



TRESTLEBOARD

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OUR 157th YEAR



From the East

Richard Pullen, Master



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

Brethren,

The next Stated Meeting is June 4th. I hope to see many of you and your ladies at dinner and the business meeting following. For those not aware, parking in the lot next to the building cost \$3.00 if you have a Masonic sticker or something similar on your car. Summer dress is in affect as of June 1st.

The first Degree will be conferred, Thursday, June 11th on Ala Sweiden and Emad Sweiden. Born in Jordan, their grandfather was a Mason. Initiation is a solemn and important event in a man's life. Remember the good feeling you had at seeing a number of brothers sitting on the sidelines. Return the kindness by attending this or another initiation this year.

Officer's Degree Practices will be Thursday's, June 18th and 25th. If you can't come call me at 422-9108 or Email me at pullenpm@yahoo.com. Yes, I know, but I am trying to read it everyday (when the devil's invention works). If I could get by without it, I would take my computer to the Carquinez straits and happily drop it into the depths along with my hearing aids and pills.

Other Stuff

I am continually impressed by Gary Disher's kids who often accompany their dad and help in the kitchen and dining room. Their comportmant (if such a word exists) is outstanding, which speaks eloquently about the parenting given them by their parents. They are fine examples of the youth who will be called upon to keep our nation on the path that our founding fathers laid out for it.

Jon Issacson, PM is carrying out his commitment to Masonry in admirable fashion, even beyond the license plate thing. Jon comes to every practice to make himself available for any Entered Apprentice, and I am sure for a brother of any degree, who has a need for mentoring, help with the cipher and other such assistance. If there are no EA's, Jon takes a chair or helps with coaching.

The Inspector of our district has asked lodges to prepare a Strategic Plan. I met with Jon and Joseph to work a draft, which Joseph kindly edited and typed. I was involved in preparing many such plans while working for the State. They usually withered for various reasons, illustrating the counter-principle: you can be too big to succeed. Most of those plans were huuuuge. But I enjoyed working with Jon and Joseph and I think our short but powerful document will prove to be of lasting value.

Finally, Officer's School is Tuesday, June 2nd. Please note that only myself, Joseph, Jon and Eric are required to attend. Is attendance absolutely required? My answer to this question would be: yes, if within the length of your cabletow. I will accept and support your call.

Fraternally,

Richard

Brethren,

If you did not attend last month's Stated Meeting, you missed a marvelous evening. Another great dinner was served by the kitchen crew and two Golden Veterans Awards (50 years membership in Washington #20) were presented to Worshipful Brother John "Jack" Ansel and Brother George Morrow by Worshipful Brother Vince Parrel, Inspector of the 414th Masonic District. During the meeting we elected two brothers (actually related!), Ala and Emad Sweidan to receive the Degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. Gee, I wonder if they will be around fifty years from now to receive their Golden Veterans Awards!

June Birthdays

Joseph Anthony Mayo IV	June 1, 1960
James John Lenau	June 4, 1956
Richard Allan Entrican	June 7, 1945
Herman Theodore Silvius III	June 8, 1926
Earl William Haring	June 10, 1927
Patrick Lenard Ferguson	June 10, 1947
Lawrence Harding Williford	June 12, 1929
Joel Eric Wright	June 13, 1969
Robert Charles Breese	June 15, 1955
Albert Ellis Rowe Jr.	June 17, 1927
Paul Frederic Hart	June 18, 1928
Darwin Orlo Graham	June 21, 1928
Raymond David Perryman	June 21, 1930
Larry Thomas Afzal	June 25, 1944
David Harold Cameron	June 25, 1959
Edward Houston Keehner	June 26, 1917
William Laverne Kjelland	June 28, 1910
Amadeo Cardenas Romero Jr.	June 30, 1943
John Bryson Kuhlman	June 30, 1946

Acacia Creek Outing Saturday, June 27th

Dave Freeman, Chairman

Washington Lodge No. 20 is planning a day trip to Acacia Creek Masonic Senior Living facilities at Union City in Alameda county. A motor coach has been chartered with departure from Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Saturday, June 27th at 8am and returning by 5pm. Acacia Creek has scheduled an open house on this date so we will be able to tour and learn about the new facilities. A box lunch will be available. Spouses are encouraged to come. Cost is \$15 per person.

