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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Stated Meeting

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Practice: 1st Degree & Inspectors

Reception

Dinner 6:30 PM

Practice 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Practice: 2nd Degree & Inspectors

Reception

Dinner 6:30 PM

Practice 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

District School of Instructions

Host Lodge: Golden Gate Speranza

Lodge

Dinner: 6:30 PM/ School 7:30 PM

Looking Ahead

March 6th Stated Meeting



**Presidents'
Day**

February 20, 2012

FROM THE EAST



I want to give a big *thank you* to Br. Henry Dordorian, Jr. PM for arranging and picking up the crab for the dinner held in January. He drove to Half Moon Bay to get them. The crabs had a lot of meat, and everyone had a good time. Thanks also to the Junior Warden, Gordon Whiteside, and to Ana Jouganatos for helping that night.



Keep the days of March 2 through 4 open. If you live in the Bay Area, there is going to be a San Francisco History Expo at the Old Mint at 5th and Mission Streets during these three days. There will be an exhibit there from the Grand Lodge Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum. Of particular interest will be an exhibit of the trowel used for the cornerstone laying of the first city hall of San Francisco. This exhibit was made possible in part by a contribution from Golden Gate Speranza Lodge last year. I don't have any other details at the present time, but will share them in the next month's bulletin.

Every month at our Stated Meeting dinners, several boys from the San Francisco Chapter Order of DeMolay serve the meals under the direction of Marsha Nichols, an advisor 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.

the chapter. Our lodge makes a contribution to the DeMolay Chapter for their serving as part of their fundraising. In addition, Golden Gate Speranza has for several years given an additional monthly contribution to this DeMolay Chapter, as well as the San Francisco Rainbow Assembly and the San Francisco Job's Daughters Bethel. From time to time, our lodge Brethren authorize additional contributions to these youth orders when special letters of solicitation are received.

I am extremely thankful to the DeMolay boys who come every month and serve, giving us a chance to sit and talk amongst ourselves. The Demolay youth have also served at our installations, and presented the flag during this ceremony.

The Masonic Youth Orders are an important part of Freemasonry, giving youth a chance to meet under the guidance of Masons and advisors. What better place to teach these young women and men the ideals Freemasonry, aside from their own parents. Those of us who were in one of these youth orders, and who may have also been an advisor understand the value and importance of keeping these organizations going. There are not many opportunities where a young person has a chance to learn to be a leader, or be in an environment, at least for a couple of nights a month, away from the distractions of the current society.

I am glad that our lodge continues to support the youth orders through our contributions, as well as letting the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly use the Temple at no cost. If you know of any youth who might be interested in any of these organizations, look

for the respective link on the Grand Lodge website.

The January 24th Tuesday was used for meeting with men interested in joining Masonry, or at least finding out more information. I was pleased that three gentlemen had dinner with us. All three seemed very intent on joining a lodge. I am very hopeful that one or more of these men will apply to our lodge for membership.

As members charged with evaluating these persons who may apply to join the lodge, we have an important duty to discern if each is qualified to join the Fraternity. Such evaluation should require the Masonic signers to have adequately become familiar with the applicant seeking admission. What criteria should a Mason use? Grand Lodge of California has a nifty pamphlet for those Master Masons charged with performing an investigation once the application is read at a Stated Meeting. Any reservation of an applicant's worthiness to join the Fraternity should already have been voiced prior.

Below is an excerpt from "Freemasonry and its Etiquette", written by William Preston Campbell-Everden, a member of a London Lodge.

Who Are Fit and Proper Persons To Be Made Masons?

[This question] should be carefully considered before the initiation of a candidate, as it is too late to discuss it afterwards. Indeed, it should be carefully considered

before the candidate is proposed in Lodge and great responsibility attaches to those who seek to introduce members from the uninstructed and popular world.

One excellent test to be applied is this: Is the proposed candidate one whom we would unhesitatingly admit to our own home, and introduce to our own family circle with confidence?

The Book of Constitutions warns us against the great discredit and injury likely to be brought upon our ancient and honourable Fraternity by the admission of undesirable members, and enjoins strict inquiry into the characters and qualifications of persons wishful to become members.

He must profess and should earnestly hold, a sincere belief in the Great Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

The Ancient Charges instruct us that a Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law, if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God sees not as man sees. For man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided, he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality.

Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love: they

are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the center of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship among those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

The persons made Masons or admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgement; no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

Fraternally,
David G. Walda, P.M.
Master

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND

Some of you newer members may not know me, but I have been a Past Master of this lodge three times, and Secretary for many years, and of late the Administrator of our lodge's Scholarship for those students who are striving to attain their degrees as Master and/or Doctors.

Several years ago, when the Lodge's scholarship was still functioning, Golden Gate Speranza Lodge granted a scholarship to Jay Escobar, so he could continue his studies to become a teacher in the medical profession, especially in Medical Science and Nursing.

Recently, I tripped and fell down a flight of stairs at the Irish Cultural Center and severely

scraped my right arm from wrist to elbow and bruised the inside of the same arm from wrist to arm pit. When the arm sore refused my attempts to cure it, I called my family physician to ask for help without having to go to his office. He recommended a visiting nurses organization. When I called that organization, they scheduled a visiting nurse. Our former scholarship recipient, Jay Escobar, was the one who came to my home. He gave up a class in teaching "wound care" to a group of nurses to attend to my case. He recognized my name from earlier graduation assistance, and attended to my wound, and also renewed our friendship. "WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND".

Needless to say, my arm is almost healed and only one more visitation by Jay is necessary. To say it best is a complete "Thank You" from the Lodge.

I write this to let the members of our lodge know that their assistance has produced leaders and teachers in teaching for students who have exhausted all other means of achieving their goals. All of our recipients are now teaching in Chemistry, Mathematics and the above-mentioned Nursing profession. All of us should be proud of what was accomplished.

Fraternally,
Loyal D. Sutton, P.M.

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.



IN MEMORIAM

Thomas C. Ledda
Raised August 27, 1956
Entered into Rest
January 2, 2012

*Almighty Father
Into Thy Hands
We Commend the Soul of our
Dear Departed Brother*



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.

Amadeo Podesta	12
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
Harry Wielen	29

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

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