

# Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

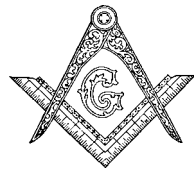
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

Presentation to Marine Corps  
for Toys for Tots Program

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Installation Practice after Stated Meeting

Officers & Installing Officers please attend

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

Installation of 2008 Officers

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Vocal Performance

7:45 P.M. Installation

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

**Tuesday, December 18, 2007**

*\*Dark\* for the Holidays*

"Happy Holidays to you!"

**Tuesday, December 25, 2007**

*\*Dark\* Christmas Day*

"Merry Christmas to all and to all good night"

#### *Looking Ahead*

**Tuesday January 1, 2008**

*\*Dark\* New Years Day*

"Happy New Year to all!"

**Tuesday January 8, 2008**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

Presentation of 2008 Graduate Scholarship

Chairman: Loyal D. Sutton, P.M.

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

"Official Visit of the District Inspector"

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

### FROM THE EAST



Welcome, my friends, to December. Can you believe it! Another year gone. Due to the Holidays we only have two meetings this month. So, I hope you will come see us at the December Stated Meeting and/or the Annual Installation of Officers. Did you know that Masonic year begins annual meeting? The upcoming "Ensuing Masonic Year" will be December 11, 2007 to December 8, 2008.



I am very pleased to say that we have initiated two fine and upstanding gentlemen into the fraternity. First, on October 23, 2007, we conferred the First Degree Masonry upon Brother Carl P. Zwanzig. He comes to us through the Order of the Eastern Star and will be a fine addition to the Lodge. It was a night of milestones as Br. Dave Walda sat in the East

**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: Bro. William Jee Keung Fong - initiated August 28, 2007

Second: Bro. Carl P. Zwanzig - initiated October 23, 2007

Second: Bro. Robert J. Leung - initiated November 13, 2007

for the first time and qualified as Master in the First Degree. In addition, Br. John Perry of Phoenix Lodge qualified in the lecture of the First Degree. Both gave stellar performances and their respective lodges should be proud of them. It should also be noted that Br. Richard (Rex) Pembroke gave an excellent and well paced First Degree Charge. Br. Leigh Skilling closed the night with a reading of the Master's Hat Lecture.

Second, on November 13, 2007 we initiated Br. Robert J. Leung into the Fraternity. He comes to us through the efforts of WBr Jim Adams and will also be a fine addition to this Lodge. Br. Dave Walda sat in the East with WBr Jim Adams giving the lecture and the reading of the Master's Hat. I do not exaggerate when I say he did a great job. Of course, the night won't have been complete without Richard Pembroke giving us another remarkable rendition of the First Degree Charge. With Br. Richard, I think, we are looking at the birth of a great Masonic ritualist.

"Happy Birthday Golden Gate Speranza Lodge!" On Saturday, November 10, 2007 we held our Anniversary Dinner at the Irish Cultural Center and celebrated the 155<sup>th</sup> year of this Lodge. Over 50 brothers and guests listened to the Master give a history of the Lodge which was followed by the presentation of a Golden Veteran Award to Br. Victor Raineri. He was accompanied by his wife, Lillian. They have been married 61 years and have three children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandsons. Congratulations Br. Vic on a great family and 50 years in Masonry.

I am also pleased to report that Br. Erich G. Leipholtz has also been a Mason for over 50 years. Due to his health, he was unable to attend a Golden Veteran Award at the Lodge. However, we want Br. Erich to know that we appreciate his dedication to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He was born in Sensburg, Germany and lived in Germany from 1924 to 1944. After grade school he attended trade school and completed a watchmaker apprenticeship. He was self employed in watch repair in Scotland from 1948-1953. After which he moved to America where he lived on Asbury Street and worked for Niederholzer Jewelers and retired there in 1989. He later moved

to Concord where he resides today. His family consists of two brothers in Germany, his wife Nora, daughter Linda, and two grandchildren. Congratulations Br. Erich on your 50 years in Masonry.

While on the subject of Golden Veterans, I want to note that I am looking for Br. Mosses Duarte Garay. He is a 50 year veteran as of September 10, 2007. So far I have not been able to contact him. If anyone knows of his whereabouts or has a phone number, please contact the Master.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Installing Officer for this year's Installation will be the Very Worshipful Paul D. Hennig, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of California.

In addition, we will again be serenaded by the vocal group "Heart & Soul." So, come and enjoy a good meal, be entertained by our musical presentation, and help send the 2008 Officers on their way to a successful 2008. The Officers, elected and appointed, for the ensuing Masonic Year are as follows:

Master:

Patrick J. Burke, P.M.

Senior Warden:

Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.

