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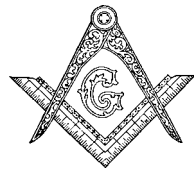
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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, October 2, 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

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Red Book Education Series

For Masons, Candidates, non-Masons

7:30 PM Practice: 1st Degree

Candidates work on proficiencies

October 10-17, 2007

London Trip

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Dark due to London Trip

Monday, October 22, 2007

Officer's School of Instruction

Miscellaneous (Host: Col-Brotherhood)

Officers are required to call off with the Inspector

Brotherhood Masonic Center - Attire: Casual

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

First Degree Conferral upon

Mr. Carl P. Zwanzig

Degree 7:30 PM

Light supper after degree (sandwich board)

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Brethren: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Officer's Practice: 1st Degree

Attire: casual

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Practice

Candidates work on proficiencies

FROM THE EAST



This year continues to race by. Here we are in October. I bet you already know that October or Octo means eight in Latin as it was the eighth month in the Roman Calendar. However, it is known by many names. In Albanian, October is called *Tetor*. A traditional Dutch name for October is *Wijnmaand* meaning "wine month." In Italian, it is called *ottobre*. In Irish, it is called *Deireadh Fómhair*, meaning "end of harvest-time". Interesting enough in both French and Spanish it is called *Octobre*, and in Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Dutch and German, October is called *Oktober*.



However, before we continue with the future, I have something to say about the past. I am very pleased to welcome our new member, Brother William Jee Keung Fong. He was made an Entered Apprentice in due form on August 28th. I want to thank all who participated in 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

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

Second: Bro. Leonard J. Millick - initiated May 15, 2007

Second: William Jee Keung Fong - initiated August 28, 2007

degree. Special thanks goes to those in the following stations: Master - WB Hank Dosladorian, Junior Warden - Br. John Perry (Phoenix Lodge), and Senior Steward - WB Arthur Kyle (Master of Phoenix Lodge). WB Jim Adams pulled a triple by filling in as Senior Warden, delivering the lecture, and giving the Charge. That is quite a feat Br. Jim. A big "THANK YOU" to you and all the cast!

I would also like to mention the Golden Veteran's ceremony and dinner that was held for WB Hank Dosladorian on August 30th at the Spanish Cultural Center. Although it was put on by Phoenix Lodge, it was important that members of our Lodge attend as he is also a member of Golden Gate Speranza. A total of 10 members and spouses joined Hank and Phoenix Lodge to wish Hank congratulations on his 50 years in Masonry. However, many Phoenix members are also members of our Lodge. So in reality, along with the Inspector, The Worshipful Jim Adams, our presence was much larger than it may have seemed. I want it known to all that WB Hank is a Masonic Rock of Gibraltar. He lives the virtues' of our Fraternity, and is the cornerstone of Phoenix Lodge. His wisdom, frankness, ritual excellence have been a real asset to Golden Gate Speranza and especially to this Master. Best wishes on a job well done my brother!

October means Halloween. It is joy to some and a bane to others. However, no matter how you feel, it comes around every October 31st. There are those that turn on their porch lights and welcome the yearly horde, and those who turn off the lights and go to bed hoping no one will throw eggs at their windows or toilet paper on their front yard. In any case, it has a profound effect on all of us. The term *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* is shortened from *All-hallow-even*. It is the evening before "All Hallow's Day," also known as All Saints' Day which in the Christian tradition is a celebration of all the faithful saints and martyrs. In addition, many European cultural traditions hold that Halloween is one of the times of the year when spirits can make contact with the physical world, and when magic is most potent. So you see it is a mixture of cultural and religious ideas. In the end, many experts believe Halloween is a

tradition that strengthens social bonds. Why? Because we are encouraged to greet strangers at the door and offer them hospitality. This is an act that does not normally occur. Neighborhood bonds are formed by the giving of treats to those who have taken the time to dress up in costume, knock at our door, and amuse us. So on October 31st, offer a little hospitality. You may be amused and delighted.

That's it my friends. The London Trip takes off on October 10th. I want to wish those that are going a hearty "Bon Voyage." We also are looking forward to a First Degree on Tuesday, October 23rd. Please, my brothers, think of your Fraternity and join us for this momentous occasion. That's right! I said momentous. It is birth. A new fraternal life is born. Think on it!

So now you know!

