



1883-2016  
 133rd Year of Excellence  
 200 S. Euclid Avenue Phone (626) 795-5610  
 Pasadena, CA 91101 FAX (626) 795-8956  
 Web Site: [www.pasadenamasoniclodge272.org](http://www.pasadenamasoniclodge272.org)

Vol XVIII

February 2016

No.2



### Super Bowl 50 Party in the Ballroom



Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.-- Game time 3:15+or--  
 Join Brothers, Families and Guests to watch on our New Big Projector Screen  
 Potluck Snacks and Food -- See page 5 for details



### Special 50 Year Golden Veteran Pin Presentation



Grand Master of California M. David Perry will be attending our February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Pasadena Masonic Lodge No 272 Family Dinner to present a 50 Year Golden Veteran Pin to our Master John Mc Dannel.

All Members of Pasadena Lodge, and especially our Past Masters, are encouraged to join the Lodge for this special visit by our Grand Master.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm, Cost is \$12.00/plate. Our menu will be A Special Salad, Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Carrot Cake. Be certain to make reservations by calling John Mc Dannel @626-791-3221 or the Temple @ 626-795-5610 by Friday, February 5, 2016. We hope you will be with us for this special visit by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California. Please invite your wife or guest to join us for dinner.

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

### CONTENTS

Calendar	2
February Birthdays	2
February Family Dinner	2
Master's Message - Tuesdays Lodge	3
Senior Warden - Helping Hand	4
Treasurer - A Special Message	4
Junior Warden - Super Bowl Party	5
Senior Deacon - Fellowship Thursdays	5
The Gift of Gab(e) - G. Washington	6
Officers	7

**Reminder: Dues Are Due  
 Please Pay Your Dues**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February 2016

- Tuesday, February 2                    7:30 p.m.  
Stated Meeting  
Officers Coat & Tie  
Taco Tuesday Nite
- Sunday, February 7                    2:00 p.m.  
Super Bowl 50 Party  
Ballroom at the Temple  
See page 5 for details
- Tuesday, February 9                    6:30 p.m.  
Monthly Family Dinner  
50-Year Golden Veteran Pinning
- Tuesday, February 16                    7:00 p.m.  
Practice Second Degree
- Tuesday, February 23                    7:00 p.m.  
Second Degree for David Webb
- Wednesday, February 24                    6:30 p.m.  
Temple Board Meeting

## February Birthdays

**(If your Birthday is in February, your dinner is free.)**

Bert F. Weaver 2/1, Joseph R. Whittington 2/1, Salim Y. Israwi 2/2,  
Timothy J. Palmer 2/3, James S. Willis 2/4, Gene A. Cummings 2/6,  
Charles G. Barakat, 2/7, Luis G. Echevarria 2/11, Frank M. Drake 2/15,  
Joseph C. Lancaster 2/15, James L. Williams 2/15, Tommy L. Chavies PM 2/16,  
Yoshio Nasu PM 2/16, Daniel G. Harvey, Jr. PM 2/19,  
Robert D. Samosa PM 2/19, Hratch Yacoubian 2/20,  
Ronald M. Lewis, Jr. PM, 2/21, Paul Tyson PM, 2/21, Joseph D. Kovach 2/22,  
Philip Nassief 2/24, William E. Cook 2/27, Brian S. Smith 2/27

**February Family Dinner - 50 Year Golden Veteran Pinning  
by Grand Master M. David Perry to Master John Mc Dannel  
February 9, 2016 - Details on page 1 & 3**

A Special Salad  
Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Scalloped Potatoes,  
Mixed Vegetables, Carrot Cake

*Please make Family Dinner Reservations by Friday, February 5, 2016  
(626) 795-5610 or  
email: [secretary@emasons.org](mailto:secretary@emasons.org)  
\$12.00 per person*



## TUESDAYS OUGHT TO BE VIEWED AS LODGE NIGHT

Well here it is two months into my term and I am finding there is more to my job as Master than just learning ritual and trying to work within the constraints of the California Masonic Code. This job requires working closely with the Secretary, our Officers, our coaches and a variety of other good Masons who have differing viewpoints and ideas on how to run the lodge.

