

2009

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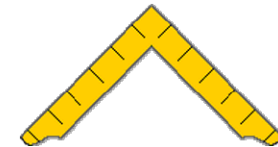
Brethren,

I talked with you about attendance last month and I will touch on that topic once more. It is difficult for some of us to get to lodge consistently every week, and on top of that sometimes we have to attend lodge twice a week for District Officer's Association meetings. At these meetings we receive the latest information regarding Grand lodge from our district inspector, we are also instructed and attempt to "finely tune" the performance and quality of our ritual.

In an effort to increase our attendance at these important district meetings, I have decided that lodge will be dark the Wednesday before every district officers meeting, unless the meeting is being hosted by Greenleaf Gardens No, 670. We are the only lodge in our district which holds its regular meetings on Wednesdays; the other lodges meet regularly on Thursdays. So, if they are hosting we go there for D.O.A on Thursdays. Sometimes we have a practice or degree the day before we have to attend a school of instruction at another lodge on the following day. Understandably, that is difficult for some. Hopefully this small change in scheduling will make it easier for us to be consistent about fulfilling our duties as officers and Masons. As always brethren the strength of our lodge lies in the hands of its leaders and members.

Fraternally,

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## *From the West*

Bethren:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California has proclaimed the month of May as the promotion of Masonic Youth Month. He is asking all the Brethren and families to set forth some to promote and help the youth orders.

How many of you know who and what the Masonic Youth orders are, and what they support? Are there more than one or two? Where do they meet? What are the requirements?

To get right to the point, here they are:

### ***International Order of Jobs Daughters***

International Order of Jobs Daughters is an organization dedicated to preparing young women to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Girls between the ages 10 through 20 who have a Masonic, Eastern Star or Majority Member relation are eligible to join. They have meetings in what is called a Bethel. Girls learn leadership, public speaking, self discipline, and have a lot of fun. They attend many functions, including leadership camp, Grand Bethel, ritual competition, and many local activities. They support education, churches, hospitals, and many other charities. They have many scholarship opportunities available through the California and Supreme Guardian Councils for college bound girls. Meetings are held the first and third Monday at Greenleaf Masonic Center at 07:00pm.

### ***International Order of Rainbow Girls***

For girls ages 11 through 20 who have a sponsored Masonic, Eastern Star, or Amaranth relation, or is sponsored by an active Rainbow girl. They have meetings in what is called an assembly. Girls learn public speaking, leadership, and many other charities. They have many scholarships available through the California Grand Assembly for college bound girls.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday at Golden Trowel Lodge - Norwalk

### ***DeMolay International***

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by develop the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. They have many scholarships available through the California DeMolay International for college bound young men.

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday at the Whittier Masonic Center

***Do you have children, Grand Children, or Great Grand Children who are looking for a place to grow? Ask yourself, have you learned from Masonic Teachings? Now, how about your family?***

Fraternally, Phill E. Mossey, PM  
Senior Warden

Brethren,

Masonic education has always been the forefront of you fraternity. The lessons taught in each degree should be reviewed by each and every one of us. Remember how it was when you were advanced through your education? Was there someone who you remember who was there, taught, and became a great leader in your life? This brings to mind an important point, the new members and continuing brothers need your support.

Come meet them, shake their hands and most importantly be there to support them during there most remembered experiences.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Casalicchio  
Jr. Warden

## *From the South*



## From the Secretary's Table

Brethren:

At the February Stated Meeting several annual reports were presented to the Lodge as required by the California Masonic Code. The Lodge has been impacted to some extent by the overall economic downturn and by the general decline in lodge membership. However we are monitoring our income and expenses carefully and are making adjustments where necessary.

Last September the Lodge approved an increase in the annual dues from \$45.00 to \$60.00 per year. This was the first increase in ten years and, at this point, there has been no negative reaction from the membership. Speaking of membership our total membership on January 1, 2008 totaled 234 and on December 31, 2008 it had dropped to 219. This continuing decline is a result of the substantial increases in membership in the post war 1950s and 1960s. A positive sign is that growth in our Lodge membership has shown an increase in the last few years but it is not large enough to compensate for the loss of these older members.

