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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

My first taste of the oriental chair was not as easy as I expected. However, I am confident that brotherly love, relief and truth will prevail. As we move forward I am convinced that we will make good strides to accomplish our goals and objectives for the good of the order. I am already delighted in how the year has started with the initiatives below that endeavor to engage and empower us.

I would like to thank Bros. **Doug Campbell** and **Robert Wilson** PM on their concerted efforts in initiating the confidential survey which you probably received already. This will be a good opportunity for our brothers to voice their opinions, ideas and suggestions specially those brothers who are unable to physically participate or attend at our lodge. This is your chance brethren to make a difference in your lodge.

I would like to acknowledge Bro. **Tom Langford** PM who spearheaded the idea of a mentoring program that will benefit not only our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft masons but also our new brother masons. It addresses what has been missing in our new member warm-up and will enrich the Masonic experience for them.

Congratulations to our newly-initiated Bro. **Enrico Caramanzana**, and Bro. **Patrick Ong** for being passed to the Fellowcraft degree. Big congratulations to Bro. **Keith Wattles** PM, our Hiram Award recipient for 2012. And last but not the least, congratulations to Bro. **Robert Wilson** PM as the newly-elected High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons Naval No.35 and Bro. **Gary Pirkig** as the newly-appointed King.

With the Valentine Dinner Dance cancelled, I am nevertheless positive that, in the future, we will still plan for events like this which benefit our lodge. To kick off the year, let us all support the survey and mentoring programs – they are ideas whose time has come.

Happy Valentines Day to all!!

Fraternally
Leo Guison, Master
Naval Lodge no.87

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FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

It looks as if this year will bring us lots of applicants and possibly initiates. I am trying to execute my Senior Warden duties effectively and efficiently by having the necessary coaching elements in place early on. If any of you are interested in becoming a candidate coach please send me an email stating such. Additionally, those of you who are already coaches, please email me to let me know, and also tell me if you are currently coaching any candidates and their names. I greatly appreciate your help.

General interest in Freemasonry is on the rise. Thus, interest in our lodge has increased. I look forward to assisting our candidates, new and "old," by helping to provide them with a meaningful experience on their path to becoming Master Masons. Our candidate coaches, I am confident, will make this so.

Fraternally,
Joe Yow
Senior Warden

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FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the kitchen!

I hope you enjoyed the chicken breasts in cream of mushroom and wine sauce. In the picture, you can see the supervision aspect of this position in action. As promised, I am now revealing our next meal for the February potluck. From our Junior Deacon, Bro. **John Schaefer**, comes a stuffed pork loin roast with brandy sauce on the side and rosemary potatoes. I hope you can make it to the potluck. Also, in February we will be having our George Washington Daylight Degree on Feb 20th with ham, sweet potatoes, and cherry pie. This year it will be a first degree ceremony, so you Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are encouraged to attend, and meet some brothers from the other lodges in our district.

John Wasson, Junior Warden

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CALENDAR

February 2012 * Naval Lodge No. 87

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1
Rainbow Advisory Board
7:30 PM

2
Naval Lodge
Stated Meeting
6:30 PM
Dinner
7:30 PM

3

4

Brazen Pillars
9:00 AM

5
Super Bowl Party!
2:30 PM

6
Naval Lodge
2nd Degree Practice
7:30 PM
DeMolay Meeting
7:30 PM

7

8
Thimble Club
12:00 Noon
•
Rainbow Meeting
7:30 PM

9
Naval Lodge
2nd Degree Conferral
7:30 PM
Bro. Jonathan Harris

10

OES
7:30 PM

11
Cancer Support Meeting
10:00 AM

12

13

14

Royal Arch
7:30 PM

15

16
Naval Lodge
Golden Award
Bro. Roland Wong, MD
Bro. Gerry Bettman
7:00 PM

17

18

19

20
Naval Lodge
1st Degree Conferral
8:30 AM
Mr. Mario Valencia
DeMolay Meeting
7:30 PM

21

SMTA
7:00 PM

22
Thimble Club
12:00 Noon
•
Rainbow Meeting
7:30 PM

23

24
OES
7:30 PM

25

26

27
OSI Naval Lodge
7:00 PM

28
DeMolay Council
7:00 PM

29

Please Note: The Golden Award consists of a Prime Rib Dinner and Naval Lodge asks a \$10.00 donation. The two honorees and their family eat for free!

