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NAVAL LODGE...

...attracts and brings together good men of diverse generational, racial, religious, and cultural backgrounds for self-improvement, friendship, and service;

BECAUSE,

We provide an authentic initiatory experience and engaging education programs based on a tradition of living and animate speech to effect a personal transformation that inspires each man to a principle driven way of life based on brotherly love, relief, and truth.

“Although men are accused of not knowing their own weakness, yet perhaps few know their own strength. It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of.”

- Bro. Jonathan Swift

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London , England

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PLEASE NOTE!

If you have recently moved or will be moving soon, please notify the secretary so that we may ensure our records are accurate and that you won't miss any mailers.

Thank you!

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Joe Yow

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John Schaefer, Yassine Talha,
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Funeral

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Bill Hems III, Robert Wilson PM

Trustees

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Brent Wolke

Widows

Brazen Pillars
(Gary Pirkig, Chairman)

Youth Groups

Albert Lawson, Bob Prenton
Joe Yow

Hiram Award

Bill Hems III, Barry Hughes, Tom
Langford PM, Russell Parker-Taft:
Albert Lawson PM Recipient

Mason of the Year

Bill Hems III, Barry Hughes, Tom
Langford PM, John Schaefer:
John Wasson Recipient

FROM THE EAST

As the Sun Rises in the East

Brethren,

I congratulate Bros. **Maves, Rodgers, & Budding** PM, on receiving their 50 year pins. I have three more to present and will make arrangements to do them soon, as they will be presented at the Brother's homes because they can't come to the lodge for health reasons.

Our annual daylight degree went very well with five lodges participating. Each had a part and did them well. Our newest Master Mason, Bro. **Richard Maddux** received a great degree. Thanks again to the 129th and 131st Districts for their participation. The lunch provided by the Junior Warden and his crew was also very good.

March was a good month as we also gained 3 new candidates and two affiliations, but sadly two Brothers were called to that celestial lodge above. We initiated 3 new brothers and have 2 new petitions.

Coming in April we will be having a Building Fund Breakfast on April 17 from 8 AM to 12 Noon so please come out and support this, as the proceeds are for the lobby renovations. Any one wanting to contribute to the Lobby Building Fund may do so by sending a donation to the lodge secretary and mark it for the Lobby Renovation Fund. The donation will only be used for that project.

We will have the Hiram Award and Dinner on April 28 for Bro. **Albert Lawson** PM. Dinner costs \$10.00 and is at 6 PM and the Award at 7:30 PM.

Please attend Lodge. If you need a ride, call, and we will see that you get here and home again safe and sound.

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, Worshipful Master

Naval Lodge #87

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FROM THE WEST

The Duties, Privileges and Restrictions of an Entered Apprentice Mason.

“As a man is initiated and becomes an Entered Apprentice, his status within the lodge and among his brothers has changed. He has been accepted for further training. His coach, like the Master Mason of old, is bound to teach him, by precept and example, what makes a good mason.

His first duty is of course, to be bound by his obligation to the lodge. The burdens and responsibilities are not yet his but he must be taught that with knowledge comes responsibility and he should prepare himself for it. As knowledge can only be gained by effort, so he must acquire the patience to persevere and the will to succeed. Each man who has gone before has trod the same difficult path and, in the learning, made himself a better man.

There are basic virtues explained in this degree and set forth in the Monitor which should have been his practice before his application was made. We consider him doubly bound to observe the uses the twenty-four inch gauge and the common gavel, to act always as though clothed in a lambskin apron, to reverently contemplate on the Great Architect who has blessed him, to bear always in mind the Plumb, Square and Level and to view his own Masonic experience as a symbolic stone or Ashlar being formed to better fit into the structure of Masonry.

The Entered Apprentice is bound to his own lodge. He can only visit another lodge in the company of a Master Mason from his own lodge and then only for meetings held on the First Degree. He can only withdraw from the lodge if a change of residence removes him from the jurisdiction. The greatest privilege extended him is that of being taught by one man; his Coach, who can best express Masonry’s man-to-man friendship and brotherhood.

