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## The British Are Coming!!



Be sure to send in your reservation for Monday, September 5, 2016! The America Lodge of Canterbury England will demonstrate how they put on a Third Degree in Great Britain. This demo begins the celebration of 300 years of Masonry as we know it today.

Please join us for this historical presentation. See details in the insert inside this Trestle Board.

Meets Every Tuesday Evening

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

There is **NO** Family Dinner  
 in August

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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

## August 2016

Tuesday, August 2	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting Officers Coat & Tie Taco Tuesday Nite	
Tuesday, August 9	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Tuesday, August 16	7:00 p.m.
Two Second Degrees	
Tuesday, August 23	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Wednesday, August 24	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	
Tuesday, August 30	7:00 p.m.
Third Degree	

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### August Birthdays

#### A Very Happy Birthday to

Reginald L. Burgin, 8/1, Fred Nasrallah, 8/2, George Amirian, 8/3,  
Charles W. Cory PM, 8/3, Hans L Richter PM, 8/3, George C. Gabriel, 8/4,  
Richard B. Joslyn PM, 8/5, Donald R. Warris, 8/6,  
George W. Mc Lachlan, Jr., 8/7, Harvey N. Heather, 8/8, Sarkis B. Terzian, 8/10,  
Gerald E. Wright, 8/10, Walter P. Khazoyan, 8/13, Harry G. Kamp, 8/14,  
Thomas Paine, 8/17, Glen E. Smith, 8/17, Frank J. Zawaski, 8/18,  
John R. Jackson, 8/19, Robert L. Rinker PM, 8/27, David A. Hellem PM, 8/30

**NO Family Dinner**  
**due to a large volume of degree work**  
**which needs to be completed in August of 2016**  
**so candidates will be ready for the**  
**September 5th event with the**  
**Lodge from England**



## Pasadena Lodge News Report

After 50 years of being a Mason, I was delighted to attend my first Table Lodge. This event was held at the South Pasadena Lodge on Saturday July 16, 2016. My compliments are extended to PM **Ron Lewis**, our Table Lodge Chairman, and **Dago Rodriguez** and the So. Pasadena Table Lodge Committee. They brought together a classy and successful event. The food, decorations, libations, and fellowship were outstanding for the 49 Masons who were in attendance, several of which were new Masons.

Our lodge is currently in a race against time. We will have raised four new Master Masons by August 9th. I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated team of officers who are carrying out this busy schedule. Our newest Master Masons are: **David Webb, Devin Acosta, George Mardini** and soon to be raised (Aug. 9th) **Jacob Smith**. These new Master Masons are already committed to the craft and have shown interest in taking on a variety of assignments.

In the wings, we currently have five other Masons (**John Bowers, Matt Burres, Leon Yolian, James Hosn** and **C. E. Grey**) who will be advancing through the ranks. Most will most likely achieve Master Mason status by the end of this term.

**NOTE:** As you already have read, we are hosting a very special international Masonic event on Monday, September 5th. The America Lodge of Canterbury England will be demon-

strating their degree work in our lodge to help kick off the 300th year celebration of Masonry as we know it. They are traveling from Great Britain for this purpose. The exemplification of their degree work will begin at 4:00pm on Sept. 5th. A \$25.00 Thanksgiving style dinner will follow their presentation with a variety of toasts and good international fellowship. Wives will be admitted for free. FYI, Most Worshipful **M. David Perry** will be in attendance at this special event.

**NOTE:** At our August stated meeting we will be discussing the financial condition of our lodge. The discussion will delve into why we are proposing a dues increase from \$164.00/year to \$175.00/year. The reason for the dues increase will be fully explained. We hope that many of you will be in attendance to help guide us through this proposal.

Lastly, I am calling for an audit of our Lodge accounts as well as our Temple Accounts. **Michael Coye**, a 50 year Mason, will be leading the audit with his team of appointed Masons. We haven't had an audit in nearly ten years.

We hope to see you at the August meeting.

Cheers,

John McDannel, Master



## *Message from the Senior Warden*

### **The Second Annual District-Wide Table Lodge**

For those who were not able to attend the 717th District Table Lodge, you missed out on a wonderful evening of fellowship. It is not always that Brethren from Pasadena Lodge get to hang out with Brethren from South Pasadena Lodge or from Wisdom Lodge outside the occasional Officer School of Instruction. This event was one of those moments where a fun version of the ritual plays out and everyone in attendance gets to play their part. Besides, Masons love to eat and imbibe when discussing matters of the Fraternity.

