

Wisdom Lodge No. 202

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Master's Message - April 2009

Brethren,

April is the month when Lodges throughout California are asked to conduct a public schools program. Our fraternity advocates the belief that no society can remain free without an educated citizenry, and the largest part of our citizenry will not be educated without our public schools. For these reasons, Masons openly support our public schools system. On April 1, Wisdom Lodge will recognize a unique public school that serves all of Los Angeles County with a performance by a Jazz Ensemble from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts.



The Masonic fraternity's concern with public schools is more apparent when viewed in historical context. Long before formal schools existed, there were vocational guilds such as operative stone masons; a Master Mason would take in apprentices and provide them room and board for several years, during which time they would learn their craft along with other learning that was appropriate for the society in which they lived. The subjects they learned about included grammar, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, and various social topics. With the advent of the Renaissance and the Age of Enlightenment, both Protestant and Roman Catholic groups began to offer formal education to more people. Thus, private schools began to emerge. Public schools came later.

In Freemasonry, we draw lessons from the teachings of the ancient operative masons, which evolved into speculative Masonry.

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Developing character, leadership, better individuals, better family men, better citizens through education are goals of Freemasonry. Given these values, it is not surprising that our Masonic predecessors supported the idea of free universal education for the citizenry. Most of our citizens cannot afford a private education, but it is in everyone's benefit that we have strong public schools to build better communities. Therefore, we must support a public school system, however it may continue to evolve in the future.

Fraternally, Paul D. Rosenberger



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Harold D. Key	2	Harry Bedirian	16
Varouj Vehian	3	Walter L. McCune	16
William E. Nassour II	3	John Houston	17
Carl W. Kruger	8	Mund Shaikly	18
Vahe Shirikjian	9	Harold M. Hand	19
Jack Cunningham	11	Ronald L. Hart	19
Robert A. Stiles	12	Charles E. Knettles	20
Gustavo Aldana	12	Mohamed N. Mohsen	20
Eugene R. Lilly	13	Robert Luna	22
Stanley H. Sato	15	Edward D. Benes	24

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Maurice O'Shaughnessy	7	1982	Earl D. Williams	20	1988
Clive E. Craig	7	1971	Wesley G. Grapp	20	1988
Gerard L. Shirikjian	8	1981	John Hurley	21	1999
John E. Rice	9	1981	Wilson J. Walberg	21	1952
Levon H. Keshishian	13	1994	George Dunaians	23	1976
Salvatore Sciortino	14	1982	Angel Samson	25	2007
Ahmad H. Serhan	14	1999	Philip S. Braun, Jr.	30	1951
William Ford	19	1967			

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April 2009

Wednesday April 1, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Performance by the Los Angeles County High School
for the Arts Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday April 8, 2009

Officers School of Instruction

Wisdom Lodge (all officers required to attend
Third Degree instruction) - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 15, 2009

First/Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 22, 2009

First/Second Degree Practice (or live degree) - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 29, 2009

First/Second Degree Practice (or live degree) - 7:00 p.m.

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



For our annual public schools observance, we will have a performance by a Jazz Ensemble from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts.

The students that will be performing for you on April 1 are part of LACHA's award winning combo. They are some of the top music students in the country and in addition to their numerous awards will be traveling to Kansas City in May to perform 5 concerts with saxophonist, Bobby Watson. Mr. Watson has had a tremendous career in Jazz dating all the way back to his days with Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. The students will also be part of LACHA's larger jazz ensemble that will open this year's Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl in June.

The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (Arts High) offers a specialized program combining college-preparatory academic instruction and conservatory-style training in the visual and performing arts. Founded in 1985, the tuition-free public school is run by the Los Angeles County Office of Education in partnership with and on the campus of California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA). The student body is composed of students drawn from 61 public school districts, including Pasadena and other local districts.

The school was founded in 1985 and includes many well known artists among its alumni. For more info on Arts High, see <http://www.lachsamusic.org>.



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**PROCLAMATION
YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

"Building for a Better Tomorrow"

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California holds our responsibility to the young men and women of the Masonic Youth Orders - the International Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Job's Daughters and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls - a privilege which calls for each and every one of us to participate.

To support our youth, today and every day, is a part of our appointed work. I call on you to assist our Masonic Youth Orders in any way you can. There are many meaningful things that we, as Masons, can do. We can attend their meetings, serve on their Advisory Boards, offer to assist with quality leadership training, give them an extra hour of our time.

I know every Mason in this jurisdiction realizes the importance of guiding our young people today. We as Freemasons are obligated to dedicate and commit ourselves to support these intelligent and patriotic young people. They are the future leaders of our Nation, our communities, and our lodges and are destined to preserve the great heritage of our country through the use of moral and ethical standards of the Masonic Fraternity that they have learned as members of our youth orders.

