

Wisdom Lodge No. 202

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Master's Message - February 2009

Brethren,

On January 20, 2009, we witnessed the inauguration of an American President. The inauguration was historic in that Barack Obama is the first African-American President in our history. Not surprisingly, there has been much discussion about this presidency being the fulfillment of the vision and sacrifice of another President from Illinois, Abraham Lincoln, who issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862.

I am happy to report that the 44th President of the United States indirectly paid homage to our fraternity in his Inaugural Address. In Masonry we stress cardinal virtues; that is: temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. In his speech, President Obama delivered these words:

"Recall that earlier generations faced down fascism and communism not just with missiles and tanks, but with sturdy alliances and enduring convictions. They understood that our power alone cannot protect us, nor does it entitle us to do as we please. Instead, they knew that our power grows through its prudent use; our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint." (Emphasis added).

February is President's month, when we take time to celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Let us remember the legacy of Abraham Lincoln at this historic time and let us also celebrate George Washington. Washington served as the first



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Master's Message Continued

President of the United States of America from 1789-1797 (he belonged to Alexandria Lodge 22, and was named the lodge's Charter Master in 1788). In a sense, Washington's presidency laid the cornerstone for our democratic union. Not all presidents were Masons and, in fact, Gerald Ford was the last of many Masonic presidents. However, as a fraternity we should take pride that the words of Barack Obama in his Inaugural Address echo Masonic values and reveal the enduring influence of our Masonic principles. *Fraternally*, Paul D. Rosenberger



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

A hearty Birthday wish is extended to the following brethren who celebrate their birthdays in February. We sincerely hope your celebration is joyous and we would like to share in this event. Please join us at our Stated Meeting.

Ken Moffet	1	Brian J. Brown	14
Carl K. Shaw	1	Howard W. McCargar	15
Neal O. Hammond	1	Jack R. Michael	16
Walter R. McCormick, Jr.	2	Warren E. Troutman	20
Richard L. Harrison	2	Roland Castelar	21
Mark A. Flint	7	Leon M. Saliba	22
Levon Kederian, M.D.	10	Robert B. McCallum	25
Max L. Tillman	11	John J. Brady	26
Fredrick A. Schaeffer	13		

3rd Degree Anniversaries

John K. Hendry	10	1958	Donald E. McMullen	19	1959
Michael Tew	12	2003	Benjamin Luna	21	2007
Glenn H. Girardin	13	1963	Rudolph J. Warrington	21	1956
Robert Luna	14	2007	John J. Brooks, Jr.	23	1948
Johnny Dabbaghian	14	2001	Robert S. Drager	27	1962

In Remembrance

Frank Mathias Becker III

William D. Stephens Lodge No. 698
Called from Labor October 22, 2008

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TRAVELING MAN IN MASONRY

by Brother Jeff Godwin

Trestleboard

February 2009

Wednesday February 4, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Speaker -Terry Cunningham, CEO, Shriners Hospitals

Wednesday February 11, 2009

First Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday February 15, 2009

Sweethearts Brunch - 11:00 a.m.

Brookside Golf Course

Wednesday February 18, 2009

Officers School of Instruction - Wisdom Lodge

(all officers required to attend -First Degree demonstration) - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday February 25, 2009

Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 4, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

**ALL WEDNESDAYS CANDIDATE'S COACHING
WILL BE AVAILABLE**

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC & EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job.

Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another 'traveling' mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We "traveled" symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Remember the words, "It will be necessary for you to travel"? and the condition of the road we would have to travel?

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

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Famous Masons

A Silicon Valley icon and philanthropist

this famous Mason helped shape the computing industry with his design of Apple's first line of products the Apple I and II and influenced the popular Macintosh. In 1976, he co-founded Apple Computer with the Apple I computer. The next year, he introduced his Apple II personal computer, featuring a central processing unit, a keyboard, color graphics, and a floppy disk drive, and helped to launch the PC industry. For his achievements at Apple Computer, he was awarded the National Medal of Technology by the President of the United States in 1985, the highest honor bestowed on America's leading innovators. In 2000, He was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame and was awarded the prestigious Heinz Award for Technology, The Economy and Employment for "single-handedly designing the first personal computer and for then redirecting his lifelong passion for mathematics and electronics toward lighting the fires of excitement for education in grade school students and their teachers." After leaving Apple in 1985, he has been involved in various business and philanthropic ventures, focusing primarily on computer capabilities in schools and stressing hands-on learning and encouraging creativity for students. Making significant investments of both his time and resources in education, he "adopted" the Los Gatos School District, providing students and teachers with hands-on teaching and donations of state-of-the-art technology equipment. He founded the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and was the founding sponsor of the Tech Museum, Silicon Valley Ballet and Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose. He is also a published author with the release of his autobiography, *iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon*, in September 2006 by Norton Publishing.



