gate Masonic Temple