He cannot receive charity, nor can vote in lodge, since he is not yet a member, he may still be rejected, after objection by a member, investigation and report to the lodge and a vote by a lodge to determine the validity of the objection. He may be tried, if charges of un-Masonic conduct are brought against him, and suspended or expelled as a result.

The Candidate is still a Candidate until he has advanced. His eagerness for advancement should never displace his eagerness for knowledge, and the long and seemingly tedious period of instruction in this Degree will take on new meaning if out of it comes a broader grasp of the fundamental truths of our institution.”

-Source: Handbook for Candidates Coaches

Congratulations to Bros. **Crudo, Lau, and Go** for being initiated into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

Bro. **Leo Guison**
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

I offer fraternal greetings to all once again. The first two weeks of March have been kinder to us regarding my Junior Warden responsibilities. **Sarah** and I are quite happy that **Sarah's** meatloaf and potatoes were well received. I want to give a very special thank you to **Lorraine Wilson** for her assistance with the stated meeting meal. I could not arrive at the temple until sometime after 5:00 PM. The earliest **Sarah** could arrive was 4:PM. This left very little time to prepare the meal. **Lorraine** was the only person at the temple when **Sarah** arrived. The first words out of **Lorraine's** mouth were, "How can I help?" She worked non-stop, cutting up various vegetables and helping with other preparations. Because of **Lorraine's** efforts, the meal was ready in a relatively timely manner. **Sarah** calls **Lorraine** her lifesaver. **Lorraine**, we offer our heart-felt appreciation and our deepest gratitude for your invaluable help. Another special thank you goes to Bro. **Jose Angulo**, who led the entire cleanup effort. Thank you very, very much! We also thank all of you who contributed in any way no matter how small.

The Daylight Degree saw one of our own, Bro. **Richard Maddux**, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, with the combined efforts of five lodges. Congratulations **Richard!!!** The meal for this event was quite the feast to prepare. **Sarah**, as expected, designed a well-received meal. Bro. **Bill** and **Suzie Hems** were immensely involved with the food preparation. We thank both of you very, very much for the effort you put into this very special event.

The potluck meal for April's stated meeting will feature spaghetti with a meatless sauce and meatballs on the side. I remind all that this is a potluck meal, so please bring your favorite side dish to share with us.

Family, friends and fraternity. How are they related? How do our friends and family relate to this fraternity? Please tell me your thoughts when you see me or e-mail your thoughts to me.

Fraternally,
Bro. **Joe Yow**
Junior Warden

APRIL 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 BRAZEN PILLARS 9:00 AM
3	4 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	5	6 RAINBOW BOARD 7:00 PM	7 NAVAL LODGE POTLUCK 6:30 PM STATED MEETING 7:30 PM	8 OES 8:00 PM	9 CANCER SUPPORT 10:30 AM
10	11	12 ROYAL ARCH 7:30 PM	13 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	14 NAVAL LODGE FORMATION AND RUSTY TROWEL 7:30 PM	15	16
17 NAVAL LODGE LOBBY FUND BREAKFAST 8 AM TO NOON (SEE AD)	18 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	19 SMTA 7:00 PM	20	21 NAVAL LODGE OSI 7:00 PM	22 OES 8:00 PM	23
24	25	26 DEMOLAY COUNCIL 7:00 PM	27 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	28 NAVAL LODGE HIRAM AWARD DINNER 6:30 PM (SEE AD)	29 JO-RA-DE CINCO DE MAYO DINNER 6:00 PM (SEE AD)	30

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Facebook and flickr.



MASONS 4 MITTS

Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The CHALLENGE is back for another year!

San Francisco Sluggers
South Bay Bombers
East Bay Aces
North Bay Bees

Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program. Let's make this year a three-peat victory for the kids!

Make your donation online at www.Masons4Mitts.org
on Opening Day, April 8

Campaign concludes on Masons Night at AT&T Park on Monday, September 12.
More details about Masons Night tickets coming soon!

Let's show 'em what Masons can do...

