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Attend Important Stated Meeting November 1, 2016-7:30 PM
Officers to be Elected for 2017

Happy Thanksgiving

NOTICE TO INCREASE LODGE DUES

Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of The Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges, that. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of **\$130.00** plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of **\$1.00**, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

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

November 2016

Tuesday, November 1	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting**	
Officers Coat & Tie	
Tuesday, November 8	6:30 p.m.
Family Dinner	
Tuesday, November 15	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Tuesday, November 22	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	
Wednesday, November 23	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	
Tuesday, November 29	7:00 p.m.
Practice or Degree	

**** Reminder: Nov. 1st Lodge Elections at 7:30 p.m.**

November Birthdays

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

Robert H. Scott,1, Richard A. Fredette,2, Orrin C. Widman PM,2, Richard E. Davis,4
Joseph R. Elian,4, Harley L. Bennett PM,5, Emile F. Skaff,6, Herbert V. Nootbaar,8
Thomas E. Saylor,11, Bruce M. Blitz PM,13, Herbert E. Blasier, Jr.,15
Karey M. Lakin,15, Philip E. Issa,19, Erik A. Strom,20, Mustafa M. Atli,25
Joe C. Bell PM,26, John J. Koudsi,26, David D. Ostrander,27, Richard L. Bloom,28
Livius S. Bogdan,28, David J. Carideo,28, Joel T. Saxberg PM,29
Raymond B. Gaye, Jr.,30, Donald L. Valentine,30

November 8, 2016 Family Dinner

Thanksgiving Style Dinner
Turkey with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Candied Yams and Green Beans
Green Salad and Rolls
Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

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



Looking Back on the Past 12 Months of 2016

- We hosted 20 America Lodge of England members and their wives, The Grand Master of CA, 69 Lodges and 260 Masons attended this historic international Masonic event

- We have held 10 Stated Meetings - two more to go.

- Attended 8 Temple board meetings

- Attended 10 Officer School of Instructions

- Attended four Masonic funerals

- Participated in two Masonic funerals

- Hosted 10 Family dinners with five programs to entertain our guests.

- Introduced full use of our One Call Now telephone communication tool to enhance attendance

- Upgraded our Trestle Board with substantial articles and photographs highlighting our events.

- Held several events at the Masters home in Pasadena

- We had one deranged visitor break into the lodge and threaten two of our members - he was arrested

- We had 20 windows and several shutters broken due to vandalism - subject was arrested

- Cleaned up the nicks & dings in Lodge Room #2

DECEMBER

- Our installation was held on Tues. December 1st. The MW Gran Master M. David Perry was in attendance and presided over the meeting. We had 210 visitors support the installation, some of whom had never set foot in a Masonic Lodge before.

- Our first stated meeting was opened with a cute skit about the competing rivalry between USC vs UCLA. Dennis Yen represented his alma mater - UCLA while John Mc Dannel represented his - USC.

- 1st degree practice.

- John Mc Dannel hosted PM Ron Lewis' retirement party at his home in Pasadena.

- After hosting a Christmas style family dinner, we went dark for two weeks honoring Christmas.

JANUARY

- 1st degree conferred upon EA Brian Cambra

- Attended a Masonic degree meeting at Burbank Lodge

- Per Temple Board direction, we met with City of Pasadena to discuss our bathroom remodel project

- Per Temple Board direction, we met with architects

- Per Temple Board began repairing all the lodge room leather chairs.

FEBRUARY

- *Hosted our Super Bowl Party. Well attended, good food, good fellowship

- 2nd degree practice

- 50 year pin presented to Paul Tyson in Laguna. He died three months later.

- Attended Sec/Treasurers Retreat

MARCH

- Golden Veteran Award bestowed on Bro. Michael Coye

- Conferred 1st degree on Devin Acosta

- Conferred 1st degree on Jacob Smith

- Attended PM Greg Gabriel's retirement party from the Sheriffs Dept.