Junior Warden:

David G. Walda

Treasurer:

The Worshipful James L. Adams, P.M.

Secretary:

The Worshipful Glenn G. Whiteside, P.M.

Chaplain:

William B. Bellamy, III, P.M.

Senior Deacon:

Richard M. Pembroke

Junior Deacon:

Luis R. Martinez

Marshal:

James Poulos

Senior Steward:

Leigh W. Skilling

Junior Steward:

(TBA)

Tiler:

Gilbert Travis, P.M.

Organist:

Russ Ward

Board of Trustees 2008-2012 Term:

David Walda

So now you know! See you soon my friends. Remember, Masonry is what you make it. It survives after 400 years because of those who believe in its principles and, more importantly, live those principles in their daily lives.

Fraternally,

Patrick J. Burke, Master

## MASONIC MISSION

In the words of David L. Nielsen, Grand Master of Masons of Montana, Montana Masonic News, July 2007:

"Philosophy The main mission and function of Masonic lodges is to make Masons. Though lodges are encouraged to do charitable works and perform civic services, their primary function, which is the moral basis for their good works, is to make Masons.

Making Masons has two components: 1) initiating men into the fraternity; and 2) constantly educating members in the moral teachings and lessons of Masonry. In other words, making Masons means attracting new men to petition for membership and tending to the needs of our existing members. Making a man a Mason is not accomplished only through the conferral of degrees on a candidate, but is a life long endeavor of the lodge. Most of us are still making ourselves Masons."

[Fraternal Review, Norman B. Leeper, Southern California Research Lodge Bulletin, September 2007]

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE RITUAL

It is impossible to say when the ritual of Freemasonry began. Very recent scholarship suggests that *Conte del Graal* or *Story of the Grail* written by Chretien de Troyes in the late 1190's [the book which first told the story of the Holy Grail and the quests of the Knights of King

# Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

Annual Installation of Officers

*Installing Officer*

**The Very Worshipful Paul D. Hennig, P.M.**  
Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of California

*Master of Ceremonies*

**Henry T. Dосdorian, Jr., P.M.**

*Installing Chaplain*

**Martin K. Kloess, P.M.**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Vocal Group, **"Heart & Soul"** at 7:00 PM

Installation Ceremony at 7:45 PM

Reservations are required for Dinner

Please RSVP to

Anastasia Jouganatos

(415) 221-2907

By December 8, 2007



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

William S. Calvert .....	2
Arthur A. Apostolou .....	4
George S. Youngling .....	4
Donald E. Fontaine .....	5
Gregory G. Dillender .....	6
David G. Walda .....	7
H. Paul Martin .....	9
John F. Langley .....	10
Gordon F. Rathburn .....	11
Aldo S. Disgrazzi .....	12
R. Edward Burton .....	13
William J. Bennecker .....	15
Lloyd O. Bullard .....	15
John W. Hartman .....	17
Adam N. Factley .....	19
William R. Parker, Sr. ....	22
George Poon .....	22
George E. Mullen .....	24
Frank A. D'Amico .....	25
William E. Hart, P.M. ....	25
Martin K. Kloess, P.M. ....	25
Kach Papazian .....	30
Donald H. Felter .....	31

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 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

Arthur] may actually have been written as a sort of fraternal proto ritual or teaching legend. Our ritual origins may possibly lie there. The earliest rituals we have date from the 1600's. At that time, there was only one Degree in Masonry, the Degree of Apprentice, although there was a very short additional ceremony, known as the "Fellow's Part" which would later evolve into the Fellowcraft Degree. The Master Mason Degree came into existence sometime between 1720 and 1730.

Originally the Degrees were conferred in the preparation room rather than the Lodge room. They were very short, consisting primarily of a series of questions and answers which would fill less than one page of type. The lectures and other language which are now so much a part of Masonry came into being during the 1800's when some famous Masonic -teachers developed additional language and taught it as a part of the work.

Most of the Masonic ritual used in the United States is part of the "Preston Webb" work, named for two of the early teachers who contributed most to its

development. The ritual of Masonry has been the result of a slow evolution over many, many years.

[Quote from The Short Talk Bulletin, *Basic Freemasonry*, by James Tresner, August 2007]

### PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Allow me to introduce Ms Teresa Vail, the latest recipient of Golden Gate Speranza's Doctorate of Education Scholarship Award, specifically in the area of Chemistry.

Her Scholarship Award will be presented to her on the evening of January 8, 2008, and as members of the Masonic family, you will be able to participate in one of the educational opportunities sponsored by our Lodge...

This award will help Ms Vail to achieve her goal of being able to teach other teachers and soon, we will be able to call her "Doctor".

Loyal D. Sutton, P.M.