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April



Welcome to Spring

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Worshipful Master

Brethren,
This month I would like to relay some important information.

T is for the tools of the first three degrees. **R** for every rule as each brother agrees. **O** is for the oath, in making all brothers true. **W** is for the work each one of us must do; **E** is for the effort to answer every call. **L** stands for love...the most important thing of all; These letters spell **TROWEL**, and as every brother knows; It spreads love and friendship, wherever it goes. Do you remember receiving your trowel? More importantly do you remember why you became a Master Mason, being able to lay the cornerstone where upon to build the future edifices? We have that opportunity today by becoming a volunteer and participating on Masonic activities at the VA Hospital in Long Beach. Even with compassionate professionals providing care to our veterans, it is still the human contact that gives comfort to the mind and soul of our veterans. If you would like to visit one of our veterans, contact your Master and express your interest. Together we can make a difference

February we took 40 veterans from VVRC to the mountains and played in the snow, we had sleds sliding down the hills, snowball fight fought, and a good time had by all. We had a very large gathering of Masons and their family?s of Yorba Linda, Anaheim, Buena Park, and Irvine to make Easter baskets for the veterans to give to the children of the Shriners Hospital. Seeing veterans from the Spinal Cord ward to the Nursing Home ward of the hospital come out to provide a little cheer to the faces of our children just melts ones heart.

Remember life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. This is the cornerstone being laid in the Northeast corner, will you help build this future edify and help **M.A.S.O.N.S.** Rally everywhere.

Jose Mercado, Worshipful



From the West

Brethren:

As the forth month of the year is upon us, I would like to remind all of the brethren and their families what Masonry is all about. It is a fraternity of men with the total commitment of

“Making good men better”.

This is taught to all Masons through degrees, under the direction of the Worshipful Master, the Wardens and brethren. Each degree imparts different lessons, understandings, and commitments in which provides the brother a better understanding of life, family and himself. The candidates coach continues to impart his expertise to help instruct the brother learn the lessons for him to progress to the next level.

After passing through the three degrees in the blue lodge, the brother has the option of joining The York Rite, Scottish Rite, or Shrine to continue his degrees. There are still other options in which the brother can continue to learn. A research lodge is also a great benefit for more information.

The amount of Masonic information available today is huge. The Grand Lodge of California (Grand Masters Project) is a department of Masonic Studies at University of California at Los Angeles. The college level department is devoted to Masonic Studies.

The 2009 Annual California Masonic Symposium “Applying Masonry in Contemporary Society,” will be held on May 2 at the James West Alumni Center, University of California at Los Angeles. *The event is open to Masons and the public at No Charge.*

In lectures, papers, and panel discussions, this years Symposium will examine how Masonic principles shaped the development of western democracies and where, in today’s deeply divided society, those principles may be more necessary than ever.

If you would like more information, please let me know. Registration forms are available on line at freemason.org by selecting the Masonic Center pull-down menu at the top of the page, then Masonic Education.

Senior Warden,
Phill Massey, PM



From the Secretary's Table

Brethren:

I have been writing messages for the monthly Trestle Board for about fifteen years. I started writing in 1960 during the three years when I was going through the elected line. I started again in 1986, also for the three years I was going through the elected line. Then in 2001 I was installed as Secretary of Greenleaf Gardens Lodge and I have been writing messages ever since. The point of this is that it is difficult every month to come up with a message that is interesting, important and worth taking the time to read.

This is the time of the year when we start looking for the payment of dues. We have 39 members who have not paid their 2009 dues. Considering the state of the economy and the fact that we raised the dues from \$45.00 to \$60.00, this is not a very large number. We also know that most, if not all of these, will ultimately pay their dues. The one thing we always need to know is if any member is having financial problems. If so we will be pleased to help out by remitting their dues for this year. It is often difficult for a member to admit that they are having problems, but the way things are going this year it is easy to understand. Please let us know if there is a problem.

Since this is a good time to look for bargains, I would like to put in a word for our Stated Meeting dinners. Each month we try to plan a menu that is different, tasty and appealing to all. The dinner is prepared and served by Café n’ Stuff and is still only \$5.00 per person. For members with birthdays in the particular month and the widows of our members there is no charge. The price is reasonable, the food is good and the socializing is often the best part of the evening. If you haven’t attended recently, I urge you to join us whenever you can.

Lee Strong, Secretary-PM

April Birthdays

Todd T. De Voe	4/3
Ricardo Quintero	4/3
William M. Johnson	4/7
Ralph C. Levin	4/8
Bobby R. Chaney	4/11
Robert M. Biggers, P.M.	4/11
Virgil D. Engbrecht	4/11
Thomas N. Thomas	4/13
Michael Greenman	4/13
Dale H. Speck	4/15
Ernest H. Karpati	4/15
Jay R. Shrainer	4/16
Brent W. Berry	4/18
William E. Tucker	4/18
Lester L. Mallory	4/19
Richard J. Straight	4/19
Bruce E. Morris	4/19
Edgar G. Miles, Jr.	4/21
James R. Spring	4/23
Gary L. Vincent	4/24
Michael R. Nava	4/24
Charles R. Austin	4/25
David S. Rubin	4/26
Robert J. Dominguez, Jr.	4/29

These Members are entitled to a Free
Dinner at the April Stated Meeting.

Raised to the Celestial Lodge Above

Theodore Sierakowski

Initiated – June 15, 1955

Passed – April 2, 1956

Raised – June 30, 1956

Received Golden Veterans Award September 6, 2006

Entered into Rest – February 11, 2009

Age – 86 Years, 4 Months, 9 Days

Bruce Eugene Morris

Initiated - March 12, 1946

Passed - June 11, 1946

Raised - January 28, 1947

Received Golden Veterans Award February 13, 1997

Entered into Rest - March 9, 2009

Age – 84 Years, 10 Months, 20 Days

Until then dear Brother, until then farewell.”