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Master's Message - July-August 2009

Brethren,

July is here, which means we are in the second half of the calendar year and my term as Master is more than half over. I have enjoyed this year immensely. I do enjoy taking these monthly opportunities to ruminate on subjects germane, and sometimes not so germane, to Freemasonry.



Not surprisingly, this month I want to focus on the topic of the Fourth of July. We all know the American Independence Day by its date. "Fourth of July" is synonymous with "Independence Day." A little research on Wikipedia, however, indicates that we just as easily could celebrate the Second of July because the vote for legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on

July 2, 1776. After voting for independence Congress looked to a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson to finalize a statement explaining the decision. That statement, of course, is the Declaration of Independence which, after debate and revision, was finalized and signed on July 4, 1776. Prior to its finalization, John Adams sent a letter to his wife Abigail predicting the future remembrance of July 2nd. He wrote:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

John Adams was right about the significance that Americans would accord to their act of declaring independence, but he was off on the date.

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It speaks to the incredible power of the writing in the Declaration of Independence that the date of its signing is remembered as the important date. Had the former colonists sent only a brief memo to the king, perhaps we would celebrate July 2nd.

Masons carry on the traditions of the founding fathers of this country in that we believe that we should live and act in accordance with great ideals. I think that anyone interested in the teachings of Masonry will find tremendous satisfaction in studying the lives and beliefs of the American founders. I recently read a bestselling biography about a great mason and founding father of this country. The book, Benjamin Franklin: An American Life, by Walter Isaacson, has inspired me to want to learn more about the thoughts and lives of our founding fathers. It helps put both the American experience and Masonic experience into perspective.

I hope that each of you will find the time for some inspiring summer reading. *Fraternally*, Paul D. Rosenberger



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

Frank T. Bausmith	2	Brooks H. Vinson	12
George Dunanians	2	Charles W. Leinbach, Jr.	13
Randall D. Whitney	2	Samir I. Toska	16
Daniel Gonzalez	3	Michael N. Fayles	16
Benjamin Luna	4	Mel Nahin	19
Gordon P. Williams	5	Robert Mason	25
Manuel S. Bogharian	5	Edward B. Mcleod, Jr.	25
John M. Asbell, Jr.	5	Ivan D. Deputy III	26
Diego Viera	6	Lon W. Schultz	28
Norman L. Uman	7	Americo T. Riccitelli	28
Clancy A. Imislund	9	Harvey Shumaker, Jr.	29
Robert H. Terry	11	Lew W. Zumwalt	30

3rd Degree Anniversaries In July

Brooks H. Vinson	9	1958	James D. Chilton	19	1972
Thacker P. Whyte	10	1984	Michael A. Tosti	22	1981
James D. Anderson	10	1961	Frederick A. Dickinson	25	1973
William R. Hatchett IV	12	1977	Nathaniel Stiles	26	2006
Melvyn B. Mintz	13	1976	Warren E. Troutman	27	1946
Robert L. Keller	15	1969	Ken Moffett	28	2004
John J. Brady	18	1950	John R. Cowle	29	1946

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July-August 2009

Wednesday July 1, 2009

Stated Meeting -- 8:15 p.m.
(no dinner)

Wednesday July 8, 2009

Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 15, 2009

Officers School of Instruction - 7:30 p.m.
Wisdom Lodge
(all officers required to attend)

Wednesday July 22, 2009

Second Degree Practice or live degree- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 29, 2009

Practice or live degree - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 5, 2009

Stated Meeting -- 8:15 p.m.
(no dinner)

Wednesday August 12, 2009

Advance Station Practice or live degree- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 19, 2009

Advance Station Practice or live degree- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 26, 2009

Advance Station Practice or live degree- 7:00 p.m.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

Jose Gonzalez	1	Ronald C. Vrooman	14
Horace V. Ray	1	Michael Tew	15
Paul Rosenberger	1	Thomas C. Letcher	17
Miroslav Piroski	3	Merl H. Seastrom	19
Stanley Schway	3	Salvatore Sciortino	20
Michael Rondilla	4	Santiago Parilla Jr.	21
Tolbert Gross	6	John E. Rice	22
James R. Grainger	6	Hagop Karabibergian	23
Pete Sandoval	7	Jesse I. Gillespie	26
Jeff Robertson	9	Stephen Anderson	28
C. Rodney Godwin	13		
Patrick H. Cooney	14		

