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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.

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FROM THE EAST

I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters including our youth groups for helping and participating in our successful installation day.

Our Lodge has been a part of Vallejo for over 156 years and is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place.

As Masons, we have a commitment to philanthropy, volunteerism and community. We also actively participate and invest in our youth and our future under our youth groups which are the Vallejo DeMolay chapter, Rainbow assembly and Job's Daughter international. These groups help shape and guide our youth who are truly our future - not only in masonry but in our community. We are also active in education and literacy and contribute annually to the Vallejo City Unified School District on the local level. We also support the California Masonic Foundation in it's public school literacy program that was spearheaded by our Grandmaster, Most Worshipful **Frank Loui**.

As I have defined my plans previously, to revitalize community participation and support of our youth groups which I think will be in line with our Grandmaster's goals for the coming masonic year.

I look forward to your support which will help strengthen our goals and objectives and help our Lodge achieve them.

May we all have a wonderful and successful year !

Fraternally,
Leo Guison, Master
Naval Lodge no.87

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FROM THE WEST

My first letter for this year is one of appreciation. The past year had been amazingly intense (and stressful) for me. For the first six months my time was completely occupied with over 20 research papers and other requirements for completing my Masters of Education degree. The last six months were dominated by state exams and my trying to establish myself in a new teaching field. With the inclusion of my general household/familial obligations, I found that I did not have enough time to accomplish all that I undertook (hence my familial/household obligations suffered greatly). Thus, I could not have properly assumed my Junior Warden responsibilities without tremendous help.

This much-needed help was given by some members of Naval Lodge and their spouses/significant others, and I greatly appreciate every donated second from all. With this in mind, I want to mention a few generous people who have consistently helped me with my duties, especially with the stated meetings.

The first person for whom I want to acknowledge my heartfelt appreciation is also the person to whom I haven given my heart: my wonderful wife Sarah. When I told Sarah that I would not accept the position of Junior Warden due to my lack of available time, she immediately stepped up to the plate and volunteered to assume the cooking/food preparation tasks. This proved to be a tremendously huge effort that lasted the entire year. She singlehandedly enabled me to fulfill my role (outside of the lodge room) of Junior Warden. I need no reminder of why I love her so much.

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Lorraine Wilson generously provided us with much needed assistance throughout the year. She selflessly provided Sarah and me with help with food preparation and table setup throughout the year. This in and of itself is immensely appreciated. However, given the fact that her health has been significantly challenged, her charitable acts become even more impressive. Lorraine, thank you very, very much for your much-appreciated help!!!

The next person to whom I send my personal thanks is Richard Maddox. Richard consistently helped Sarah with food preparation for the first half of this year. He arrived quite early and participated in cutting, carving, cooking, and numerous other tasks. His love and knowledge of cooking proved to be a tremendous asset. Additionally, he stayed after the meals to help clean up the dining room and kitchen. Thank you very much, Richard, for your efforts!!!

In closing, I give a big “THANK YOU” to Bill and Susie Hems, Henry and Kathy Budding, the Ronins, and all others who graciously gave their help at various times throughout the past year.

Fraternally,
Joe Yow
Senior Warden

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FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to thank you for placing the trust of your stomachs in my hands for the next year. I will do my best to treat them well. As for what we will be doing in the kitchen, let's just say we will have some themed dinners, some old favorites, and maybe even something new for you all to try. Starting next month, I will have the main dish listed in the monthly article I submit, so you will know what we are having for the monthly potluck. This way you can decide if you want to make a dish to go along with the main dish, or bring your favorite dish- always up to you.

For this month, I will only say the main dish is a surprise. Maybe that means I can not make up my mind?? Only time will tell. See you at the Jan 5th potluck.

John Wasson, Junior Warden

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January 2012 * Naval Lodge No. 87

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 DeMolay Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4 Rainbow Advisory Board 7:30 PM	5 Naval Lodge Stated Meeting 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM	6	7 Brazen Pillars 9:00 AM
8	9 Naval Lodge 1st Degree Practice 7:30 PM	10 Royal Arch 7:30 PM	11 Thimble Club 12:00 Noon • Rainbow Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Naval Lodge 1st Degree Conferral 7:30 PM Mr. Bonifacio Rabago	13 OES 7:30 PM	14 Cancer Support Meeting 10:00 AM
15	16 DeMolay Meeting 7:30 PM	17 SMTA 7:00 PM	18	19 Naval Lodge Grand Lodge Competition Meeting and Practice 7:30 PM	20	21
22	23 Naval Lodge 2nd Degree Practice 7:30 PM	24 OSI Suisun 7:00 PM DeMolay Council 7:00 PM	25 Thimble Club 12:00 Noon • Rainbow Meeting 7:30 PM	26 Naval Lodge 2nd Degree Conferral 7:30 PM Bro. Patrick Ong	27 OES 7:30 PM	28
29	30	31				

Naval Lodge Valentine Dinner Dance

Fundraiser ♡ February 11, 2012 ♡ 6:30 PM to Midnight

Live Music; a Prime Rib Dinner;
Sweetheart Photos; a No Host Bar;
and all the dancing you and your
sweety can take.

\$45.00 per person donation requested

ALL PROCEEDS will be used by
Naval Lodge No. 87 to repair and
beautify the lobby of the Spring-
brook Masonic Temple. So please
come out, have a good time, and
support a worthy cause.

DeMolay Movie Night

Come for the Dinner, stay for the free Movie: Cars 2

When?

January 6, 2012
Dinner starts at 6:00 PM
Movie starts at 7:00 PM

Where?

Springbrook Masonic Temple
101 Temple Way
Vallejo, CA

What?

Lasagna Dinner
Salad
Bread

Cost?

\$7.00 per person

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Rodney Baker PharmD, PM	Jan 02	Harold Messner Esq.	Jan 19
Michael Woodruff	Jan 03	William Hems III	Jan 20
David Peel	Jan 04	Patrocinio Dominguez	Jan 21
Vicente Atoigue	Jan 05	James Haley	Jan 22
Guy Dearmon Jr.	Jan 06	Taq'uee Hicks	Jan 25
Jesse Mattos	Jan 07	Edward Marshall Jr. PM	Jan 25
Rogelio Navasca	Jan 07	Richard Nivarel PM	Jan 25
William Easter	Jan 10	Wade Hanson	Jan 26
Rodrigo Martin Jr.	Jan 10	Herbert Dillender Jr.	Jan 27
Bobby Campo	Jan 11	Armand Ballesil	Jan 28
Kenneth Mc Kendry PM	Jan 11	Joe Butts Jr.	Jan 28
Gregory Parrish	Jan 13	Robert Cowgill	Jan 28
Kenneth Tool	Jan 15	Robert George Sr.	Jan 29
Floyd Beard Sr.	Jan 16	Lynn Schmidt	Jan 31
Ralph Beebe Jr.	Jan 19		

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3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Brother's Name</i>	<i>Years</i>
Jack Krous Sr.	63
John Cowgill	58
Roy Pinion	56
William Schofield	56
Lloyd Neblett	49
Frank Brown	44
Albert Dunn	38
Antonio Buban	33
Richard Mills	27
Patrick Hollister Sr.	23
Donald Brown Jr.	21
Anil Comelo PM	11
Horia Tanasescu	11
Randolph Dolan	5
Guadalupe Thomas	2

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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.

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

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MOOSE'S CORNER

by Bro. Eric Mosness

This month will be my first article for the Naval Lodge 87 Trestle Board. I figured no problem, I will just sit down and write something quick and light. After staring at a blank white screen for a bit, my wife asked me, "*Are you really prepared to write an Article?*"

Sure I am. I have my computer running Microsoft Word 2007, loads of Masonic books and literature loaded onto my e-reader (electronic Book for the old scholars) and a background of writing motivational pieces.

"No, you may be ready to write with all that, but are 'you' prepared?" she said.

What does that mean? How can I not be prepared? I have all the latest technology.

I remember hearing that question during degree work. Is it just another cryptic phrase that has lost its meaning? How is one Duly and Truly Prepared?

Is putting on special dress and garments for ritual work properly prepared? During degree work when one is divested of all minerals and metals, why? I like my ear plugs and rings. I see Masons all the time wearing fancy and often expensive rings as well as jewelry. By coming to the lodge bare and destitute it allows us to promote our internal qualifications and not to be distracted by worldly wealth and flare. Still that does not explain the void of metal and minerals. Would having a penny in your pocket show you are wealthy? I think not. A paper Clip? How can having a paper clip possibly mean anything?

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Rewind back in time when Astrology played a much larger or at least a front row part of everyday lives. Planets were closely associated with certain metal and alchemical aspects.

Moon is associated with Silver

Mercury is associated with Quicksilver

Venus is associated with Copper

Sun is associated with Gold

Mars is associated with Iron

Jupiter is associated with Tin

Saturn is associated with Lead

Pluto is associated with Plutonium

Back in the ancient times only 7 metals were known to science and this was the common belief until 1752 when Plutonium was discovered in Columbia and touted as the 'eighth metal'

The seven Days of the week were influenced by the 7 planets. (The Moon was considered a planet and this was before Pluto and Uranus were known to exist) Monday was ruled by the Moon, Tuesday Mars, Wednesday Mercury, Thursday Jupiter, Friday Venus, Saturday Saturn, and Sunday the Sun respectively. It can be fasci-

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nating reading to learn and understand the Astrological and Alchemical points of why each planet has a different metal associated with it, but that will be for a different time. Suffice it for now to say that the planets had a strong influence on everyday life and they were associated by the different known metals at the time. When a candidate is presented in Lodge for consideration of becoming a Free-Mason, the practice of leaving all worldly goods behind and no metal or mineral objects brought with him, is to not only make the candidate's request to join the Craft based on one's self and not his worldly possessions but to also to not be influenced by the outside forces of the planets and the metals associated with them.

Ok, I am half dressed with my sleeves rolled up and no metals or mineral in my possession. Now I am Duly and Truly Prepared! Wrong, this is part of it but not the whole scenario. By being in this condition, it will allow the Brethren to see you as a man who has no materials to hide or influence him in lodge, the true intentions and where the heart lies is open for inspection and review without outside influences. So, now one must become prepared inside the mind and heart to receive further enlightenment. This is a time to reflect on why to become a Freemason? If it is to get out of a speeding ticket or to gain privileged favors from wealthy brothers, the candidate soon realizes this is not what Masonry is about, and being destitute, he will learn that the Freemason helps out his destitute brother inside the heart and mind. The true wealth of Masonry comes from knowledge and the three tenets: Brotherly Love, relief and truth.

With Brotherly Love we are taught to accept all people as our family, regardless of race, creed or social standing. All are created by one Supreme Being the Grand Architect of the Universe. Be it Allah, God, Jehovah, Yahweh, Vishnu, Elohim, or any of hundreds of names used throughout history.

With Relief we are taught to sooth the unhappy, sympathize with our brother's misfortunes, be companionate to their Miseries, and try to restore peace to their troubled minds.

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With Truth we are taught to regulate your conduct and be truthful without deceit. You should be sincere in your actions and motives. With a true heart and a true tongue we can promote each other's well being and welfare and bask in true prosperity.

Well, here I am sitting with my mind clear and full of good intentions, still trying to think of something to write for the Trestle Board Article. I believe if I am truly and Duly prepared for this in my mind and intentions, the words will come forth. So, I will wait and see what happens. I am sure something will be presented to me to write. Sometimes things just fall into place. It happens a lot when you set out with good intentions and you may not even realize it has happened until you are done.

On the Level –

Moose

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DEMOLAY NEWS

We had six boys who attended Nor Cal Convention November 25-27. Four of them are first timers and are very excited about going. We thank the Lodge for their donation; it helped to offset the cost of convention for the boys.

We have a new Master Councilor, Alec Bouwens, P.M.C.

While we are growing, we can still use more – send us your sons, grandsons, nephews or neighbors. We have an excellent group of young men and would welcome new members.

The Vallejo Chapter DeMolay enjoyed taking part in the flag ceremony for installation. The Chapter would like to congratulate Worshipful **Leo Guison** and his new core of officers. We hope that you have a wonderful 2012 term and look forward to working with you and your officers this year.

Thanks to those who joined us for our caroling night December 19th at Merrill Gardens. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

We are also having a dinner and a movie night on January 6th, 2012. We will be serving lasagna, salad and bread. Tickets are \$7.00. The movie is Cars2. The boys will be attending a 0-Gravity dodge ball tournament on January 21st, which is open to anyone that wants to attend – especially prospects.

Reminder that our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The first meeting is Formal and the 2nd is casual in the Sunshine room. We invite you to come join us and meet the fine young men that are running the chapter.

Fraternally,
Toni Kendall, Past Matron, OES
Vallejo Chapter Advisor

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