

# Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

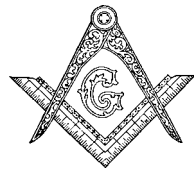
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

#### Tuesday May 6, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

First Degree Proficiency

#### Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Officer's Practice: 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Complete

Rehearsal for Pilgrimage Degrees

All officers are to attend

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

#### Saturday, May 17, 2008

Overnight Pilgrimage

Henry Clay Lodge #95

Sutter Creek, CA

Multiple Second Degrees

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Movie Night!

Come enjoy a good meal, popcorn,

and a movie on our 56 inch TV

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:30 PM Show Time

#### Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Officer's School of Instruction

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Complete

California #1 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, May 27, 2008

Officer's Practice: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Complete

We are the Host Lodge next month

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

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

#### Looking Ahead

#### Tuesday June 3, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

### FROM THE EAST



Is it May Day yet? That, of course, is May 1<sup>st</sup>, and it is considered a holiday in many places in the world. It has ancient origins and various customs have survived to this day. In those ancient times, the day was a traditional summer holiday. That was because May 1<sup>st</sup> was considered the first day of summer, and the summer solstice on June 21 was considered Midsummer. It marked the end of the uncomfortable winter half of the year, and thus, was an occasion for celebration, regardless of the fact that technically it was still the middle of the astronomical spring season.



So, however you view it, spring and summer are upon us. Thus, we will open wide the door to the Lodge Room and venture out to see our fellow Masons in the California Gold Country. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will perform multiple

**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

Second Degrees at Henry Clay Lodge #95 in Sutter Creek California. Brothers William Fong, George Lazar, and Robert Leung have completed their First Degree proficiencies and are ready to receive their next degree, and there is chance that there may be another proficiency at our May stated meeting. I hope there is as it makes my day to see our candidates moving toward their Master Mason Degree. For it is at this point, they will be full, participating members of our fraternity.

We had visitors at our St Patrick's Day dinner on March 24<sup>th</sup>. WBr. Jesse Sedau and his wife from Vancouver, Canada were our guests for dinner. Jesse is a past master of Perfection Lodge #75 in Vancouver. He presented Masonic pins to the Master and our two Grand Lodge Inspectors. Thanks Jesse, maybe we can visit you some day. In fact, Jesse would like to arrange a visit to Perfection Lodge if our Lodge takes a trip up that way in the future.

It is good to see our officers taking an interest in the future of our Lodge. Our Junior Warden and Senior Deacon just completed the Junior Warden Retreat. In addition, Brothers David Walda, Richard Pembroke, and Luis Martinez will be attending the Masonic Certification Program this month in San Jose. This education will allow our brothers to make this Lodge more effective in its relationship with its members, other Lodges, and Grand Lodge. Survival in this day and age takes work and dedication. Our degree rituals pass on the principles of Masonry, but it is the dinners and social gatherings that are the basis of fellowship. It is this fellowship between brothers that passes on the spirit of Masonry.

Is that spirit alive at Golden Gate Speranza? We must constantly ask ourselves that question if we are to remain relevant. What does this Lodge stand for? What is our direction? Do we exist for community service, Masonic education, good fellowship, or a combination thereof? You see my friends, if we know who we are and what we stand for, then our members will have a reason to attend our meetings, and in that participation, pass on the spirit of Masonry to our new members. Think about it. Let's start a discussion within the Lodge.

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

## To Visit Another Lodge

Attendance at Lodge other than one's own is a privilege, not a right, and is subject to the permission of the Master or presiding officer which permission may be refused.

A visiting Mason shall satisfy himself of a Lodge's lawful authority, and may require the Lodge to show its Charter or Dispensation. A visiting brother shall satisfy the Master or presiding officer that he is a Master Mason in good standing with a valid dues card in his possession. A visitor shall prove that he is a Mason by examination or avouchment.

The Master may ask visitors to retire at any time and should do so when controversial, delicate, or sensitive matters are under discussion.

The Lodge shall make due inquiry or individual examination before admitting a visitor unless he is vouched for by a Master Mason in good standing, known as such to the Master or presiding officer.

To vouch for a visiting Mason, a Master Mason must have sat with him in a tiled Lodge or a tiled School of Instruction or examined him under authority of the Master or presiding officer.

A Master may refuse visitation if in his opinion there is a valid objection to admission by a member of the Lodge. The objection shall be made privately to the Master, stating the reason therefore. The Master's decision shall be governed by his discretion and is final. He shall not disclose to the visitor, any member, or any other person the name of the member objecting, but he shall privately inform the visitor that a member objects.