The Masonic Homes observed their 100th anniversary in 1998. The Union City property sits on 296 acres in a beautiful setting. Take advantage of this opportunity to get some timely information about senior living!

Please contact **Dave Freeman** by **June 4th** if you plan on going on the Acacia Creek Outing. **Call 916/363-7158.**

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REMEMBER HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

These great questions and answers are from the days when Hollywood Squares game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted, as they are now.

Q. Do female frogs croak?
A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?
A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?
A.. Rose Marie : No, wait until morning.

Stated Meeting Dinner

June 4, 2009

Social Hour 5:15PM
Club Room Open for Pool
Dinner 6:15PM
Stated Meeting 7:15PM

RSVP (Please) by June 3rd

Call 888-828-4476

From the Editors Desk



Wally Clark

Greetings:

Last month's Stated Meeting Dinner was well received, especially the deserts that were prepared by Joan Cameron. Little did Joan know that her mother let us in on a secret. It was Joan's Birthday that night and she baked her own birthday cake.

June is the beginning of summer so our menu will reflect the start of the season. Hmmm, could be BBQ, or maybe not. You will have to come to find out, but it will be good.

Membership in our lodge seems to be on a rise. Ala Sweidan and his brother Emad Sweidan will be initiated on the 11th. They came our way by the referral of Bro. Sandy Kahn, P.M., Oakland Durant Rockridge No. 188 and an emeritus member of the Shriners Hospital Board. Bro. Carl Spilman and Bro. Ed Willey know a young man who works for the Sacramento Rotary Club that is interested in Masonry. They plan to bring him to the next Stated Meeting Dinner as a way of introduction to our lodge. If you know a potential member invite him to a Stated Meeting Dinner. It is a great way to meet the members and learn about the lodge.

Bro. Allen Winter PM was in town last week to attend his Grandson, Christian Orsi's honors ceremony for Center High School. Christian was number 8 in his class and will be heading to Cal-Poly in San Luis Obispo to study engineering. The top 10 students at Center all received multiple offers from top universities which is pretty cool. Looks like this Public School is doing things right. On another note, Allen has had a bout with cancer, and hopefully has it beat. Send him an email.

George Morrow enjoyed the comments in the Trestleboard about Camp Cody and indicated that he heard from Bro. Herman Silvius in Florida. George is off to Europe for a couple of months and will be back in time to attend to his chores at Camp Cody. In the fall we will feature George's Hawaiian Chicken at a stated meeting dinner. You won't want to miss that. Stay tuned.

DeMolay Honors. On Sunday, June 7th, Bro. Richard Wilson P.M. will be invested with the prestigious DeMolay Legion of Honor. The public ceremony will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon in the Siminoff Center at the Masonic Home in Union City (where the Northern California DeMolay offices are located). A reception will follow.

Only a select few Senior DeMolays each year are elected by the International Supreme Council to receive the Legion of Honor. It is awarded not only for continued support of the Order of DeMolay, but also for outstanding service to community and the Masonic fraternity. Brother Rich was one of three Brothers selected in Northern California last year.

From Rich Wilson, PM

At the close of the 2009 Grand York Rite Sessions, held in Bakersfield the last week in April, Worshipful Phillip A. Hardiman, P.M. was installed the 155th Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Phil has been a member of the York Rite since 1991, and he served Sacramento Royal Arch Chapter Number 3 (which meets in our Temple) as High Priest in 2004.

Worshipful (or Most Excellent, in York Rite parlance) Phil appointed Worshipful Richard Wilson as Grand Musician for his term. Although Phil assured Rich that his musical skills would not often be needed, there will be plenty of "other duties as required." Also of local interest, Phil's appointee to start up the progressive line was Worshipful Jon Humphries, who was our District Inspector prior to Rich.

Masonic tradition and fragmentary records hint that the origins of York Rite Masonry may go back about a thousand years. The earliest York Rite degrees were conferred within craft lodges, but by the mid to late eighteenth century, separate Royal Arch Chapters began to appear in England and the colonies. In the years following the American Revolution, Grand Chapters were organized in the various states, and the present structure of Royal Arch Masonry began to evolve.