

# Golden Gate Speranza

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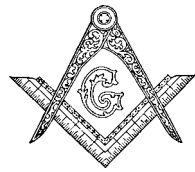
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**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 9, 2010**

Officers Practice: 1st Degree Complete

Attire: casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:00 PM

**Monday, March 15, 2010**

Masonic Information Night 7:00 PM

For men interested in finding out  
about Freemasonry

Contact David Walda for more information

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Night

Dinner 6:30 PM

Bingo after dinner

Attire: Casual

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Visit to California Lodge #1 for their

3rd Degree Conferral

Dinner 6:30 PM; Degree 7:30 PM

Dinner reservations to the Master by March 15

Attire: suit

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010**

Officers Practice: 3rd Degree: 2nd Section

Attire: casual

*Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:00 PM*

### Looking Ahead

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

### FROM THE EAST



March 1st is Beer Day, one I hadn't heard of before but is certainly worthy of observing – I know I will, with a couple of pints. Daughters and Sons Day is on the 7th. Parents, time to open your wallets again. Lips Appreciation Day is March 15. I thought that was included last month for Valentines Day. St. Patricks Day is on March 17, and our lodge will have our corned beef and cabbage dinner on the 16th. Memory Day is the 21st, but you might want to write that one down. And here's one that we should all observe: National Common Courtesy Day on the 21st. And remember we will lose an hour for the start of daylight savings time March 14th.



On February 16th, Brother Carl Zwanzig was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Congratulations, Brother Carl. My compliments and thanks to all the officers and others that helped in the degree. I want to extend my thanks to Brother Gordon Whiteside who also filled in on the degree.

Our social for March will be the St. Patrick's Day dinner, serving corned beef and cabbage. And the evening would not be complete without bingo. Please make your reservations to Ana at the number shown in the bulletin.

I have also scheduled a Masonic Information Night for those men that might be interested in Freemasonry and want to find out more about it. If you know of someone who has expressed an interest, please invite them to this evening, or have them contact me. Lodge members are also welcome to drop by, meet these men, and have some refreshments which will be available.

There will be a Masonic Service at the lodge for Brother Burton on March 27th at 2 PM. I urge all Brothers to attend if possible for one of

**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.

our members who has gone to that Celestial Lodge above. By the way, did you know that under the California Masonic Code it is the duty of every member to attend a funeral service of a deceased brother of his lodge if he can do so without serious inconvenience?

Those interested in the Reno trip on May 1st and 2nd should get their checks in very soon. I know that the bus is filling up, and may be filled by the time you read this.

I have previously remarked upon the need for our lodge to be more present to the public. Some lodges have placed their lodge in Facebook. Even Grand Lodge of California is on Facebook with over 3,200 fans. I think Golden Gate Speranza Lodge would have some benefit with a presence on Facebook, too. There are many persons who use Facebook for communicating and looking for other interests. At the very least, having our lodge on Facebook our contact information will provide an easy and free method for more exposure. I will be asking the Brethren to approve a Facebook presence at the next Stated Meeting.

**Mark your calendar:** At the Stated Meeting on May 4th, all members of Golden Gate Speranza who have reached 25 years or more as a Mason and have not already received their 25 Year award will be awarded the pin that evening. I have been informed by one of our Past Masters that the custom of giving out the 25 year pin has not been done for some years. All qualifying Brothers who are due the 25 year award are encouraged to attend the May 4 Stated Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the Secretary, Brother Whiteside P.M. so that one can be mailed to you.

The Northern California Research Lodge is presenting a program titled "Freemasonry Fact & Fiction, The Dan Brown Effect" on April 17th in Sacramento. It starts at 11:30, with lunch at noon, and the program at 12:45. I plan on attending, and welcome others who would like to go up to Sacramento with me. If there is considerable interest, perhaps this will be a "lodge event". The cost is only \$10.00. Anyone interested should contact me soon.



*Worshipful Master David G. Walda  
congratulating our newly raised Brother  
Carl Zwanzig*

## FROM THE WEST

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



A group of Masonic brothers with different cultural backgrounds together with their wives embarked on a tour of different parts of Luzon, biggest island in the Philippines. It started in Manila and ended in Makati (the commercial hub of the Philippines) with so many remembrances imprinted in the minds of the brethren. I am sure these memories will be long remembered, especially the warm hospitality received by the Masonic Brethren in different parts of the area.

As soon as the Philippines Airlines landed at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Ninoy Aquino was the husband of the late President Corazon Aquino), we at once experienced the closeness of Masonic Brethren when a group of them showed up at the airport to assist and facilitate the release of our luggage and to hasten the processing of our documents through the Immigration and Custom Departments. Brethren from the Airport Security, the Immigration and the Bureau of Customs helped each other to make our arrival so smooth and pleasant. This was truly so impressive at our very first glance.

The following day we toured the famous Island of Corrigidor, the last bastion of defense of the American and

Pilipino soldiers during WWII. We visited the famous Malinta Tunnel where thousands of American and Pilipino soldiers sought refuge from the incessant bombings of the Japanese invaders and where thousands of them died.

