

Golden Gate Speranza

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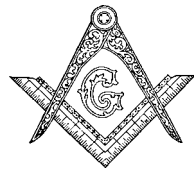
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday June 3, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Officer's Practice: 1st Degree Complete

Rehearsal for Officer's School

All officers are to attend

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

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

Monday, June 16, 2008

Officer's School of Instruction

1st Degree Complete

Golden Gate Speranza is the Host

All officers are to attend

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, June 17, 2008

Italian Night and Games

Glenn's Fabulous Spaghetti

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

Dinner 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Officer's Practice: 3rd Degree, 1st Section

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

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

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Widows Trip to Columbia

Parking at Brotherhood Masonic Temple

Bus departs at 8:00 AM Sharp

Looking Ahead

Tuesday July 1, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Remainder of July is Dark

FROM THE EAST



Well, this is a "combo" bulletin as they say. We are dark in July except for the stated meeting so this edition covers the months of June and July. OK, now let's get the important stuff out of the way. Did you know that June 9th (1934) is Donald Duck's birthday and Julius Caesar was born on July 20 (100 BC)? Keeping those important dates in mind and on a more serious note, it was on July 20, 1969, that the human race accomplished its single greatest technological achievement of all time when a human first set foot on the moon. With less than 30 seconds of fuel remaining, the Lunar Module Eagle, landed at 4:17 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time. Six hours later, Neil A. Armstrong took that "Small



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

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

Third: Bro. Leonard J. Millick - Passed May 17, 2008

Third: Bro. William Jee Keung Fong - Passed May 17, 2008

Third: Bro. Robert J. Leung - Passed May 17, 2008

Step” onto the surface of the Moon, from which he could look up and see Earth and the heavens as no one had done before him. That my friends is something to remember.

We just returned from our Pilgrimage to Henry Clay Lodge #95 in Sutter Creek, CA. It took us slightly over four hours to complete our labors, but considering the 100 degree heat, I think we did an admirable job. I am pleased to announce we have four newly passed brothers. I want to congratulate, Bros. George Lazar, Leonard (LJ) Millick, William Fong, and Robert Leung on their elevation to the Degree of Fellowcraft Mason. In addition, I want them to stop and reflect on the symbolism of the Fellowcraft or Second Degree of Masonry. Just as the Entered Apprentice Degree was about new beginnings, the Fellowcraft Degree emphasizes advancement. The lessons of the Winding Staircase and its many steps are symbols of ascending to new levels in the Craft. The Jewels will teach and remind them of our time-honored method of instruction. The Working Tools will teach them about morality, truthfulness, equality, and uprightness of conduct. The Wages of a Fellowcraft will teach them that there is real and tangible compensation for using those Working Tools in a faithful and intelligent manner. The letter G will gain particular meaning in their lives as they contemplate how Geometry and the name of the Supreme Being relate to Freemasonry as far back as the “Old Charges”. All these lessons will prepare them to take their biggest step yet and that is being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I know they will take these lessons seriously and work diligently to pass their proficiency.

I want to thank WBr. Vrej and Maida Mekhalian for their hard work arranging the Pilgrimage. Please thank them when you see them next. I want to send my thanks to WBr. Dennis Griffin in Sutter Creek for arranging the hotel rooms and for hosting us for breakfast and dinner at his restaurant, Bellotti’s at The Historic American Exchange Hotel. I want to thank the Master of Henry Clay Lodge, John Ambrose, for allowing us to use his beautiful Lodge room, and Jr. Past Master, Mike Smith, for handling the details on the day of our degree. In addition it was a honor and pleasure to meet WBr. Cliff

Wilder, Inspector of the 249th Masonic District. Both Mike and Cliff joined us for our multiple degree performance. I hope they were pleased. I know I was.

I think it is important to note that Bro. David Walda completed his Senior Warden proficiency at Sutter Creek. He was Master in the opening, for the first Candidate, for the Geometry Lecture, and for long form closing. Congratulations David! Also filling in as Master, were WBr. Hank Doslodian, Jr, Arakel Derounian and yours truly, Patrick Burke. In addition, Bro. Gordon Whiteside, Junior Warden of Coastside Lodge #762, filled in as Junior Warden and Senior Steward.