3rd Degree Anniversaries In August

Carl K. Shaw	1	1944	John Garcia	20	1992
Michael Rondilla	9	2006	Ryan Y Kwon	21	2002
Paul Rosenberger	11	2004	George Kesablak	23	1995
Randall D. Whitney	14	1968	Dean Rosenberger	23	1967
Tobey W. Wheeler	17	1988	George I. Stewart	25	1955
Vahe Shirikjian	19	1992	Ron C. Dewegeli	26	1987
Paul Martinet	20	1962	William E. Nassour II	27	1975

Save the Date

Please save the following dates:

August 23, 2009	Masonic Service Bureau Meeting (Pasadena Scottish Rite)
September 2, 2009	Stated Meeting Dinner (speaker from York Rite)
September 9, 2009	Constitutional Observance Program (tentative date)
October 2-4, 2009	Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Hospitality Suite at Marine Memorial Hotel
December 11, 2009	Annual Installation of Officers

Spring Fling Port Hueneme



Grand Lodge October 2-4



The Grand Lodge of California holds its 160th Annual Communication this year. Register now to attend at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco.

The weekend includes public ceremonies, the Grand Master's banquet, ladies' wine country tour and luncheon, and a chance to view a new California Masonry exhibit at the Henry W. Coil Library & Museum.

This year we will be staying at the Marine Memorial Hotel, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Just how old is Freemasonry?

Within Masonry there is a general understanding that there is no exact date in history as to when masonry started. Unlike most organizations or societies, Freemasonry didn't have a defining event or groundbreaking document that declared its origin. What freemasonry does have is a history of customs and traditions, which are difficult to pinpoint a date to. However, it is generally accepted that 1717 is the start of formal freemasonry. It was in England during 1717 that the first grand lodge was formed.

But this raises the question of what existed before the Grand Lodge of England. I have done some light research and found some interesting historical facts, dates, and objects that may just push that earlier date back by three hundred years.

In England the first record of a man joining a lodge and becoming a mason is on October 16, 1646. Mr. Elias Ashmore, who was a herald and antiquarian, recoded in his diary that a lodge met at his father-in-laws house to make him a mason. Mr. Ashmore's diary, along with the rest of his collection, can be seen at the Ashmore Museum in Oxford.

In France there exists a document that indicates the change from operative masonry to speculative masonry. It is dates to 1498 and is called the "Les Statuts de Ratisbonne."

The Cooke Manuscript is dated to 1450. It is a part of a collection of English documents known as Freemasonry's Gothic Constitutions. The Cooke Manuscript is the second oldest masonic manuscript. Like many documents in the collection the manuscript contains an invocation, the ledged of masonry's ancient origins, a list of charges and regulations, and an oath.

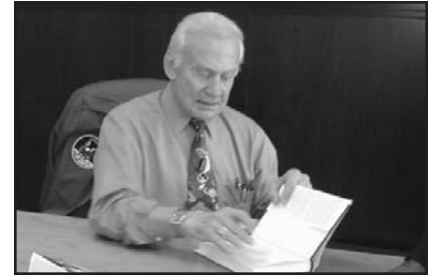
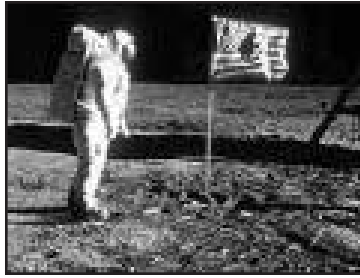
Lastly I want to mention The Halliwell Manuscript. It is a 64 page document, written in poetic form, and is sometimes known as the Regius Poem. The Manuscript lists fifteen points that the Master, in regards to moral conduct and the operation of a building site, should follow. There is a list of fifteen points for the craftsman too. It also describes the origins of Geometry and other masonic symbols. The Halliwell Manuscript is thought to date between the 13th century and the middle of the 15th Century.

I, along with most other masons, will say that Freemasonry is more than just a collection of dates and documents. However, the next time some one asks you "Just how old is Freemasonry?" you will have a few more solid dates you can offer them.

