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Support Education
 Come to the
 Lodge Brunch
 Sunday, April 17,
 2016
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 See details
 Invite your friends

Pasadena Lodge No. 272
25th Annual Spring Brunch
April 17th From 9:00am to 1:00pm



- > Waffles
- > Potatoes
- > Eggs
- > Omelets
- > Bacon
- > Sausages
- > Fresh Fruit
- > Juice
- > Coffee
- > Free Parking

❖ Adults: \$12.00
 ❖ Children under 10: \$6.00

Location: Pasadena Masonic Temple, 200 So. Euclid, Pasadena 91101

All proceeds will help fund our
 "Be the Best that you can be Program"
 for the Local Elementary Schools.

Meets Every Tuesday Evening

First Tuesday is our
 Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday is our
Family Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Our Temple Board meets
 on the **Last Wednesday** at 6:30 pm
 Every Month

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Reminder: Dues Are Due
Please Pay Your Dues If You Have Not Already Done So

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2016

Tuesday, April 5	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting Officers Coat & Tie Taco Tuesday Nite	
Tuesday, April 12	6:30 p.m.
Monthly Family Dinner 50-Year Golden Veteran Pinning for Michael Coye	
Sunday, April 17	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Lodge Brunch	
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 p.m.
Practice Second Degree	
Wednesday, April 20	7:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, April 26	7:00 p.m.
Second Degree for David Webb	
Wednesday, April 27	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	

April Birthdays

(If your Birthday is in april, your dinner is free.)

Joseph E. Saba 4/2, Omar G. Maloof 4/3, Novis E. North 4/3,
Harold C. Daume, Jr. 4/5, Haroldo Moreno Dominguez 4/5, Blake C. Torres 4/5,
Michael Radenkovich 4/6, Calvin E. Smith 4/6, Robert B. Everett 4/8,
Ronald M. Lewis, Sr. PM 4/9, Charles T. Paine 4/15,
Ruben L. Villalobos, Sr. PM 4/15, Robert Gasparian 4/16, Juan F. Casillas 4/18,
Marsh E. White, II 4/18, Souhail Y. Israwi 4/20,
Richard N. Walling 4/22, Alvin V. Pike 4/24, John R. Shimmin, Jr. 4/25,
Dennis Yen 4/29, Douglas J. Freyburger PM 4/30

April 12, 2016 Family Dinner

Green Salad
Grilled Salmon with Garlic Butter Sauce
Rice Pilaf
Fresh Vegetables
Cake for dessert

*Please make Family Dinner Reservations by Friday, April 8, 2016
(626) 795-5610 or
email: secretary@emasons.org
\$12.00 per person*



APRIL'S EASTER EGGS!

Brethren and friends thank you for attending our March family dinner. A thumbs up to all of you who went upstairs to honor Michael O'Mara Coye, our newest Golden Veteran Awardee. It seemed to me that it was totally appropriate to serve Irish Stew, Irish beer and a sip of Tullamore Dew to honor this 50 year Mason. Look at his name, there is no doubt it, he is Irish!

Our 717th Masonic District Inspector PM William Bryan Miller and PM Jerry Harris did a great job of conducting this formal ceremony to honor Michael Coye. If you have not attended this formal Golden Award Ceremony you should try to make it at least once. It is a really classy event!

By the time you read this article, your current team of lodge officers will have initiated two new Masons: Devin Acosta, who is 21 and Jacob Smith, who is 23. These two young men will no doubt become Golden Veterans (fifty year) members someday. "Remember time flies when you are having fun!"

Past Masters Worshipful Greg Gabriel and Worshipful Tommie Chavies volunteered to sit in the East and do the honors for these two new Masons. Kudos to our two Past Masters for their commitment to Masonry. These two young men were motivated to join Masonry because of their admiration for Greg and for Tommie.

On Sunday March 6th, over 600 Masons attended the Masonic Service Bureau Breakfast honoring

our Grand Master M. David Perry. This is the second largest gathering of Masons in California behind the Annual Communications, which is held annually in San Francisco.

