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Details of this historic visit in the
October Trestle Board Insert



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

October 2016

Tuesday, October 4	7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting Officers Coat & Tie	
Tuesday, October 11	6:30 p.m.
Family Dinner	
Tuesday, October 18	7:00 p.m.
Third Degree Louis Skenderis	
Tuesday, October 25	7:00 p.m.
Possible Degree Night or Practice	
Wednesday, October 26	6:30 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting	

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

October Birthdays

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

Kenneth L. Bennett,18, Bassem S. Boutros,9, William E. Cameron, Jr.,16
M. Bruce Chubbuck PM,12, Daniel J. Chudyk,28, Raymond C. Daily,16,
Walter M. Drake,1, William M. Fincke,19, Stephen T. Hawkins,21,
Steven M. Johnson PM,20, James M. Kellogg,27, A. S. Killebrew,4,
David K. Lesh III PM,23, Francis W. Malinowski,30,
Donald A. Mason PM,9, Raymond E. Mc Collum,23,
Paul M. Miner,11, Michael P. Moore,10, Curtis E. Morken,2,
Enrique Nino PM,22, Douglas D. Orcutt,17,
David P. Paturel,20, James A. Schumpert PM,10, Anthony Solyom,17,
Joseph M. Tobey, Jr.,2, Ralph W. Vanderhoof, Jr.,5

October 11, 2016 Family Dinner

Lettuce Wedge with Blue Cheese Dressing
Sauerbraten with Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Black Forest Cake

*Please make Family Dinner Reservations by Friday, Oct. 7, 2016
(626) 795-5610 or
email: secretary@emasons.org
\$12.00 per person*



Choose Wisely!

Can you believe we are about 30 days until the elections. No, I am not talking about the national elections, I am referring to the Lodges election of officers for 2017.

On November 8th we will all cast our vote for our Nation's leaders. One week before our national elections, on November 1st, we will be voting on our Pasadena Lodge leaders for 2017. Choose wisely in both cases. Who you vote for will determine your future. Isn't this fun!

On September 19th, your officers attended the Officer School of Instruction (OSI). At this session we were schooled on three ritualistic responsibilities - the proper procedure for the election of officers, the reception of a Grand Lodge Officer and the proper procedure for the presentation of our nation's colors or flag.

Your elected officers attend OSI once per month. The OSIs are designed to hone our skills in ritual. Our District 717 Inspector is charged with the responsibility to instruct us in the various rituals that define our craft.

I would now like to challenge every Mason in our lodge to get active in attending our meetings and practices. When we signed up to be Masons, we took an oath to support our craft and build each others' character.

So, I challenge you to step up to the plate and get involved. Volunteer for an office or attend meetings so that you can better understand our craft.

At our stated meeting on October the 4th, we will be paying our bills, accepting a motion to send our pedestal officers to the Annual Grand Lodge Communications. It is impressive to attend this annual event which is held at our Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

On 9/11/2016 a number of your Lodge members gathered at my home for the purpose of planting trees along the NY Drive Memorial to 9/11. We have supported this patriotic memorial for the past six years. This memorial was first established in 2001. We have inserted a photo of this event for your viewing in this month's Trestle Board

Insert. Following the tree planting ceremony we gathered to enjoy a Bar-B-Que together

We have also inserted some photo's of our newest **Golden Veteran Awardee William Packard**. He and his wife Judy drove from Arizona to receive this significant Masonic recognition. Judy pinned Bill with his 50 year pin. And, escorting him around the lodge room was his DeMolay & high school buddy, **Michael Coye**. Mike is another Golden Veteran of Pasadena Lodge. Not many lodges can boast of such long lasting friendships like these two Masons enjoy. Following this ceremony the other 50 year vets gathered for a photo.

FYI - **William and Michael** teamed up to conduct an audit of our lodge and Temple. I have inserted Bill's audit reply for you to review. It is the first audit we have had in nearly a dozen or more years. Thanks are extended to Bill and Mike for volunteering for this committee.

We are currently practicing for our next 3rd degree for **Bro Louis Skenderis**. On October 18th, we are planning to raise him to be our 8th Master Mason this year. I believe this is a record for our lodge. Louis's father, **Spiro**, a Master Mason, is going to fly out for the ceremony. So, how many fathers have attended their sons 1st and 3rd degrees. I can assure you not many! By the way, he lives in the Washington DC area.

I hope this Trestle Board article will help keep you informed about what we are trying to do to support Masonry and keep expanding the membership. Your dues are what keeps us going. Thank you for your support.

Cheers,
John Mc Dannel, Master 



Message from the Senior Warden

More Than Just A Vote

Brethren, in little over a month from now we will be looking and/or participating in a ritual called voting. It is true that the Presidential election in November will take center stage, but I am referring to our annual election of officers which for 2016 falls on the Tuesday before the national election. Our stated meeting falls on the first Tuesday of the month and this year the 2016 Presidential election is on the second Tuesday in the month of November instead of the first Tuesday as it normally is every four years.

