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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.

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

-Douglas MacArthur: Made a Mason on Sight, January 17, 1936. Affiliated Manila Lodge No. 1, Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

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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Committees

Audit

Henry Budding PM, Albert
Lawson PM, Keith Wattles PM

Budget & Finance

Leo Guison, Bill Hems III,
Barry Hughes, Joe Yow

Candidates Coaching

Leo Guison

Charity

Leo Guison, Barry Hughes,
Joe Yow

Constitutional Observance

Albert Lawson PM

Entertainment

John Schaefer, Yassine Talha,
Joe Yow

Funeral

Henry Budding PM, Barry
Hughes, Tom Langford PM,
Keith Wattles PM

Lodge Ambassador

Bob Prenton

Masonic Formation

Frank Peterson, Brent Wolke

Masonic Homes

Kerry O'Brien PM, Gary Pirkig

Membership Retention

Albert Lawson PM, John Was-
son, Robert Wilson PM

Public Schools

Charlie Bailhache,
Gerry Bettman

Scholarship

Bill Hems III, Albert Lawson
PM, Jeff Massingham

SMEF

Charles Bailhache,
Henry Budding PM, Barry
Hughes, Jim Jaeger, Matt King,
Glenn Munkres PM,
Russell Parker-Taft

Telephone/Phone Tree

Bill Hems III,
Robert Wilson PM

Trustees

Glenn Munkres PM, Bob Pren-
ton, 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 Bro's. **Damesi** and **Martin** on receiving their First Degree of Masonry as well as Bro's. **Eichenhofer** and **Go** on being passed to the Second Degree of Masonry. I also congratulate Bro. **Kershner** on receiving his Golden Veterans Award for 50 years of service in the fraternity. We presented it to him at his home for his convenience.

We were dark in July, so when we come back to work in August, we will be at advanced stations.

There is a Sonoma Valley tour on August 13. If interested, RSVP to me (707-333-7866) by August 11th. The cost is \$30 per person and includes transportation. Lunch is on your own.

We will be having some degrees in August but the dates are TBD. I hope all had a great vacation in July as we will be busy conferring degrees in the final months of my tenure. There are also some fun things planned. We have worked hard the first half of the year and deserve some fun.

September 9th we will honor our Brother, **John Wasson**, as Mason of the Year in Santa Rosa. If you wish to go, RSVP to me (707-333-7866) by August 25th. The cost is \$35 and includes dinner. Dress is formal. We will provide limited transportation.

I hope you enjoy the new lighting in the lodge and banquet rooms. Thanks go to SMEF for providing the funds to get this upgrade completed as it was a safety hazard, and thanks to Wor. Bro. **Keith Wattles** and Bro. **Robert Prenton** for installing them at no charge to the lodge.

If you need a ride to and from lodge call me and I will arrange to get you here and home again safely.

Fraternally,
Barry Hughes, Master
Naval Lodge #87
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WHO COMES HERE?

A Masonic Essay

Perhaps I was lucky?

When I made the decision to join Freemasonry, I cautiously arrived for a stated meeting's potluck dinner in October 2008 and was made to feel immediately welcome by the late, great, **John Lamb**, P.M. I made some quick connections that night and between that night and a Thursday evening in January the following year when I was made an Entered Apprentice Mason, I attended everything I could and was invited by the brethren to more than I was even aware: The November and December potlucks, the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Christmas Party, numerous breakfasts at the Red Onion, and even a pair of Masonic Formation nights.

By the time I was voted on, by the night I was to be initiated, the men of Naval Lodge knew who I was, and what I was about. They knew my wife and kids. I had made friends. In fact, some men were surprised to find out the night of my initiation that I was the one being initiated...they had assumed I already was a Mason because I had been around so much.

It wasn't luck, because I wasn't the only one. At the same time I was making myself known, Bros. **John Wasson** and **Rick Lauziere** were also petitioning the lodge and much the same were attending events as much as possible. **John Lamb** once referred to us the three mousketeers. So no, it wasn't luck, but maybe it's an aberration?

In the 2 and a half years of being a Freemason, I've met few of the men who became brothers before they were initiated. Often, the first time I've ever met them was the night they were initiated...and sadly for some, it's the only time I've met them. Where did they go? Frankly, it's a worrisome prospect voting on the potential membership of someone I've never met. I trust the investigating committee to do diligent work, but it's one meeting, and how much can one tell based that to determine if the man in question is a proper fit?

In contrast, those men who made them self known regularly before they became brethren, are the same ones who are still showing up. Perhaps the key to realizing membership retention is to recognize those who care to socialize, get to know us, and allow us to get to know them before they are voted upon and made brothers.