Our main tour started on Wednesday Feb. 3, 2010 and ended on Saturday Feb. 13, 2010. We visited different cities of Northern Luzon. The City of Vigan was our first stop. We stayed at an old Hotel located at the Heritage Park designated by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. This Hotel was old but very unique in many ways. Then we proceeded to the City of Laoag where we stayed for two days. On our way we stopped at the Marcos Mausoleum, where his body can still be viewed. We saw many century old churches in this city. Last but not least was the Baguio City we visited in the far north. This is the designated Summer Capital of the Philippines and the home of the Philippine Military Academy (The West Point of the Philippines). The Mansion, is the official summer residence of the President of the Philippines, it is one of the most visited landmark of the City of Pines. The main gate is said to be a replica of that at Buckingham Palace in London. Across from there was the beautiful Wright Park Riding Circle where hundred of horses and ponies are for hire. We also visited Burnham Park, Camp John Hay, Philippine Military Accademy, the Baguio Cathedral and the Botanical Garden.

What made this part of the tour so unique and different is that in every city that we stopped, we were given a very cordial reception by Brother Masons of every lodge of the City. We even had the Junior Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines as host in Baguio City.

We traveled 12 hours South to reach the San Pablo City, the home city of one of the brethren in our group, which is about 45 miles south of Manila and the location of his Mother Lodge. What made this last stop particularly different is that here we were treated royally by the brother who owned this Plantation & Resort, Villa Escudero, which is a prime tourist destination for locals, overseas Filipino and for foreign visitors. We were treated royally because the owner not only himself escorted us but also hosted our group for the entire day which included tour of the

park by caribao-drawn carts (Philippino buffalo) with a serenade of traditional music. There was a really nice museum, delicious buffet by the waterfall, you are actually eating in the river (e.g. your feet get wet). The owner, himself showed us everything including the inside of the residence that was off limit to other guests. The day ended with a beautiful cultural show and tour of the wedding reception, conference areas and the beautiful rental units. We were also invited to Acacia Farm belonging to a Brother Mason where we were happily fed and demonstrated us how a cockfight was done.

I have to end my write up but I will be remiss if I will not mention a particular event that happened to us on our way to the last leg of the tour. We were invited by another Brother to visit the Highlands of Tagaytay located in the city with the same name and where the guests can view an active Taal volcano. This particular resort is for members only and only those who can afford can become a member. We were ahead of our schedule and arrived earlier than our host. We waited at the clubhouse and wanted to order food for lunch; unfortunately, the facility would not accept orders without the member/host at the site. We were about to leave when one Brother approached us and offered his help. Nobody knew him. One of us was wearing a bright yellow Masonic tee shirt, which caught the eye of this God sent Brother who vouched for us and we were able to order and had a hearty luncheon atop the picturesque Tagaytay Highlands.

There is so much more to relay but it will take a whole chapter to complete it. This in a nutshell summarizes the highlights of our Northern Luzon Tour.

## The Man In The Hat

by Martin Kloess

Did you know in the past all Masons wore a hat at Lodge meetings? It was a symbol of freedom and equality. The top hat was first seen in 1797. Though wearing a top hat by the Master has become part of our custom, there are examples of other styles of hats.

Let's focus on the man under the hat who one day knocked at our door. In an ideal world, he studied Freemasonry and is familiar with his Lodge and its members. He set to memory over six million words. He has a working knowledge of the California Masonic Code. Now, he is responsible for our future.

Who knows where the man in the hat came from? Each Master brings different gifts, whatever his background. When he started, he was not fully prepared for this moment. But in his wondrous bag of Masonic lessons; he opens our lives to the potentials and rewards of wisely and usefully employing the resources available to us.

The first duty of any Mason is to serve. The person who needs our service most is the man in the hat. It is easy to say the Master is not doing a good job, but hard to remember who voted for him. It is often overlooked how much better a person can do if he has positive support. To a large extent, the success or shortcomings of the man in the hat is not the man but the Lodge. When he is successful, the Lodge rejoices in its achievements. If he falls short, he carries the weight of what we might have enjoyed.

Much wiser to serve and support the man in the hat. The third degree says "... among whom no contention should ever exist...". "...to aid, support and protect each other..." (First degree). The man under the hat enters a world similar to walking into a house for the first time. He only has his understanding of Freemasonry and hopefully a Masonic Family to support him.

When the man in the hat is done, Freemasonry continues to teach valuable life lessons and hopefully our "day" was better because of the man in the hat.

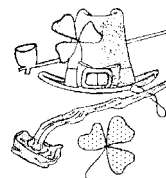


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Roger L. Pierce .....	11
Walter Zolezzi, PM .....	15
Howard E. Mangels .....	18
George J. Rossi Jr. ....	25

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



## Happy St. Patrick's Day

## 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**

*Make checks payable to:*  
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

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

Only reservations secured by checks will guarantee your seats.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Alfred Joseph Musetti, P.M.**

Raised February 19, 1958

Entered into Rest

February 7, 2010

*Almighty Father  
Into Thy Hands*

*We Commend the Soul of our  
Dear Departed Brother*