Steve Wozniak is a lifetime member of Charity Lodge, No. 362 in Campbell, California.

Sweethearts' Brunch



*Brookside Country
Club*

*(near the Rose Bowl) in
Pasadena*

Lodge Sweethearts (Widows)

*and their guest admitted free
Sunday, February 15, 2009*

10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Members and guests \$40.00 per person, Member's lady no charge. Children who are under 12 years old no charge. Valet parking is included.

Reservation are required

**Please call your reservation into our secretary's office at
818-334-8623,
Do not call the Country Club to
make your reservations.**

Brookside Country Club
1133 N. Rosemont, Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 795-0631

From Downtown: 110 N. to Orange Grove Bl., left on Orange Grove to Rosemont. Left on Rosemont, down the hill, pass the Rose Bowl. Country Club will be on your left.

From San Fernando via 134: Exit Orange Grove/Colorado Blvd. off ramp. Left on Orange Grove to Rosemont, turn left on Rosemont, go down the hill, pass the Rose Bowl.

From San Fernando via 210: Exit at Arroyo/Windsor ramp and turn right on Arroyo. Make another immediate right onto Rosemont and go down the hill.

From San Gabriel Valley via 210: Exit at Seco/Mountain off ramp. Turn left onto Seco down hill to Rosemont. Turn right on Rosemont, pass Rose Bowl to Brookside Country Club.



Room Accommodations

Each standard room and suite comes with free high-speed wireless Internet, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, coffee maker, hair dryer and iron/ironing board. The one bedroom suites have full kitchenettes.

Complimentary Breakfast

Country Inn & Suites provides a complimentary buffet breakfast that includes waffles, bagels, assorted breads and muffins, fresh fruit, and scrambled eggs. Additionally, every evening guests are invited to the manager's reception in the Fireside room, to enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers.

Wisdom Hospitality Suite

As is our tradition, there will be a hosted hospitality suite.

Saturday Night Dinner

We will have a group dinner outing on Saturday night at one of the local restaurants.

Other Activities

We will have organized activities, including golf and shopping, for those who desire a structured itinerary.

SPECIAL GROCERY LIST

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can."

John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family.

The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir." "O.K." he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement.

It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: "Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store.

The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said; "It was worth every penny of it . Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs."

**On Wednesday February 4, 2009
at our Stated Meeting Dinner
We will enjoy a presentation on the**

Shriner's Hospital



835,000 KIDS. 85 YEARS. ONE MISSION.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is dedicated to improving the lives of kids living with orthopaedic problems, burns, spinal cord injuries and more. With the belief that all kids should lead full, productive lives, the Shriner's built an entire health care system around this thought. From the most routine to the most rarely seen cases, the unique patient care they provide not only treats the child, but also involves the patient's family in all aspects of care and recovery.

Offering a comprehensive range of services, Shriners Hospitals for Children takes the best possible care of a patient. They customize each child's treatment experience, providing specialized care that delivers on their mission to help more kids defy the odds.

World-class research. Exceptional physician training. A uniquely collaborative treatment environment.

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Save the Date

Please save the following dates:

February 4, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner
Presentation on Shriners Hospitals

February 15, 2009

Sweethearts' Brunch

February 22, 2009

Masonic Service Bureau Breakfast (9:00 a.m.)

March 4, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - Inspector's Official Visit
Presentation on Scottish Rite
Childhood Language Center

March 11, 2009

Past Masters Dinner

March 29, 2009

Breakfast Honoring Grand Master - Biltmore Hotel

April 1, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner -Public Schools Recognition

May 17, 2009

Masonic Service Bureau Meeting

May 22-25, 2009

Annual Spring Fling - Countryside Inn & Suites
Port Hueneme, California

October 2-4, 2009

Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Lodging at Marine Memorial Hotel