A Lodge in Southern California has recognized this very same issue and now makes it a part of their process that any potential prospect must attend three social functions (for free of course) before they can be voted upon. This is good common sense and I believe we should do the same...so when there is a knock on the door and we ask *who comes here?*, the man is not a stranger, but a welcomed friend.

by Bro. **Brent Wolke**

AUGUST 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	2	3 RAINBOW BOARD 7:00 PM	4 NAVAL LODGE POTLUCK 6:30 PM STATED MEETING 7:30 PM	5	6 BRAZEN PILLARS 9:00 AM
7	8	9 ROYAL ARCH 7:30 PM	10 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	11 NAVAL LODGE PRACTICE 3RD DEGREE 7:30 PM	12 OES 8:00 PM	13 NAVAL LODGE NAPA VALLEY MYSTERY TRIP 8:00 AM CANCER SUPPORT 10:30 AM
14	15 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	16 SMTA 7:00 PM	17	18 NAVAL LODGE OSI 7:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23 DEMOLAY COUNCIL 7:00 PM	24 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	25 NAVAL LODGE MASONIC FORMATION 7:30 PM	26 OES 8:00 PM	27
28	29	30	31			

Make sure you check us out
on
Facebook and flickr.



AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
William Econome, PharmD	08/01
Pedro Dionisio	08/01
Jack Renfro	08/01
Alfredo Roque	08/06
James Reger	08/08
Augusto Vidal	08/08
Bruce Harvego, PM	08/08
Robert Fulton Sr.	08/09
Merton Perry	08/11
George Miller, PM	08/13
Maximo Potente	08/13
Stanley Hazlak	08/14
Emerick Zavatsky	08/14
Casper Sweikert Jr.	08/17
Robert Strickler	08/17
Robert Kaul	08/17
Frederick Loyd	08/19
William Brown	08/19
Ronald Gruetter	08/20
Antonio Espinosa Jr., PM	08/21
Joseph Crudo	08/21
Edwin Sowash	08/22
Harry Bentz	08/23
Richard Mills	08/23
Frank Petersen	08/24
Kevin Connelly	08/26
John Pamplin	08/27
Manuel Saguyod	08/29
Barry Hughes	08/29
Kenneth Martensen, PM	08/30

AUGUST

THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>
Seymour Marcuse, Jr.	79
John Irving, Sr.	67
Charles Shallenberger	64
Arnold Augustin	63
Ralph Beebe, Jr.	63
Harry Knott	61
William Econome, PharmD	60
Charles Moody	56
William Pratt	56
William Moody	55
Rodney Baker, PharmD, PM	54
Jack Wilson	52
Donald Shown	51
Kenneth Kershner	49
Kenneth Maves	49
Roland Wong, M.D.	48
Lynn Schmidt	42
Charles Bailhache	39
Ned Shamlan	38
John Spears	38
Mitchell Werwa, Jr.	37
Charles Gardner, PM	33
Jesse Mattos	28
Alfredo Roque	28
Billy Snelling	27
Jeffery Bryant	26
Harold Messner, Esq.	22
Timothy Farrell	21
Alfonso Monzon	19
Albert Lawson, PM	15
Rigoberti Santos, PM	14
Robert Kaul	13
Larry Bautista	7
Jonathan Throne	6
Floyd Beard, Sr.	5
Karl Guidotti	5
Garry Miller, Jr.	5
Benjamin Veneracion	5
Michael Woodruff	5
John Wasson	2
Brent Wolke	2
Douglas Campbell, Ph.D	1

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 9th - Mason of the Year Dinner for Bro. John Wasson
September 29th - Constitutional Observance

OCTOBER

October 29th - Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

November 3rd - Annual Dinner & Elections
November 24th - Thanksgiving Dinner

SONOMA WINE TOUR

The Particulars

Date: August 13, 2011

Time: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (subject to change)

Price: \$30.00 per person not including lunch

Wineries: Sebastiani, Gloria Ferrer (sparkling wines), Jacuzzi

Lunch and/or shopping: Sonoma Square

Please sign up on the sheet at the lodge or send an e-mail to Bro. **Rick Lauziere:**

rmlauziere@aol.com

We will be traveling by bus. Meet at the Masonic Temple no later than 8 AM the morning thereof.

TWENTY FOUR INCH 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.

Jose Bautista
Antonio Espinosa
Kenneth Kershner
Jack Kirkley
Brad Larson
LeRoy S. Lindbloom
Eddie Martinez
George Miller
William A. Pratt
Ned Shamlian
Horia Tanasescu