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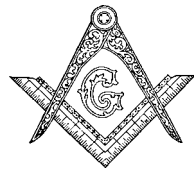
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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Stated Meeting

Constitutional Observance

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Officers' Practice: 3rd Degree

Opening & Closing

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. Practice 7:00 P.M.

Attire: casual

Monday, September 20, 2010

School of Instruction:

Pacific-Starr King Lodge #136, Host

2850 - 19th Ave, San Francisco

3rd Degree - Opening & Closing

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. School: 7:30 P.M.

Attire: casual

All Officers must call off with the Inspector

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Review & Discussion of Grand Lodge Annual

Communication Legislation

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Attire: casual

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Officers' Practice: 1st Degree, 2nd Section

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. School: 7:00 P.M.

Attire: Casual

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Hiram Award Conferral on
Patrick Burke, P.M.

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Stated Meeting

FROM THE EAST



Here is September already. Labor Day weekend this month seems to bookend the end of the summer vacation time (Memorial Day weekend is the other bookend). The days continue to get shorter, and I realize that the end of the year looms on the horizon. Autumn starts on September 22 this year, and we pull out the warmer clothes unless you live in San Francisco where the temps have been consistently on the lower end of the thermometer.



I have been able to put together a line of officers for next year. By all accounts, I will again sit in the East, and am very happy to do so. Plans have to be made for the installation, to encourage those respective officers to "qualify" with the Inspector sooner than later, and the other officers new to their station get proficient at advanced stations for the remaining practices and meetings.

Our District Inspector, The Worshipful Antonio Cimarra Jr., made his official visit at the July Stated Meeting, and his visit was punctuated with a wonderful dinner followed by a good meeting where he greeted the Brethren.

Just prior to that, on Saturday June 26, Bros. Vrej Mekhalian PM and Gil Travis PM joined me on an all day journey to give out two Golden Veteran Awards to Bros. Howard Lewis, Jr. and Claus Back.

Bro. Lewis, residing in San Carlos, was raised on May 11, 1960. He was born in Bellingham, WA., and has lived in San Francisco, Belmont and San Carlos. Howard served in the Korean War in the 701st MP Battalion, assigned to Fort Ord. After the service, he was a mechanic and machinist, working for 15 of those years for the City of San Francisco. His hobbies have been hunting and gun collecting. 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.

the latter hobby, he once owned 653 guns at one time, which included old weapons such as muskets going back to the mid 1700's. Brother Lewis' contribution to our Fraternity included giving the Charges for the First and Second Degrees. He has two sons.

Bro. Claus Back was born in San Francisco, and has been a resident there until 2004, when he and his wife Shirley moved to Sonoma. Bro. Back attended Commerce and Lincoln High Schools in San Francisco, then Utah State College. He was in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1946. He worked at H. S. Crocker Printing & Lithographers for 42 years as an estimator. His hobbies have been gardening and refinishing old furniture. Brother Back has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was raised on February 18, 1960. Bro. Back was in the 2nd section of the Third degree, and coached the 3rd Degree proficiency. He served on the Temple Board as secretary and chairman of the Lodge Blood Bank.

My thanks to Bros. Mekhalian and Travis for traveling with me and "coaching" me on conferring the Golden Veterans Award to these two Brothers.

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Grand Lodge of California has sent information concerning the Annual Communication to be held on September 24-26. I urge all Master Masons to attend, especially the newer ones. It is an opportunity to meet our Brethren from other lodges and see how lodges of California conduct their business at this annual event. It's similar to a lodge stated meeting, but on a bigger scale at which resolutions which could change the California Masonic Code can be changed. There are also reports given from various committees and concordant Masonic bodies.

Among Grand Master Nagel's Recommendations, there are two I found noteworthy.

Under Recommendation #2 no senior Master Mason would be suspended who is unable to pay his dues. Under this amendment to the California Masonic Code, members attaining the age of 80 or more with a specified number of years as a Master Mason would not be suspended.

A written report of a potential suspension of such a senior member would have to be prepared by the Member Retention Committee detailing when and where the committee interviewed the member, why the member has not paid his dues and whether he has the ability to pay his dues. This report would also be provided to the Grand Secretary 30 days before the vote is taken on the suspension.

