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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.

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!

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails Daring Greatly so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

-Bro. Theodore Roosevelt
Raised 4/24/1901,
Matinecock Lodge No. 806
Oyster Bay, NY

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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. **Joe Crudo** and **Francis Ong** on their proficiencies. The Mystery trip was well attended and the lodge was presented a check from the Barangay Association for the remodel of the lobby. The trip to Sonoma was also a lot of fun, thanks to Bro. **Rick Lauziere** and his lady, **Michelle**, for putting this together for us.

I wish to thank Bro. **Manny Saguyod** and his relief driver **Dean** for supplying the transportation for the lodge during the last events. He donated his time and equipment to make our trips fun and eventful so thank you Bro. **Manny!**

We will initiate 4 new Brothers in September and go to the Annual Communications.

I also want to thank all the brothers who helped to install the new lights in the lodge. I will not name them as I forgot some last month... you know who you are and I thank you very much for your help. I also want to thank all the brothers that helped with the center island repairs. We have made a lot of repairs to the lodge this year and a lot of brothers were involved in the work. I thank each and everyone of you that gave of your time and donations. If you haven't come to lodge in a while, please come up and check it out. We are improving the safety and looks of the lodge for the future of the fraternity. Our downstairs lounge is almost complete with new furniture, two big screen TV's, new floor and ceiling, paint, and a full size pool table. Come up and enjoy the new lounge/library. We need a few more items and it will be completed. Once again thank you to the brothers that gave of their time to see this job completed. We have saved thousands of dollars by the brethren donating their time and talents on all the projects we have done this year so far. We are forever in their debt for their help; thank you my brothers.

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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FROM THE WEST

How time flies. We are almost at the end of third quarter of 2011 and it seems like just yesterday that my wife and I attended the Senior Warden Retreat in May.

I hope everybody is enjoying the nice California weather at this time (which is subject to change).

We continue to accomplish things that we planned to do this year. The much needed fundraising is one of them and we would like to thank all the brothers and their families who were there to support our worthy cause and helped make it happen. The repair and beautification of our Lodge foyer is also one of the many projects that we intend to start. This project, as you know, will need a lot of help from all of us.

Having said that, I am appealing to all the members and brothers of Naval Lodge who have gone this way before, to come and attend our stated meetings, functions and activities like these. We need your participation during degree conferrals as well, so that the existing roster can be relieved once in a while. If there are conditions that are holding you back from participating, I would like to hear about them so they can be addressed. We can always use your help and any time you can spare will be much appreciated.

We do not have a mandatory attendance requirement as ancient Lodges did; nor is there penalty for not attending, as there was once. However, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all the lodge Master Masons of their obligation to be loyal to the Lodge which gave them Masonic Light and all the benefits which come with such membership. I hope this will be inducement enough to attend Lodge functions as often as possible and to join in the fellowship that is an important part of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Leo Guison, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Masonry – Religion or Not?

Is Freemasonry a religion? Does it promote specific religious ideologies or tenets? The question of whether or not Freemasonry is a religion is central to how non-masons of various religions view The Fraternity, and certain ill and negative feelings expressed by many of them. As well, this question is even debated amongst masons themselves.

I just got through reading one of the thousands of articles on the Internet that claim that Freemasonry is a religion. This particular article is from the “Christian point of view” and declares that Christians cannot be Freemasons because Freemasonry is a religion whose teachings oppose Christian teachings, and Christian teachings oppose those of Freemasonry.

Discussions (arguments) of whether or not Freemasonry is a religion have loomed for hundreds of years. The institution of Freemasonry does recognize the existence of a Supreme Being, and those seeking admission into the Fraternity are required to express a belief in such. However, beyond this one requirement, Masonry has no other requirement or condition of a religious nature. Furthermore, Masonry does not teach or promote any specific religious beliefs.

