

# Golden Gate Speranza

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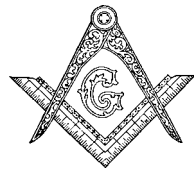
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Installation of Junior Warden,  
Senior Steward & Organist

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

Officers Practice: 2nd Degree Complete

Attire: casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

Sixth Annual Crab Dinner & Games

Dinner: 6:30 PM Attire: casual

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

*Reservation deadline: Friday, Jan. 15th*

*No reservation, no crab*

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

Officers Practice: 3rd Degree 1st Section

Attire: casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:30 PM

### Looking Ahead

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

Third Degree Conferral upon

Brother Carl P. Zwanzig

### FROM THE EAST



It's January 2010 already, when one can celebrate (if they wish) New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Happy Mew Year for Cats (Jan. 2), JRR Tolkien Day (Jan. 3), Harlem Globetrotters Day (Jan. 7), National Clean Off Your Desk Day (Jan. 11) Belly Laugh Day (Jan. 24), and Fun At Work Day (Jan. 29). I'm partial to Clean Off Your Desk Day, as that is about how often my desk is clean. Then I cannot find where I put all my files.

January also means a new line of our lodge officers gets back to the work of our fraternity after the holidays. But first, let me extend my appreciation to all who were able to attend the installation on December 8th. I was very pleased to see everyone, and I think everyone enjoyed the evening of dinner, the music performed by a trio from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and the fine installation ceremony. My thanks to everyone who helped in some way to make it a success.

I also want to thank those unable to attend the installation who included notes of congratulations on the RSVP cards. I appreciate your

**Vision Statement:** Golden Gate Speranza Lodge may be a place where our Brothers can join in fraternal and social activity, and accomplishment in their Masonic work together.

### 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. Nestor Guia Reyes - Initiated February 12, 2008

Second: Bro. Joe Lyde White Jr. - Initiated November 11, 2008

Second: Bro. Craig Charles Peden - Initiated April 28, 2009

Second: Bro. James Vladimir Adams - Initiated September 15, 2009

Third : Bro. Carl P. Zwanzig - Passed February 24, 2009

Third : Bro. Bryan James Clifton - Passed October 20, 2009

kind thoughts and encouragement.

One of my first official pleasures as Master of this lodge was to attend the installation of Mission Lodge #169 on December 12, when Brother Arakel Derounian, P.M. was installed as the Master. I also attended the installation of Phoenix Lodge #144 to see John Perry installed as their new Master. My congratulations to Worshipfuls Derounian and Perry on taking the chair in the East.

At the January Stated Meeting, I will be installing our Junior Warden, Brother Patrick Burke, P.M., who was the Installing Officer on December 8, and our Senior Steward, Brother George Lazar, who was unable to attend as he and his wife Camille were awaiting the birth of their first child. Brother Lawrence Boysen will also be installed as our Organist. Brother Boysen is a member of Pacific Starr-King Lodge #136, and has agreed to be our organist for this year. My personal thanks to Brother Boysen for his music at the installation.

At the Stated Meeting of December 1st, 2009, Brother Carl Zwanzig gave his Fellowcraft Proficiency. I know Brother Zwanzig was eager to complete the proficiency before the end of the year, and he did well. The conferral of the Third Degree on Brother Zwanzig is scheduled for February 16th.

There will be a Crab Dinner on January 19<sup>th</sup>, which is a favorite for many of the members. Please be sure to make a reservation either at the January Stated Meeting, or call (415) 221-2907. And if you find out that you won't be able to attend after a reservation is made, please let us know. This helps to keep our lodge costs down. Further information is highlighted in this bulletin.

At the December 8th installation, I presented the theme for 2010: **Building on our Foundation**. I feel that this theme is appropriate for our lodge given the current state of our membership. Though Golden Gate Speranza Lodge has initiated a number of members over the last few years, we still experience a deficiency in attendance at meetings and in new members willing to be an officer. This situation has been remarked upon in previous bulletins.

