

Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

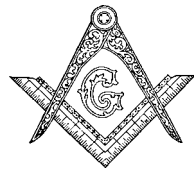
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday December 2, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Bring a toy for "Toys For Tots"

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Brief Installation Practice after meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Installation of 2009 Officers

Dinner 6:00 PM

Entertainment 7:00 PM

Installation 7:45 PM

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Dark for the Holidays

"Happy Hanukkah!"

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Dark for the Holidays

"Merry Christmas!"

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

Dark for the Holidays

"Happy New Year!"

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

"Official Visit of the District Inspector"

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

4th Annual Crab Dinner

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

First Officer's School

FROM THE EAST



Old English Folksong

Over the river and through the woods

To grandmother's house we go

The horse knows the way

To carry the sleigh

Through bright and drifting snow, oh-

Over the river and through the woods

Oh how the wind doth blow

It stings the toes and bites the nose,

As over the hills we go.



Yes, it is that time again. The December wind and grey skies are near. Do you remember that song? Although we do not have snow here, this traditional folksong definitely gives us a feeling for 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. Jonathon Paul McCluskey - Initiated April 24, 2007

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

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

Second: Bro. Nestor Guia Reyes - Initiated February 12, 2008

Second: Bro. Bryan James Clifton - Initiated November 11, 2008

Second: Bro. Joe Lyde White Jr. - Initiated November 11, 2008

Third: Bro. George S. Lazar - Passed May 17, 2008

winter season. So button up and wear layers as you get ready to attend Lodge. Remember, the Lodge will be dark the last three Tuesdays of December so that our members can enjoy the holidays. "Happy Birthday Golden Gate Speranza Lodge!" On Saturday, November 1, 2008 we held our Anniversary Dinner at the Irish Cultural Center and celebrated the 156th year of this Lodge. Over 60 brothers and guests joined us for a prime rib dinner and music by the Tiki Tones. After dinner, the Master gave a short lecture on the history of this great Lodge. This was followed by the presentation of a Golden Veteran Award to Robert Russell Craft who was accompanied by his wife, Florence. Congratulations to Br. Robert on 50 years in Masonry, and we wish him another remarkable 50 years in the pursuit of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I would like thank Worshipful Loyal D. Sutton for arranging the room at the Irish Cultural Center. In addition, the Master took his remarks from WBr Loyal's Lodge history. This is a very interesting read and can be found on our web site: goldengatesperanza.org. My thanks goes out to our Junior Warden, David Walda, for organizing this event and bringing us that talented musical group, The Tiki Tones. Last but not least, I want to thank our Senior Warden, Vrej Mekhalian, and his wife Maida. This event would not have happened without them. They were responsible for all the details. Thanks again!

It was also nice to see Worshipful Ed Woodward and his family at the event. He is the recipient of the Golden Veterans Award as well as the Hiram Award. This 70 year member has served this lodge admirably and in due form for many years as a past master and officers coach. WBr Ed has been under the weather several times this year, and it was nice to see him out and about. We wish him the best in 2009.

On November 11, 2008, we performed a double First Degree.

Bothers Bryan James Clifton and Joe Lyde White, Jr. were initiated in due form. Br Richard Pembroke was in the Master's chair for opening, the first candidate, the lecture, and closing, and in doing so qualified as Junior Warden for the ensuing Masonic Year. Yours truly was master for the second candidate with Br. Don Fontaine performing the charge. I want to thank all the officers for job well done! A special thanks goes out to Br. Dan Boyd for filling as Secretary on short notice.

As I write this, it is still November, and we have one more degree to perform this month. On November 25, 2008 we will raise Br. Robert Joseph Leung to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I will report on this event in the next bulletin.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, for the Installation of our 2009 officers. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM with a performance by Heart & Soul at 7:00 PM. This vocal group hails from the Peninsula Musical Arts Association and will do seasonal medley of songs for our pleasure. The installation ceremony will follow at 7:45 PM. Please make your reservations and join us as we set the 2009 officers off on the right foot.

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

Ruffians

What really happened to the Three Ruffians?

Upon examination, the first victim was observed to have suffered a pharyngeal incision extending from the right auditory appendage to the left and a total glossectomy.

The second victim, was observed with a sinister thoracic incision, after which a cardiectomy had apparently been performed.

In the third victim, we found total separation of the torso horizontally at the abdominal level and no trace of the small or large intestines except for a small amount of ash-like substance, which has been sent to the lab for analysis.

[Southern California Research Lodge May 1, 2008, Trestleboard of Garden City Lodge, Newtonville, MA, and credited to Dick Lodge via the Philalethes list]

FROM THE SOUTH

By David G. Walda

On December 9th, Worshipful Patrick Burke will be installed as Master, which will be his fifth year in a row. While this is not the usual practice of our lodges, Worshipful Burke has done so to insure the continuation of our lodge during the last few years. I am grateful for his dedication and look forward to serving in the line under him again. I urge our brethren and their families to attend this event, as Golden Gate Speranza starts off it's next year. The 2008 year was particularly successful as the lodge initiated three new Brothers, Passed four Brothers, and will have Raised 3 Brothers. I expect the ensuing year to be no less eventful.

Our lodge is again participating in the US Marines Toys for Tots. This program is in its 50th year. and covers all 50 states. Brother Kloess has been coordinating the program with other lodges and concordant bodies in the area. Unwrapped toys may be brought to the lodge on the Stated Meeting (December 2nd) or Installation (December 9th) nights and left in the boxes located in the dining hall. While there is always a need for toys every year, this year will be even more challenging given our country's current economic stresses. Please consider helping this great program.

If you are not attending one of our functions in December and able to bring a toy, perhaps you can drop a toy off at one of the other businesses that are accepting toys. One toy – that’s all I ask.

Finally, if you do expect to attend to one or both of our December dinners be sure to make a reservation by calling Anastasia Jouganatos at 415-221-2907 if you have not already done so.

**A Look at the CMC
Section 804.200
APPLICANTS FOR THE
DEGREES.**

An applicant for the degrees of Masonry must be:

- A. A man who has attained the age of 18 years by the time his application is received by the Lodge;
- B. A believer in a Supreme Being and a future existence;
- C. Of good moral conduct; and
- D. Without physical or mental impairment that would prevent him from learning and practicing the principles of Masonry or which would create a burden on the Lodge. The question as to the physical or mental acceptability of the applicant shall be left to the sound discretion of the Lodge. The Master shall state the nature and extent of any such impairment immediately after the Secretary has read the application at a Stated Meeting and again immediately before the ballot on the application is taken.

[Source: Section 26010 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

**Happy
and
Healthy
2009**



**Golden Gate Speranza
Lodge #30**

Annual Installation of Officers
Installing Officer

Marc Seidenfeld, P.M.

Master of Ceremonies

Henry T. Dossdorian, Jr., P.M.

Installing Chaplain

Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.

The Date

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

The Time

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 7, 2008



The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program helps needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of the Holiday Season. It plays an active role in the development of our nation’s most valuable natural resources - our children. Though an annual toy collection and distribution campaign, our communities are united in a common cause during the Holiday Season.

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge is proud to open our doors to this worthwhile endeavor. We will be joining the rest of the Masonic Family in San Francisco and the Peninsula in this effort. Toys for Tots collection boxes will be at the Lodge for our next Stated Meeting. Please bring a new unwrapped toy when you come.



**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
George S. Youngling	4
Donald E. Fontaine	5
Gregory G. Dillender	6
David G. Walda	7
H. Paul Martin	9
John F. Langley	9
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.

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

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.