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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations to 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Attire: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, May 8, 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 Practice: 1st Degree

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

First Degree Conferral upon

Mr. Leonard John Millick

Degree 7:30 PM

Light supper after degree (sandwich board)

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Past Masters Meeting

7:00 PM Lodge Room

Golden Gate Temple: Attire casual

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Officer's School of Instruction

1st Degree, Host: Columbia Brotherhood 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 May, 27 2007

Widow's Trip - Lunch and a Musical

8:30 A.M Depart Scottish Rite Center

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice: 2nd Section, 3rd Degree

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

FROM THE EAST



Welcome to the month of May.

The bird of May is the nightingale. The birthstone is the emerald, and flower is the lily of the valley or hawthorn. It is said that this month may have been named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. This makes sense as May is in springtime. This season is seen as a time of growth and renewal. It stands for new life being born, and of the cycle of life once again starting.



It is also seen in a more general sense as a the start of better times.

Speaking of new beginnings, if you joined us for the April stated meeting dinner, you witnessed two undergraduate students receive Lodge scholarships. They too are starting out on new adventure. Steffi Liem will be a freshman Cal State Hayward, and Jason Cheang will be a freshman at San Francisco State. Masons stand for education

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. Jonathon Paul McCluskey - initiated April 24, 2007

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

and especially public education. We hope our support will set them off on the right foot.

Speaking of growth, congratulations go out to WB Vrej Mekhalian on his being invited and created a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. To achieve this lofty Masonic award, one must have been Master of his Blue Lodge, High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter, Illustrious Master of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and last but not least, a Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar. Vrej has done all that as well as being Worshipful Master of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30 twice. "K Y C H" is one of the highest honors one can receive in York Rite Masonry. The highest being The Red Cross of Constantine, of which, Vrej is also a member. These honors must be earned and then to be invited is a distinguished honor not enjoyed by many. Again, congratulations Vrej.

Speaking of old friends, I was pleased to receive a letter from Lucille K. Baker. She is a widow of this Lodge. She appreciates receiving the Lodge bulletin and sends her regrets that she can no longer travel to the lodge for social events due to 24/7 care. She especially misses the yearly widows event. Well, Lucille we miss you too! It was good to hear from you. I encourage all our widows to send us a line, and let us know how they are doing.

It is important to note that on May 13 we will observe Mother's Day. This is a day for celebrating motherhood and honoring mothers. It is celebrated on various days in no less than 100 countries around the world. In the United States, it is held on the second Sunday in May. Mothers often receive gifts on this day, are taken out to dinner, or there is a special family gathering at home. Tradition calls for the wearing of roses or carnations on Mother's Day: a red one if one's mother is alive, white if she has died, and pink if one is not certain.

A MOTHER...

When you're a child she walks before you,
To set an example.

When you're a teenager she walks behind you
To be there should you need her.
When you're an adult she walks beside you
So that as two friends you can enjoy life together..
~Author Unknown~

AND GRANDMA'S TOO...
"While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise. While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways. We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother as my mother mothers me."
~Author Unknown~

Now being May, don't forget Memorial Day. It is a very special remembrance of those who have fallen in the defense of this country as well as a reminder of those who man the front lines today in the far away lands of Afghanistan and Iraq. The first documented observance of Memorial Day occurred in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866. The purpose of that day was to honor those who fought in the Civil War. The day has now expanded to honor those who died during each of the wars in which the United States fought. Typical activities include placing flowers on the graves of soldiers and many communities have parades as tributes to the soldiers who died. Public Law 90-363, passed on June 28, 1968, required that beginning in 1971, Memorial Day would be observed on the last Monday in May. It is a legal holiday in the United States. So, while enjoying the holiday weekend, stop and think why it was founded. Because if those brave men and women had not given the ultimate sacrifice, you would not be sitting near the BBQ having that hot dog.

That's it for now. As I am writing this, we are preparing for the first Reno Trip and also a First Degree. I will update you on these events next month.

So now you know!

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

READING THE RITUAL

To most Americans, it comes as a surprise to learn that it is not uncommon to read the ritual when conferring degrees in England and the Continent. Pat Streams in his editorial Point of View, [*The Square*, September 2006] expresses his distaste for this practice. One can imagine the effect the reading of the ritual can have on a candidate, especially when the ritualist(?) asks, "What page are we on?" Reading the ritual is not acceptable in North America (although some Lodges are probably guilty of this), and I would expect the proverbial hammer to fall on any practitioners. Still, poorly done ritual, read or memorized, is equally bad form. Why would any Lodge put up with it? [*Fraternal Review*, Norman B. Leeper-Editor, Southern California Research Lodge, November 15, 2006]

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge 2007 Calendar of Social Events

Sunday, May 27

Widows Event
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 at
the Irish Cultural Center

December 11

Installation of 2008 Officers

**All events subject to change
Please check the Trestleboard**

**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
 Everyone (paying or not) must send in a reservation form



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

John G. Peterson	2
Moses D. Garay	3
Marco A. Machado	4
Joseph Arone	5
Lorren E. Abbott	7
Eugene H. Latter	9
Edward G. Woodward, P.M.	9
A. Jack Podesta, P.M.	12
Preston M. James	13
Laurence A. Schriber	15
William A. Capilos	15
Robert F. McFadden	16
Aden Lyle Cuykendall	16
John A. Loscutoff	16
Herbert L. Werner	16
Gerald W. Maurer	26

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

Temple Board Meetings

Meetings of the Golden Gate Masonic Temple Board will be held on the fourth Monday of the quarter month, starting with February. February 26th, June 25th, September 24th and December 24th 2007. Meetings will be held at the Temple starting at 11:00 a.m. and lunch to follow for Temple Board Members. Special meetings can be called with proper notification. Regular meetings can be changed due to Holidays and will most likely be the Tuesday after...

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



*Steffi Liem & Jason Cheang - Lodge scholarship recipients with
Worshipful Master Patrick J. Burke*