*[Southern California Research Lodge, February 2008, Norman B. Leeper; California Masonic Code Sections: 808.010, 808.020, 808.030, and 808.040]*

## Masonic Grammar

Robert L. D. Cooper, Curator of the Scottish Grand Lodge Masonic Museum and Library and author of *The Rosalyn Hoax* and *Cracking the Freemason's Code*, points out the proper capitalization of the words "Mason" and "Lodge." Mason means Freemason while mason means stonemason (operative masonry). A lodge, on the other hand, means a stonemason's lodge while a Lodge refers to a Masonic Lodge. Thus when using either term, the first letter is capitalized if the use is speculative/Masonic. *[Southern California Research Lodge, January 15, 2008, Fraternal Review, Norman B. Leeper]*

## FROM THE SOUTH

By David G. Walda

In early April Brother Pembroke and I had the opportunity to attend the Junior Warden's Leadership Retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to prepare the Junior Warden and Senior Deacon on the journey to the East. The retreat was very informative and helped me to understand the necessary leadership skills that will be necessary in the next two years. I was glad to attend. I was able to meet Brothers from other Lodges, including John Perry from Phoenix Lodge and Gordon Whiteside from Coastside Lodge. During the free time we were able to socialize and share our "Lodge stories".

Of the entire weekend program, one of the presentations given on the first evening of the retreat was very interesting. It was given by the new Grand Lodge Secretary, Allan L. Casalou about leading Freemasonry in the 21st Century. The Very Worshipful Casalou discussed the decline of membership in the Lodge, as well as other fraternal and service organizations, starting in the 1960's through the early 2000's. The likely contributors to the decline could be attributed to 1) workforce changes where more women have had to work, requiring fathers to take a more active role in family activities, 2) urban sprawling – people moved out of the large cities to the outskirts, causing increased commute times for many workers, and 3) more electronic entertainment (computers, videos, cable, etc.) As result, there was less time to devote to a Lodge.

Since 2002, there has been an increase of interest in Masonry, and an uptick in degrees given throughout California. The average age of new Master Masons is 39 years old. The fastest growing age segment of membership in California is between 18 to 30 years. In our own Lodge there are eight Entered Apprentices that have joined in the last two to three years and with an average age of 33 years old.

With this information we can better understand the dynamics of our society changes and provide insights that will help lead the Lodge effectively in the future. Of particular interest to me is how to include our newer members and families in our social events. Some members are not able to make some trips that occur on weekdays due to family and work obligations. Some may prefer other activities or social events than those currently offered. The important element is being receptive to these changes and planning the activities accordingly.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

John G. Peterson .....	2
Moses D. Garay .....	3
Marco A. Machado .....	4
Lorren E. Abbott .....	7
Eugene H. Latter .....	9
Edward G. Woodward, P.M. ....	9
A. Jack Podesta, P.M. ....	12
Preston M. James .....	13
Laurence A. Schriber .....	15
William A. Capilos .....	15
Robert F. McFadden .....	16
Aden Lyle Cuykendall .....	16
John A. Loscutoff .....	16
Herbert L. Werner .....	16
Gerald W. Maurer .....	26

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

## Overnight Pilgrimage Saturday May 17, 2008

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30  
Will travel to Henry Clay Lodge #95  
In Sutter Creek, CA  
To Confer Multiple Second Degrees  
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Bus transportation & rooms provided  
Banquet on Saturday Night  
Breakfast on Sunday  
Space is limited!  
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\$100/person refundable deposit required  
For whole package  
\$20/person refundable deposit required  
for those driving & attending banquet only  
Call Vrej & Maida Mekhalian  
For details and menu choices  
Phone # 650-992-3226  
Deadline May 1, 2008

*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"

### May 17-18

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

### May 20

Movie Night at the Lodge

### June 28

Widows Event - Day Trip  
Journey to Columbia, CA  
Lunch and the musical South Pacific

### July

Dark

### August-TBA

Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge  
Day Trip

### September 4

Constitutional Observance  
At Stated Meeting

### September 14-15

Reno Trip - Overnight

### September 26-28

Friday-Sunday  
Grand Lodge Communication

### November 1

Anniversary Dinner

### November 4

Elections

### 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

# RENO TRIP

## September 14 - 15, 2008

A Sunday - Monday Trip

Stay at Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Leaving at 8:00 a.m. SHARP  
from 20th Ave & Wawona

Members, Wives and Widows  
Double Occupancy \$32.00 Per Person  
Single Occupancy \$40.00 Per Person

Non Members  
Double Occupancy \$54.00 Per Person  
Single Occupancy \$70.00 Per Person

Visiting Cal Neva, Circus Circus & Silver Legacy  
Cal Neva - \$8 Cash, Circus Circus \$60 Fun  
Book & Silver Legacy \$10 & \$3 Food Coupon

### Deadline August 26, 2008

September 10, Last day to cancel.  
Cancellations received after this date will  
not get any refund.

For reservations mail checks to:  
William B. Bellamy, III  
624 Clarinada Avenue  
Daly City, CA 94015-4210

Make checks payable to:  
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

**Only reservations secured by  
checks will guarantee your seats.**



## IN MEMORIAM

**Hon. John A. Ertola**  
Raised November 30, 1960  
Entered into Rest  
September 10, 2007

**John Curtis Robinson**  
Raised September 12, 1968  
Entered into Rest  
January 19, 2008

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