APRIL

- Attended the Master Wardens Retreat in Irvine

- Held our Traditional Spring Brunch 150 attended

- 1st degree examination for Leon Yolian

- 1st degree for Louis Skenderis

MAY

- Attended six elementary schools in support of our Best That You Can Be public school scholarship program

- 2nd degree practice

- 3rd degree practice

- Per Temple Board direction, we met with curtain vendors to replace torn stage curtains

JUNE

- Began discussion in the lodge regarding a possible dues increase

- Conferred 3rd degree on our newest MM David Webb

- Attended Masonic Homes 100th Anniversary Party continued on page 7



Message from the Senior Warden

A Time to Give Thanks

As 2016 is coming to a close, we should remain focused on the course ahead while reviewing what was lost and learned over the course of the year. Aside from me getting to be another year older, I did see or witness things that make me grateful to be where or what I am.

First, as my own father and mentor chugs along to the young age of 83, I am reminded of colleagues who were lost in the line of duty. This year has been especially difficult for officers and families of officers. One officer with whom I had the pleasure of working the night shift over several years was laid to rest this past Spring. He is survived by a wife and an eight-year-old son.

Secondly, the Great Architect of the Universe has even called up several Brethren to fill the Celestial Lodge room. This was most evident at South Pasadena Lodge #290, F&AM, when two of their own past away in a short period of time.

However, as our ritual states, Masonry has survived. I recently

had the pleasure of seeing that practice in action when I visited the wonderful city of Dresden in Germany. This was a city that during World War II was firebombed by the Royal Air Force destroying the cultural heart of the city. With patience and perseverance, the Germans rebuilt the cathedrals and museums with private donations following the reunification of East and West Germany. These Masons were even able to use some of the surviving blocks of stone in rebuilding these wonderful edifices.

So, when you sit down with your loved ones to enjoy your Thanksgiving meal, be thankful for those with whom you spend your time with. Thank the Almighty for the chance to see another sunrise and/or sunset. Above all, be thankful to be you for things can always be worse.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Ronald Lewis, Jr P.M.
Senior Warden



Message from the Junior Warden

Review & Commentary

Brethren:

As I put pen in hand to compose this article, I want to thank our members for electing me to the position as Junior Warden for 2016. I do appreciate your confidence in me and am glad I had the opportunity to serve. If you so desire, I am willing to continue on in elected service to the lodge. I have been learning the ritual for Senior Warden and by the time you read this, I should be qualified. Of course, the final decision is yours and I will abide by it. Our election at the November Stated Meeting will help us to guide our lodge in the many years ahead. If I am lucky enough to be elected to serve, I will endeavor to add new member interest programs to our monthly schedule.

As I look ahead in October I am looking forward to going to Grand Lodge for our annual communication. I have always enjoyed going to San Francisco and the entire Bay Area. Growing up, we had family friends who lived in San Mateo, Richmond and later San Pablo and we spent at least several summer vacations in the Bay Area and visiting SFO as frequent tourists. Now, it is time to return to SFO for important Grand Lodge Business.

This will be my fourth trip to Grand Lodge, but the first in this weekend only format. In the past, we were there for 7 to 9 days, with activities beginning on the Sunday before Grand Lodge would open. Many activities I used to attend do not exist anymore. I do not know the attendance numbers, but the shortening of the Grand Lodge event was designed to have more attendees. October is a great month to visit San Francisco. It is the warmest time of the year. While the temperature can reach 80 degrees, the locals can't stand it. The average temperature is 62 degrees all year around. October in San Francisco is a genuine heat wave!!! Local SFO political activists feel that the Masons, Naval Fleet Week, the Annual Columbus Day Parade

and other October activities have too many tourists coming to SFO (especially from Southern California) and we are causing a heat wave in San Francisco. You can't please everyone.

As far as 2016 is concerned, I believe we have had quite a memorable year. Our current Master John McDannel has added a great event by inviting America Lodge in London, UK to visit and demonstrate their third degree for us. That was quite a program. It could be one of the Masonic highlights of this decade. This was an idea that was conceived not too long ago and had become a reality. It is ideas like this that can make Pasadena Lodge become known in the Masonic world.