One allegation made by those who claim Freemasonry is a religion is that Masons have their own God, “The Great Architect of the Universe.” Yet, as we Masons know, this is not a name, but merely a reference that centers on the Craft’s symbolic connection with the ancient builders of temples, cathedrals and the like. “The Great Architect of the Universe” is no more the name of a Masonic God than “Our Supreme Commander-in-Chief in Heaven,” sometimes used by military chaplains, is the name of a Military God.

Another assertion is that Freemasonry dictates a path to salvation through the imitation of Hiram Abif or through acts of charity. However, there is nothing in any Masonic ritual, writings or teachings that makes mention of how to achieve salvation; this matter is left to the teachings of the each Mason’s own religious faith.

While Freemasonry supports religious practice, it lacks the fundamental elements of religion: (1) Freemasonry proposes no dogma. (2) It claims no path to salvation. (3) It has no sacraments. In conclusion, Freemasonry is more correctly and effectively viewed as a philosophy and guide to not only make good men better, but to encourage them to contemplate on what “good” really is.

Fraternally,
Joe Yow, Junior Warden

24" 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.

Antonio Espinosa
Kenneth Kershner
Jack Kirkley
Brad Larson
LeRoy S. Lindbloom
Eddie Martinez
Ken McKendry
George Miller
William A. Pratt
Ned Shamlan
Horia Tanasescu

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 29th - Halloween Party at 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

November 3rd - Annual Elections and Dinner at 6:30 PM
November 24th - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 4:00 PM

DECEMBER

December 8th - Annual Christmas Party at 6:30 PM
December 10th - Installation of New Officers at 2:00 PM
December 31st - New Years Eve Party at 8:00 PM

MASONIC SENIOR OUTREACH

We know that many of our fraternal family members prefer to age in their own homes or home communities, but may need help coping with the challenges and issues associated with aging.

Masonic Senior Outreach (MSO) offers assistance with the services and resources needed to stay healthy and safe at home or in a retirement facility in the home community. This assistance includes:

- Information and referrals to community-based senior services and resources throughout California, such as housekeepers, transportation resources, senior legal services, and senior programs.
- Ongoing care management at no cost for those who face isolation, loss of a spouse, or declining health. An MSO care manager maintains a regular schedule of visits and telephone contact to continually assess the client's financial situation and health or mental condition.
- Financial assistance and care plan for those who need financial support. The amount of support is determined by need and will change as needs change. In establishing the budget, MSO considers public benefits and support that is available from family and the lodge. There is no minimum or maximum amount of financial support or length of time it is provided. Support is available as long as the client's situation requires it and eligibility is maintained. The client signs an Agreement to Repay, which states that when the assistance ends, all or a portion of the amount expended will be repaid if the client has the financial means to do so.
- When care needs can no longer be safely met in the home, MSO will assist in locating a facility in the community and will supplement the cost of care. Those who require 24-hour skilled care are assisted in applying for MediCal to cover the cost of this level of care. Interim financial and care support is provided to those who are on the waiting list for the Masonic Homes of California.

Eligibility requirements for Masonic Senior Outreach services

There are no eligibility requirements to receive information and referral assistance; this service is available to any California fraternal family member.

To receive care management and financial support, applicants must be 60 years or older and:

- California Master Mason in good standing for five consecutive years
- Wife or widow of an eligible California Master Mason
- Mother of an eligible Master Mason

Applicants must also:

- Receive all community, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled
- Not require skilled nursing services or 24-hour home care. Individuals requiring this level of care will be referred to the appropriate funding sources
- Meet financial criteria

For information and help, contact Masonic Assistance at
masonicassistance@mhcuc.org or call 888/466-3642.

MASONIC FAMILY OUTREACH

Masonic Family Outreach support services are available to California Masons and their families who need help dealing with challenges they face today.

We identify resources for families struggling with complex issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other significant life challenges. We also offer services and programs specifically to support families negatively impacted by economic events, such as job loss, foreclosure, and other difficulties.