HIRAM AWARD

On April 28, 2011, Naval Lodge No. 87 will bestow the Hiram Award on Bro. **Albert Lawson**, PM. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM with the presentation to follow at 7:30 PM.

There is a \$10.00 charge for this dinner, and RSVP is required. Please reserve a space by contacting Naval Lodge No. 87 at 707-644-0124.

Please, come help us make this a wonderful night, for a truly wonderful man.

JOB-RAIN-DE

JOB'S DAUGHTERS - RAINBOW GIRLS - DEMOLAY FOR BOYS

CINCO DE MAYO DINNER

Friday, April 29, 6 PM
Springbrook Masonic Center
\$10 Donation

Sponsored by Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay for Boys
in support of the American Cancer Societies

RELAY FOR LIFE!

LOBBY FUND BREAKFAST

APRIL 17, 2010

8 AM TO NOON

An
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and
MADE TO ORDER
OMELETTE
BREAKFAST!
Only \$10.00

All proceeds from this
breakfast go directly to help
remodel the lobby of the
Springbrook Masonic Temple.

Support our biggest 'brother'
with a delicious breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 21st - Widow's Luncheon

JUNE

June 23rd - Past Master's Dinner
June 30th - Game Night

JULY

July 4th - BBQ and Chili Cook-Off

FINDING FREEMASONRY

THE RUSTY TROWEL

First up, allow me to direct your attention to April 14th, which is Masonic Formation night wherein we will discuss how to apply the working tools of Freemasonry to our everyday lives, but before that, we will hold a Rusty Trowel night. The Rusty Trowel is a chance for brethren who have been away from the lodge for sometime and/or those who have forgotten the words, grips, and signs of Freemasonry - to relearn them. So please, if it's been a while because you don't remember how to do the Masonic "hokey-pokey", now is your chance to get back into the lodge and enjoy the fellowship of your brethren.

THE TOOLS OF FREEMASONRY

Much has been made about the correct interpretation of the working tools and exactly what the symbols are supposed to mean to us. In most Masonic publications there is usually at least one text-book like article focusing on a working tool. We are told how the operational masons used them, and we are told how Freemasons are supposed to use them symbolically. Great...but how do we use them in real life? It's certainly one thing to be told to have better time management (24" gauge) but walking around with a two foot ruler solves nothing.

Our Formation night on April 14th will be a discussion on how to actually apply the working tools, and your ideas are critical. So, before hand, think about it and bring your ideas and be ready to share them in lodge.

I offer now an example: *The Compass*.

The compass, we are told, is to help us define the limits of our desires and keep our passions in check. Like most of the working tools, if you break it down to the basic idea, it's about discipline. In this case, discipline of our emotions, our instinctual primal actions and reactions that get us into hot water. Czech novelist and playwright, Milan Kundera said, "*Nothing requires a greater effort of thought than arguments to justify the rule of non-thought*". Or in other words, we spend a lot of time and effort trying to justify our bad behavior.

Disciplining your emotions does not mean you should act like a robot, but rather learn to recognize emotional responses and either act on them if it's a good idea or drop it if it will get you in trouble. Do not act without control.

According to the psychologist, Robert Plutchik, there are actually only a few emotions: Anger, Anticipation, Disgust, Fear, Joy, Sadness, Surprise and Trust. Everything else is based on these 8. Love, for example, is part Trust, and part Joy. Learning to control your emotions requires that you recognize them and that they have triggers that push your buttons.

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24" GAUGE

The following Brethren have reported as being ill, injured, or indisposed. Please feel free to call, drop off food or medicine, visit, and/or send a card. Call the Master, or the Secretary, if you need phone numbers and addresses. Please notify the Senior Warden to report any Brother not on this list.

Martin Aurelio

Jim Cowan

Antonio Espinosa

Kenneth Kershner

Jack Kirkley

Brad Larson

LeRoy S. Lindbloom

Eddie Martinez

George Miller

William A. Pratt

Gus Quezon

Ned Shamlan

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The key then to disciplining our emotions is recognition. Being aware of our emotions immediately gives us control over them which is essentially the lesson of the compass: Draw a circle around our passions (recognition of our emotions and their triggers) and to keep those passions within it (controlling the situation). Plutchick's Wheel of Emotions looks like it was actually drawn with a compass. Coincidence?

