

# Golden Gate Speranza

Brotherly Love

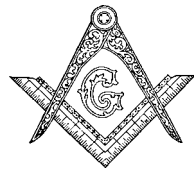
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday September 2, 2008**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies  
Constitutional Observance

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

**Monday September 8, 2008**

Information Night

For new members, those interested in Masonry

Officers please attend

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Program

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

Officer's Practice: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Section

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Practice

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

**Sunday-Monday September 14-15, 2008**

Reno Bus Trip

Leaving at 8:00 AM Sharp

From 20<sup>th</sup> Ave & Wawona

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

Officer's Practice: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Practice

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

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

Third Degree Conferral upon

Bro. Leonard J. Millick

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Degree

*Reservations required: 415-350-2340*

**Friday-Sunday, September 26-28, 2008**

Grand Lodge Communication

**Tuesday September 30, 2008**

Third Degree Conferral upon

Bro. William Jee Keung Fong

6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Degree

*Reservations required: 415-350-2340*

*Looking Ahead*

**Tuesday October 7, 2008**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the Ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

### FROM THE EAST



Labor Day approaches. It is traditionally viewed as the symbolic end of summer. Celebrated on the first Monday of September, this holiday has its origins in 1882 when the Central Labor Union of New York City sought to create "a day off for the working man". And to this day, this holiday has remained true to its roots. It is considered a day of rest for the working folks and their families. This is in contrast to the traditional May Day celebrations around the world which are much more political in nature and filled with speeches and demonstrations supporting the labor movement.



**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

Did you know that the pattern for Labor Day celebrations was set forth in the original federal proposal for the holiday. It stated that there should be a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” followed by a festival for the workers and their families. As we know, this is pretty close to what happens today. In addition, it has marked the return to school, the start of National Football League season, and the start of the NCAA (college) football season. Of course, it is extremely important to remember that very strict rule of fashion etiquette that “no one wears white after Labor Day.”

September brings us the 159<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Starting last year, the Communication was moved to weekends, and it is believed that this change is responsible for a 15% increase in the attendance. This year it will be held on the last weekend of September. You must be a Master Mason to attend. Registration has been streamlined as it is now computer generated. No tickets are necessary. Just show up with your dues cards and a picture ID, and you will be issued a credential for all three days.

Since we are on the subject of Grand Lodge, do you know what it consists of? This term is used very loosely, and most view it as either Grand Master and his officers in San Francisco, the actual building on Nob Hill in San Francisco, or the Annual Meeting or Communication. However, in reality, the Grand Lodge is composed solely of the Grand Master, the elective and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters of this Jurisdiction, and the Master and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges of this Jurisdiction. This is the strict definition of Grand Lodge, and these are the members that can vote at the Annual Communication (except for the Grand Tiler and Assist Grand Tiler). Master Masons who have not attained the above status are invited to attend but can not vote. In addition, there is a category called *representatives*. If the Master or Wardens of a Lodge can not attend the

Annual Communication, the Lodge may vote to elect a representative to represent the Lodge at the Annual Communication. This representative may vote on all issues before the Annual Communication and should follow any instructions given to him by the Lodge.

Well, that about does it. I have listed the recommendations and resolutions coming before this year’s Communication in this bulletin. A full description is available on line at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org). Please note that we will be conferring two Third Degrees this month. See the Trestleboard for details. Please attend and support your brothers as they are raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

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

## Legislation 2008

**Grand Master Decision #1:** Trail Masters given the power of mediation

**Grand Master’s Recommendation #1:** Inspectors term coincide with Grand Master’s term

**Grand Master’s recommendation #2:** Rename Delinquent Dues Committee to Member Retention Committee.

**Grand Master’s Recommendation #3:** Defines duties and size of the Fraternal Support Services and Lodge Support Committees

**Grand Master’s Recommendation #4:** Code amended to add as unmasonic conduct any intentional infliction of physical or mental injury or humiliation on a candidate.

**Grand Master’s Recommendation #5:** Permit CA Masons to belong to the Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent. Not to be viewed as an endorsement of this organization.

**Carry-Over Resolution #07-01:** Allow each Inspector a separate vote in Grand Lodge.

**Resolution #08-01:** Permits CA Masons to be regular members of the National Association of Masonic Scouters. Lodges may partner with the Boys Scouts of America to sponsor Cubs Scout Packs, Boys Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships.

**Resolution #08-02:** Seeks to change termination date for dispensation of a lodge under dispensation. If Grand Lodge does not issue a Charter, consideration of the petition may be continued one time till the next Grand Lodge.