Unlike national politics, the members of a lodge may not necessarily know who the candidates are prior to an election. The reason for this lies in the fact that a Master Mason of the Lodge in good standing can nominate any worthy Brother Master Mason of the Lodge for the offices of Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary. This has happened in the past where the nominee was not a Brother currently in the line of officers. He may not have appreciated being blind-sided by his recent discovery of his nomination for a specific office, but he was nonetheless nominated.

Once the Brethren of the Lodge have finished nominating a Brother or Brothers, as the case may be, the sitting Master will thrice ask the question, "Are there any further nominations?" Answer being in the negative, he will declare any further nominations for that office to be closed. The fun really now begins for if the number of nominations for any given office is greater than one, a paper ballot must be distributed and then tallied by those Brethren chosen to count the ballots.

In the case of the solitary nomination, normally a motion is made and seconded to have the Secretary, unless it is the office of the Secretary for whom the balloting is

for, cast a unanimous ballot for the candidate. In case there is a slip of the tongue and a unanimous ballot is not cast, the Lodge must resort back to the paper ballot. So, no joking around during this process.

With the Brother having been duly elected, the Master will ask the Brother if he is willing to serve in the respective office to which he has been elected. Most will say yes, but there is the chance that he may say "No" for it is not their desire to serve the Lodge in that capacity. If that happens, you are at square one and continue till a worthy Brother is elected and willing to serve.

So, why so much fuss if the next guy is supposed to move up? Truth is, a Brother does not necessarily need to move up and if re-elected to his current position, he may be happy as a clam. Remember, it is you the membership that will nominate and elect the next Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary. He just needs to be willing to serve in that elected capacity provided he has satisfied the Inspector with his requirements. But, I will stick to strictly the election process as no candidate will be presented to the Inspector without the majority of the Lodge membership having elected him.

The reason protocol is so strict is to ensure that the membership is sure of what office they are voting on and for whom they want elected for that office. Unfortunately, the caveat is that the Brother being elected is sometimes viewed as the cure all for the ills of the Lodge. He is only one man and without your support, he will fail no matter how popular and well liked he may be. I say this because an Inspector normally will never talk to the rank-and-file, but is quick to bark at the immediate leadership of a Lodge.

So if you are looking for the next Charlton Heston, you may need to reconsider how you vote. A better solution is to have yourself nominated for an elected office. Some of you may balk at that idea, but the moral is to become part of the solution and not part of the problem. Remember, don't be that guy

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Message from the Junior Warden

Review & Commentary

Brethren:

As I look at the calendar, we are now about to wrap-up our Masonic Year 2016. It has been a very good and historic year thus far. To date, we have raised 10 Master Masons so far. There will be at least one more when we raise Louis Skendaris later this month on Tuesday, Oct 18. I do not recall any other year when we had so many degrees. This will be a year for the ages.

I cannot forget the first time that America Lodge located in greater London, UK came on Labor Day this year and demonstrated how the third degree is performed under the Grand Lodge of England's ritual. That was quite an experience. Great fellowship also was had at the Thanksgiving/Holiday Feast after the event. That was such a grand night. You will find some of the pictures from it in this trestle board. What a great night for Masonry in Pasadena.

I am a big football fan and this is my favorite time of the year. As I write this article, I am listening to my two favorite sports talk show hosts discuss the new Los Angeles Rams first two games. The Rams are now 1 win and 1 loss.....and as of yet, have not scored a touchdown!! How can this be???? The season is long and things will always be subject to change.

October is the month of the annual Grand Lodge Communication and Grand Lodge session in San Francisco. I have not been briefed as of yet about the new proposed changes to the California Masonic Code and the Grand Master's Recommendations, but they will be coming soon. There is a lot of legislation work to do at the Grand Lodge Session this year. More about that to come.

At our September Family dinner, I learned something about a Grand Master's recommendation that occurred many years ago. With over 20 years of service to Masonry, Larry Adamson was Grand Master of Masons in California for the Masonic year 2003-2004. One of his Grand Master's

Recommendation was the way alcoholic drinks could be served and handled in the Masonic Lodges and Masonic Hall Associations. His recommendation was that alcoholic beverages could be served in Masonic Halls for Masonic events and could be consumed by lodge members and their guests, but the beverages had to be brought into the Lodge by one person and could not be stored overnight there. There would be no lockers, closets or locked areas where alcoholic beverages could or would be stored. Some members have mentioned that this ruling does not make sense and is needless regulation that we should no longer have to endure.

Well, I now know why this regulation was created and why it exists. In the corporate world, Larry Adamson, PGM is now retired as the President and CEO of the Midnight Mission. Now I am sure you know what the Midnight Mission is. The Midnight Mission in Los Angeles, as well as in many cities in the country, was started by Masons. The tie between the Midnight Mission and Freemasonry today is still very strong. While it is not promoted as such, the Midnight Mission helps to restore hope and dignity to those who have lost hope.

