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## Special Days in June



Flag Day June 14, 2016



June 19, 2016

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.**

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

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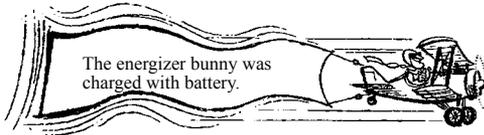
**Reminder: Dues Are Due**

***Please Pay Your Dues If You Have Not Already Done So***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 2016

Tuesday, June 7	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting Officers Coat & Tie Taco Tuesday Nite	
Tuesday, June 14	6:30 p.m.
Monthly Family Dinner	
Tuesday, June 21	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Tuesday, June 28	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Wednesday, June 29	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	



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## June Birthdays

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

Eric J. Houchin, 6/1, Hagop R. Khatchadourian, 6/1,  
Michael T. Mc Larry, 6/2, Wesley R. Nowa, 6/8, Calvin T. Baker, 6/9,  
Carroll E. Gray V, 6/13, Varad A. Raj, 6/13, John P. Graff, Jr. PM, 6/14.  
Svend E. Jensen, 6/15, Bruce R. Lamb, 6/20, Tateos Hatsakorzian, 6/21,  
Elie D Haddad, 6/22, Karl A. Wise, 6/22, Vito Di Salvo, 6/24,  
Alford Sundin PM, 6/25, Charles H. Fields, 6/28, Sam G. Stolzoff, 6/28

### June 14, 2016 Family Dinner

**Wear your Hawaiian Shirt Night — Aloha!**

Hawaiian Chicken dressed in Papaya & Mango Salsa  
Rice with Pinapple chunks  
Green Beans in Holsin Sauce  
Fresh Green Salad with Sweet Onion Vinaigrette  
Mango Mouse Cake with a scoop of Pineapple Sherbert

*Please make Family Dinner Reservations by Friday, June 10, 2016  
(626) 795-5610 or*

*email: [secretary@emasons.org](mailto:secretary@emasons.org)*

*\$12.00 per person*



## Sixth Month Check Up

Our installation was six months ago. During the past six months I have attempted to keep you informed about the significant events happening in your lodge and our Masonic Temple.

When I first joined Masonry fifty years ago, I never considered being an officer of a lodge. After serving my first six months, I would recommend that every dues card carrying Mason should consider doing the same. Being Master is where “the rubber meets the road”. You really gain a different perspective concerning the breadth and complexity of Masonry.

In February I wrote about an unauthorized intruder forcing his way into the temple on a Tuesday’s lodge night. The intruder burst into the temple, threatened two of our officers and made it to the Masters chair. Fortunately, the police removed him from the temple in handcuffs.

This month we had a second incident. A homeless person, well known by the police, was charged with vandalism. He threw 20 rocks breaking 20 of our temple windows. Fortunately, we are insured for such events -minus the \$1,000.00 deductible, of course.

These are probably the only two unfavorable incidents of this type that we have ever experienced since the completion of the temple in 1926.

FYI, When I transferred into the lodge six years ago, we had approximately 390 members on our roster. At that time, our dues were somewhere in the neighborhood of \$90.00/year. After examining the income and expenses of the lodge, I recommended we raise our dues to \$164.00/year.

Our lodge members approved the dues increase nearly two years ago. At that time, we recognized that subsequent increases would probably be required.

Well, it is time to raise the dues again! The Grand Lodge of California is proposing to increase our per capita tax from to \$42.50 per member to \$45.50 per member. FYI: our team is trying to balance our income against our expenses.

Just like you, we don’t like to increase dues. Having said that, everything seems to cost more today than yesterday. A major factor contributing to this increase of dues is our falling membership. The decline in membership is primarily due to the age of our lodge’s membership. Grand lodge is experiencing the same condition, which is one of the reasons they are raising their per capita tax. At this time, we are down to 290 members, seventy of which are life members who pay no dues. We are hoping that the interest from the life membership account will pay for their per capita tax. As you know the interest rates are very low these days. Another point for you to ponder: our dues supply only 39% of our budgeted needs. The balance comes from our investment portfolio and dividends from the Temple.

\*We know that you will be concerned with this proposal to raise dues, so please attend our June 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting to participate in the discussion and vote on in this important matter.

\*Regarding the Temple, we are having to replace the stage curtains due to age and fabric failure. It is necessary for us to remodel the first floor ladies’ and men’s

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## *Message from the Senior Warden*

# Halftime

June is here and the year is half over. That also means that the Masonic year for our Lodge is half over and soon preparations will need to be finalized for the ensuing year. In football terms, this is halftime and a chance to reflect what we have done while thinking about where we want to be. As the Officers' Coach, we need to think ahead ritualistically.