This breakfast is traditionally held at the LAX Hilton. Eight of our Lodge member joined up to drive to the airport together in one car. We had a good visit while driving along our busy freeway system. At the MSB breakfast, we had 13 of our lodge members representing Pasadena. Following breakfast, we took a short break and stopped at Playa Del Rey to walk on the beach and view the waves. It was reported that morning that the waves would be 12-15 feet that day. The waves were not as advertised but it was very windy. Unfortunately, it was too windy for any bikini watching. While we were at the beach we took a group photo which is in this month's Trestle Board. You will be able to see this photo along with other photos.

On our April calendar you will find a few Easter Eggs awaiting you.

🕒 April 5th is our stated meeting which is designated as Taco Tuesday.

🕒 W. Ron Lewis, Steve Hawkins and I are scheduled to attend the Master and Wardens retreat held from April 8th-10th in Newport Beach. As some of you know, this is one of our responsibilities to attend this training seminar which is paid for by the lodge.

🕒 On April 17th we are having our annual Spring Brunch. Please join us

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Message from the Senior Warden

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Last month I introduced you to the concept of Masonic charity. Specifically, I was focusing on Masonic Assistance as it relates to how it aides us. This month, I want to focus on the topic of public schools.

There is little doubt in anyone's mind that an education is a mandatory tool to the success of anyone's development. This is especially true in the twenty-first century which caters to a global economy requiring less blue collar workers. A high school diploma is merely the starting blocks for the race we all call life. Graduating from college with an undergraduate degree is the long straight-away in the race, but hardly the finish. However, little humans, commonly known as children, need to take back their mental intellect and rely less on Commander Data. Commander Data is a fictional character from Star Trek: The Next Generation that uses artificial intelligence.

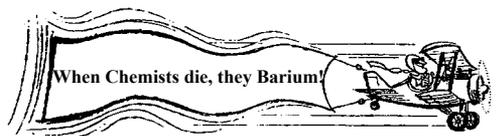
So, this is where we as Free Masons come in, much like the Federation in Star Trek, to save the day. On April 6, 2016, the Grand Lodge of California will be donating a large check to the Pasadena School District as part of its "Raising a Reader." This program has been instrumental in getting children to relearn the beauty of the written word. It is in reading that our imagina-

tion grows and that spurs innovation. These intangibles is what drives children and adults to learn while continuing that process throughout their life.

Again, learning to read is only the start in the long race that we call life. But, that race has to start somewhere, just like the starting blocks in a track meet, and that knowledge gained must be built upon to assist us in developing our individual strategies in an ever changing world. Free Masonry recognizes this and that is why we , at Pasadena Lodge, join our Brethren in assisting our youth to learn the valuable lessons necessary to their development.

The next time you pick up a book and read it from cover-to-cover, reflect upon the joy it gave your brain. Think about the mental images created and the questions you then formulated as a result of an intangible stimulus. Better yet, reflect upon the actions you then acted upon as a result of a mental stimulation started simply by reading a book.

Fraternally,
Ronald M. Lewis, Jr., P.M.
Senior Warden





Message from the Junior Warden

LOOKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

Brethren:

It seems like we have just began our Masonic year, and it is already Spring. The winter storms (not as large as predicted) have now passed and we are getting ready for various activities. We start this month with 2 new EA's and 2 more scheduled for April. It looks like our officers will be busy doing their primary duty, making new Masons. It looks like the future for Pasadena Lodge will be very bright with all these new men being active in the leadership line of the Lodge in the future.

March has been a very busy month for me. Not only did I see for the first time the Masonic Play "The Spirit of Hiram" at the Pasadena Scottish Rite on Friday, March 11, I attended my annual Shriners Hospital Screening Clinic in South El Monte on Saturday, March 12. I was on Masonic overload when I started this article.

Now that April is here, so our annual Spring Brunch on April 17. As always, there will be a great menu for this year's Brunch. It is usually a great event. And, as usual, I will not be able to attend. I have always reserved Sunday morning as my time to be in church. I am in the church choir and am on the Board of Directors for the my church. On Sundays, I start with Church Choir rehearsal in Los Feliz. When I am finished with church, it is 2:30PM! The brunch is over by 3:00PM. Do you see my dilemma! I know that I am not the only member of Pasadena Lodge who has the problem. I know of 4 other brothers who have the same problem.