A Master's job is like running a small to medium sized business without a profit motive. The real challenge is to stimulate volunteers to want to practice ritual, make every meeting, learn to enjoy each others' company and come away rewarded by accomplishing worthwhile goals. Having said this, we must always be mindful of our budget and balance it against our sources of revenue.

One of our quests this year will be to strengthen our ritual by squeezing in practices every Tuesday night without fail. Tuesday's ought to be viewed as Lodge night! We want to respect your personal time commitments and concentrate our practices and actual degrees on Tuesday nights so far as we can do so. When we deem it necessary to conduct an alternate practice on a day other than a Tuesday, we will aim for a Thursday night as an alternate night to polish our skills.

During the eight years that I played Football and ran Track, every player was expected to make every practice. Nobody ever missed a practice or a game because they knew the team relied on their expertise. We all knew that practice made us better at our individual specialties! Furthermore, I

wasn't permitted to fly a commercial airliner with passengers without a full crew. You all play an important role in our ultimate success. "So let's win one for the Gipper (the Lodge)".

Please try to make Tues. nights your Lodge Night. As officers we have accepted the responsibility to be at every Practice, Every Degree, Attend Every Officer School of Instruction, and other scheduled events. We are a team! We depend on each other to promote Masonry, to keep our lodge healthy and to carry out our responsibility as elected officers! Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve our Pasadena Masonic Lodge No 272.

**John Mc Dannel**  
Master 😊

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **50 Year Golden Veteran Pin**

**Grand Master M. David Perry will be attending our February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 272 Family Dinner to award a 50 Year Golden Veteran Pin to our Master John Mc Dannel.**

Our menu will be: A Special Salad, Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables & Carrot Cake.

Please join us for this special visit by our Grand Master and bring your wife or guest.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm, Cost is \$12.00/plate, Be certain to make reservations by calling John Mc Dannel @626-791-3221 or the Temple @626-795-5610 We hope our Past Masters will consider being with us for this special visit by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.



## *Message from the Senior Warden*

# HELPING HAND

Brethren, as the year gets into high gear, we need to keep one eye ahead and one eye behind. This is especially true with our ritual as the officers will be attending the monthly Officer Schools of Instruction, or OSIs for short. It is true that the year is young and just beginning, but elections for the next Masonic year will be upon us before you know it.

To address this need, the Worshipful Master has been diligent since the beginning of the year to maximize the Lodge's time on Tuesdays by having mini practices. Practices have been held either before or after the scheduled business of the meeting with the intent of being as specific as possible. The results so far have been a general improvement in just the basic nuances specific to the ritual. That is good as we learn to not only slow some things down, but also to learn the cues necessary to make the work look more polished.

There is also a more important reason for making better practices. First, our degrees have the express purpose of carrying

a message to a candidate. Secondly, a degree night belongs to the candidate and candidate alone, unless there are multiple candidates. When the ritual is performed not only technically correct, but with the love and care it deserves, that candidate or candidates get the message that they are the focal point of the evening. That makes it very special as they will then internalize the lessons taught which is the heart of what it means to be a Mason.

Also, practicing correctly to correctly execute the ritual assists candidates when being coached to return their proficiency because they are more likely to remember the impact the work had on them. Add to the fact that when they get to see the same degree from a sideline point of view, they too are following the ritual to test themselves on how well they have remembered the work.

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

---

## *From the Treasurer*

My Brothers, The officers and regular meeting attendees are aware that I have been dealing with throat/tongue cancer and have been very understanding and supportive. I had to drop out of Lodge and Temple Board activities for a couple months and it looks like the healing process is progressing slowly. Even at times when I initially feel energetic, the energy sometimes abandons me suddenly. I have appreciated the cards, calls and emails from my Masonic brothers. I am really sorry to have missed the 2016 Installation, so much pomp and a Grand Master visit! For those of you who follow blogs on the internet and find such things interesting I have kept a blog of my whole treatment. I did this to keep my own diary but also so friends and family could have the latest information. If you are interested you can check the link: <http://dancingwithmrc.blogspot.com>. I hope to see you at the February stated meeting.

