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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Special 50 Year Golden Veteran Pin Presentation

Inspector William Miller, P.M. will be attending our March 8th, 2016 Pasadena Masonic Lodge No 272 Family Dinner to present a 50 Year Golden Veteran Pin to Brother Michael Coye.

All Members of Pasadena Lodge, and especially our Past Masters, are encouraged to attend the Lodge for this special occasion.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12.00/plate. In keeping with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in March, our menu will be Spinach Salad, Irish Stew over Mashed Potatoes, Bailey's Special Chocolate Mousse Cake and Irish Beer. Be certain to make reservations by calling John Mc Dannel @ 626-791-3221 or the Temple @ 626-795-5610 by Friday, March 4, 2016. We hope you will be with us to honor Michael Coye for his 50 years of commitment to Masonry. Please invite your wife or a guest to join us for dinner.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 17, 2016 for Lodge Brunch & Invite your friends

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

March 2016

- Tuesday, March 1 7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting
Officers Coat & Tie
Taco Tuesday Nite
- Tuesday, March 8 6:30 p.m.
Monthly Family Dinner
50-Year Golden Veteran Pinning
for Michael Coye
- Sunday, March 13 Daylight Savings
Begins—Turn your Clocks ahead 1 hour
- Tuesday, March 15 7:00 p.m.
Practice Second Degree
- Wednesday, March 16 7:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday, March 22 7:00 p.m.
Second Degree for David Webb
- Wednesday, March 28 6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting

March Birthdays

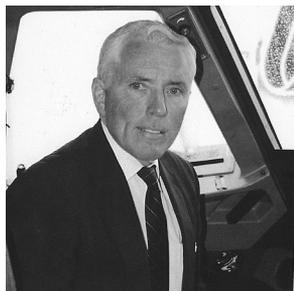
(If your Birthday is in March, your dinner is free.)

B.B. Masoyan PM, 3/2, Steven B. Fink PM 3/3, John W. Kruse, Jr., 3/4,
Eusebio Sanchez, 3/5, William G. Haddad, 3/8, M. E. Cevik, 3/10,
John D. Mc Dannel, 3/10, Robert E. Swender, Jr., 3/15,
Gevork Chuldzhyan, 3/17, Richard O. Taylor, Sr., 3/17, Sarkis Darwishian, 3/18,
Lewis S. Trusty, 3/18, William H. Bassett, 3/19, Douglas N. Grossman, 3/19,
Gregory M Habib PM, 3/19, Simon J. Karkenny, 3/20, Sam Makarem PM, 3/20,
William Azoon, 3/21, George S. Ghssoub, 3/25, Gregory J. Gabriel PM, 3/26,
Byford N. Arnold, 3/27, Edward G. Awad, 3/27, Nabil N. Kaidbey PM, 3/28,
Dennis A. Hopelian, 3/29, Sami Bitar, 3/30

March 8, 2016 Family Dinner - 50 Year Golden Veteran Pinning for Michael Coye by Inspector William Miller

Spinach Salad
Irish Stew over Mashed Potatoes
Bailey's Chocolate Mousse Cake
And maybe some Irish Beer Hic, Hic

*Please make Family Dinner Reservations by Friday, March 4, 2016
(626) 795-5610 or
email: secretary@emasons.org
\$12.00 per person*



MARCH NEWS FLASH!

Brethren and friends, thank you for your support by attending our 50 year pinning ceremony and family dinner on February 9, 2016. We were honored to have our Grand Master, **Most Worshipful M. David Perry**, and our District Inspector **Worshipful William Miller** present this awesome 50 year pinning ceremony to our Pasadena Lodge and guests. As you probably know, it is not customary for a Grand Master to present a 50 year pin. I am pleased to say that we enjoyed good attendance for this event. Furthermore many of us have not seen this honorary Masonic event before. That made it even more Special!

Our recent Super Bowl party was very successful as well. We had 33 fans visit the lodge who were rooting for a good game and their chosen team. Our food was prepared and presented by **Gary Tutundjian** and his fiancée **Rosanna**. The layout of the food on the table was delightful. We should be very thankful that Gary has a passion to be your HOST. We were also honored to have a few members of South Pasadena Lodge, Prince Hall Lodge and Wisdom Lodge with us.

Our new video system and larger than life movie screen added additional impact to the game. Thanks to the Temple Board and **Ron Alcorn's** technical expertise to get everything up and running for game day.

On the horizon we can see some new members applying to the lodge for membership. It is gratifying to see some young men applying to join our lodge this year. One of the benefits we will reap from this growth of membership is that we will become better at conducting our degrees and

hopefully encourage these newer Masons to become participants in the craft. Practice makes perfect! We hope this is the case and that we will take pride in our improvement.

