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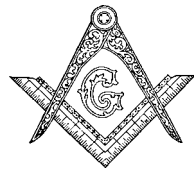
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TRESTLEBOARD

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 9, 2010

Officers Practice

3rd Degree, 1st & 2nd Sections

Attire: casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:30 PM

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Third Degree Conferral

Brother Carl Zwanzig

Dinner 6:30 PM

Degree 7:30 PM

Attire: Tuxedos by the Officers

Dinner Reservations to the Junior Warden

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Dinner & Movie Night

6:30 P.M.

Men only

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

FROM THE EAST



This month perhaps you want to observe Working Naked Day (Feb 1), Groundhog Day (Feb 2), USODay (4), or Dump Your Significant Jerk Day (6). There is also Lincoln's birthday (Feb 12) and Washington's birthday (22) to observe too. And just so workers don't get too used to days off, some will observe the birthdays on Presidents' Day, February 15th.

At the January Stated Meeting, Brother Patrick Burke, PM, was installed as Junior Warden, and Brother George Lazar was installed as Senior Steward. Brother Lawrence Boysen was to be installed as organist, but he came down with a nasty cold and stayed home. I will install him at the February Stated Meeting. The budget for 2010 was also presented and passed.

The annual crab dinner, January 19th, was well attended considering the rainy weather that was ensuing during that week. The crabs were very good, and everyone had a good time, especially those that left with



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

bingo prizes. This dinner was a good opportunity for us to come together, eat and have fun together.

My deep thanks to several Brothers who made the crab dinner possible: Brother Henry Dosdorian, Jr. PM who ordered and picked up the crabs at Half Moon Bay; Brothers Daniel Boyd and Ging Lowe PM for shopping and preparing the other dinner courses. My thanks to the other Brothers who helped in the kitchen, as well as the usual dinner crew, Anastasia Jougantos and Veronica Bellamy, plus the dinner servers - a few young men from the San Francisco Chapter of DeMolay under the direction of Marsha Nichols.

February 16th will be the conferral of the Third Degree of Brother Carl P. Zwanzig. There will be dinner at 6:30 PM, and the degree starts at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be prepared by the talented chef who also prepared the installation dinner in December. Reservations would be appreciated. A signup sheet will be available at the Stated Meeting, or you can contact the Junior Warden.

The following Tuesday, February 23rd will be dinner and movie night for the Brothers only. The movie has not yet been selected, and I am open to suggestions.

I announced at our January dinners about a Reno trip being planned. Originally I mentioned dates in April. However, Brother Bellamy PM brought to my attention that a number of our Brothers would not be able to attend. It should be of special interest to some that the Reno trip will be on a Saturday and Sunday, rather a Sunday and Monday to allow our working Brethren and significant others to go on the trip. I would also expect that those so inclined should be able to take in one of the headliner shows on Saturday night. Further details will be distributed once finalized.

The Masonic Service Association of North America has made appeal to the Masonic Lodges throughout the United States for donations to aid Haiti. Haiti does have Masonic Lodges under the Grand Orient d' Haiti. Their Grand Lodge is in Port-au-Prince. According to some sources there are 51 lodges in Haiti consisting of 6,000 members.

As Charity is one of Freemasonry's tenets, we as Brothers and as a lodge may

want to consider a donation to help those that are suffering from this very severe disaster. Donations can be made through the Grand Lodge of California by sending them a check made out to "MSA Disaster Relief Fund", with the check marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief". Checks can be mailed to the Office of Philanthropy, 1111 California St. San Francisco, CA 94108. All donations will be acknowledged by the Grand Lodge Office, and forwarded to the Masonic Service Association for distribution to Haiti's Lodges.



Walking stick presented to the Worshipful William Schuyler Moses in 1902. From the Grand Lodge Henry W. Coil Museum website

FROM THE WEST

By Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.



Welcome February! February reminds me first and foremost of Presidents' Day, followed by Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year both of which will be celebrated on February 14th this year; so like to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day and "Gung Hey Fat Choy!"

I picked the following article from Masonic Americana, "George Washington - Master Mason" and thought you might enjoy it as I find it very apropos of this month as well as a refresher to carry on his ideals.

