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DEGREES AND MASONIC EDUCATION

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The first month of the year has been a busy one with one First Degree and two Second Degrees being conferred.

I would like to congratulate our newly initiated candidate and our new Master Masons. We all look forward to seeing you advance in Masonry.

February will also be a busy month and we hope to see all who are able attending our Degrees to support the Candidates and the Officers.

February Stated meeting will take place on February 1st. The Grand Master has directed that the February Stated Meeting shall be a Home Coming for all the members of the Grand Lodge of California.

I would like to leave everyone to ponder the Three Principle Tenants of Masonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. I think that we should all keep these Tenants at the front of our minds in our Masonic endeavors.

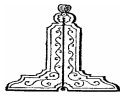
Please attend our Stated Meetings and Degree's when you can to support our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Dave Lonergan
Worshipful Master



Applications Read

Applications for the Degrees of Masonry with our lodge from: **Riki Lee Rarick** and **Elijah Douglas Turner** were read at the January Stated Meeting. If the investigating committees return a favorable report, they will be voted on at the February Stated Meeting.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

The Grand Master's theme for 2010 is "Freemasonry the Foundation of Our Country, The Blue Lodge the Foundation of Our Craft – Coming Home."

"Coming Home" is a fraternity wide effort to bring all members, back to their blue lodge beginning with the February stated meeting.

It is a continuing event that will reaffirm our fraternal commitment, celebrate our shared Masonic experiences, and to reach out to our inactive brothers.

Statistically, there are at any one time 15% of a lodge's membership is in attendance at its meetings. Our Secretary reports that our lodge currently has 250 members, and 37–38 would be our 15%. Having been present most of the lodge meetings in the last several years, I feel that we are falling short of that percent.

The 85%, who do not attend lodge, do so out of habit. Try changing your habit from not attending lodge to the habit of being active in your Masonic Lodge. Try it, you will like it.

I would ask each of you to find the time to attend our February stated meeting or another of our meetings this year. I would like to meet you at sometime this coming home year.

The Grand Master sees "Coming Home" as the largest California Masonic gathering in decades. Be part of this gathering of Masons.

Fraternally,
Drew Middleton
Senior Warden



FREEMASONRY – A WAY OF LIFE
Attend Your Lodge Soon and Often



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Happy New Year and may it bring us all good health and happiness.

As we go about our busy lives we must always remember the important tenets of Masonry; **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.**

Harmony, my brothers, is the strength of all societies especially of ours.

As a New Years resolution, plan on attending Lodge often and take part in the fellowship which is conducted in an atmosphere of friendship and brotherly love.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for electing me to serve as the Junior Warden. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to sit in the South for this Masonic Year.

Remember also that Sunday, February 14, is Valentines Day.

Fraternally,
John Brooks, PM
Junior Warden



DEGREES THIS MONTH

Check the calendar for the dates, but there will be three degree nights this month. With a Thursday degree night to confer a 2nd Degree, and two nights for 1st Degrees, you have an opportunity to join us for several evening of Masonic fellowship with your brethren.

LENGTH OF A CABLE TOW – Is generally accepted as the distance that can be traveled in one hour. One hour of walking, on horse back, by horse and buggy, or driving your car. Today you can travel farther than you could have one hundred years ago to reach the end of your cable tow.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Brethren,

There is so much that I would like to call to your attention. In addition to the information that appears on this page, there is our lodge's membership.

We currently have 250 Master Masons on our rolls, and 60 Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft members.

We know that there are many more men out there who are already Masons by their actions. They just have not yet asked the right question of the right person. Give them that chance by inviting them to the Masonic Information Dinner and Program on the fourth Wednesday each month.

Fraternally,
Roy Youngblood, PM
Lodge Secretary

Grand Master Nagel's Project 2009-2010

Operation Greatest Gift for the Greatest Generation

World War II ended in 1945, but it wasn't until 2004 that a memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to the 16 million who served in the armed forces during that war.

Health and financial obstacles have prevented most surviving veterans, now well into their 80s, from taking the long trip to honor their fallen friends and their years of service.

Operation Greatest Gift, the Grand Master's Project for 2009-2010, will make this dream come true for hundreds of California's World War II veterans.

We will organize several three-day trips to Washington, D.C. designed to provide what many veterans cannot provide for themselves: an

assisted visit to the memorial, at no cost to them. Because of our support, they will have an opportunity to say goodbye to fallen friends, be recognized for their service to our country, and come to terms with an important part of their lives.

The Grand Master's Project will also raise funds to support the work of the Masonic Hospital Visitors Program Committee. This committee of dedicated Masons ensures that there is always a presence at our state's veterans' hospitals by providing friendship, social programs, and regular visitation.

Together, we can show our veterans that their service has not been forgotten.

We expect to raise \$400,000 to make this dream a reality. The Grand Master will be traveling throughout the state, and will be honored to accept gifts from both lodges and individuals.

Please contact the Grand Lodge Office of Philanthropy at 415/292-9117 to make a donation.



Relief for Haiti Earthquake Victims

Individuals and lodges can make a donation through the Grand Lodge of California to help survivors of the catastrophic Haiti earthquake.

To make a donation for relief through the Grand Lodge:

- Make checks payable to "MSA Disaster Relief Fund"
- Earmark for "Haiti Earthquake Relief"
- Mail to Office of Philanthropy, 1111 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108

Checks will be forwarded to the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of North America. MSA will send contributions directly to the Grand Orient d'Haiti for distribution to those in need, including Masonic families of the country's 51 lodges.



Masonic Philanthropies

Donations to the Masonic Homes and Foundation have been received from the following brothers:

George Buckhalter – Gordon Larson – Tom Mullen

COMING HOME February 2010

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

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