There are two good reasons for why I propose that each Brother reflect upon their place in the Lodge. In the case of perhaps taking up a chair as a Lodge Officer, the requirements set by Grand Lodge must be met to their satisfaction. Our Inspector, Worshipful Miller, is the Grand Master's representative who will do the honors of reviewing the ritual work before giving it a passing or failing grade.

So, what does that mean? It means that the Inspector wants you to think about where you want to be in the Lodge next year. Specifically, he wants the future officers to work on their ritual for next year now. The first reason being that certain stations require the Brother to be qualified to assume the duties of that station. For the ease of the Inspector, he wants to qualify the officers as a team as opposed to

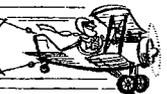
doing it as individuals. This was done before when we had Worshipful Cooper as our Inspector a few years ago.

Worshipful Miller's rationale is really simple. He is a body of one whereas District 717 is a body of three Lodges. The many can not have their needs met by the one simultaneously unless you can solve the space-time continuum. Science Fiction tries to tackle this daunting task, but as we are not Star Wars or Star Trek, we will relegate to the dictates of the great Orb in the sky called the Sun. Hence, our Inspector wants all qualifying to be accomplished by November 4, 2016 which happens to be his birthday. Thus the second reason is he wants the Lodges ready for the next ensuing year before Christmas.

The good news is that this a goal that can be achieved. But, you need to start thinking and working on it now. Do not wait as it makes it harder for the rest of us to help you in this journey. Also, starting early helps you to see what else may be required of you as sometimes it is not always about just the ritual.

Fraternally,  
Ronald Lewis  
Senior Warden

I didn't like my beard at first.  
Then it grew on me.





## *Message from the Junior Warden*

### **LOOKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE continued**

It is already June and we have still much to do. Our officer line is starting to get ready for 2016, as we continue to confer degrees on candidates. It is a great place for us to have our degrees and have time for meals and fellowship. It is also a great place to host some events for not only the Masonic community, but also the general public as well. Yes, our Pasadena Masonic Temple is a genuine treasure. Being that, it must be protected. Recently we have had some events that have caused use some concern.

On a Sunday morning, our building was bombarded with at least 25 rocks that broke 21 panes of glass. While the perpetrator was arrested and taken to jail, we still had a lot of clean up the mess early on Sunday morning and be ready for Comedy Central who was renting the building to shoot several location shooting days starting Monday. While this is good business for us, it did cause some problems and expenses. Fortunately, we are still able to attract more location shooting. We have a great reputation as a shooting location with the members of the location managers guild.

This is the second time in 2016 we have had deliberate attempts from outside persons to cause injury and harm to our property. Thank goodness the former temple members (myself included) did not listen to the nay-sayers and installed a comprehensive security system. It has helped use many times this past year. The biggest problem we have had is from non-members trying to damage and destroy our property. I have also been surprised of how many recent events have occurred at other lodges in other jurisdictions across the country. The biggest problem we have as an organization is not being involved with our communities. It is true, we are a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, but we never attend. We need to be involved with the Chamber on our own terms. With this new plan of action to make lodges

better, we will overcome that problem.

One thing we can do to improve our image in the community, is to help another non-profit organization with one of their pressing needs. Last Christmas season, I noticed that Providence Christian College (which rents space from William Carey College in North Pasadena) had its Christmas Concert at a Baptist Church near Pasadena City College. It was quite a small event. I have contacted the Professor of Music there to see if we could host them at no charge in early December for an interdenominational Christmas Concert in our building. This proposal is now being reviewed by those in charge at Providence Christian College. This would also help us become known as another location that supports the arts in our local schools. This should be a very fine event.

As some of you know, I was able to chair the Annual New Year's Eve Gala at the Pasadena Masonic Lodge this past December 31. I have been asked to do it again with some more lavish changes. However, due to a scheduling problem, the Shriners Hospital is having a special New Year's Event this coming season for its large donors. So, not to confuse our members, we will skip this year in favor of the Hospital's Party. This way, I can make plans for a bigger event for 2018.

After looking at the calendar, I discovered that December 29 is Albert Pike's Birthday. Brother Pike was a confederate general in the War Between the States (Civil War). Whereas most Master Masons may not be familiar with Albert Pike, Scottish Rite Masons are very familiar with Pike's contribution. Of all the things he accomplish at the Scottish Rite, Pike reorganized the Scottish Rite degrees from over 1000 to 29. They are the Scottish Rite Degrees of 4-32. This action and the book he wrote "Morals and Dogma" are cornerstones of Scottish Rite Masonry. During the Christmas-New Year



## *The Gift of Gab(e)*

# Welcome to Our Table

June 24th is St. John the Baptist Day, a day remembered in the Craft as the day the The Grand Lodge of England was organized in 1717. During this celebration of what was the start of modern masonry, a feast was held to honor a great supporter of ancient masonry, John, the Baptist. That tradition continues today in the form of the Masonic Table Lodge. But wait...there is also the Masonic Festive Board of Fellowship. So what are they and what is the difference?