One very rewarding aspect of being Master of the Lodge is to have a chance to serve our membership. Beginning in January, I have taken the opportunity to telephone our members on or near their birthdays to wish them Happy Birthday from the lodge. The response from the members has been greeted with warmth and surprise that someone from the lodge was reaching out to them as a member. As a result of these calls, I have learned a little about each of the members that I have spoken with. I have certainly enjoyed reaching out to our membership.

One perplexing thing about reaching out to our members is that I have found that our roster information is in some cases out of date. This is partially due to the fact that some of our members have either moved or changed their telephone numbers, but have not contacted us about the change. So if you read this column, please give me a call with any changes of your address or telephone number. My number is 626-791-3221. I would look forward to chatting with you!

A couple of months ago I contacted those members who are going to be eligible to receive their 50 year pin. I invited **Worshipful William Miller**, our inspector, and **Ron Alcorn III** to join me in presenting a 50 year pin to **PM Paul Tyson** who is living in San Clemente. His wife Cheryl was most appreciative of our visit. She was

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Message from the Senior Warden

MASONIC OUTREACH

Very recently I had the privilege of attending a meeting at the Covina Masonic Home. Aside from taking in the beauty of the campus and getting to meet with some of our Brethren and Masonic widows who are also residents, I was there to represent Pasadena Lodge #272 at the Masonic Outreach Services meeting. The meeting was full of a lot of valuable information which I intend to spell out over the course of several trestleboard articles.

Everything about the meeting can be summed up in a word: Charity. This is the charity to look after our fellow Brethren and their families. In some cases, this Masonic assistance extends to beyond the fraternity. It is true that some of this is already being done with the public being fully aware. Our "Be the Best You Can Be" and the Shriner's Hospitals for Children are two good examples. But, this meeting was about getting you to know more about us taking care of us.

The Masonic Homes is the most obvious answer to the question, "How do we take care of distressed worthy Masons and their Widows?" However, the Covina Home is different from the Masonic Home in Union City. Covina residents tend to be more spry and are able to manage fairly well on their own. This facility allows our Masonic clients the freedom to be individuals while providing a safe community to be among fellow Brethren and Sisters.

Union City also provides its Masonic clients a safe community while

being among Brothers and Sisters, but they are better situated to manage those who might need more assistance with everyday living. This is a significant distinction particularly if a Brother's roots are here in Southern California.

So, Masonic assistance always starts with a phone call. The important number to remember is (888) 466-3642 and that will take you to the Central Intake Office. It is important to note that you may get the voicemail first as opposed to a live person. Please, leave a message on the voicemail as the staff on the Masonic Assistance Line will get back to you within 24 hours. They will listen to your situation, assess the problem, and give you options on how to proceed.

The beauty of the options are that a Brother, his widow, or family member might be taken care of without a major change in living arrangements. It is in the individual assessment and in how best to proceed that makes Masonic Assistance work. As previously mentioned, the one program that extends to non-Masons is the Masonic Center for Youth and Families.

In conclusion, our charity is our legacy. It is what our Fraternity is known for and it should be what we, as individual Masons, should be known for. Stay tuned for more.

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



Message from the Junior Warden

LOOKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

Brethren:

Our year is starting to swing into high gear. We are approaching the time of our Spring Brunch, Public Schools recognition night, and a Table Lodge in June. There are more events now happening at the Lodge.

While we are getting busier with activities, I am starting to plan for the future. There are several changes that will occur on some events, but it is too soon to mention them now. My biggest challenge is to find something new; a new local community project that we can spear head for the years to come. A community project that galvanizes the majority of our local residents to support the members of Pasadena Lodge # 272 in this new project and help them to take a leadership role in town. We need to leave our mark and our legacy here. The question is: What shall we do?

Masonry has a rich past in the early development of America. Many Masons became the Founding Fathers of the United States, men like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, Henry Knox, John Paul Jones, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe and Andrew Jackson. It was Masonic principles and ideas that helped fuel the fire of Independence for the former 13 British Colonies in America. It was also the Masonic ideal that for a Democracy to operate, the concept of public schools financial support was introduced by Thomas Jefferson before he became the founding President of the University of Virginia. For a democracy to be effective, the electorate must be able to think, read and write. An uneducated democracy will fail. It was Masons in both Boston and New York City that created the public school system.