**Frank Malinowski, Treasurer**



*Message from the Junior Warden*

**COME TO OUR SUPER BOWL PARTY Feb 7th**

Brethren,

February is now here and we are starting out our year very well. Besides the stated meeting, our next event at the Lodge is the 2016 Super Bowl 50 (L). This will be the on February 7, the first Sunday in February. Now that the new projector has been installed in the ballroom, this year we can really enjoy Super Bowl 50 in Pasadena in style. With an improved projector unit, you will notice a much more improved visual experience.

Our Super Bowl party will begin at 2:00PM for a warm-up, while the game begins at about 3:15PM. It is an open event for Masons, non-Masons, and guests. You'll be able to see all of the action and pageantry in a much cozier and friendly place. Since this is a potluck, please bring a dish for 6-12

people. Chips and liquid refreshment may also be brought to the party. I will be providing my hot chili for all who want to indulge. Our new Brewmeister and Captain of the Kitchen **Gary Tundjian** will be assisting me on this event. I have also extended an invitation to Wisdom Lodge, South Pasadena Lodge and Hiram Lodge 12 (Prince Hall Lodge) for them to join us on that date.

At the time of this writing, I do not have access to the rest of the February calendar. Right now, I am collecting new ideas for projects and events that we may consider in 2016, 2017, and beyond. If you have any ideas, call me or send me an email. I would love to get your great ideas.

Fraternally  
**Steve Hawkins**  
Junior Warden



*Message from the Senior Deacon*  
**Fellowship Thursdays by Dennis Yen**

Brethren, as we power into an exciting new year, I want to invite you all to our Fellowship Thursday get-togethers. We started these fellowship meetings in the middle of the last year. These meetings give us opportunities to understand each other's perspectives on different issues, and, at the same time, allow brothers to get to know one another better, so that we can become a more cohesive team. They also allow new prospects to experience our fraternity and ask questions about Masonry.

Why did we start up Fellowship Thurs-

days? Well, how many of you have felt a little slighted when an issue came up for debate during Lodge, and you weren't able to completely speak your mind, or felt as if your opinion just wasn't important enough? We put this program together, so that we can openly discuss issues and proposals in an open forum, so that when we put our proposals on paper, we will have been able to consider and address everyone's opinions and concerns.

These meetings have also become opportunities for us to expand our Masonic education. Currently, we have been using the time to practice ritual and memory work. We also spend time to talk about the lessons

(continued on page 7) 5



## *The Gift of Gab(e)*

# A Tribute to Brother Washington

February 21<sup>st</sup> marks the 131<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the completion of the National treasure dedicated to the memory of Brother George Washington and the monument which bears his name. One would think that such a tribute to the leader of the Revolutionary War, first president, Father of his Country, patriot and outstanding Mason would be a “no brainer” to fund, manage and erect, but such, oddly, was not the case. It took nearly 40 years to erect the Washington Monument from the time the foundation was laid until it was opened to the public.

We view Washington as a hero and an icon of this country, but back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, some members of Congress did not feel the same way. Remember that Washington was a member of the Federalist Party. Members of the Democratic-Republicans, a major party at the time, felt it was not right to honor those of a different political affiliation stating it was “unseemly and suspiciously Royalist”.

Congress was, however, able to pass the proposal, but there was no smooth sailing ahead. There were ideological conflicts, lapses in funding and construction disruptions due to the Civil War. And what would it look like? Ideas ranged from statues and Greek columns to a marble tomb containing the former Commander in Chief. (The Washington family refused to allow the body to be removed from Mount Vernon.) So architect Robert Mills decided on a simple stone obelisk with a flat top. The pointed apex atop the monument we see today was added to the design in 1879. When Mills died in 1855, Colonel Thomas Casey Sr. and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers were to continue construction of the monument and requests for quarried stones from around the world were sent to every allied county. The Colonel also

requested that the Treasury Department pay his men not only in cash, but also in coffee. The Treasury Department obliged.

On the first day of construction, a zinc box containing many relics and curiosities of the time were buried including American coins, daguerreotypes of Washington and his family, various papers and media, maps, census data and books including a Bible. Memorial stones were donated from many countries and organizations to line the inside of the tower. Over 20,000 people showed up including then President James Polk, three future presidents (James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson), former First Lady Dolley Madison, and a bald eagle.