The direction I would like to see us take is becoming more involved in our community. When I wrote about this earlier, I did get some interesting replies from some members. I am pleased to see that some of you agree with this idea. I hope to introduce some of these ideas in the year and years ahead. So, I will repeat my philosophy on new ideas:

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.

Fraternally,
Stephen Hawkin
Junior Warden



The Gift of Gab(e)

Please Sir, Can I Have S'mores?

With all apologies to the Charles Dickens classic *Oliver Twist*, the title of this article stands. So if you haven't figured it out, this month's gab is all about the that decadent campfire treat, the gooey and classic S'more.

For the uninitiated, I pity you for having never had the pleasure to partake in this timeless taste treat enjoyed by all ages. A S'more is a marshmallow toasted over an open campfire which is sandwiched between two graham crackers with a slab of melting chocolate. There are several variations on this classic, but that's the basic recipe.

The S'more has been around nearly 190 years. The first publication for the recipe was published in 1827. Another appeared in 1890 when marshmallow roasts were all the rage. Apparently it was quite the thing to host a back yard party involving campfires and make-your-own desserts. But what really got S'mores on the front page was when the recipe was printed in a Girl Scout training manual entitled "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts". The blurb instructs campers on how to build 12 different styles of campfires and how to reward yourself after cooking a healthy fire-side meal. The treat was originally called "Some Mores" presumably because you couldn't eat just one and asked for some

more. As things would have it, teens and the English language collide and the name became known as "S'mores". Recipes include using Nutella spread, melted caramel, lemon custard, hazelnut butter and peanut butter.

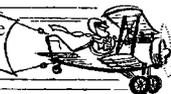
S'mores have even set world records. The world's largest S'more weighed in at 267 pounds. There is even a record of the most number of people cooking S'mores at the same time: 423. Even international bakeries have tried their hand at mass producing these beauties. Mallomar Bakery produced a graham cracker cookie topped with marshmallow and chocolate. Nabisco Bakeries of New Jersey did the same in 1913 and the world famous Moon Pie, which featured a pair of graham crackers with marshmallow filling and dipped in chocolate hit the market in Tennessee in 1917.

So there you have it. You just learned S'more about S'mores then you ever thought possible. After all...the S'more you know...ah, never mind.

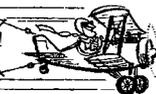
Thought for the Month: Doing nothing is hard, you never know when you're done.

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.



I tried to catch some fog. I mis!



Master's Message cont'd. from page 3

•Conferred joint 2nd degree on Devin Acosta & Jacob Smith

JULY

- British visit planning meeting
- 3rd degree conferred on Devin Acosta
- Attended District Table Lodge
- 3rd degree conferred upon Bro. George Mardini

AUGUST

- 3RD degree conferred upon Bro. Jacob Smith
 - 3rd degree conferred upon Bro. Leon Yolian
 - Joint 2nd degree conferred upon Bros. Bowers & Skenderis
 - Two Planning committee meetings for British visit
 - Met with Shutter vendors to replace broken shutters per Temple Board direction
- SEPTEMBER
- America Lodge of Britain demonstration team arrives and dinner set for 260 Masons, most of whom had never set foot in the Pasadena Masonic Temple
 - Golden Veteran award presented to Bro. William Packard

•3rd degree practice

•911 NY Drive Memorial work party held on NY Drive in Pasadena

OCTOBER

•3RD degree conferred upon Bro Loui Skenderis

•1st degree practice

•Attended the Annual Communications at Grand Lodge in SFO

NOVEMBER

•Lodge elections

•Planning 1st degree for a new candidate

•Planning a 3rd degree examination for David Webb

AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY AND WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT THIS YEAR! AND WE HAVE MORE TO ACCOMPLISH FOR YOUR LODGE AND THIS TEMPLE NEXT YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY.

John Mc Dannel
Master 2016

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