One idea designed to help the Pasadena Lodge become more involved with the community is to have at least one local precinct vote in the Lodge building for each general and primary election. This idea is not done as a money making opportunity, but to show how Masons believed in individual voting in Early America. This should be a simple project to do, but it will require that we move our stated meeting night to the second Tuesday of the Month, twice every other year, in either April, May or June in the Spring and November in the Fall. This is a great idea, and I look forward to working with those members who have presented this project.

I have been in our building between Christmas and New Years on many occasions and have been amazed at how many Masons and their families come to Pasadena to see the Rose Parade. Every year, we get 10-25 guests during that time. I feel it would be a great opportunity to welcome our Masonic Family Members who come here for the Rose Parade activities to have a special "Open House" and welcome to Southern California for our Masonic visitors. We can communicate through the other Grand Lodges for this event. During that time, the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Divan will be in town for they will be riding on the Shriners Float in the Rose Parade.

These are just three examples of some new ideas and new things we can do to be more involved in Pasadena. I would like to hear from you. I know that there are some great ideas in the minds and hearts of our members. I would like to hear from you. You can always call me at 626-831-1920. Let's talk about it. Our legacy is in your hands.

Steve Hawkins
Junior Warden



The Gift of Gab(e)

The Toilet Seat Dilemma

This last weekend I had the day off so I decided to take a whack at the ever growing “Honey-Do” list at the house. Replacing a broken wooden toilet seat was one of the more pressing items. So I thought I should make that a priority. OK, my wife made it a priority. (That’s why it’s called a “Honey-Do” list.)

Anyway, I go to the local Home Depot and after two hours find the plumbing supply aisle. Yes, I said TWO hours. Those places are huge, you can drool over all the tools you wish you had in your tool box and you can never find any help. But I digress.

So now I’m looking up at a wall with over a hundred toilet seats hanging there. Big ones, small ones, wood, plastic, a rainbow of colors, even one made of clear plastic with sea shells in it. But what most intrigued me was that there are basically three different shapes; round, oval, and U-shaped. Now the first two are found in homes while the latter is used in public restrooms. But why the difference?

Well my research informs me that the two pronged, or U-shape toilet seat is purely for hygienic reasons which need not be discussed at this time. (Note: this is for both male and female users. There is no discrimination for the U-shaped toilet seat.) It became part of the National Plumbing Code in 1955 and in the Uniform Plumbing Code in 1973.

Now, believe it or not, U-shape toilet seats are cheaper to buy because it takes less material to make one. And get this, they are less likely to be stolen. Now I have never heard of a toilet seat theft,

but apparently, this was a big problem in the United Kingdom. Once the public W/C’s were fitted with the U-shape seats, the crime rate dropped to near nil.

So now I’m thinking: Why aren’t the paper toilet seat covers U-shaped? But again I digress and that sounds like a topic for another article.

I finally decide to go with the small, round, oak wood seat (with matching lid) and begin to head toward the cashier when suddenly it struck me; if I buy a couple of U-shape seats, I can use them for an oversized game of horseshoes. Imagine what fun it would be on a summer’s day, pitching toilet seats at trees in the front yard, sipping iced tea and enjoying the sunshine. I wonder if the neighbors would like to join me in a game? Maybe we can start a league.

Thought for the Month: Why do we leave our expensive cars in the driveway and put useless junk in the garage?

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

Seat belts are not as confining as a wheel chair.



Women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



Master's Message continued from p3 very gracious and very proud of his service to Masonry and so were we!

Our Next 50 yearpin will be presented on Tuesday March 8, 2016 to **Michael Coye**. Please join us for this presentation.

On the business side of the equation, please check that your dues card is up to date. You should see paid through 12/31/2016. If it doesn't say that, please send us a check for \$164.00 for this year's dues. Just like you, we have to pay our bills! For those who have paid, thank you for your continued support of our lodge and Masonry in general.

News Flash - We had an unauthorized intruder force his way into the Temple on Tuesday night 2/16/16. He burst through our line-backer/tiler **Bruce Blitz**, aggressively pushing him aside. He rambled up the stairs into the center lodge room and seated himself in the Master's chair. His language was rough, he threatened **Bruce Blitz** and **Gary Tutundjian** with their

lives. Gary called 911 to alert the police of this threat. The police showed up shortly thereafter and arrested the intruder, who was unarmed but was even belligerent with the them.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we lost one of our active members this past week. **Tim Palmer** was 68 years old and in good health up until his death. He was preparing to leave for an ambitious hiking vacation in the Azores, Spain and Iceland when he suddenly passed away while sleeping. He was very supportive of the lodge with occasional visits to our meetings. He had a passion for our "Be the Best that You Can Be" program, our lodge's Pasadena elementary school children's scholarship program. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and have a great day.

John Mc Dannel
Master 

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