Construction ceased during the Civil War as all the nation’s money had gone to the war effort. When construction was resumed, the newly quarried stones did not match those laid previously. A distinct color variation can still be seen today.

When completed in 1885, the monument was 555 feet tall and the tallest building in the world. That is until the Eiffel Tower was at 986 feet in 1886. Today, it is still the tallest all-stone structure and the tallest obelisk.

The Washington Monument has gone through many renovations over the years. As a result, every Grand Lodge in the United States, including the District of Columbia, have a memorial stone placed inside the structure. Hint: Look for the Grand Lodge of California as you ride up the elevator to the top of the structure.

Thought for the Month: Why do stores make sick people walk all the way to the back to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front counter?

**Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.**



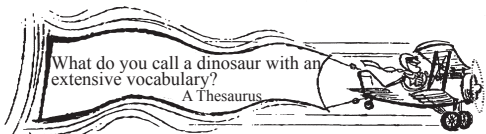
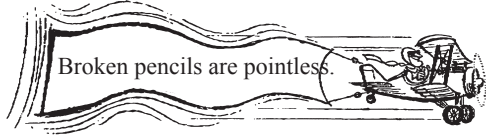
**From the Senior Deacon** (cont'd.)

we learn during our journey in Masonry, and how we can apply these lessons to improve our lives and the lives around us.

Through these meetings, we have found brethren from the past who have now re-engaged with the lodge. I want to personally thank **Worshipful Greg Habib, PM**, for being not just a supporter for last year's Fellowship Thursdays, but an active participant, contributor and mentor in the process.

We will continue to evolve our Thursdays, so that we can use the social aspect of our brotherhood to enhance the experience for all our membership. Join us every Thursday from 7pm to 11pm. Come by and see what's new!

**Dennis Yen, Senior Deacon**



## Officers for 2016

- John D. Mc Dannel (Mary), Master** ..... Cell: (626) 806-2623  
Home: (626) 791-3221; e-mail: johnmcdannelav8or@gmail.com
- Ronald M. Lewis, Jr., Senior Warden** ..... Cell: (626) 755-4994  
e-mail: cdrspot@yahoo.com
- Stephen T. Hawkins Junior Warden**.....e-mail: sthawkins@lycos.com
- Francis W. Malinowski (Susan), Treasurer**..... Cell: (626) 379-5995  
Home: (626) 792-6706; e-mail: yakers@earthlink.net
- Gerald E. Harris, PM (Beverly), Secretary** ..... Home: (626) 445-0949  
e-mail: jerryharris@emasons.org
- M. Bruce Chubbuck, PM (Lynda), Chaplain** .....Home: (626) 797-2641  
e-mail: mbruceec@sbcglobal.net
- Dennis Yen, Senior Deacon** .....Cell: (213) 399-6766  
e-mail: dyen457@gmail.com
- George Amirian (Arpinee), Junior Deacon** .....Cell: (818) 279-3933  
Home: (818) 541-9460; Work: (818) 248-0304; e-mail: george\_amirian@yahoo.com
- Luis G. Echevarria, (Laura) Marshal** ..... Home: (818) 434-1504  
e-mail: donlucho11@gmail.com
- Younes Safa, Senior Steward** .....Home: (310) 430-5759  
e-mail: ysafadds@gmail.com
- Garabed H. Tutundjian, Junior Steward**.....Cell: (626) 487-9850
- Bruce M. Blitz, PM (Cirel), Tiler** ..... Home: (818) 326-7648  
e-mail: bruceblitz@att.net
- R. Melvin Lewis, Sr., PM (Ignacia), Officer Coach**..... Home: (626) 286-9449



- Inspector 717th Masonic District: William Brian Miller** ..... (909) 967-1594  
e-mail: xino3rd@xino3rd.com
- Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau: A. Sherman Ostrom** ..... (818) 366-3572  
16800 Devonshire St., Suite 201, Granada Hills 91344 e-mail: office@lamsb.org

Pasadena Lodge # 272 F & AM  
200 S. Euclid Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

FEBRUARY 2016  
TRESTLE BOARD

IMPORTANT  
DATED MATERIAL

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PASADENA, CA  
PERMIT NO. 1188