The application of the compass in our lives requires us to plan.

1) Recognition: Understand which emotions you are susceptible to, and their usual triggers. If it helps, write them down. An example:

<u>EMOTION</u>	<u>TRIGGER</u>
ANGER	POLITICS

2) Control: In creating recognition of our emotions, it allows us then to create a strategy for controlling it. Knowing that a particular trigger creates an emotion, the simple solution for control is then to avoid those triggers when possible. However, we can hardly be expected to never run into such situations. The best thing to do is to think how you will respond to the situation while you are not actually experiencing the emotion. An example:

WHEN THE DISCUSSION OF POLITICS COMES UP, I WILL EITHER REMOVE MY SELF FROM THE SITUATION, OR RESPOND POLITELY THAT IT IS NOT A TOPIC I CARE TO TALK ABOUT AND CHANGE THE SUBJECT... "HEY, HOW ABOUT THOSE NINERS, HUH?"

In the end, no amount of planning will save you if you choose to give into your passions, or if honestly you are not in control of yourself, but do yourself a favor and try. Whenever you see the square and compass, try not to think of it as the symbol of Freemasonry, but see it as a reminder to circumscribe your desires and keep your passions within due bounds.

-Bro. **Brent Wolke**
Masonic Formation Officer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

“Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again”.

~Menachem Mendel Schneerson

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Marcus S. Jones	2-Apr
Renato S. Mangabat	3-Apr
Charles E. Gardner, PM	4-Apr
Laurence M. Hoback	4-Apr
Frank R. Brown	5-Apr
Gary L. Thomas	5-Apr
Robert S. Prenton	7-Apr
Rafael G. Santos	8-Apr
Russell P. Taft	8-Apr
Jonathan W. Throne	8-Apr
Gerald L. Bettman, Jr., PM	9-Apr
Charles T. Hicks	10-Apr
Michael I. Pamplin	12-Apr
Frederick P. Regala	14-Apr
Ray S. Raymundo	15-Apr
Joe A. Peck	16-Apr
Brett C. Euchenhofer	18-Apr
Apolonio S. Luna	18-Apr
Thomas V. Boatwright	19-Apr
Donald J. Radder	23-Apr
Stanwood E. Talbot	23-Apr
Harold G. Pierce, PM	26-Apr
Eric Thomas	27-Apr
Harry E. Royer	29-Apr

THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Raised Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
George H. Miller, PM	4/21/1950	61
George H. Smith	4/9/1953	58
Peter J. Axtman	4/23/1959	52
Jack H. Saunders	4/20/1961	50
Ronald F. Gruetter	4/3/1965	46
Laurence M. Hoback	4/12/1965	46
James I. Reger	4/12/1967	44
Donald E. Foss	4/17/1967	44
Bobby G. Harmon	4/18/1968	43
Archie Martinez	4/18/1972	39
Robert T. Foley, Jr.	4/22/1975	36
Howard L. Sweatfield	4/15/1976	35
Wyatt E. Windom	4/25/1977	34
Thomas S. Anderson	4/30/1980	30
Robert J. Quintero, Jr.	4/19/1984	27
Jack H. Renfro	4/24/1984	27
Rogelio C. Navasca	4/18/1986	25
John O. Hull	4/25/1987	24
Richard E. Nickelson	4/25/1988	23
John D. Berry	4/26/2007	4
Alex W. Pader	4/17/2008	3
Frank W. Petersen	4/30/2009	2

“Since becoming a Freemason, I forgot hate. Instead, I learned to love - to love God and my fellowman. I am now at ease with my own conscience. I only do what I think is right, and shun all evil. I also forget fear. I can be alone no matter where I am, what I do, or where I go.

A clean conscience makes a man brave. I hope that Freemasonry has had the same influence upon all of you, which is an assurance of a better world to live in, and a happier humanity to live with.”

- Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo