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Thanksgiving**

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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!

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"If there are things you don't like in the world you grew up in, make your own life different. There is no one to stop you but yourself."

-Bro. **Dave Thomas**
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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,
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Scholarship

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Charles Bailhache,
Henry Budding PM,
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Telephone/Phone Tree

Bill Hems III,
Robert Wilson PM

Trustees

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Bob Prenton, Brent Wolke

Widows

Brazen Pillars
(Gary Pirkig, Chairman)

Youth Groups

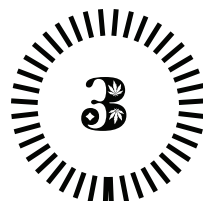
Albert Lawson, Bob Prenton
Joe Yow

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,

Well my year as Master is coming to a close but there is no time to rest as yet. We have been busy installing a camera system for the safety of the brethren, completing some other projects to keep in line with the lodges five year plan and getting the officers proficient for the ensuing year.

The plans have been completed for the New Years Eve Party at the Lodge. For a reservation contact Bro. **Rick Lauziere** at H: 707 751-1803 or C: 707-246-6735 . Please make your reservation early as there will be no tickets at the door.

When this Trestleboard issue arrives the elections might already be over and the new corp of officers will have been elected.

The upcoming events for the rest of the year are the Annual Dinner at 6:30 PM and Elections at 7:30 PM on Nov. 3. Please come out and vote for your new corp of officers and have a nice dinner. The Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided by the lodge on Nov. 24 at 4:00 PM; bring your favorite dish or desert and join us. The Children's Christmas Party is on Dec. 8 at 6:30 PM with installation practice after the party at approximately 7:30 PM. Installation of the new corp of officers is Dec. 10 at 2:00 PM. Check the Trestleboard or our website for any changes in dates or times.

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
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FROM THE WEST

The year is almost over and it is time for me to hand over my coaching position to our next Senior Warden. I would like to thank all the brothers who stepped up to the plate for helping make my job easier. My thanks for the guidance and assistance of mentoring our Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons. Together we accomplished one of the most basic purposes of Freemasonry; *“to make good men even better“* and a *“brotherhood of men and the Fatherhood of God.”*

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Fraternally,
Leo Guison
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

What is Freemasonry? Wow, what an open-ended question! Some people subscribe to a very tightly defined definition, while others declare that Masonry is open to individual interpretation. The “founding fathers” of speculative Masonry chose to base it around the concepts of morality, knowledge and self-improvement, making it an intellectual institution. Locally, the view that Masonry is primarily a social institution is becoming increasingly popular. The focus on intellectualism has been a key factor in separating Freemasonry from the more social organizations such as Moose and Elks, which, incidentally, are excellent organizations in their own right. Is this shift in focus from an intellectual society to a social organization healthy for our Institution? Is Masonry becoming too “mainstream?” Is this a sign of our times? Is this subject even worth discussing? Please give this some thought, and feel free to email to me your reflections on this matter.

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



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

It is our pleasure to invite you to the annual Naval Lodge No. 87 Thanksgiving Day Dinner being held at our Springbrook Masonic Temple. Everyone is invited, including family, friends, and anyone who wants to celebrate with us. Our crack kitchen staff will be freshly roasting turkeys and preparing the traditional side dishes. Everything will be provided. While this is not a potluck, if you have a special dish or beverage you enjoy at Thanksgiving, feel free to bring it with you. If all goes to plan, dinner will be served at 4:00 PM. *There is no cost for this dinner.* Come up early and socialize. Last year was truly an event. Leave the stress behind and enjoy the day with us.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2011
101 TEMPLE WAY
VALLEJO, CA



Bring in 2012
at our New Year's Eve Celebration
Saturday, December 31, 2011
Springbrook Masonic Temple
101 Temple Way, Vallejo
8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Enjoy an evening of
Music and Dancing until midnight
Appetizers
Beer and Wine
A Champagne Toast at midnight
Party Favors

Cost: \$25/person
for Advance Tickets Contact Rick Lauziere
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So buy your tickets in advance.



NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 RAINBOW BOARD 7:00 PM	3 NAVAL LODGE ANNUAL DINNER 6:30 PM STATED MEETING & ELECTIONS 7:30 PM	4	5 BRAZEN PILLARS 9:00 AM
6	7 NAVAL LODGE 2ND DEGREE PRACTICE 7:30 PM DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	8 ROYAL ARCH 7:30 PM	9 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	10 NAVAL LODGE 2ND DEGREE FOR BRO. CRUDO 7:30 PM	11 OES 7:30 PM	12 CANCER SUPPORT 10:30 AM
13	14 NAVAL LODGE 1ST DEGREE PRACTICE 7:30 PM	15 SMTA 7:00 PM	16	17 NAVAL LODGE 1ST DEGREE MR. GOMEZ 7:30 PM	18	19
20	21 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	22 DEMOLAY COUNCIL 7:30 PM	23 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON RAINBOW 7:00 PM	24 NAVAL LODGE THANKSGIVING DINNER 4:00 PM	25 OES 7:30 PM	26
27	28	29	30			

Make sure you check us out
on
Facebook and flickr.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Johnathen Harris	11-01
Victor Stephens	11-03
Donald Brown Jr.	11-04
James Connet	11-05
Alphonse Fithian P.M.	11-06
Andrew Roque	11-06
John Ludwig	11-09
Allen Royer Jr.	11-10
Carl Wade	11-10
Warren Odell	11-12
Reldo Pistore	11-12
Rene Quiambao P.M.	11-12
Martin Aurelio	11-14
Enrico Guzman	11-14
Milford Hodges P.M.	11-14
John Wasson	11-15
Ned Shamlian	11-17
Harry James	11-17
Ronald Daniels	11-18
Clyde Gann Sr. P.M.	11-18
Benigno Aspuria	11-20
William Pratt	11-20
Gerald Doherty	11-21
Albert Lawson P.M.	11-21
Leonard Case	11-23
Donald Shown	11-23
Robert Foley Jr.	11-28
Richard Nickelson	11-29



NOVEMBER 3RD DIEGRIE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Raised</i>	<i>Years</i>
Harry Vervais	1950-11-29	60
Gerald Bettman Jr. P.M.	1961-11-18	49
Bobby Campo	1966-11-17	45
Bruce Harvego P.M.	1966-11-17	45
Jack Kirkley	1966-11-30	44
Edward Hopkins	1967-11-09	44
Jerry Kegley P.M.	1969-11-19	42
Richard Christensen	1971-11-15	40
Kerry O'Brien P.M.	1972-11-14	39
William Reustle Esq. P.M.	1979-11-29	31
John Ludwig	1980-11-20	31
Charles Reichwein	1981-11-23	29
Kenneth Martensen P.M.	1983-11-17	28
Chester Bienkowski	1986-11-24	24
Walter Turner	1991-11-14	20
Michael Burneson	1995-11-09	16
Alvin Stout P.M.	1996-11-14	15
Joe Yow	2006-11-16	5
Benigno Aspuria	2008-11-15	3
Marcelo Eustaquio	2008-11-15	3
Bradley Jaeger	2008-11-15	3
Martin Aurelio	2009-11-12	2
Kirby Baluyut	2009-11-13	2
Yassine Talha	2009-11-16	2
Matthew Larson	2009-11-19	2



MASONIC TRAVELS

by Bro. John Wasson

After several months of study for advanced stations, Pat and I decided to take a break and visit South Dakota, a place we had never been. We had a great time. The scenery was beautiful, with lots of natural wonders and the wildlife were plentiful. The buffalo roundup at Custer State Park in Custer was the big event for their neck of the woods, drawing about 15,000 people at the crack of dawn, including us. It was an awesome sight to see hundreds of buffalo running over the hills at full speed, right out of an old movie.

Being interested in the history of Masonry, we looked up lodges in the area and decided to visit the lodge in Deadwood. Pat contacted Worshipful George Laun, PM and we arranged to meet him for a tour of the lodge. Deadwood Lodge #7, A.F.& A. M. began like most masonic lodges of the time in a log cabin then moved to the top floor above a saloon called the Bodega Saloon on Main St. The lodge was chartered in 1877, and a new lodge building was built in 1900 further up Main St from the saloon. Their lodge building is a beautiful stone building on the corner of Main and Pine in downtown Deadwood. It has the original tin ceilings and except for reducing the size of the first floor windows in 1920, is in near original condition.

Pictured are Worshipful Laun and I in front of the Maters Carpet in the lodge room. It dates from 1882, and consists of smaller pieces for each degree made into one carpet, and while called a carpet it is made from canvass. It was recovered from a member's house prior to its restoration. That's us again outside the building. All of the upper floors can be reached by an old early 1900 elevator, still in operation. There is a large auditorium for use by the Scottish Rite, and the canvass backdrops, previously stored in the dirt floor basement have been touched up by local art students, and look great.

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Remember brothers, if you find yourself in another place, there will always be a lodge around that you can visit, and either get a tour or attend a meeting. You can always find a true and trusty friend in a strange place, who will give you good counsel, such as a dinner recommendation. Pat had already picked the restaurant, the Deadwood Social Club, and Worshipful Laun suggested the smoked pheasant fettuccini. I tried it, delicious.

After spending the night we left Deadwood the next morning after a visit to the local cemetery. This is where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried, but the cemetery also has a large Masonic section, as the cemetery was founded as a Masonic cemetery. We found it interesting that the small streets in the cemetery had names like Boaz, Joachim, and Hiram.