Super Bowl Party

THE FUN STARTS AT 2:30
PM, WITH THE KICK-OFF
AT 3:30 PM.

JOIN US FOR BURGERS,
HOT DOGS, AND OTHER
TREATS. BRING YOUR OWN
FAVORITE SIDE DISHES AND
DRINKS.

\$5.00 DONATION REQUESTED

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2012

George Washington Daylight Degree

Monday, February 20th

8:30 AM - Join Naval Lodge No. 87 for fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts.

9:00 AM - The double 1st Degree conferral begins.

Stay with us afterwards for a Ham Lunch with Cherry Pie dessert.

The George Washington Daylight Degree is a proud tradition of Naval Lodge No. 87. Please join us to help introduce worthy men into our brotherhood and stay for lunch. Tuxedo's not required...dark suits are fine.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Brian Turner	Feb 01	Douglas Nubla	Feb 13
Tony Balot Jr., PM	Feb 03	Chester Bienkowski	Feb 14
Howard Sweatfield	Feb 03	Dr. Seymour Marcuse Jr.	Feb 15
Kenneth Kershner	Feb 04	Leonardo Guison	Feb 16
Jerry Hallett PM	Feb 05	Eddie Martinez	Feb 17
Emelito Alberto	Feb 08	Kerry O'Brien PM	Feb 18
Van Holzschuh	Feb 10	Charles Moody	Feb 19
Hector Stewart	Feb 10	Reynaldo Santiago Sr.	Feb 22
Rudy Manfredi	Feb 11	John Clutter	Feb 23
Rigoberti Santos PM	Feb 11	John Martin	Feb 23
George Smith	Feb 11	Donald Demmon	Feb 26
Daniel Frost	Feb 12	Dr. Roland Wong	Feb 26

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3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Raised Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Raised Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Paul Baughman	02/27/1946	66	Kenneth Mc Kendry PM	02/13/1985	27
Allen Royer Jr.	02/24/1947	65	Edward Kelley	02/19/1986	26
Harry Royer	02/24/1947	65	Terry Parsley	02/26/1986	26
Van Holzschuh	02/12/1948	64	Leander Martin	02/09/1987	25
Horace Holmgren	02/09/1953	59	William Maddox	02/26/1988	24
Glenn Harris	02/12/1953	59	Gary Pirkig	02/20/1989	23
Leonard Case	02/22/1964	48	Ray Raymundo	02/22/1990	22
Glenn Munkres PM	02/17/1967	45	Vance Langford Esq. PM	02/17/1992	20
Gerald Eskew PM	02/20/1967	45	Dr. Jose Bautista Jr.	02/19/1994	18
Milford Hodges PM	02/24/1971	41	James Connet	02/17/1997	15
Edwin Mobley PM	02/28/1973	39	Leonardo Guison	02/21/1998	14
Gary Cronhardt	02/17/1975	37	Bradford Larson	02/21/2000	12
Gregory Miller	02/20/1975	37	Michael Pamplin	02/19/2001	11
Luisito Pangilinan	02/14/1976	36	Adam Crisp	02/17/2004	8
Eric Throne	02/21/1979	33	Joseph Kendall	02/10/2005	7
Lee Thomas	02/16/1981	31	Jay Snyder	02/19/2007	5
Mark Thomas	02/16/1981	31	David Peel	02/18/2008	4
James Lemison Jr.	02/15/1982	30	Eric Thomas	02/16/2009	3
Mark Leach	02/23/1984	28	Taq'uee Hicks	02/04/2010	2
Lloyd Grubbe	02/24/1984	28	Richard Maddux	02/21/2011	1

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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.

Peter Axtman

Antonio Espinosa

Kenneth Kershner

Brad Larson

Eddie Martinez

Ken McKendry

George Miller

William A. Pratt

Ned Shamlan

Horia Tanasescu

Walt Turner

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MOOSE'S CORNER

by Bro. Eric Mosness

Stereotypes

It has been a while since I have stepped foot in a church. Don't worry; I am not going to write a religious article.... Rather, a stereotypical one. Today, we decided with new grandchildren, it might be a good time to return to church, but where? Who would accept me? I am a Biker... I am a Master Mason... I have heard time and time again that Bikers are criminals and the Masons are Devil Worshipers. Should I wear long sleeves, to hide my tattoos? Especially the Masonic Tattoos? Will they make comments about leaving the 'religion' of Masonry? Forget it I am not going.

