

# Golden Gate Speranza

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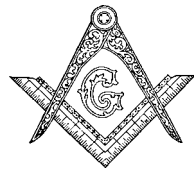
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

## Bulletin



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### TRESTLEBOARD

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Officers' Practice: 3rd Degree 1st Section

Attire: casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

Officers Practice:

Reception of Inspector

Reception of Flag

Candidate Balloting

Attire: Casual

Dinner 6:30 PM, Practice 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

Officers' Practice: 3rd Degree: 2nd Section

Attire: casual

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

### Looking Ahead

**Tuesday, May 4 2010**

Official Visit of the District Inspector

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

*Reservations required: 415-221-2907*

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

25 Year Pin Investiture

### FROM THE EAST



No foolin', it's April already, that dreaded month when taxes are due. April 1st, when it might be wise to watch for pranks, is also St. Stupid Day, held in San Francisco, by the First Church of the Last Laugh, April 3rd is Pony Express Day, Barbershop Day on the 11th; Be Nice to Lawyers Day is on the 14th (*is that legal?*); National Stress Awareness Day on the 16th, and National Hairball Awareness Day is on the 30th.



The Brethren had the opportunity to meet the new inspector for our lodge and district at our March Stated Meeting, the **Worshipful Antonio (Tony) Cimarra, Jr.** He is a member of California Lodge #1 and San Leandro Lodge #113. We welcome Worshipful Cimarra this new position in the Masonic Fraternity. He is still learning the duties of an Inspector, yet has already looked over some of the Lodge records as part of his review.

### 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. Bryan James Clifton - Passed October 20, 2009

**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.

Worshipful Cimarra will be conducting the annual **Inspector's Visit** at our May Stated Meeting. All officers should take note as tuxedos will be the attire for the night. There will be a reminder in the May bulletin. Take note that in April, there will be an officers' practice for receiving the inspector and I encourage all officers to attend to refresh their memories on the proper ritual.

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The St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 16 was very well attended, and the traditional corned beef and cabbage was especially good. There was a special dessert prepared by my friend **Carl Tebell** - crème de menthe flavored pudding; just perfect for observing St Patrick's Day. A special thanks to **Ana Jougantos** for her work in making the dinner a success, and to **Marsha Nichols** who put up appropriate decorations and served with the **San Francisco DeMolay Chapter**. Thanks also to **Sandy Whiteside** for helping clean up afterward.

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April is the "Public School Month". The Grand Lodge of California has chosen this year's theme as "**Public School - the Foundation of our Democracy**". The public schools became a special cause for Grand Lodge in 1920 when Grand Master Charles Albert Adams, seeing that schools were suffering problems after World War I, issued a proclamation for *Public School Week*, and requested every Masonic Lodge in California hold a community meeting to discuss the crises.

Over the years, the Masonic Fraternity has supported public schools in many ways: volunteering at schools as mentors, instructors, teacher recognition, direct financial support for specific schools or classes, and through scholarships, from both individual lodges and Masonic Bodies. Grand Lodge of California sponsors the California State Teacher of the Year, and the Masonic Student Assistance Program. The MSAP trains teachers to identify at-risk students and work as teams. Over 50,000 students have already been helped.

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge has in past years given scholarships to students entering college and graduate school. Scholarships have been given to students graduating from a San Francisco high school. This year the Board of Trustees has oversight of the scholarship and applications are now available. Applicants must be members of the Lodge or children of members of the Lodge or members of DeMolay. They must be graduating high school seniors accepted for enrollment in a university or college, or a full time student already enrolled in a university or college.

Completed applications with all required documentation must be received by the Trustees no later than May 31, 2010. For further information contact Marc Seidenfeld at 650-877-8253.

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Put on your calendars the date of **May 25**, which will be Egyptian Night, with Egyptian food and belly dancing. As an added bonus, I will not be doing the belly dancing.

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Grand Lodge of California has **Masonic Assistance** for Masons and their families. Masonic Assistance includes Masonic Homes of California, Masonic Outreach Services, and the Masonic Family Resource Center. The Masonic Homes of California has two principal sites in Union City and Covina, where Master Masons (in good standing) 60 years of age or older are eligible to live with their spouses. These facilities have many services available to the residents.

Masonic Outreach Services offers assistance for members and their wives who live in their home, but need help with issues connected to their age. MOS has information and referrals for services and resources such as housekeepers, MediCal physicians transportation, legal services and senior programs. Also provided is ongoing care management, and financial assistance for those in need.

The Masonic Family Resource Center provides support for the challenges that may California Masons their families

encounter, such as issues of divorce, job loss, special needs for a child, and other challenges.

Persons interested in more information may call 888-466-3642 or go to [www.masonichome.org](http://www.masonichome.org).

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Though there is no umbrella organization to which the Grand Lodges of the United States report, there is an organization called the **Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA)**. It was formed in 1919 to provide services to its member Grand Lodges that they would find difficult to provide for themselves. Thus the national voice that the MSA has is dedicated to Service to the Masonic community.

The primary functions and activities of the MSANA are:

Disaster Relief - since 1923 the MSA has collected and forwarded funds for disasters around the world.

Education/Information Publications - the MSA has a free catalog of publications, bulletins and other materials available.

Masonic Information Center - to provide information on Freemasonry to Masons and non-Masons alike and to respond to critics of Freemasonry.

Hospital Visitation Program - provides assistance and service to our sick or wounded veterans.

Service - The Masonic Service Association of North America is a servant of Freemasonry. Formed of and supported by Grand Lodges, it is a voice that they can move to action, that the great heart of the Fraternity be made manifest and that the will of a united Craft may be done.

Check out their website at [www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com). There is some interesting reading and links.

*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.*

# FROM THE WEST

By Vrej M. Mekhalian, P.M.



## Lodge Night

1. He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his police uniform on the hooks and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

2. He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

3. The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said good night to his children and snuck into his room to change his clothes. Upon leaving he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

4. It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work. It was also tiring. Normally he would have been headed home for a relaxing evening. But tonight was not normal and he felt none of the usual fatigue as tonight was Lodge night.

5. Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. And most of all he missed his life long partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

6. The accident had been terrible. But there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy and there were possibilities of complications. But for a while he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight was Lodge night.

7. It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day he faced the nameless horde of people who continue to tell him that he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed, it was Lodge night.

8. He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he didn't know and a few he did. Now with an ancient relic of a bygone age they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

9. From all walks of life we come. We donate our time to an age honoured tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves. We gather in fellowship and part in peace. For a while we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves.

Tonight is Lodge night and I am glad I am a Mason.

Author Unknown



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Russell S. Morth .....	6
Chris P. Enevold, Jr. ....	8
Gabriel L. Andrade, P.M. ....	9
Milton C. Axt .....	18
Larry L. Golden .....	19
Stanley D. Burrows .....	19
Philip A. McHale, P.M. ....	21

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

## 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.

## 25 YEAR PIN INVESTITURE

May 4, 2010

**For all members who have 25 years or more as a Mason  
Plan to attend the Stated Dinner and Meeting.**

If unable to attend, please contact Bro. Glenn Whiteside P.M., Secretary.