So in the end it can be said that our Pilgrimage was a success. The Officers of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30 gave a superb performance. Our Senior Deacon, Richard Pembroke, delivered a truly amazing Staircase Lecture, and Bro. Don Fontaine aced the Fellowcraft Charge.

I hope to see you all at the June stated meeting. The Widows Trip is coming up Saturday, June 28th. As of this writing, there were four seats left. Don’t miss lunch and South Pacific.

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

Headgear

Connecticut allows the Master of the Lodge to choose the type of hat that is worn in the East. Not so in California. The only hat authorized is what is commonly known as the top hat.

FROM THE SOUTH

By David G. Walda

Brothers Pembroke, Martinez and myself went to a class on the Formation Program. This program is not just a recruitment tool, such as “Pass It On” or “On the Level”, but encompasses the prospect through the Master Mason, as well as the general public. The Formation Program is designed to build and maintain enthusiasm about Masonry, keep candidates informed of the expectations and help them through their proficiencies and essays, provide a more stable line of

officers and educate candidates and members.

The program also incorporates the candidates coaches and other Masons that are interested in further exploring and learning the meaning of Masonry through discussion groups. The program does not end when there are no more candidates, but is intended to be ongoing for all Masons continuing on their journey to explore Masonic meanings, teachings and symbolism.

The formation program is guided by a Lodge Formation Committee, appointed by the Master, consisting of those individuals interested in the committee’s work. The committee members need not be only officers.

Under the program, a member of the Masonic Formation Committee is certified by the Grand Lodge by attending the class, which has the advantage of providing professional training about the formation program.

I believe that such a program will benefit our members in several ways. First, it will help Golden Gate Speranza Lodge provide a richer Masonic culture to our newer members. Secondly, the brethren that have more years in the fraternity may continue their education and understanding of what the Masonic Craft is about. Through the activities that the Formation Committee would develop, members might meet on a regular basis to hold discussions, read and discuss books, and even invite speakers to give their knowledge of the Craft, just to mention a few possibilities.

The Masonic Formation Committee will also have a greater role when prospects approach Golden Gate Speranza about membership—developing resources and information on the Fraternity and out Lodge, and helping to identify Brothers who can provide information and discuss the Masonic principals with the prospects. When the prospect submits an application, the Masonic Formation Committee will assist, helping the Brother performing the investigation to ask the questions that will determine if the applicant has the qualities essential to the Fraternity.

It is my hope that this Lodge will embrace this program and help to make it work. Doing so will have many advantages down the road of time.



From left to right: Brothers Robert J. Leung, George S. Lazar, Worshipful Master Patrick J. Burke, Leonard J. Millick and William Jee Keung Fong

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

June

Dr. Calvin Taam	1
Loyal D. Sutton, PM	2
Richard C. Schmitt, PM	3
Andrew D. Filipek	4
David T. Yohannan	5
Edward E. Fernandez Jr., PM	6
Robert R. Craft	8
Arthur A. Proctor	8
Michael P. Burke	13
Marvin C. O'Daniel	15
J. Robert Ellis	16
Craig C. Calvert	17
Thomas M. Lee	18
Reynold Schmidt, PM	22
Ging Bong Lowe, PM	24
Oliver D. (Russ) Ward	28
Curtis N. Decker	30

July

Robert G. Jessee	2
Rodney E. Lotspeich	6
Carl H. Holzinger, Jr.	13
Arakel S. Derounian, PM ..	17
Robert M. Valera	19
Victor H. Raineri	21
Platon Kavvadias	21
Kenneth W. Kyle, PM	24
Michael H. Dillon	29

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

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

June 17

Italian Night and Games
Glenn's famous spaghetti

June 28

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

July

Dark

August

The Mystery Trip has been cancelled

September 4

Constitutional Observance
At Stated Meeting

September 14-15

Reno Trip - Overnight

September 26-28

Friday-Sunday
Grand Lodge Communication

November

Elections

November 1

Anniversary Dinner

December 9

Installation of 2009 Officers

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



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.**

*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