Then I thought about it. I will wear short sleeves and take what comes. I had a whole speech worked out before I went, to respond to the inevitable criticism. I figured finding a church to accept us would be a long process, I was prepared with quotes and bible teachings. I worked out my pedigree of my Christian upbringing and Seminary studies, to make me more acceptable. I was prepared for a battle of words and was fully defended. I got dressed up nice and was ready to demand my right to attend their church. Needless to say, I was a bit nervous. Yes, the Moose was nervous.

We arrived at the church and approached the outside greeters.... I was met with a hearty handshake and a smile. Humm. Well, when I get inside someone will comment on me.

The first guy I met inside was wearing a Harley T-shirt. We went to the nursery to check it out and there were 2 people running the nursery, one woman and one man. The man was tattooed with full sleeves and had a few earrings. Am I in the right place? What kind of church is this? After the service, I figured I would introduce myself to a

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few people and the Pastor and see what they would say, ready with my defense. Not one person even seemed to notice my tattoos or piercings. All gave us a nice welcome and no fake condescending smiles or pressures to conform to the religious mainstream. I was prepared for a defense of their unfair stereotypes and false assumptions; instead I found it was actually me with the unfair stereotype and false assumptions.

I was ready to defend Masonry and my way of life, but found that was unnecessary and it was me who was the one who was doing exactly what I was fearing, would happen to me. Today, I learned an important lesson. The lesson of 'you can't always judge a book by its cover' seems to be a lesson I needed to learn myself.

On the level – Moose

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THE SPRINGBROOK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Glenn Munkres PM

In 1983, several far-seeing Brothers of the three lodges then in joint ownership of the Springbrook Masonic Temple Association foresaw a time when the Springbrook Masonic Temple would need major repairs that would, quite possibly, be a huge burden on the three lodges. This was especially true since one of the Lodges had effectively exhausted its reserves to pay its share of the building of the Temple. These Brothers then created the Springbrook Memorial Endowment Fund and wrote into the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that all funds received as donations and/or memorials would never be used, and that all the net income, save capital gains, from investing these donations and memorials would be available to the Springbrook Masonic Temple Association for major repairs. A great number of dedicated Brothers have labored over the years to keep that promise, several serving on the Board until the Great Architect of the Universe called them to labor in that great building, not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens. Some have left a part or all their estates to the Fund. While not beholden to the Grand Lodge of California, as a free standing corporation, the Board endeavors to labor in accordance with the dictates of that body as outlined in its Constitution and Law.

As the result of the stewardship of these Brothers, the assets of the Fund now stand at nearly \$472,000. Of that total, over \$160,000 is available for use for major repairs to the Temple Building. Over the past ten years, while the Temple Association has labored to make necessary repairs to our thirty-year-old building, the Springbrook Memorial Endowment Fund has provided over \$192,000 to further their efforts. Without the existence of this Fund, Naval Lodge would have had to pay for all of these major repairs in addition to the funds provided by the Lodge to make minor repairs and major up-grades to the building.

We are thankful to those far-seeing Brothers who set this Fund in motion. Like them, we are interested in keeping this Fund, and remind all that the Springbrook Memorial Endowment Fund still accepts donations and memorials from our Brethren and the general public, and encourage all not to forget the Fund in the future. There will be major repairs in the future and we need to keep this fund viable. New donations are always encouraged. All Memorials are acknowledged both to the giver and the family of those memorialized. No gifts are tax deductible.

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GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT FOR 2011-2012

Together, the Masons of California and Raising A Reader will make a profound difference in child literacy for those who need it most: kindergartners in low-performing public schools who are at high risk for educational failure.

We will circulate children's books to homes, engage families in shared reading of those books, and help thousands of children develop reading readiness skills.

Your generous contributions will support our goal to significantly improve child literacy in California, changing the lives of thousands of vulnerable children.

We will turn the page for child literacy in California.

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