The Midnight Mission has many ways how it secures donations and raises money. One method is that the Midnight Mission provides janitorial services for Masonic Hall Associations. That means Midnight Mission residents and program attendees are doing cleanup and janitorial services to Masonic Buildings. While Pasadena does not contract with the Midnight Mission for these services, several other lodges do, like San Marino Hall Association. Most of their work is done from 1:00AM to 5:00AM. The Midnight Mission wants to ensure that their program members are not tempted while on the job. Behind all C. M. C. rules and regulations is a rational explanation justifying its existence.

Fraternally,
Stephen Hawkins, Junior Warden



The Gift of Gab(e)

Our Pasadena Neighbors Part One

As 2017 marks the 90th anniversary of the Pasadena Masonic Temple, I will pay homage to some of the other magnificent edifices in the City of Roses. This month we will start with our neighbor just up the street, the **Pasadena Civic Auditorium**.

The Civic Auditorium was constructed in 1931 and designed by architects George Edwin Bergstrom, Cyril Bennett and Fitch Haskell. They also designed many other civic buildings, but more on them in later installments. In addition to the main auditorium, the Civic Auditorium complex originally contained two lecture rooms and an exhibition hall measuring 100 x 200 feet. In the mid 1970's, an expansion project enlarged the expo halls substantially and included an ice skating rink. In 1979, a theater organ was installed which was built in the late 30's. It served as the musical interlude for the BBC during World War II and is now a permanent part of the auditorium.

In the 1940's, live radio broadcasts of big dance bands were sent around the world for for all to enjoy. Pasadena was now known for something other than the Rose Parade. Then came the age of television and the Civic played host to hundreds of national and international events. It hosted the Prime Time Emmy shows for over 20 years. Brother Louis Armstrong recorded an album

there in 1951 entitled "Satchmo at Pasadena". Some other big talent that has graced the stage in Pasadena include Bob Hope, Victor Borge, Eric Clapton, David Copperfield, Ella Fitzgerald, Luciano Pavarotti, Carlos Santana and Stevie Wonder. Even Michael Jackson started something big on this stage. While performing his hit "Billie Jean", he showed the world, for the first time, his famous "moon walk" dance move. Yes, it was born right here in Pasadena.

Not only was the Civic home to the Pasadena Pops Orchestra, but many Broadway hits. Among them Cats, Les Miserables, Beauty and the Beast, and Evita. Even I. as a elementary school kid in a summer recreation program, made my stage debut before a packed house of other kids and parents. I don't remember the part, but I do remember the experience. And what a grand experience it was. The Pasadena Civic Auditorium is one of the shining jewels in the Pasadena crown. More to come as we approach the 90th birthday of our beloved Masonic Temple.

Thought for the Month: If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Gregory J. Gabriel, P.M.

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who runs to the Inspector in the middle of the night with the grievance, for he is only going to bark at the Master the following morning. Follow your chain-of-command, advising them of your satisfaction or lack thereof, while giving them the opportunity to address the issue. That's why we have elections or as an Italian comedic actor of the black and white era once remarked, "Vote them out and leave the office vacant, it runs better that way."

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

Audit of Lodge Accounts

To: John D. Mc Dannel, Master Report on Audit of Lodge Accounts

Even though you appointed a three-man audit team, only two of us were able to meet in my short time frame to review the records. I was joined by Brother Michael D. O. Coye and together we performed statistical samples of the records for the last two years. Secretary Gerald E. Harris, PM explained the procedures that are followed each and every month to pay the bills. For the record the bills are gathered together monthly to keep them current, Brother Harris prepares a listing of the bills with the supporting documents attached,

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he then presents them to three brothers who sign off that they have reviewed the attached documentation and that all is in order. The Secretary then presents the bills for approval at the monthly Stated meeting in the form of a motion for the entire lodge to vote approval. After receiving approval, he then disburses the funds. We reviewed the minutes of the Stated meetings and compared them with the listing of the bills and attached documentation and we found no major discrepancies.

We did not perform a certified audit but our audit was performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

As for the Temple books we did not do an audit of them as an outside service is used to pay the bills and prepare an accounting of the funds. Bank statements are sent not only to the Temple but to the accounting service directly and they reconcile independently from the Temple employees. I did review the process with Brother Ron Alcorn, PM and am very satisfied that everything is in order. I would like to suggest that the Board look for a CPA that is a member of a lodge in the Valley and ask

him to do a pro bona audit of the records just to satisfy those who may have questions.

Michael and I both thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lodge.

Bill

William Packard

British/Pasadena Commemorative

09/05/16 Shot Glasses \$ 15.00 each

Call John Mc Dannel 626-791-3221

Side 1 and Side 2 photos below



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