By **building on our foundation**, the lodge focuses on those core functions of

the lodge. We focus on how to encourage better attendance at our practices and degrees from our current membership. Through improved attendance, we encourage and groom our new members to be officers. The foundation of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge becomes strong through the work we do together for our meetings, degrees, programs, and social events.

Our Foundation becomes solid when the tenets of Freemasonry are encouraged and practiced within our lodge and the greater Freemasonry Fraternity. These tenets, which set us apart from others outside the Masonic Fraternity are **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. Through the practices and conferral of degrees, we are reminded of that which makes us better men, and through which we are reminded of the foundational lessons of Freemasonry which sets us in pursuit of improving ourselves.

We can also direct some of our attention on ways to make our Fraternity more visible to the public. Though a man must ask to join our Fraternity of his own free will and accord, we are not completely prohibited from letting the public know of our existence. Masonry has garnered much attention in the last few years due, in no small part, to books and movies. How can our lodge, in particular, use that to our advantage?

My vision for Golden Gate Speranza Lodge is that it may be a place where our Brothers can join in fraternal and social activity, and accomplishment in their Masonic work together. If we can become a place where our Brothers are eager to attend, and a place where member prospects want to join, Golden Gate Speranza Lodge will grow.

In closing, we were recently informed by Brother Adam Kendall, P.M., Collections Manager of the Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum, that a walking stick presented to Worshipful William Schuyler Moses in 1902 is on display at the Museum at Grand Lodge. William Schuyler Moses was the first Master of Golden Gate Lodge in 1851. The beautifully ornate gold-handled ebony walking stick was presented to Worshipful Moses in honor of his service as the first Master of the lodge. This walking stick is also viewable on the Grand Lodge website at

<http://freemason.pastperfect-online.com/37812cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks>, and typing "walking stick" or "cane" in the search criteria. You may also want to take a look at other parts of the online library and museum pages at <http://www.masonicheritage.org/>.

Fraternally,  
David G. Walda, Master

**Congratulations to  
George and Camille Lazar  
in the birth of their daughter  
Michelle Gala Lazar  
Born December 11, 2009**

## FROM THE WEST

*By Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.*



I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year!

I also would like to thank all brethren for the expression of confidence in electing me Senior Warden of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge for 2010 Masonic Year. I look forward to supporting our new Master and his corps of officers in the best way I can, while serving in the Masonic fraternity in five officer positions.

My heartiest congratulations go to our newly installed Worshipful Master, David G. Walda. Together and with the help of Worshipful Patrick Burke, our Junior Warden, and all the officers of the Golden Gate Speranza Lodge, we will strive to make 2010 a year to remember.

On behalf of the Lodge, my sincere gratitude goes to our outgoing Master, Worshipful Patrick Burke, who for five years kept this lodge together and going. Why did he do it? Because he was entrusted with the survival of this lodge which is a solemn responsibility. He believed that the young officers coming up the line were capable and most worthy of taking this lodge into the future. Our pledge is to prove him right and realize his dream which is also our dream. He has dedicated himself to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

With each New Year come new resolutions. My New Year's resolution is to attempt to increase the lodge

membership. It is not an easy task and every brother should take on this responsibility as well so that united we can succeed. The most important task we do is making Masons. I am optimistic that under the able guidance of our Officers' Coach, Worshipful Henry Dosdorian, the officers will not only learn the ritual well but also receive ample valuable information about the fraternity, most importantly - the real secret of Freemasonry - making good men better.

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 wheel barrows\_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, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

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

I am looking forward to a great year!



### Sixth Annual Crab Dinner and Games

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:30 PM  
 One crab, salad, pasta, and bread  
 No charge for members, their ladies, and widows  
 Guests \$25/person  
 Reservations required: 415-221-2907

Reservation Deadline: January 15, 2010  
**No reservation, no crab**  
 Please, 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.*



### 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.*



Meet your 2010 Officers