Patrick J. Burke, Master

CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE

(continued)

By Br. Leigh Skilling

Presented on September 5, 2006

At Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION:

Masons and the Constitution of the United States: Freemasonry set the pattern in ideology and form. Since the Masonic federal system of organization was the only pattern for effective organization operating in each of the original Thirteen Colonies, it was natural that patriotic Brethren should turn to the organizational base of the Craft for a model. Regardless of the other forces that affected the formation of the Constitution during the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the fact remains that the federalism created is identical to the federalism of the Grand Lodge system of Masonic government created in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723."

Who Were These Men? Delegates hailing from all the original states except Rhode Island gathered in the Pennsylvania State House in 1787 to participate in the Constitutional Convention. Many of the delegates had fought in the American Revolution and about three-fourths had served in Congress. The average age was

42. The delegates named George Washington presiding officer and spent four months, from May to September, behind closed doors, hammering out the framework of a new, more powerful national government. Of the 55 original delegates, only 41 were present on September 17, 1787, to sign the proposed Constitution. Three of those present (George Mason and Edmund Randolph of Virginia and Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts) refused to sign what they considered a flawed document. An ailing John Dickinson of Delaware was unable to attend the Convention's final session but had fellow delegate George Read sign his name in absentia, for a total of 39 signers.

Known Masons (9): Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Blair, David Brearly, Jacob Broom, Daniel Carroll, John Dickinson, Benjamin Franklin, Rufus King, and George Washington.

Evidence of Membership And/or Affiliations (13): Abraham Baldwin, William Blount, Elbridge Gerry, Nicholas Gilman, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, John Lansing, Jr., James Madison, George Mason, George Read, Robert Morris, Roger Sherman, George Wythe.

Those Who Later Became Masons (6): William Richardson Davie, Jr., Jonathan Dayton, Dr. James McHenry, John Francis Mercer, William Patterson, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer.

Summary: 28 of 40 signers were Freemasons or possible Freemasons based on evidence other than Lodge records.

CONSTITUTION FACTS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVE:

- The U. S Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where George Washington received his commission as Commander of the Continental Army. Now called Independence Hall, the building still stands today on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, directly across from the National Constitution Center.
- Written in 1787, the Constitution was signed on September 17th. But it wasn't until 1788 that it was ratified by the necessary nine states.

- The U.S. Constitution was prepared in secret, behind locked doors that were guarded by sentries.
- Some of the original framers and many delegates in the state ratifying conventions were very troubled that the original Constitution lacked a description of individual rights. In 1791, Americans added a list of rights to the Constitution. The first ten amendments became known as The Bill of Rights.
- Of the 55 delegates attending the Constitutional Convention, 39 signed and 3 delegates dissented. Two of America's "founding fathers" didn't sign the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was representing his country in France and John Adams was doing the same in Great Britain.
- Established on November 26, 1789, the first national "Thanksgiving Day" was originally created by George Washington as a way of "giving thanks" for the Constitution.
- Of the written national constitutions, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest.
- At 81, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention and at 26, Jonathon Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest.
- The original Constitution is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.
- More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress. Thirty three have gone to the states to be ratified and twenty seven have received the necessary approval from the states to actually become amendments to the Constitution.

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

Golden Gate Speranza's Masonic Homes Program

**Working together we do so
much more.**

The Masonic Homes are the best equipped, most progressive and finest elderly care facilities in the United States. They are a testament to all that is fine and good about Freemasonry. But it costs money to maintain our high standards.

**Simply attend a Stated Meeting
and Golden Gate Speranza Lodge
will donate \$1.00 to the Union
City Masonic Homes.**

A dollar isn't a lot of money, but the more members that attend a Stated Meeting the higher the dollar amount of the contribution. So you can help the Masonic Homes by simply attending our Stated Meetings.

Golden Gate Speranza encourages you to continue your personal contributions to the Masonic Homes. In addition, attend your Lodge's Stated Meetings and encourage others to do the same and you will make a difference.

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge 2007 Calendar of Social Events

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**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Keith Wong, P.M.	1
William P. Fluss	6
Fred A. Scibuola, PM	10
Gilbert M. Travis, P.M.	11
James F. Gibson	11
James Leo Adams, P.M.	12
Edward A. Maita, P.M.	16
Richard D. Green, P.M.	23
William R. Schaafsma	24
Erich G. Leipholtz	25
Richard D. Link	25
Clarence H. Wikse, P.M.	27
Donald L. McKinsey	28

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



IN MEMORIAM

Hon. John A. Ertola
Raised November 30, 1960
Entered into Rest
September 8, 2007

Lynn O. Lay
Raised November 30, 1971
Entered into Rest
August 27, 2007

David Frederick Morris
Raised June 19, 1948
Entered into Rest
August 7, 2007

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

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.