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Master's Message - June 2009

Brethren,

The arrival of June brings the midpoint of the year and, of course, the midpoint of my term as Master. This has been a trying year for many of our members who work in businesses and industries that are sensitive to the downturn in the economy. As we move into the second half of the year, I ask that our members and families be sensitive to the difficulties that many in our Masonic family are facing. For our part, the officers of Wisdom Lodge will continue to promote interesting and enriching programs for the membership in the hope that the Lodge remains a place where we can come together to better ourselves and, in turn, better our communities.



June 21st is the summer solstice, the day on which when the tilt of the Earth's axis is most inclined toward the sun, producing the longest day of the year. The summer solstice marks the beginning of summer. Interestingly, however, this time of year has been historically referred to as "Midsummer," apparently in reference to the midpoint between the time to plant crops and the time to harvest them. Specific celebrations have centered around the summer solstice, including St. John Feast Day on June 24th, a day in many Mediterranean countries which commemorates St. John the Baptist, a figure of some importance in our Masonic tradition.

Whether or not you celebrate St. John Feast Day, I believe that summer is a time to go out and celebrate; it's a time to create lifelong memories. As children, we looked forward to summer as a time for travel and relaxation and I suspect that we all have fond memories of those carefree days. Perhaps this summer will be a time to recapture the excitement of our youth and create new memories. I hope that everyone has the

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opportunity to spend some time with friends and family. Go out and create memories, for your friends, yourselves, your children and your grandchildren.

Fraternally, Paul D. Rosenberger



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

David B. Clem, Jr.	1	Edwin M. Roos	19
Clyde Alling Jr.	2	Carl G. Bohman	19
Buster Altizer	4	Glenn G. Campbell	19
John Garcia	5	Charles E. Valenti	19
Justin D. Denlinger	6	Rameses D Arias	20
Robert M. Martinez	7	Charles E. Franklin	22
Glenn H. Girardin	12	Howard G. Schuler	22
James D. Anderson	13	Fernando E. Tovar	26
Douglals B. Campbell	15	David F. Carroll	28
Norman Artunian	15		
Wilson J. Wahlberg	15		
Nick Matossian	16		

3rd Degree Anniversaries In June

Frank T. Bausmitch	8	1954	Pete Sandoval	21	2006
Michael Chumo, Jr.	9	1964	Alan Young	21	1955
Harvey Shumaker, Jr.	9	1958	Bruce Hudson	21	1990
Nishan Derderian	10	1953	George D. Case, Sr.	21	1983
James A. Kline	10	1976	Kenneth L. Wells	22	1949
Dennis A. Bruecker	12	1968	Jeff Robertson	23	1982
Emlyn Williams	12	1961	Miroslav Piroski	24	1968
Marshall S. Wells	12	1940	Shelden L. Sundgren	24	1953
Hagop Karabibergian	13	1998	William C. Klentschy	27	1957
Mario Lee	13	1990	Guy a. Main	27	1972
Humberto Santamaria	16	1981	Laurence K. Brink, Jr.	28	1950
Misak Toros	16	1982	Brian Belhumeur	28	2006
Norman L. Uman	16	1941	Mark A. Flint	29	1977
Charles E. Valenti	17	1975	Lew W. Zumwalt	29	1961
Marl Seastrom Jr.	18	1997	Jacob Gadjian	30	1982
George L. Matuskey	19	1962			
Willard M. Huyck	20	1951			

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June 2009

Wednesday June 3, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Orlando Ward, Midnight Mission

Wednesday June 10, 2009

Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Monday June 15, 2009

Officers School of Instruction - 7:30 p.m.

Alhambra Lodge

(all officers required to attend)

Wednesday June 17, 2009

Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday June 24, 2009

Individual Practice for Advance Stations - 7:00 p.m.

Or

Table Lodge - Alhambra Lodge (reservations required)

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

Ramblin' with Ed Roos

Columbine Testimony Before Congress

Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful. They were not prepared for what he was to say, nor was it received well. It needs to be heard by every parent, every teacher; every politician, every sociologist, every psychologist, and every so-called expert! These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice crying in the wilderness. The following is a portion of the transcript:

"Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers. The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used... neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

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seeds of violence.***

"In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA - because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.

"I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves. I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today:

"Your laws ignore our deepest needs, your words are empty air. You've stripped away our heritage, You've outlawed simple prayer. Now gunshots fill our classrooms, And precious children die. You seek for answers everywhere, And ask the question "Why?" You regulate restrictive laws, through legislative creed. And yet you fail to understand, That God is what we need!

"Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, soul, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and reek havoc. Spiritual presences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact. What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And

"Your laws ignore our deepest needs, your words are empty air. You've stripped away our heritage"

when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs -- politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive

laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts. As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes - He did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right! I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA - I give to you a sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone! My daughter's death will not be in vain! The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!"

Save the Date

Please save the following dates:

June 3, 2009	Stated Meeting Dinner Guest Speaker Orlando Ward of the Midnight Mission
Sept. 2, 2009	Stated Meeting Dinner (first dinner after summer break)
September 9, 2009	Constitutional Observance Program (tentative date)
October 2-4, 2009	Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Hospitality Suite at Marine Memorial Hotel

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

Famous Masons

Astronaut Turned Senator Turned Astronaut

He was born in Cambridge, Ohio, on July 18, 1921, the son of John Herschel and Clara Sproat Glenn. At age two, young John moved with his parents to New Concord, where his father opened a plumbing business.

