

Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

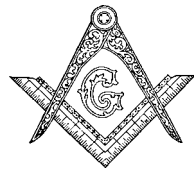
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TRESTLEBOARD

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

Sunday January 13, 2008

Reservation deadline for crab dinner
415-221-2907

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Officer's School of Instruction
First Degree (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, January 22, 2008

Fourth Annual Crab Dinner & Games
No Charge: members, their ladies, & widows
Reservations required: 415-221-2907
Deadline January 13, 2007
Guests: \$25/person
Attire: Casual

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual
7:00 PM Officer's Practice 1st Degree
Candidates work on proficiencies

Looking Ahead

Tuesday February 5, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies
Reservations required: 415-221-2907
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
Budget 2008, Treasurer's Financial Report
Vote on Temple Board Vacancies

FROM THE EAST



I wish a very Happy New Year to all my brothers, their ladies, and our widows. January is a time for renewal, and it is time for this Lodge to renew its obligations to our fraternal principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We do this by faithfully practicing the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity and observing the Cardinal Virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Freemasonry teaches! Are you listening?



Our Installation of 2008 Officers was held on December 11th. We were honored to have as our Installing Officer, The Very Worshipful Paul D. Hennig, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of California. In addition, I want to thank Worshipful Hank Dosdorian who acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Worshipful

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

Martin Kloess who acted as Chaplain. Our Officers are in place and ready for 2008. Please look to Page 4 for their names, and when you see them in Lodge, take their hand and thank them for their dedication to this Lodge. Without their help there would be no Golden Gate Speranza in the ensuing Masonic year.

We were again serenaded by that wonderful singing group "Heart and Soul" from the Peninsula Musical Arts Association. Their performance ranged from classical favorites such as the Hallelujah Chorus to modern Christmas carols. They were directed by the internationally acclaimed harpist, Paul Hurst. Since our elevator was large enough, Mr. Hurst was able to bring his harp and play for us. We especially enjoyed the performance of our own Grand Lecturer who is member of the group.

As you may notice, our social calendar is not filled out. Keep posted, and it will blossom before your eyes. We have many ideas and are working behind the scenes to bring them to you. One complication is that we have many degrees to do next year and must allow space for those to occur. However, one advantage to that is we may take the Lodge up into the Gold Country to perform several Second Degrees at the Historic Lodges available to us. My one disappointment so far this year was a trip to Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. Unfortunately, they wanted final confirmation 4 months in advance and that was just too far ahead for most of us to plan by. However, we will be doing a Reno Train Trip March 10-12. This will include two nights at the Silver Legacy with a dinner and a show included. Return will be by bus with a stop at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. It will be fun. Please refer to the flyer for the reservation deadline.

That's all for now. Please read on. What follows is a written presentation of my remarks at Installation. It is offered for the record and for those who could not attend.

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

The Master's Installation Speech Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, family and friends. I am deeply honored to be chosen once again to lead this Lodge. I have been in the Oriental Chair for three years and I am entering my fourth. I don't know how long King Solomon reigned, but I may be closing in on his record.

My message this year is, as they say, "short and sweet! First, I want this Lodge to survive! Second, in order for that to happen, I need the support and prayers of every Master Mason in this Lodge. This is not a time for sitting back. This a time for action, for supporting your Lodge, and actively living the Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Listen very careful to the following quote. It comes from my article in the November bulletin. It very succinctly sums up my feelings:

"It has been my very greatest pleasure to lead this Lodge for the last three years. The journey hasn't been easy, but then, anything worth doing well never is! It also appears that the journey is not over. There is good chance that I may be occupying the Oriental Chair again next year. Wow, four years! People look at me and with a quizzed look say, "Why do you do it?" I do it, first of all, because I am entrusted with the survival of this lodge. That, in itself, is a very solemn responsibility. Secondly, I believe the young officers coming up in the line are capable and most worthy of taking this Lodge into the future. For these reasons, I am willing to wait for them. However, they must understand that they are not just officers of this Lodge, they are first and foremost the future of this Lodge. If they understand this, then they will put in the effort necessary to see this future become a reality. They must devote themselves to learning and understanding the ritual, and thus, educate themselves in the moral teachings and lessons of Freemasonry. Armed with this knowledge they will be ready to sit in King Solomon's Chair and release this brother from his labors."

So now you know, and here we go into 2008. Let us all dedicate ourselves to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and do our best, to practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Thank you for listening.

A Look at the CMC §804.855. DUTY TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

It is the duty of every member to attend the funeral of a deceased member of his Lodge or any other Master Mason residing within the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience. [Source: Section 28040 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

A Quote from Carl Claudy Foreign Countries

"The pathway is before you. The staff, the bread, the water are in your hand. Whether you will travel blindly and in want, or eagerly and with joy, depends only and wholly upon you. And largely upon what you now do, soon you emerge from your swaddling clothes, and how well you learn, will depend the epitaph some day written of your memory on the hearts of you fellow Lodge members: is for you to decide whether they will say of you: "Just another Lodge member," or "A true Freemason, a faithful Son of Light." [Southern California Research Lodge, November 2007, Norman Leeper, Editor]

FROM THE WEST

By Vrej M. Mekhalian

First and foremost I would like to express my Congratulations and thanks to Worshipful Patrick J. Burke for again assuming the Master's Station, and also to the newly installed Corps of Officers.

Secondly, my sincere thanks to all the Brethren for the expression of confidence in electing me Senior Warden of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge for the year 2008. I with the other Officers are ready and willing to serve our fraternity and Lodge to the best of our abilities.

I'd like to share my favorite lines at the start of the year, titled "What Kind of A Freemason Are You?"

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows – no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers – they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like balloons – full of wind and ready to blow up.
 Some are like footballs – you can't tell which way they will bounce.
 And then some are like a good watch – open face, puree gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

Now brethren, take a moment for self evaluation and decide which one you are!

I hope you all had a happy holiday, a Merry Christmas and do hope you and yours will have a very Happy and Healthy 2008!



IN MEMORIAM

Arthur A. Apostolou

Raised February 25, 1960

Entered into Rest

December 3, 2007

Joseph Arone

Raised May 16, 1963

Entered into Rest

December 18, 2007

Almighty Father

Into Thy Hands

*We Commend the Souls of our
 Dear Departed Brothers*

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge 2008 Calendar of Social Events "A Work in Progress"

January 22

Crab Dinner

March 10-12

Two Night
 Reno Train Trip

July

Dark

April or May

Widows Trip-TBA

August

Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge

September 4

Constitutional Observance

November

Anniversary Dinner-TBA

December 9

Installation of 2009 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 January.

John C. Reynolds, P.M.	1
Raymond R. Zerbib	6
John G. Travis	7
Robert B. Ohm, P.M.	8
Daniel P. Boyd	9
Harold L. Tunnell	10
Michael S. Kurtz	14
Leo M. Houweling	16
Frederick D. Teffault, P.M.	16
Jadin C. Hoffmann, P.M.	22
Roger G. Spindler	28
William E. Broderson	28
David E Meders	31

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

Lodge Notification

**Vote on Temple Board
 Vacancies**

**Two Terms ending in 2010
 At the Stated Meeting
 February 5, 2008**



Fourth Annual Crab Dinner and Games

Tuesday January 22, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Crab, salad, pasta, and bread

No charge for members, their ladies, and widows

Guests \$25/person

Reservation Deadline: January 13, 2008

No reservation, no crab

If your plans change, cancel your reservation

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