All in all, about fifty Masons ranging from Entered Apprentices to Master Masons took part in the festivities. The theme of the evening was a toast to our Brethren from the Roaring 20s. This Era was a jubilant time in United States history as our nation was on the winning side of the First World War or more commonly known as "The War To End All Wars." Prohibition became law in 1920 and Hollywood films were in their infancy.

It was with this backdrop in history that we toasted Masons who lived through that decade like President Warren Harding. Early film actors Tom Mix and Oliver Hardy were also brothers of the Craft. In fact, Brother Tom Mix, through Lodge consolidations, would go on to be a member of South Pasadena Lodge #290. One toast was given to honor Brother Henry Ford for his creation of the automobile. If he only knew how bad driving has become to one's health, perhaps he would have invented something else.

Seven courses were served and wine

was taken in between the toasts. If you wanted to take wine for whatever reason, it cost the Brother five dollars which will benefit Grand Lodge's charity, Masons for Mitts. I forgot to mention that we also sang songs to commemorate the honoree of a toast, but rest assured that no record deals are going to come our way. I know alley cats who can sing better!

The Table Lodge was a black tie affair and Worshipful John McDannel drove to it in a vintage 1929 Ford. Those Pasadena Lodge members in attendance took a selfie, more like a photograph with a real camera, standing around the Ford wearing straw hats. It was a fun time and each Brother was allowed to keep his Cannon because he bought it when the ticket was purchased. (See car photo on page 7.)

Anyway, Table Lodges and/or Festive Boards are always great events to stir fellowship. If you have never attended one, you really need to go, for it is 1000% better than any Stated Meeting I have ever attended and I have been to quite a few.

I leave you with this thought, around the corner lurks an even bigger event which Pasadena Lodge is to host and it falls on Monday, September 5, 2016. It will be a demonstration of a British Third Degree put on by our Brethren across the Pond from America Lodge. So, it is the Master's intention to raise as many Fellowcrafts to the degree of Master Mason so that they can see the making of history as the Grand Lodge of England prepares to celebrate its 300th birthday in 2017.

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



## *Message from the Junior Warden*

### **Get Involved with Masonry at the 2016 LA County Fair**

Brethren:

While in the past years lodge activities slowed for the Summer, that is not the case in Pasadena. With 5 new Entered Apprentices and 4 Fellow Crafts wanting to advance, we will be very busy providing degrees. Many of these members want to be raised to be Master Masons by Sept 1 so they can be part of the festivities involved when America Lodge from England visits us on Labor Day Weekend and demonstrates their work for us here. That will be a great event.

While that event will be written about in other places in this Trestle Board, I want to call your attention to another great event that happens most of the Month of September. It is a great way for you to get involved in Masonry by working on a fabulous community project and meeting many prospective Masons: the activities of the Rusty Trowel Committee at the Los Angeles County Fair that happens every day the Fair is open in September. This year the Fair runs from Friday, Sept 2 thru Sunday, Sept 25.

The Rusty Trowel Committee was formed in 1983 as part of a Community Outreach Project by Pomona Lodge. The Committee set up a Masonic Information Booth at the Los Angeles County Fair to promote the various Masonic Groups in California. In 1986, the event was sponsored by the Grand Lodge of California. Then 29 years ago, Rusty Trowel added another project to the booth: the Child ID program. Not only was Child ID sponsored by Grand Lodge at the time, but this Free community program helped to draw a lot of traffic to the booth.

I have a lot of experience with the Child ID program. In 1985, this program came to the California Junior Chamber of Commerce from the Livermore Fire Department as a way to provide a complete lost child identification information if their

son or daughter was lost or missing. What the project does is make a complete set of finger prints with a current picture and description of a toddler to a child up to 18 years of age to help police in identifying any missing children that they have found. These id cards are provided free to the parents for their use and safe keeping at any Child ID project location. The Livermore Fire Department came up with this project, but could not continue it because by law, a local government office should not make and keep these records because it would be seen as an intrusion of "Big Brother" taking and keeping these records. That is why a community group needs to be involved with the event. After we make the Child ID card, it becomes property of the parents. There is no national database for these children, nor can there be. Because children grow over the years, parents may need 3 to 5 Child ID's over a period of 12 years for each of their children. So, many of the parents return to this booth to get a new set every few years. The thing I really like about this project is that we have the opportunity to talk about Masonry to fathers who are getting finger printed. It is a very high visibility project for Pasadena Masons.

