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At our July 5th Stated Meeting we will vote on an increase in dues from \$164.00 to \$176.00. Please read the Master's Message on page 3 & cont'd. on page 6 for details.

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

July 2016

Tuesday, July 5	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting Officers Coat & Tie Taco Tuesday Nite	
Tuesday, July 12	6:30 p.m.
Monthly Family Dinner	
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m.
Two Second Degrees	
Tuesday, July 26	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Wednesday, July 27	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	

July Birthdays

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

Reyadh J. Michail,7/1, Charles W. Ballance,7/3, Dionisio A. Carbajo,7/3,
John W. Plumb,7/4, Norman A. Barakat PM,7/5, James M. Deuchars,7/5,
Khaled K. Al Maleh,7/7, Jose A. Ugas-Abreus,7/9, Wallace D. Arntzen,7/10,
Michael O. Coye,7/10, Safwat Y. Israwi,7/10, Sol P. Ajalat,7/12,
Ronald H. Ferguson,7/12, Carl F. Milkie,7/13, Robert N. Grossman PM,7/15,
Thomas R. Orrell PM,7/16, Naji Madi,7/18, Stephen G. Larson,7/22,
Donald E. Fraser,7/24, Daniel T. Moran PM,7/24, Peter C. Reardon,7/24,
Alfred Martinez PM,7/25, William R. Halliday,7/27, Harry Larson PM,7/27

September 13, 2016 Family Dinner

Baby Back Ribs
Cole Slaw - Baked Beans - Corn on the Cob
Dessert

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



July Trestle Board Report

BREXIT: All of the world's news media have been flooding us with headlines about the recent referendum of the United Kingdom's vote: to leave the European Union. Well, I think we should leave this decision to the Brits. What do you think? What the headlines should really focus on is this: "The British are Coming"- "The British are Coming".

Twelve members from Canterbury England's America Lodge No. 3368 are coming to Pasadena Lodge No. 272 to demonstrate their Masonic ritual to our lodge members on Monday September 5, 2016. America Lodge's Masonic demonstration will begin at 4:00pm sharp. We are planning to open this demonstration to all 3rd degree masons in the area who wish to attend this historic event.

Following the demonstration, we will host a traditional turkey dinner, served with all the trimmings to honor our international guests. The cost of this event will be \$25.00 per mason. Since our guests are bringing their wives, your wives are also invited to share in the festivities following the demonstration. Your wives and guests will also be complimentary.

As you probably know, the demonstration will be limited to 3rd degree masons only. And, since this is Labor Day, we can expect traffic to be lighter than usual. Parking will be complimentary.

An invitation of this event is printed in this issue for your convenience. Make your reservation ASAP. SPACE IS LIMITED.

A big thank you should be extended to **Brother Younes Safa** who has accepted the role of Chairman of

this important event. On June 13th, he traveled to England as our emissary to meet with America Lodge.

Call John Mc Dannel for your reservation at 626-791-3221.

IMPORTANT LODGE NEWS

***3rd Degree** We are proud to announce that on Tuesday June 21st we raised our newest 3rd degree Mason: **Brother David Webb**. A photograph of him is included in this publication.

***Masonic Home Centennial Celebration** On Sunday June 26th **Gary & Rosanne Tutundjian, PM Mel & PM Ron Lewis, and John & Mary Mc Dannel** attended the 100th anniversary of Masonic Relief in Southern California. This event was held at the Masonic Home in Covina. A cute photo of our members is also provided in this publication.

***Degrees** On Tuesday June 28th, we passed brothers **Devin Acosta** and **Jacob Smith** from EA to Fellowcraft Masons. **PM Greg Gabriel** was sitting in the East for this meaningful event. Thanks to Greg and to the rest of our elected officers for your hard work in putting on this 2nd degree. See photo in this publication.

***Budget Report** At our first stated meeting of this year, we passed a budget of \$84,000.00 to operate the lodge. This budget averages \$7,000.00 per month to run our lodge. From January 1st to the present, we have been under budget. We have been averaging \$5,931.97 per month in expenses since January 1, 2016.

***FYI** Grand Lodge is proposing to
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Message from the Senior Warden

FIRE SAFETY

Brethren,

As it is very typical for the middle of summer, the air temperature rises to the delight of some and to the dismay of others. To make matters worse, the State of California, and Southern California in particular, is in a very persistent drought situation. I mention this as a reminder to our Brethren and extended families to make yourselves a little bit more fire ready.

Many of you know, either through the local news or local visible recognition, the numerous brush fires that are raging around the area and the devastating consequences of their aftermath. The causes of the various fires are numerous which makes some of them possibly preventable. It is on the prevention and personal safety that I want to focus on because no one is immune. Unfortunately, even some of our Masonic edifices have been touched by fire, damaged by other means, and just outright threatened.

First and foremost, try to be somewhat aware of your surroundings. Whether it is in your home, at work, at Lodge, or on vacation, knowing where important safety equipment is could mean the difference between life and death. Check your smoke detectors and test them

monthly. If you have a fire extinguisher, place it or them in a strategic location to either put out the fire or to buy you time on the way out. Remember, if the fire extinguisher can not put out the fire in a matter of seconds, leave the area and let the professionals deal with it.

Secondly, prepare yourself and family mentally and physically. In the Navy, we did numerous egress drills where one was blindfolded to simulate a darkened environment. You can do this at home and make a game of it with the children. Such a game will build their confidence in finding a way out in the dark. Also, don't forget your furry or not so furry companions. They may need additional attention as to temporary lodging for not all locations will allow you to bring your pets.