They both serve the same propose and celebrate the Craft. The difference is the Table Lodge is restricted to Masons only and has seven "mandatory" toasts where as the Festive Board is open to Masons, spouses, family and guests and has eight toasts. Both serve a seven course meal and both are patterned after the French Freemason Military Lodge's strict system of rules from the French ceremony of the "Loge de Table". The toasts represents a military canon volley and all the implements of the meal are refereed to in military terms. For example, the collectible shot glasses are known as cannons. To fire means to drink. One does not eat, one masticates. Red powder is wine, yellow powder is beer, black powder is coffee and white powder is water, Salt is sand and pepper is dust. Forks, knives and spoons are called pickaxes, swords and trowels respectively.

The toasts for the Table Lodge are dedicated to our flag and country, to the craft, to the Grand Master, to the hosting lodge, the visiting brethren, to those who helped make the evening so special and finally to the memory of our departed brethren. To these, the Festive Board adds a toast to the ladies who have attended the event. These toasts conform to strict military codes including three rounds of a salute of "Vivat, Vivat, Vivat", Latin for "Long Life", and concluding with a resounding crack of the "canon" upon the workshop (table). There is also a "side toast" known as "taking wine with" where the toast master will announce who the lodge master will salute with a quick shot down the hatch. These mini toasts may include acknowledgements to masters of other lodges, inspectors, civic leaders, senior DeMolays, members of the Scottish or York Rites members of the Shrine, military veterans, Hiram Award recipients and so on.

Pasadena Lodge along with South Pasadena Lodge will be hosting the second annual Table Lodge on Saturday, June 18th at 5:00 pm. On Saturday, June 11th at 6:00 pm, Alhambra Lodge will host its 8th annual Festive Board and on Saturday, June 28th at 6:00 pm, Arcadia Lodge will hold their 4th annual Festive Board. Pick one or go for all three. You can never have enough fellowship in life!

Thought for the Month: 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

### **Master's Message** continued from p3

**bathrooms.** The bathrooms are looking very worn. We are currently making progress on both of these proposed improvements.

\*On June 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be sharing in the expenses of our 717<sup>th</sup> Masonic Districts 2<sup>nd</sup> Table Lodge. The cost will be \$50.00 per ticket. The event will be held at the South Pasadena Lodge and begins at 4:00pm. We are planning a seven course meal and it will be a formal black tie event. Please join us. You can contact me if you wish to purchase a ticket. John Mc Dannel 626-791-3221.

\*At 4:00pm on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting America Lodge of Canterbury England. Eleven of their lodge

members are traveling from Great Britain to Pasadena to perform the British version of a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ritual for all 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Masons who wish to attend this international demonstration. We will be serving a Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings following their demonstration. The Grand Master of California will be in attendance for this historic event. The cost of a ticket will be set at \$25.00 per person. The event will be held in our grand hall at the Pasadena Masonic Temple. This historic event will be the kick off to the 300<sup>th</sup> year in Masonry. Please join us!

John Mc Dannel  
Master



From the Junior Warden (continued) season, it would be an ideal date to host Masons from all over North America who have come to Pasadena to see the Rose Parade. It will be a great time to meet and host our traveling brothers and their families. Looks possible in the 2017-2018 New Year season.

As I look ahead in these next few years, I hope we can establish a special community project that we can call our own. This project is not just for Masons to know and understand; it is to help build a Masonic legacy in the community of Pasadena. Whereas I am an idea man, this community project/symbol still escapes me. It might be one listed above, or a new one which we need to develop. It must be a project that our lodge alone develops. It must fill the need or solve a problem in the greater Pasadena area. It must be a project that we can build upon and attract new members as well. Everything we do in the community is designed to cast a good light on our fraternity. I do not have all the answers. I do need your help in finding and creating this project. If you have an idea or suggestion,

please contact me. My phone number and email address are listed in the officers' roster below. Let me know what you think and about your great ideas.

Steve Hawkins, Junior Warden

New Ideas are sacred. All ideas need to be examined, nurtured, grow and allowed to bloom. Without new ideas, there is no invention, no growth, no stimulus to improve upon an existing invention, product or service. It is the absorptions of new ideas into the planning, building or manufacturing process that we can all have better and more products and services. Some ideas may not fit the situation; some ideas come forth at the wrong time; some ideas challenge our goals and direction; and some ideas will get us off track completely. But new ideas are the food of innovation. Without new ideas, creativity would starve.

What new ideas for the lodge do you have today? Contact me about yours.

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