There are several reasons why I am addressing this topic. At the August Stated Meeting, we will be voting on an appeal from the lodge to support this project. The committee has asked for a \$200 donation. In the past, we have donated more, up to \$500. This request has arrived in the mail now.

The second reason is to ask for volunteers in September to help man the booth. The booth is open every day the Fair is opened. This year, the Fair opens Friday, Sept 2 and runs through Sunday, Sept 25. The Fair is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. As a volunteer, you will receive free Fair Admission and Free Parking. Each day has 2 shifts. Weekdays, the shifts are 12N-5PM  
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## *The Gift of Gab(e)*

# Time Is Fleeting

The days of summer bring us warmer weather, longer sunlight and what seems to be more time to do what we want, particularly outside. It's a proven fact that the more hours of sunlight we receive, the happier and healthier we are. We even distort time twice a year in order to accommodate our happiness. Known as "Daylight Saving Time" (DST), we adjust our clocks forward and back to achieve the desired effect. The Sun still shines brightly in the sky regardless of the time of day and the Earth still spins at 1,037 miles per hour yet we as humans have to tinker with the Divine Plan.

Yet there is a method to the madness. In October of 1884, 26 nations took part in a meeting to develop a standard time reference. Known as the International Meridian Conference, it set the standards we use today to keep track of time across the globe. Using Greenwich, England as the "Prime Meridian", then spreading out 15 degrees of longitude in each direction. Because the Earth spins at 15 degrees per hour, this is easily divided into 24 time zones which represent the 24 hours of the day.

Yet as simple as this sounds, it is not a universal standard. For example, Russia is so large that it has 11 time zones but since 2010 only uses 9 of them. The U.S. has 9 time zones. Remember that we have lots of territories in the Pacific spanning numerous time zone areas.

China is one of the largest countries. It has 7 time zones but follows a single time. India also has multiple zones but chooses one time for the nation. This dates back to the time when India was under British rule and it was easier to use one standard of time to regulate the railway network.

Moving to small countries. The tiny island of Markets Fyr has two time zones. This is because the island is owned by two countries, Sweden and Finland. Both of these countries are in different time zones. Egypt is now using DST but suspends it during the month of Ramadan to shorten the fasting hours. The North and South

Poles do not have official time zones because their longitudes converge at that point. At the North Pole, the various research stations use the time zone of their home country. At the South Pole, there is only one research station and they use New Zealand time. This is because the scientists fly into the station from Christchurch, New Zealand.

Most time zones follow the hourly or in some cases half-hourly time zone. But Nepal and Chatham Islands have quarter-hourly time zones. Now that's cutting it close.

And since man has ventured into space, a Swedish company has invented a time zone for future colonies on the moon called Lunar Standard Time. And let's not forget the astronauts on the International Space Station. They use Greenwich Mean Time. And for our deep space probes overseen by NASA-JPL, they use what is known as the Universal Time Coordinate.

It looks like I have run out of time for this article. I guess it's time to move on.

Thought for the Month: A day without sunshine is like night.

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

## Enjoying the Table Lodge . . .



Fred Leyton, Jacob Smith, Tommy Chavies, and Bruce Chubbuck.



Greg Habib, Louis Skenderis, John Bowers, and David Webb.

Junior Warden (continued from page 5) and 5PM-Closing. Weekend shifts are 10AM-5PM and 5PM-Midnight. Currently, the weekend shifts are staffed, but more are needed. It is Wed-Fri that volunteers are really needed. If you have the time, the booth can use you. Besides, when you are off duty, you can see some of the Fair!! If you want to volunteer, email Al Sanchez at Sanchezaj52@gmail.com and let him know what days you would like to work.

The third reason I suggest you do this is to help to consider Pasadena Lodge getting involved with doing the Child ID as a community service project in our area. Currently, Alhambra, Arcadia, and Glendora Lodges have the needed equipment and are doing the program various times during the year. This is a great program for us to do. Who is interested? Email me at sthawkins@lycos.com and let's get involved.

Steve Hawkins, Junior Warden



Pasadena Lodge attendees at the Table Lodge pose with the vintage 1929 Ford which Worshipful John Mc Dannel drove to the South Pasadena Temple.



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