Think ahead and prepare important documents. The beauty of technology is that some of these items can be scanned and stored on various media. Just remember to properly safeguard these items because that can cause an entirely new headache in the form of identity theft.

Finally, create your plan and keep family or friends in the loop. They will no doubt worry, but will be reassured if they know your plan of action and stick by it. There may be times to be heroic, but there is only one of you, and each of you, in your own way, contributes to the Lodge. Be safe this summer!!!

Ronald Lewis, Jr P.M.
Senior Warden



Message from the Junior Warden

Halfway Through Our Masonic Year

Brethren:

It is amazing how fast this year has gone. When you receive this Trestle board, we will be at the Fourth of July weekend. That means we will be half way through the year. And the rest of this year should be a wild one in the outside world. We will have a very unique election this upcoming November in a political campaign that promises to be the dirtiest of all time. While there have been various scandal based elections throughout history and while we have had some very dirty presidential campaigns (like the 1824 campaign between John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson which labeled Jackson a “bigamist”), the only record we have of these events is in print. With today’s media, live and taped events have a lot more impact on the viewer than reading old newspapers.

As for the lodge, we will have a busy summer. We have at least 5 Entered Apprentices who all need to advance to Master Mason status by Labor Day. Many of them want to be part of England’s American Lodge visit and exhibition of their degrees in our Lodge building. So there is a lot of coaching work to do and the officers are also getting ready to advance. Such is the summer for this year.

In past years, when our lodge was

not growing, we would take the summer off from many ritual practices. That way our members with their young and growing families could spend the summer months with their families and go on family vacations, a very traditional American event. In those days we had more lodges and more masons in Southern California. When I joined the Al Malaikah, there were 22,000 Shriners, and Al Malaikah was the largest Shrine Temple in membership in the Shrine world. Today, there are 3,500 members of Al Malaikah and it is no longer the largest shrine center in the shrine world. Thus is the times in which we live. The only way we can improve the situation is to continue to grow as a Lodge and as an organization.

Our new members are bringing a great breath of fresh air to our lodge. As they learn their new work and advance through the degrees of Masonry, I trust they will continue to advance with the same zeal and positive attitude that they have exhibited so far. It is fun watching our lodge grow. Besides growing in membership, we need to grow in advancing new ideas and new programs to have an impact in Pasadena. I ask you to help me in this quest. Send me your ideas on what we can do and we will discuss and act upon them.

Steve Hawkins, Junior Warden



The Gift of Gab(e)

KA-BOOM!!!

July 4th, Independence Day! A day off from work, a BBQ with family and friends, and of course, FIREWORKS! Now I understand the reason for the holiday and naturally we need to eat, hence the BBQ, but how did fireworks become such an important part of the festivities?

Turns out our second president, John Adams, had written a letter to his wife on July 3, 1776 on this very subject. He stated that “fireworks should be used to celebrate our independence from Great Britain.” As a result, on July 4, 1777, fireworks were used to open the first anniversary of our desire to be free.

Fireworks began as firecrackers around 200 BC in China when burning bamboo shoots in a campfire dried out and causing a very loud popping sound. It soon became clear that this was a great way to scare off wild animals and would be marauders. Later, gunpowder was added for a louder sound and it was easier to light than starting a campfire.

It wasn't until 1830 that an Italian chemist added gunpowder as a propellant to launch the exploding shell into the sky. Up until this time,

firework displays were all on the ground or hung from tall buildings. China makes and exports about 90% of the world's supply of fireworks and Walt Disney World Resorts is one of the largest buyer of fireworks in the world.

Dreaming of fireworks means you like to be the center of attention and have a positive and outgoing outlook on life.

In 2002, a Swiss chocolate company constructed a chocolate aerial firework in Zurich that was 19 feet high and 5 feet in diameter. It was filled with 133 pounds of smaller chocolates. (Look up in the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane, no it's a chocolate hail storm falling from the heavens!)

Aerial fireworks can travel over 150 mile per hour and reach heights of over 650 feet. The hardest color to make is blue, though it is one of the most impressive. The average fireworks show is around 18 minutes in length. Any less and the crowd feels cheated. Any longer and they become bored as they wait for the finale.

On Independence Day, Americans fire off 175 million pounds of fireworks which is the equivalent of 100,000 lightning bolts.

Master's Message (continued)

raise their per-capita tax from \$42.50 to \$45.50 per year per member. We are obligated to pay this tax on each of our members listed on our roster.

***PROPOSED DUES INCREASE**

Since GL is raising their per capita tax, it is proposed that we increase Pasadena Lodge's dues from \$120.00 to \$130.00 plus per-capita. This means each of us will be paying \$176.00 in annual dues.

This may sound like a lot, but it amounts to only \$14.67 per month to be a Mason in good standing. I hope you will agree that this is the

cost of doing our Masonic business.

We will be voting on this proposed increase at our July 5, 2016 Stated Meeting. Please come and exercise your right to vote and review the logic behind this proposed increase.

I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT OUR JULY 5, 2016 MEETING.

Normally one would expect to see fireworks on July 4th. I hope we don't see any fireworks at the July 5th Stated Meeting.

John Mc Dannel
Master

From the Gift of Gab(e) (continued)

So this July 4th, enjoy your day off, have a hot dog for me, and be careful with those “safe and sane” fireworks. After all, you want to be around for July 5th!

Thought for the Month: Do other countries have a 4th of July? (Of course they do, they just don’t get the day off.)

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

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