Another positive indicator is that the average age of applicants is declining and this is reflected in the age of our officers. The average age of the officers in the progressive line this year is 39.75 years. This compares to 1988, the year I was Worshipful Master, when the average age was 58.12 years. The younger officers are full of energy, ideas and enthusiasm. They are also eager to learn the duties of their present offices and to prepare for advancement to the next station.

On another subject, the menu this month restores a former tradition, that of having corned beef and cabbage, at the March Stated Meeting dinner. For those who don't like corned beef and cabbage, there are some, we will order you a chicken dinner providing you let me know by calling 562-695-2755 no later than 12:00 noon on Monday March 2nd. Also, the price of the dinner is still \$5.00, a great bargain in these difficult times.

Lee Strong, Secretary-PM

# March Birthdays

William R. Cobun, P.M.	3/3
David C. Williamson	3/4
Roger A. Greene	3/5
J. Norman Roberts, P.M.	3/6
Edwin A. Truitt	3/7
Rhio H. Cleigh	3/8
Robert B. Morris	3/10
Phillip E. Mossey, P.M.	3/10
Earl L. Canada	3/11
Edgard Abi-Khalil, P.M.	3/17
Leo W. Rice	3/20
Robert W. Holmes	3/22
Moises Gallegos	3/24
Lawrence S. Cole	3/26
Thomas A. Reasin	3/26
Rodney R. Jones	3/28
Ralph M. Sugg	3/30

These Members are Entitled to a Free Dinner at the March Stated Meeting.



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## PROCLAMATION

### YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

*"Building for a Better Tomorrow"*

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California holds our responsibility to the young men and women of the Masonic Youth Orders - the International Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Job's Daughters and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls - a privilege which calls for each and every one of us to participate.

To support our youth, today and every day, is a part of our appointed work. I call on you to assist our Masonic Youth Orders in any way you can. There are many meaningful things that we, as Masons, can do. We can attend their meetings, serve on their Advisory Boards, offer to assist with quality leadership training, give them an extra hour of our time.

I know every Mason in this jurisdiction realizes the importance of guiding our young people today. We as Freemasons are obligated to dedicate and commit ourselves to support these intelligent and patriotic young people. They are the future leaders of our Nation, our communities, and our lodges and are destined to preserve the great heritage of our country through the use of moral and ethical standards of the Masonic Fraternity that they have learned as members of our youth orders.

Every lodge and every Master Mason must enthusiastically support these Youth Orders! It is more important now than ever before. How very rewarding it will be for us individually and collectively to assist and encourage them, to strengthen and supplement their young efforts and help them become better than we are.

But our interest in them must be more than just words; it must constitute

action. Our example to them must be in the deeds we do, which prove our sincerity; the understanding that proves our character. It must be in the recognition that proves our faith in them individually and together, and in their and our future.

Knowing that each Master Mason in this jurisdiction will respond with fraternal love and charity of heart to this Masonic responsibility and to the privilege of encouraging, guiding and assisting our Youth Orders in all ways possible,

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2009 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

and I direct that this Proclamation shall be read by the Master at the Stated Meetings held during the months of February, March, and April 2009, and that this Proclamation be included in the Lodge Trestleboard. And most importantly, that each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall host special meetings or programs which include one or more youth orders, in order to exemplify our sincerity in our expressed interest and love in them. They are our future and it is up to us now to show that we mean what we say.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2009.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Larry L. Adamson  
Grand Master



## ***Stated Meeting Dinner Menu***

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

Jello Salad  
Corned Beef & Cabbage  
New Potatoes  
Assorted Breads  
Brownies

## ***Raised to the Celestial Lodge Above***

### ***William Gordon Gilbert***

Initiated - July 9, 1956

Passed - December 10, 1956

Raised - February 25, 1957

Received Golden Veterans Award December 20, 2007

Entered into Rest - January 13, 2009

Age - 90 Years, 7 Months, 28 Days

### ***Norman Gustav Lauricella***

Initiated - June 10, 1953

Passed - July 15, 1953

Raised - September 19, 1953

Received Golden Veterans Award September 26, 2003

Entered into Rest - November 22, 2008

Age - 82 Years, 9 Months, 23 Days

**Until then dear Brother, until then farewell.”**