Every lodge and every Master Mason must enthusiastically support these Youth Orders! It is more important now than ever before. How very rewarding it will be for us individually and collectively to assist and encourage them, to strengthen and supplement their young efforts and help them become better than we are.

But our interest in them must be more than just words; it must constitute action. Our example to them must be in the deeds we do, which prove our sincerity; the understanding that proves our character. It must be in the recognition that proves our faith in them individually and together, and in their and our future.

Knowing that each Master Mason in this jurisdiction will respond with fraternal love and charity of heart to this Masonic responsibility and to the privilege of encouraging, guiding and assisting our Youth Orders in all ways possible,

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2009 to be YOUTH ORDERS MONTH and I direct that this Proclamation shall be read by the Master at the Stated Meetings held during the months of February, March, and April 2009, and that this Proclamation be included in the Lodge Trestleboard. And most importantly, that each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall host special meetings or programs which include one or more youth orders, in order to exemplify our sincerity in our expressed interest and love in them. They are our future and it is up to us now to show that we mean what we say.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2009.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Larry L. Adamson
Grand Master

Attest:
Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Ladies Set Sail for Fun on April 18th

All ladies of the lodge are invited to join us for a day of fun and friendship on Saturday, April 18th. We will meet at 9:45 am (location to be determined) and caravan to Long Beach where we will board gondolas for a one-hour tour of the canals of Naples. As we sip champagne, we will enjoy the beautiful architecture and waterfront scenery.



Afterward, we will enjoy lunch at a local eatery. We'll allow some extra time after lunch for walking and window shopping at local stores before returning home at approximately 4 pm.

The lodge is subsidizing this event for the ladies so the cost is only \$15 per person (payable at the event). Please rsvp no later than April 11th to the lodge secretary at 818-334-8623 or drosenberg@rcollp.com. For questions or additional information, please contact Sylvia Rosenberger at 626-791-6198 or srosenberger@girlscoutsla.org.

2009 Wisdom Lodge Annual Spring Fling Famous Masons

-- May 22-25, 2009



550 East Huerfano Road, Fort Huachuca, CA 92041

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. Every evening guests are invited to the manager's reception in the Fireside room, to enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers

Wisdom Hospitality Suite - 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.

Group Room Rates - \$129.00 per night for standard room

\$139.00 per night for suite

In order to encourage attendance for the full weekend, guests booking a two-night stay will receive a 15% discount, and guests booking a three-night stay will receive a 25% discount.

Reservations

Individual reservations can be made by calling Central Reservations directly at (800)456-4000. You must refer to Wisdom Lodge or Group # 090522WISD when making the reservation in order to receive the special group rate.

Please contact the Master or Secretary and we will submit your reservation.

An American Businessman, Popularly Known as the Inventor of the Safety Razor.

While he did improve the design of the safety razor, his true invention was an inexpensive, high profit-margin stamped steel disposable blade and a unique business model that later became known as freebie marketing. This beat out competitors and became the most popular razor of its time. Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and raised in Chicago, Illinois, his family was devastated by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

While working as a traveling salesman for the Crown Cork and Seal Company to support his family in the 1890s. He would see bottle caps, with the cork seal he sold, thrown away after opening the bottle. This made him realize the value in basing a business on a disposable product. This famous Mason hit upon an idea. Earlier razor blades needed continuous sharpening, becoming worn out quickly and making them expensive. He realized that a profit could be made by selling a safety razor at a reduced price and then making a profit margin on the inexpensive disposable blades. He developed a blade made out of very thin sheet-steel. Once the blade became dull, it was discarded and replaced by a new one, using the same holder. This has been called the Razor and blades business model, and is an example of a "loss leader".

Safety razors had first been developed in the mid-1800s, but still used a forged blade. In the 1870s, the Kampfe Brothers introduced a type of razor along these lines. Our Masonic brother **King Camp Gillette** improved these earlier designs of the safety razor and also introduced his true innovation of high profit-margin stamped steel blades (along with his unique business model). His razor retailed for a substantial \$5 (almost \$134 in 2006 dollars) — half the average workingman's weekly pay — yet it sold by the millions.



Ramblin' with Ed Roos

The Price of a Miracle

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet.

She poured the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes.

Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door.

She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention, but he was too busy at this moment Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

"Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's r eally, really sick..and I want to buy a miracle."

"I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist.

"His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a little.

"Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

" I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money."

"How much do you have?" asked the man fromChicago.

"One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly.

"And it's all the money I have, but I can get some m ore if I need to."

"Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man "A dollar and eleven cents---the exact price of a miracle for little brothers. "

He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need."

That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well.

Save the Date

Please save the following dates:

April 1, 2009	Stated Meeting Dinner - Public Schools Recognition
April 18, 2009	Ladies outing (see separate advertisement)
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

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In Remembrance

JULES A. JUDGE, JR.

South Park Lodge No. 563

Called from Labor December, 2008