Our case management services are broad, flexible, and able to serve families in their own communities throughout the state. We also provide ongoing case management and scholarships for alumni of our children's residential program.

There are no eligibility requirements for Masons to receive assistance and services from Masonic Family Outreach.

If you, or a Masonic family you know, need our support, contact:

Masonic Assistance at
masonicassistance@mhuc.org or call 888/466-3642.

SEPTEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NAVAL LODGE POTLUCK 6:30 PM STATED MEETING 7:30 PM	2	3 BRAZEN PILLARS 9:00 AM
4	5 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	6	7 RAINBOW BOARD 7:00 PM	8 NAVAL LODGE PRACTICE 1ST DEGREE 7:00 PM	9 NAVAL LODGE MASON OF THE YEAR DINNER (SEE AD) OES 8:00 PM	10 CANCER SUPPORT 10:30 AM
11	12	13 ROYAL ARCH 7:30 PM	14 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	15 NAVAL LODGE DOUBLE 1ST DEGREE 7:00 PM MR. VALENCIA MR. WATERS	16	17
18	19 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	20 SMTA 7:00 PM	21	22 NAVAL LODGE DOUBLE 1ST DEGREE 7:00 PM MR. BRYANT MR. HARRIS	23 GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION (SEE AD) OES 8:00 PM	24 GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION (SEE AD)
25 GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION (SEE AD)	26	27 NAVAL LODGE OSI 7:00 PM DEMOLAY COUNCIL 7:00 PM	28 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	29 NAVAL LODGE CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE & POTLUCK 7:00 PM	30	

Make sure you check us out

on

Facebook and flickr.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Birth Date</i>
Antonio Buban	09-01
Anthony D'Errico Jr.	09-01
Lorenzo Rodriguez Sr.	09-02
Gerry Jones	09-03
Eric Mosness	09-04
Bobby Harmon	09-07
Robert Ross	09-09
Kenneth Thomas Sr.	09-09
Robert Le Beau	09-12
Walter Turner	09-12
Glenn Harris	09-13
David Vick	09-14
Herbert Collins	09-15
Charles Phillips	09-15
Robert Quintero Jr.	09-15
Chester Rocher Jr., PM	09-16
Gerald Eskew, PM	09-17
Randolph Dolan	09-18
Lester Kimble Jr., PM	09-19
Darrol Daugherty Jr.	09-20
Darryl Hildreth	09-21
Dan Robison, PM	09-26
Carl Fowler	09-27
William McCreary	09-27
Alberto Flores	09-29
Fremont Hart	09-29
John Spears	09-29
Robert Wilson, PM	09-29
Edward Craft Jr.	09-30

3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>
Stanwood Talbot	73
Orville Johnson	66
Warren Odell	64
Guy Dearmon Jr.	50
William Easter	50
Victor Stephens	46
Joe Peck	45
Kenneth Thomas Sr.	44
Jerry Hallett, PM	43
Phillip Nelsen	40
David Orosz	40
Edward Craft Sr.	39
Patrocinio Dominguez	38
William Mc Creary	35
Robert Ross	35
John Snell, PM	35
Harold Pierce, PM	34
Chester Rocher Jr., PM	33
Renato Almanzor, PM	31
James Mc Kasson, PM	30
William Felix	29
John Pamplin	29
William Brown	28
Darryl Hildreth	22
Ralph Lindeman	21
Wayne Caldwell	20
Thomas Stauch	20
Eric Mosness	9
Daniel Frost	6
Brian Turner	3
Matthew King	2
Rick Lauziere	2
Lamar Pinder	1

SMTA

SPRINGBROOK MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

As you can see from the photo, your Temple Board has been hard at work. The lighting has been up-graded, we are in the process of cementing in the parking lot median, and we will soon have a paint party for the Dining Hall. Thanks to all the brothers who have helped with these projects so far. I will keep you all informed, as we have a need for help when we pour our concrete and for the painting. We will use the phone tree and announcements at any function when we know the dates. Please consider donating a few hours to help with these projects. Remember, the building belongs to you and you have an interest in keeping it well maintained.