Shortly after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program and became a Marine pilot. He flew 59 combat missions in the South Pacific during World War II. When the Korean conflict began, he asked for combat duty and flew 63 missions. For his total of 149 missions during the two wars, he received many decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross six times.



After the Korean conflict, he attended test pilot school and then joined the Naval Air Test Center's staff of expert flyers. He served as a test pilot for Naval and Marine aircraft, including the FJ3, the F7U Cutlass, and the F8U Crusader. One of his most notable accomplishments during this period was the 1957 speed record he set flying from Los Angeles to New York in three hours and 23 minutes. "Project Bullet" secured his reputation as one of the country's top test pilots and provided a stepping stone for his participation in the emerging space exploration program.

He entered the space program as a participant in the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics' "G" force tests. When NASA put out a call for pilots to participate in its suborbital and orbital program, he volunteered without hesitation. In 1959, NASA selected him as one of the first seven astronauts in the U.S. space program. On February 20, 1962, atop an Atlas rocket, he rode into space and piloted the Friendship 7 spacecraft around the globe three times, becoming the first American to orbit the earth.

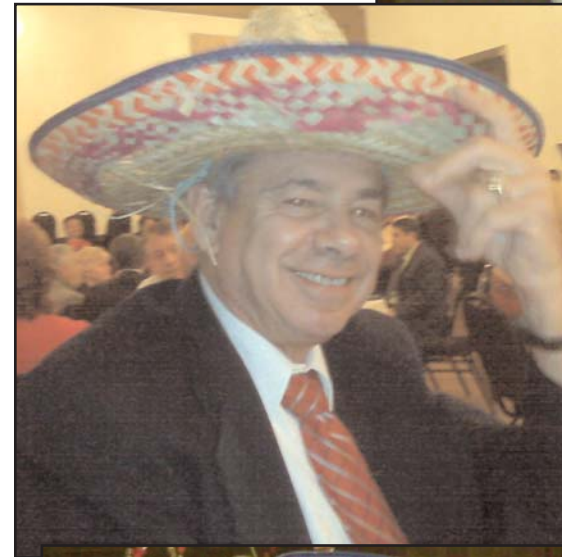
The pilot and hero, soon found NASA's plans for him did not include another flight assignment. While he continued to serve as an advisor to NASA until 1964, his interests increasingly turned to public affairs. Encouraged by Bobby Kennedy to seek public office, Glenn retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel the following year to run for the United States Senate.

He was elected to the United States Senate on his third try, easily winning over his Republican opponent, former Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Perk. Astronaut John Herschel Glenn now became Senator Glenn. In this new career, he represented Ohio and took a leading role in weapons control and government affairs. He was chief author of the 1978 Nonproliferation Act, served as chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee from 1978 until 1995, and sat on the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees and the Special Committee on Aging. Never far from the center of Democratic politics, he was a contender for the vice presidential nomination three times and ran in the Democratic primaries as a presidential candidate in 1984.

He announced on February 20, 1997 that he would retire from the senate. A year later, NASA invited him to rejoin the space program he had helped to create as a member of the Space Shuttle Discovery Crew. He accepted the invitation and on October 29, 1998, became the oldest human ever to venture into space.

John Herschel Glenn is a member of Concord Lodge No. 688, Concord, Ohio.

Cinco de Mayo A Night of Festive Music and Sombreros



***Sombreros in Abundance -**
Worshipful Paul Rosenberg (top) twisted his sombrero into a ten-gallon hat, Sal Sciortino, PM, (left) tipped his Sombrero to the ladies and doctors Rita and Raffi Baltaian (bottom) brought smiles to the faces of all they met.*

A Presentation Regarding the Midnight Mission

June Stated Meeting

Guest Speaker Orlando Ward - Director of Program Services, the Midnight Mission

Mr. Ward is an outstanding inspirational speaker who spoke to us last year. A year ago during Mr. Ward's presentation to us, he mentioned the connection between the Midnight Mission and a certain homeless musician named Nathaniel Ayers, a former Julliard student who became homeless after falling ill to schizophrenia. Mr. Ayers story is portrayed in the major motion picture "The Soloist," currently in theatres.



Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (left) a supporter of the Midnight Mission is pictured above with Orlando Ward.



The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to the Midnight Mission.

Orlando Ward

A native of Southern California, Orlando Ward has been with The Midnight Mission since 1999, and in association with the Office of the President and the Office of Development, created the Office of Public Affairs. Ward oversees governmental, public, community and media relations for the Mission. Ward is also directly responsible for the charity's Speaker's Bureau and trains and assigns upper management to effectively represent the organization at various community venues. A master salesman by trade, Ward often assists major fund development efforts by utilizing his unique closing skills during presentations and solicitations.

Ward has served on the Affordable Housing Commission of the City of Los Angeles and currently serves as Chair of the Center City Redevelopment Project - Project Area Committee (CRA). Ward is the Vice-Chairman of the Central City Association's Public Health and Safety Committee and

is active in a number of community-based organizations including the Central City Task Force on Homeless Issues, the Downtown LA Neighborhood Council and the Los Angeles Central Providers Collaborative.

Ward also has served on Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Special Committee on Homelessness, the Los Angeles County task force for the Prevention and Reduction of Homelessness and the BringLA Ten Plan to End Homelessness.

In 2004, Ward was honored to be named one of the Treasures of Los Angeles by the Central City Association and LA business community.

In 2005 he was named as one of the faces of change by Los Angeles Alternative magazine.

He works with recovering alcoholics and addicts as an independent sober coach and advisor.

He has held upper management and sales positions with the Xerox Corporation, the Eastridge Group and the United Way.