Grand Master Nagel's Recommendation #4 would restore Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to participate in the business transactions of the lodge. Specifically, Stated Meetings would be held on the First Degree where both Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts would be allowed to sit in and vote on all matters except the right to ballot on an application for Degrees or Affiliation.

In Grand Master Nagel's explanation for this recommendation, he cites the Masonic history of the 1800's when there was an anti-Masonic movement, which resulted in violent mobs interrupting meetings. Further, men would pretend to be Masons for the purpose of exposing the ritual and other business that occurred in a lodge. As a result of this, membership declined, and the knowledge of ritual suffered with it.

In 1839 a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which requested all Grand Lodges to send a delegate to Washington, D.C. on the first Monday in March, 1842, "for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the Lodges of the United States and to make other lawful regulations for the protection and security of the Craft." The Convention was held on March 7, 1842. Only ten of 23 Grand Lodges were represented. While it was determined that there was not enough representation from Grand Lodges nor enough time to agree upon a uniform ritual, a number of recommendations were considered to protect the Craft from the journalists and opportunists that sought to destroy Freemasonry, or at least to make money by exposing its work.

It was recommended that certificates of good standing furnished by a Grand Lodge be required of all visiting brethren. It was recommended by the Grand Lodge

of Missouri that business meetings be held on the Master Mason Degree and not the Entered Apprentice Degree as a way to protect the privacy of the transactions of the lodge. Though this recommendation was never formally adopted, some Grand Lodges adopted this new procedure of conducting business on the Master Mason Degree and excluding Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons from the proceedings. Grand Lodges formed thereafter, like the Grand Lodge in California in 1850, adopted this practice also.

Grand Master Nagel further states that the exclusion of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons from the business of a lodge is a hindrance to their association with the fraternity today. It sets false expectations for the new Master Mason. While there are certainly other factors, it is his belief that this exclusion contributes to the growing number of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons who do not advance in our Craft.

Among the resolutions submitted by others, one would eliminate the short form oral proficiency for Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. It is the opinion of those submitting this resolution that many valuable lessons given to the candidate during the degrees are not required to be recited during the proficiency to show the candidate is well qualified and the short form proficiency was instituted because some candidates did not have time to learn the full form proficiency.

As I read through the resolutions for this year, which include new ones as well as carry-over resolutions from last year, I am struck by the variety of those submitted for consideration at the Annual Communication. Some may have far-reaching effects, which may seek to change traditions of many years. Others are submitted to change a process or clarify the Masonic Code.

Since I will be one of the representatives at the Annual Communication, I am dedicating one of our Tuesday evenings in September to reviewing the resolutions and other business that is to be brought before the voting Brethren. This is not only an opportunity to find out what will happen

at the Annual Communication, but will be a chance for me to find out from some of our senior members their perspective on some of these recommendations and learn some more of the background of our Masonic traditions. I will provide copies of the proposed legislation. I encourage you to attend.

All members with access to the internet can read the Annual Communication reports at the Grand Lodge Website, www.freemason.org. Members must first sign up to get a login to the member's area. In order to do so your member ID, printed on the label of the Freemason Magazine is needed.

Finally, the information and reservation form for the October 3rd Hiram Award dinner is being sent separately to all members, which may have been received by now. If you want to attend, it is important that the reply card be returned by the date stated. The restaurant requires a firm number at a specific time prior to the dinner. Late responses will not be accepted. I hope that you all can attend this dinner when we honor Brother Patrick Burke, P.M. with this very important honor.

RENO TRIP

October 23-24, 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 \$54.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$70.00 Per Person

Non Members
Double Occupancy \$108.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$139.00 Per Person

Visiting Cal Neva, Sands & Silver Legacy

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

Deadline October 5, 2010

Make checks payable to:
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

Mail your reservation checks to:
William B. Bellamy, III
624 Clarinada Avenue
Daly City, CA 94015-4210

**Only reservations secured by checks
will guarantee your seats.**



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
Charles L. Foster, P.M.	5
Randolph V. Rosso	5
Claus Back	7
Carl P. Zwanzig	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.*



Worshipful Master David Walda presenting Golden Veteran's Award to Brother Howard E. Lewis, Jr.



Left to right: Gilbert Travis, P.M., Brother Claus F. Back, recipient of Golden Veteran's Award and WM David Walda