Bro. John Wasson, SMTA

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

A Fair to Remember

This year, the Grand Lodge of California will celebrate its 162nd Annual Communication.

Register now to attend September 23-25 at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco.

The weekend includes public ceremonies, the Grand Master's Banquet, ladies' tea, and a chance to connect with fellow Masons from across California.

It's also a chance to explore the California Masonic Memorial Temple and the administrative offices of your Grand Lodge.

To view the schedule and register for hotel and banquet packages, visit the Grand Lodge website at freemason.org or contact **Kim Hegg**, program manager, at 415/292-9111 with questions.

Naval Lodge, if you plan on attending, please let Wor. Barry Hughes know. We will be traveling via Vallejo Ferry, leaving at 10:00 AM on Friday, and 7:00 AM on Saturday.

MASON OF THE YEAR BRO. JOHN WASSON

Mason of the Year

Bro. John Wasson will be honored as Mason of the Year for 2011 for his constant dedication to Naval Lodge. From his work in the tiled lodge, to his work on the temple board, Bro. John has time and again come through for his brethren we needed someone the most.

Congratualtions Bro. John!

For those attending the September 9th Dinner in his honor, the group will leave Naval Lodge at 3:30 PM. It is a formal dinner (Tux's and dresses please!). Only those people who signed up ahead of time may ride in the Limo.

MASONIC TALES

STORIES OF BROTHERHOOD

Masonic Tales is a new feature in which we share personal stories - old or new - of the Fraternity. It starts this month with two stories by yours truly, Bro. **Brent Wolke**, but please, please, please, send in your tales, and pictures too if you have them! Let's make this a regular showcase of our fraternal bond.

The Christmas Dog

This last Christmas, the family and I - including our dog - spent an entire week out of town, hours away from home. It was a winter paradise with lots of snow.

Well, a few days into the vacation on Christmas Eve, our beloved dog turns up with a severe limp. He can barely use his back legs. We had considered cutting our Christmas vacation early, going home, and finding a veterinarian still working over the holiday weekend.

Then I remembered something...some months previous during a visit to this same town, I made the acquaintance of a brother Mason who happened to be a veterinarian. It was a long shot, and a desperate one at that, but I contacted this brother who was more than willing to come to the aid of a distressed worthy brother Master Mason...or his dog.

In fact, he invited us over to his house Christmas morning, where in pajamas and a Santa hat, this brother examined our poor dog, diagnosing his situation and even prescribing some doggy medications.

Since then, our dog has been doing well, and my family has forged a great friendship with this brother and his family, which is only fitting. I am forever in his debt for taking time from his Christmas celebration to examine my sick pup.

Masonry likes to pride itself for taking care of it's own - even if it's a pet - and when put to the test, it did not fail.

Long Distance Repair-men

For those that don't know, my family and I recently moved to the far off land of Truckee, California, and into a home that has previously served as a vacation residence for many years. Well, constant living found some issues with the home that had gone unnoticed for some time, including one issue which seemed pretty significant. Having just layed out a lot of money on our move, we were not in a position to hire someone to make the repairs.

But...a brother at Naval Lodge just happened to have the right set of skills, and so a bribe of room and board was proffered if that brother would but come to fix it. I honestly thought I would get turned down, since it's a 3 hour drive, but he accepted!

As it turned out, he drove up with another brother and they spent all of 30 minutes - if that - fixing my issue with the house. My family provided lunch, and we had a great time in fellowship, talking, laughing... basically being brothers for a few hours.

Then like that, they drove off back to Vallejo. Now, if I were still living locally, it would still be an amazing tale of brotherly love and affection, but they drove 150 miles for a 30 minute job!

Brothers...thank you so much! You know who you are, and if you are ever passing through Truckee, stop on by...lunch is always on me.

Brotherly Love, Relief, & Truth