GEORGE WASHINGTON - MASTER MASON

by William E. Parker

Few indeed are the men revered as is Washington. More than thirty years after our Bicentennial, the 200th Anniversary

of the birth of this great nation, what are our thoughts for this man who gave so much for his country and without whose leadership during a trying moment of history it is doubtful that our nation would be as it is today? It was in February of 1732, 275 years ago, that George Washington entered this world and in December 1799, some 68 years later, that he entered the Grand Lodge Above. What can we say of this man that has not been said before, this man we call the "Father of our Country"? And yet, his place in history is so unique, so important, that a few words bear repeating on the life of this great American, the "Heartbeat of the American Revolution." As Masons, we believe that his Masonic background was a significant part of his philosophy of life, a philosophy so important in the legacy he left to us, that which we now call our American Way of Life. His deep regard for human liberty and the dignity of man gave strength to our cause at a moment when strength was needed. Most people are aware of his English ancestry but it is of note to mention that Washington also had a proud French heritage being a descendent of one Nicholas Martiau a French Huguenot who emigrated to the United States in 1620. The high moral and industrious qualities of these freedom-seeking people have left an indelible mark upon history. "In the general darkness of the period of feudal decay, Roche writes, "the enlightenment of the Huguenots who were self-reliant burghers, businessmen and skilled craftsmen, was shown by contrast, though it was only relative. But the candle they lit in that darkness grew into a great flame; and the principles for which they were persecuted, were, in embryo, the same principles, moved from the theological confines, on which the United States of American was founded and for which both the pioneering American Revolution and its offspring, the French Revolution, was fought."

The qualities of character of these early Huguenots were passed down through succeeding generations to Washington that he, like a shining beacon, might illuminate the path amidst the darkness of despair.

Strange indeed are the ironies of history that the events in 17th century France contributed to the birth of a new

nation in a new land almost two centuries later. And, stranger still, that it was yet another Frenchman, and a Mason, General Lafayette, who stood side by side with Washington during the stirring days of our nation's birth and whose contributions proved so vital to the successful outcome.

Washington the man and Washington the Mason: Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in the Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in November of 1752, he was Passed in March and Raised in August of 1753 in that same Lodge. He was proud of his membership, saying, "The object of Freemasonry is to promote the happiness of the human race," and in 1788 served as first Master of what is now known as Alexandria-Washington Lodge. It was perhaps inevitable that, after Washington's magnificent contributions to the nation during the Revolutionary period, he should be named a Virginia Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, where as Presiding Officer he played a key role in the success of the Convention and ultimately became our first President in 1789. Washington thus became the first Master of a Masonic Lodge to become President, holding, for a time, both that high office and that of Worshipful Master of his Lodge, a rare distinction indeed. Washington's words upon becoming President reflect well his philosophy: "Integrity and firmness are all that I can promise." What more could a nation ask?

From the very beginning, Masonry has been closely associated with the history of our nation. And never more dramatically evidenced than in 1793 when, wearing a Masonic apron presented to him by General Lafayette and embroidered by Madame Lafayette, Washington in a Masonic ceremony laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol at Washington, D.C. In August of 1790, in a letter to King David Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island, Washington wrote: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the society and to be considered by them as a deserving brother." Washington had a deep sense of national union. In a response to an address of Charleston, South

Carolina, Masons, he said: "The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it." In Washington's famous Farewell Address on his retirement from public life, he emphasized that the responsibility for America's destiny rests directly upon its citizens, and he urged Americans to forge a nation of high principles: "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct."

Washington served both God and man with the firmness of his convictions. During the darkest days of the Revolution and the cruel winter at Valley Forge, it was Washington who stood firm in the face of adversity and knelt for prayer in the snow to reaffirm his faith in God and seek divine assistance in the justice of his cause.

As his hope was in God, so must we, too, place our hope in God. Washington carried in his heart the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom. As Masons, we must likewise carry forward those same ideals.

Much more could be said about this great American, but I believe the facts speak for themselves far more eloquently than any tribute I might be able to offer—"First in war, first in peace and 'indeed' first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Reprinted from Masonic Americana, 1976, pages 5-6 "Heartbeat of America..."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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| Armando Bolaños, P.M. | 14 |
| Timothy Craig | 15 |
| Frederick J. Gundran, Jr. | 17 |
| Marc R. Seidenfeld, P.M. | 18 |
| Ernest G. Batchelor, Jr. | 24 |
| Chadwick C. Ertola | 26 |
| Jorge E. Bernales | 28 |
| Sweete T. Chan | 28 |
| George H. Whitaker | 28 |
| Harry Wielen | 29 |

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



Presidents' Day

February 15, 2010

RENO TRIP

May 1-2, 2010

A Saturday - Sunday Trip

Sands Regency Hotel Casino

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

Members, Wives and Widows
Double Occupancy \$43.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$64.00 Per Person

Non Members
Double Occupancy \$85.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$118.00 Per Person

Visiting Cal Neva, Sands & the Nugget

Depart from Reno 1:30 p.m., arrive San Francisco approximately 5:30 p.m.

Deadline April 6, 2010

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

Raymond Joseph Miller

Raised August 29, 1995

Entered into Rest

December 26, 2009

Roy Edward Burton

Raised June 25, 1957

Entered into Rest

January 16, 2010

Almighty Father

Into Thy Hands

We Commend the Souls of our

Dear Departed Brothers