This is not the only Sunday I have

this problem. The Annual Southern California Masonic Service Bureau's Breakfast is another one of them. There are many things we do in scheduling and our special ritual style language which does offend some other Protestant Christian denominations. I do not need to go into this now, but we must be conscious of what we do, and how some "non members" would react. Some believe that we could be considered as a god. (This is an actual practice in the Mormon religion when their members achieve level 10.)

To help bridge the gap with some of the religious community, I have been in contact with the Music Department at Providence Christian College in Pasadena. They are a three year old school now, renting space at William Carey College in north Pasadena. The school is small and they do not have a Performing Arts center on the campus. Last year's Christmas Concert took place at a Baptist Church near Pasadena City College. We are talking about using the Grand Hall upstairs. They need a place for orchestra, choirs and 120 in attendance. It looks like we will do this event on a Sunday afternoon/evening in early December. The event will be free and open to the public. What do you think of such an event? Would you come to this free concert? Please let me know.

Email me about your thoughts. I am interested in your event ideas and concepts as well. I can be reached at sthawkins@lycos.com.

Steve Hawkins
Junior Warden



The Gift of Gab(e)

The Grip

In masonry, a grip is how one Brother Mason may know another in the dark as well as in the light. Grips, or handshakes, have similar means in different lands and in different cultures. When traveling, it is important to know what type of handshake is expected and more importantly, what may be insulting.

Let's start south of the border in Mexico. Expect a long lasting handshake. If you are a man, a hug may also be in order. Women may kiss each other on the cheeks.

In Brazil, you will receive a firm, long handshake, one that lasts longer than you are used to. Mix in some strong eye contact and greet ladies with a kiss on each cheek. Repeat the same when you leave.

Skipping to China. Greet the oldest person first. Grip lightly and bow slightly. Avoid direct eye contact and hold on to the person's hand a moment or two after the shake has finished.

When in Australia, shake firm and fast. Ladies, if you shake a man's hand, offer yours first. Typically women do not shake other women's hands. And NEVER use both hands!

It doesn't matter if you are meeting a person for the first or 100th time when in France. Shake their hand quickly and lightly. If you know the person well enough, then a kiss on both cheeks is permissible.

Don't be rude when in Turkey by gripping strongly. Firm shakes are a no-no! Note: it is a sign of friendship if the other person holds your hand for a minute or two, so don't be alarmed.

When in Kenya and you are greeting elders or high status people, grasp the wrist with the left hand. Say "Jambo" (How are you?) Afterward, ask them about their family or business. It's rude not to.

Russians don't shake hands with the opposite sex. A man should kiss a ladies' hand. If a man shakes another man's hand, give it all you got. A strong grip is expected and shows you mean business.

In Norway you may shake everyone's hand and it is polite to greet them by their first name. However, do not ask, "How are you?" as they find this conversation meaningless and irrelevant.

Lastly, we visit Thailand where they do not shake hands at all. Instead, a "wai" is offered. A wai is where the individual places the palms of their hands together at the chest level and bows. If you are a man, greet with "Sawadee-krep", a woman will should say "Sawadee-kah" (both meaning hello.) Shake hands only if a wai is not offered.

Now there you have it. Go practice your grip.

Thought for the Month: If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the Terminal?

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

I changed my iPad's name to
Titanic. It's Syncing Now!



Master's Message continued from p3 and support your lodge. Bring a friend and introduce them to our beautiful building. They might be surprised you are a Mason. The cost of the breakfast will be \$12.00. Our Spring brunch flyer is on page 1. W. Greg Gabriel will be leading this event. On April 19th we are planning to initiate Luis Skenderis into our fraternity. His father is an Mason in Washington DC and may join us for one of his degrees. Luis was relocated to California by his employer one year ago. He is a neat guy and has attended a number of lodge functions - Welcome, Luis. Our monthly Officer School of

Instruction will be hosted by Wisdom Lodge on April 20th. And lastly we are planning to host another first degree for John Bowers, another 20 year old, who is jumping aboard our team. Welcome, John.

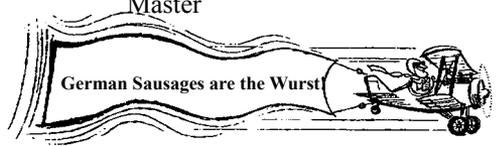
Thanks for reading this message. I hope to see you visit your lodge sometime this month.

Cheers



John Mc Dannel

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