

# Golden Gate Speranza

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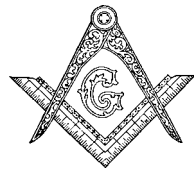
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday March 4, 2008**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

**Monday-Wednesday, March 10-12, 2008**

Snow Train to Reno

**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

*\*Dark\**

Due to Reno Trip

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

Officer's Practice: 1st Sec., 3rd Degree

Prepare for School of Instruction

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

**\*\*Candidates work on proficiencies\*\***

**Monday, March 24, 2008**

Officer's School of Instruction

1st Section, 3rd Degree

Mission Lodge is the Host

*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, March 25, 2008**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Games

6:30 P.M. Dinner

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

*Looking Ahead*

**Tuesday April 1, 2008**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

### FROM THE EAST



As mad as a March hare! Remember that term? Well, it may be March, but we are not completely mad or hare brained. At least not yet anyway. Hares have long been thought to behave excitedly in March, which is their mating season. Lewis Carroll is among many who have used that in stories such as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. However, hares aside, March is a wonderful month in which we look forward to St Patrick's Day, the Easter Holiday, as well as the beginning of spring with the vernal equinox.



I am pleased to say that we just completed a First Degree Conferral. On February 12th, we initiated Br. Nestor Guia Reyes into the Fraternity. We look forward to his progression through the degrees, and we know he will be a real

**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

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

asset to the Lodge. I am also pleased to note that our Junior Warden, Br. David Walda, was Master for the entire degree. His lecture was well paced with minimal error. Congratulations David! My thanks also go out to WB Jim Adams for doing the charge, and Br. Gordon Whiteside for filling the station of Senior Deacon. Br. Gordon came over from Coastside Lodge where he is Junior Warden.

I would also like to congratulate our Senior Warden, WB Vrej Mekhalian. He performed admirably in the station of Master in the second degree at our recent School of Instruction. One of my main thrusts this year has been that all the senior officers be qualified to perform their assigned degree. It is difficult for a past master to come back and relearn the ritual. I appreciate his efforts and applaud his success and wish more past masters were willing to step forward and help the Lodge in this manner.

We are in the planning stages of a Pilgrimage to Henry Clay Lodge #95 in Sutter Creek California. We plan to do one or more second degrees followed by a banquet. It will be an overnight trip with bus transportation and lodging included. So put Saturday May 17th on your calendar and stand by for more information on costs and reservations.

I want to congratulate Br. William Fong for completing his Entered Apprentice proficiency at the February stated meeting. He did a fine job on his memorization and written questions. All our remaining Entered Apprentices are on notice that if they complete their proficiencies by the April stated meeting, they will be qualified to take their second degree on our trip to Henry Clay Lodge. If time and deadlines permit, the May stated meeting might be added to qualifying period.

Entered Apprentices, I want you to know that we sincerely value your membership in our Lodge. However, it is equally important that you progress to the degree of Master Mason. It is at that point you become a full member of the Fraternity. Normal progression for all three degrees is approximately 7-9 months. If you are beyond that time period, you need to get with your coach and start weekly sessions. If you have questions, you can contact the Master or the Wardens. Remember, we do not expect you to be perfect. However, we do expect the effort, and success is always in the effort. It is hoped that through this experience, you will gain in self discipline and will have a better understanding of the meaning of the Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

So that's all for now. Please read and contemplate the Junior Warden's comments in his article concerning reservations for dinners. It is extremely important.

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

### **A Look at the CMC** **§805.110. POWERS OF THE MASTER**

The Master shall have power to:

- A. Congregate his Lodge whenever he deems it proper;
- B. Issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required;
- C. Discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and
- D. Perform all such acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, which are not prohibited by this Code, the General Regulations of Masonry or the Ritual.

If any officer, elected or appointed, fails to qualify or neglects the performance of his duties, the Master shall remove him from office.

## **FROM THE WEST**

*By Vrej M. Mekhalian*

### **MASONRY MORE HONORABLE THAN ANY OTHER ORDER**

MATTHEW HOATH  
Lodge of the Quest No. 587  
Victoria, Australia

Virginia Masonic Herald—May-June, 1964

*Continued from February Bulletin*

#### **The Roman Eagle**

The Roman Eagle also has an interesting history. The eagle was highly esteemed among the Romans. It was usually depicted with outstretched wings, sometimes of gold and silver, but most frequently of bronze. It was carried at the head of a staff in the same manner as a banner.

The eagle borne upon a spear appears to have been used first by the Persians. The Romans took the idea from them, and used it as an emblem of honor, to be carried before the chief ruler. In 1804, Napoleon had metal eagles carried before his army. Austria and Russia both had double eagles as a symbol of their empires. The symbol of the United States of America is the bald eagle. In 1701, Frederick

I of Prussia founded the Order of the Black Eagle. The number of knights was limited to thirty, exclusive of the princes of royal blood. The revisers of our rituals probably selected the reference to the Roman Eagle as it was the highest emblem of dignity, honor and power of that famous empire.

#### **Order of the Garter**

The Order of the Garter is, of course, something we know more about, being a British Order. It is the highest order of knighthood in Great Britain, and is considered the most honorable and exclusive in the world. Its full title is "The Most Noble Order of the Garter."