Nathaniel Stiles, Junior Warden

May 22-25
Country Inn & Suites





***Man on the Moon** - Images many of us remember from July 20, 1969 of Buzz Aldrin on the Moon. Visit www.buzzaldrin.com to purchase a copy of his rap video or recently released memoir.*

***Buss the Rapper-** (left to right) Buzz with rapper Snoop Dogg - they recorded the rap video **Rocket Experience** and Buzz as he autographed copies of his memoir **Magnificent Desolation** at Barnes and Nobel in West Hollywood.*

Buzz Aldrin was born in Montclair, New Jersey on January 20, 1930. His mother, Marion Moon, was the daughter of an Army Chaplain. His father, Edwin Eugene Aldrin, was a Colonel in the Air Force, a ScD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and an aviation pioneer. Buzz was educated at the US Military Academy at West Point, graduating third in his class with a BS in mechanical engineering. He then joined the Air Force where he flew F86 Sabre Jets in 66 combat missions in Korea, shot down two MIG-15's, and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. After a tour of duty in Germany flying F100's, he went on to earn his Doctorate of Science in Astronautics at MIT and wrote his thesis on Manned Orbital Rendezvous.

Selected by NASA in 1963 into the third group of astronauts, Aldrin was the first with a doctorate and became known as "Dr. Rendezvous." The docking and rendezvous techniques he devised for spacecraft in Earth and lunar orbit became critical to the success of the Gemini and Apollo programs, and are

still used today. He also pioneered underwater training techniques, as a substitute for zero gravity flights, to simulate spacewalking. In 1966 on the Gemini 12 orbital mission, Buzz performed the world's first successful spacewalk, overcoming prior difficulties experienced by Americans and Russians during extra-vehicular activity (EVA), and setting a new EVA record of 5 ½ hours. On July 20, 1969, Buzz and Neil Armstrong made their historic Apollo 11 moonwalk, becoming the first two humans to set foot on another world. They spent 21 hours on the lunar surface and returned with 46 pounds of moon rocks. An estimated 600 million people - the world's largest television audience in history - witnessed this unprecedented heroic endeavor.

Upon returning from the moon, Buzz was decorated with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest American peacetime award. A 45-day international goodwill tour followed, where he received numerous distinguished awards and medals from 23 other countries. Named after Buzz are Asteroid "6470 Aldrin" and the "Aldrin Crater" on the

moon. Buzz and his Apollo 11 crew have four "stars" on each corner of Hollywood and Vine streets on the renowned Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Since retiring from NASA and the Air Force, Col. Aldrin has remained at the forefront of efforts to ensure America's continued leadership in human space exploration. He devised a master plan for missions to Mars known as the "Aldrin Mars Cycler" - a spacecraft system with perpetual cycling orbits between Earth and Mars. Dr. Aldrin has received three US patents for his schematics of a modular space station, Starbooster reusable rockets, and multi-crew modules for space flight. He founded Starcraft Boosters, Inc., a rocket design company, and the ShareSpace Foundation, a nonprofit devoted to advancing space education, exploration and affordable space flight experiences for all. Buzz also promotes his Rocket Hero brand launched in 2008 through his newest entity, StarBuzz LLC.

Dr. Aldrin has penned his dramatic memoirs in a new autobiography due out in 2009. He continues to inspire

today's youth with his illustrated children's books: Reaching for the Moon, a New York Times best-seller, and his latest, Look to the Stars, a 2009 release. He has also authored two space science-fiction novels: The Return and Encounter with Tiber. His non-fiction works include the best-seller historical documentary, Men from Earth, and an early 1970's autobiography, Return to Earth.

On Valentine's Day 1988, Buzz married Lois Driggs of Phoenix, Arizona. She is a Stanford University graduate, an active community leader in Southern California and Co-Chairman of StarBuzz Enterprises. Their combined family includes six adult children from previous marriages and one grandson. Sharing a similar passion for adventure, their worldwide business travels include leisure time ocean scuba diving and winter mountain skiing. As one of the leading space exploration advocates, Buzz continues to chart a course for future space travel from Planet Earth to the moon and on to the stars.

Brother Aldrin is a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, New Jersey.