**Resolution #08-03:** Notification of suspended member. After the Secretary of the Lodge notifies the Grand Secretary of a member that is suspended or expelled, this resolution seeks to require the Grand Secretary to immediately notify every other Lodge in which a multiple member holds membership.

**Resolution #08-04:** Seeks to modify the Installation Ceremony for Constituent Lodges to include the installation of an Assistant Secretary.

**Resolution #08-05:** Seeks to clarify the conditions under which to install the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon as some brethren have become confused by the wording and are interpreting these sections as to require less than their intended purposes.

**Resolution #08-06:** Seeks to have Lodge social funds (funds collected by members from members for social purposes) to be administered through the Lodge and not have members bear the burden of having Lodge social funds under his name and SS#.

**Resolution #08-07:** Makes several changes in the administration of a Lodges’ investment program including and not limited to: restating minimum and maximum number of Trustees and terms of service, allowing the use of a securities brokerage firm covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

**Resolution # 08-09:** Increases fee paid by applicants from \$5 to \$15 for the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

**Resolution #08-10:** Seeks to establish a procedure whereby Lodges can vote on proposed legislation by absentee ballots.

**Resolution #08-11:** Seeks to restore Aaron Shubb to Masonic membership. Originally expelled because in 1999 he pleaded guilty to charge of possession of narcotics with the intent to sell. Judge in case has set aside verdict and thus, he wishes to be reinstated.

**Resolution #08-12:** seeks to restore James R. Paden to Masonic membership.

He was expelled in 2002 because while under the influence of alcohol and a drug he drove an automobile which resulted in the death of his wife and daughter. He wishes to be reinstated because he was expelled based on the belief that he was guilty of vehicular manslaughter. However, he was never convicted of such a crime.

**Resolution #08-13:** Out of order as submitted without the required number of signatures.

**Resolution #08-14:** Statement of racial and ethnic reconciliation. If passed, to be sent to the remaining California Indian Reservations and Rancherias, and to all Prince Hall Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of California.

**Resolution #08-15:** Seeks to provide for future recognition without further vote of each Prince Hall Grand Lodge which was preciously contacted but have not responded to a prior offer of recognition.

**Per Capita Recommendation:** seeks to raise the per capita charge 3% from \$29 to \$31.

### What is Freemasonry to you?

(A Minnesota Mason answered this as summarized below)

If a non-Mason were to ask you, "What is Masonry?" How would you answer? To me, Masonry is the following:

1. In the lodge room, Speculative Masonry is information and inspiration.
2. In the home, Masonry is kindness and fidelity.
3. In business relationships, Masonry is honesty and veracity.
4. In my daily work, Masonry is thoroughness and dependability.
5. In social contacts, Masonry is moderation and self-control.
6. Toward the fortunate, Masonry is congratulations and best wishes.
7. Toward the weak, Masonry is compassion and assistance.
8. Toward wickedness, Masonry is rebuke and resistance.
9. Toward the penitent, Masonry is forgiveness and another chance.

10. Finally, toward God, Masonry is reverence, love and obedience.

[*"Mason, Masonry, and Freemasonry, Who, What, and Where," Grand Lodge of Michigan*]

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

September 14-15  
Reno Trip - Overnight

September 26-28  
Friday-Sunday  
Grand Lodge Communication

November 1  
Anniversary Dinner  
Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco

November 4  
Elections- Stated Meeting

November 16-17  
Gold Country Casino & Hotel  
(See flyer enclosed)

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 September.

Gordon E. Steele .....	2
Thomas A. Frydenlund .....	3
Glenn G. Whiteside, P.M. ....	3
George Washington .....	4
Charles L. Foster, P.M. ....	5
Randolph V. Rosso .....	5
Claus Back .....	7
Raymond L. Ward Jr. ....	9
Luis R. Martinez .....	16
Howard E. Lewis, Jr. ....	18
Tony Lucskay .....	24
Richard M. Pembroke .....	29

*Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.*



## IN MEMORIAM

**Charles A. Black**

Raised September 24, 1940

Entered into Rest

May 19, 2008

*Almighty Father  
Into Thy Hands*

*We Commend the Soul of our  
Dear Departed Brother*

## Information Night

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30  
Monday, September 8, 2008

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Information Program

For new members & men interested  
in Freemasonry

Find out more about Freemasonry,  
the programs at

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge,  
and Masonry within California.

Women are welcome.

Please contact Junior Warden,  
David Walda. Deadline September

4<sup>th</sup> Dinner reservations 415-350-  
2340 or ggs\_srdeac@sbcglobal.net

*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