According to tradition, King Edward III, who was dancing with the Countess of Salisbury at a ball held on January 18, 1343, picked up a blue garter that had dropped from her leg and tied it around his own. Observing the queen's uneasy glances, and the consternation of the countess, he returned it to its owner with the remark, Evil be to him who evil thinks.

At this time the king had been successful in the French campaign and was contemplating a second expedition. He resolved to institute an order of knighthood in honor of his success, as well as a means of rewarding his army favorites. He placed the order under the protection of St. George. For 179 years it remained practically as instituted by Edward III but in 1522, Henry VIII revised the statutes. The color of the emblem was blue, which at that time was the French national color. The motto translated, Let him be dishonored who thinks ill of it, was appropriate whether applied to the French expedition or to the order itself.

Formerly, the knights were elected by the members, but since the reign of George III all appointments have been made by the reigning sovereign. Originally it was called the Order of Saint George. It now consists of the sovereign, who is the grand master, the Prince of Wales and twenty-five knights companions. In addition it is open to all English princes (lineal descendants of George I) and foreign sovereigns as may be chosen by the king or queen. On occasions, other companions are admitted for special reasons so that the whole order usually numbers about fifty.

The insignia consists of the garter, the collar, and the great George; the star, the ribbon and badge, or lesser George. The garter is of blue velvet ribbon—the particular tint being known as "garter blue." The ribbon is edged with gold and fastened by a gold

buckle on the left leg below the knee. It bears the motto of the order in letters of gold, or sometimes in diamonds. When the sovereign is a woman, it is worn on the left arm above the elbow.

The collar consists of twenty-five pieces alternately gold love knots and buckled garters enameled in blue, enclosing roses. From the center link of the collar hangs the badge of the great George. It is a figure of St. George as a knight in gold enamel and set with jewels. He is depicted on horseback, overthrowing the dragon with a spear.

A star was added by Charles I in 1692. It consists of eight silver rays encrusted with diamonds, issuing from a buckled garter bearing the motto and enclosing a white field of enamel with the red cross of St. George upon it. When the collar and great George are not worn, the "lesser George" as it is called, is used. It is similar to the great George but much smaller and hangs from a broad blue ribbon which passes slantwise over the left shoulder. The robes of the order are of equal magnificence.

The order became prominent in the 17th century after Charles I added the star to the insignia. On ordinary occasions the star is worn on the breast and the garter below the knee. Full regalia is only worn when grand chapter meets, or at a ceremony such as a coronation. The order meets at Windsor Castle.

So, Brethren, we have our badge of white for purity—of lamb's skin for innocence; more ancient than the Golden Fleece, which was founded in 1429, and the Roman Eagle, which was instituted in 1701; and more honorable than the Garter, which is the highest order of knighthood in the world. I repeat the charge given by the Senior Warden when investing the badge—Never disgrace that badge, for it will never disgrace you.

## The Square

The square is the symbol of morality, truthfulness, and honesty. The direction of the two sides of the square form an angle of 90°, or a right angle, so called because this is the angle which stones must have if they are to be used to build a stable and upright wall. It symbolizes accuracy, not even varying by a single degree. When we part upon the square, we go in different directions, but in full knowledge that our courses in life will be going according to the angle of the square (which means in the right direction), until we meet again.

[Page 3, *Fellowcraft Handbook, Grand Lodge of California*]

## FROM THE SOUTH

By David G. Walda

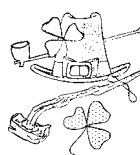
I want to thank the Brothers that helped set up the food at the First Degree Conferral on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Brothers Paul McClusky, and Carl Zwanzig – two of our Entered Apprentices, - and Brothers Leigh Skilling and Donald Fontaine, our Stewards. Thanks also to any of the other Brothers who helped. Working together made the conferral of the First Degree that night for our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Nestor Reyes run smoothly.

My thanks also to Anastasia Jouganatos and Veronica Bellamy, and to Brother Bill Bellamy who make sure the dining room is set up for our stated and special dinners at the lodge, and insure that all the necessary supplies are on hand.

I want to emphasize the importance of making reservations for our dinners. I want all of our Brothers, wives, widows, friends and servers to receive a meal. When persons show up without a reservation, some one may not receive a full meal. While our caterer usually brings extra food, there is the possibility that there may not be enough if there are a significant number of persons that attend the dinner without a reservation. I prefer that everyone is fed, even our servers, who do a great job.

Anyone with suggestions are welcome to contact me.

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Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Roger L. Pierce .....	11
Walter Zolezzi, PM .....	15
Howard E. Mangels .....	18
George J. Rossi Jr. ....	25
William R. Hansen .....	28

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.*

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

**March 10-12**

Two Night  
Snow Train Trip

**May 17-18**

Pilgrimage  
Second Degree Conferral  
Henry Clay Lodge #95  
Sutter Creek, CA

**June 28**

Widows Event  
Trip to Columbia  
Lunch and the musical South Pacific

**July**

Dark

**August-TBA**

Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge

**September 4**

Constitutional Observance

**November 4**

Elections

**November-TBA**

Anniversary Dinner

**December 9**

Installation of 2009 Officers

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

### 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