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Master's Message - May2009

Brethren,

The celebration of Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican army's unlikely defeat of French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín.



Interestingly, Cinco de Mayo is not a federal holiday in Mexico, but in California the day has been celebrated continuously since 1863. As the day continues to resonate with Californians, we will use it as an opportunity to celebrate our State's Mexican heritage at our May stated meeting dinner. I look forward to seeing you there.

In addition to our Cinco De Mayo celebration, we should remember that the Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson has proclaimed May as Youth Orders Month to remind us of 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. In recognition of these important orders that serve our Masonic youth and ensure the future success of our Masonic organizations, we are arranging to have our members attend events conducted by local chapters of these various organizations. When we put on degrees for our candidates, the events are more memorable when members and visitors turn out in support. It is our goal to show similar support for our Youth Orders. Therefore, I ask that anyone interested in attending an upcoming Youth Order event please contact me for information. The young men and women will benefit from our participation and we will be enriched by the experience.

Fraternally, Paul D. Rosenberger

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

Clarence U. Welte	1	Thacker P. Whyte	11
Johnny Dabbaghian	1	Hector Garcia	12
Mark Poliner	2	F. Thomas Meehan	12
Jon H. Schlobohm	3	Lee Beatley	15
Rodrigo Gudino	5	Walker S. Kisselburgh	17
Tobey W. Wheeler	5	Brian Belhumeur	18
Frank M. Morgan	7	Cary C. Harwin	18
William Bottorff	8	Stephen L. King	27
Peter Gion	8	Maurice M. O'shaughnessy	30
Vahe Artinian	10	Raymond Leyva	31

3rd Degree Anniversaries In May

Merl H. Seastrom	1	1990	Valodia Khodaverdi	25	1994
Robert M. Martinez	9	1979	John Klascius-Fernandez	25	2005
Thomas M. Boles	9	1949	Stephen L. King	25	1976
David R. Patterson	10	1972	Apo Maassarjian	26	1993
Gustavo Aldana	10	2006	Americo T. Riccitelli	26	1971
John P. Dougall	17	1978	Robert H. Terry	26	1952
Kevork H. Gulbenkian	18	1974	Buster Altizer	26	1959
Harry J. Safady	20	1969	Joseph V. Bentley	27	1964
Rodrigo Gudino	21	2008	Jack Emerzian	28	1958
Clyde Alling Jr.	22	1946	Douglas B. Campbell	29	1951
Gerald D. Christian	23	1962	Steven C. Cooper	29	1991
Michael N. Fayles	23	1972	Dan Seymour	30	1990
Stephen Anderson	24	1955	Mark Poliner	30	2007
Robert E. Lenzie	24	1978	Charles E. Knettles	31	1960
Oran E. Maples	24	1956			

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May 2009

Wednesday May 6, 2009

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Wednesday May 13, 2009

First Degree of Robert Mason - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday May 17, 2009

Masonic Service Bureau Meeting
Pasadena Scottish Rite

Monday May 18, 2009

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

Wednesday May 20, 2009

Second Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Friday May 22, 2009

Spring Fling

Wednesday May 27, 2009

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

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

Ramblin' with Ed Roos

The Price of a Miracle

A The man whispered, 'God, speak to me,' and a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.
So the man yelled, 'God, speak to me,' and the thunder rolled across the sky.

But the man did not listen.
The man looked around and said, 'God, let me see you.' And a star shined brightly.

But the man did not see.
And the man shouted, 'God, show me a miracle.' And a life was born.
But the man did not notice.
So, the man cried out in despair, 'Touch me, God, and let me know you are here.'

Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted -- even in our electronic age. So I would like to add one more:

The man cried, 'God, I need your help!' And an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement.

But, the man deleted it and continued crying
Don't miss out on a blessing, because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.



Los Angeles County High School for the Arts - A jazz quartet from the high school provided entertainment at the April Stated Meeting

2009 Wisdom Lodge Annual Spring Fling
-- May 22-25, 2009



Country Inn & Suites By Carlson -- Port Hueneme
350 East Hueneme Road, Port Hueneme CA 93041

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.

Save the Date

Please save the following dates:

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| May 6, 2009 | Stated Meeting Dinner -Cinco De Mayo celebration |
| May 17, 2009 | Masonic Service Bureau Meeting |
| May 22-25, 2009 | Annual Spring Fling - Countryside Inn & Suites, Port Hueneme, California |
| June 3, 2009 | Stated Meeting Dinner |
| October 2-4, 2009 | Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Hospitality Suite at Marine Memorial Hotel |

In Remembrance

J. Slade De Laney

Pentalpha Lodge No. 202

Called from Labor October 17, 2008

Col. Douglas B Mac Mullen

USA (ret.)

Pentalpha Lodge No. 202

Called from Labor January 11, 2009

Famous Masons

A Doctor Turned Author

This famous Mason was born on May 22, 1859, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Born into a prosperous Irish-Catholic family, who had a prominent position in the world of Art. His father, a chronic alcoholic, was the only member of his family, who apart from fathering a brilliant son, never accomplished anything of note.

There was little money in the family and even less harmony on account of his father's excesses and erratic behavior. This famous Mason's touching description of his mother's beneficial influence is also poignantly described in his biography, "In my early childhood, as far as I can remember anything at all, the vivid stories she would tell me stand out so clearly that they obscure the real facts of my life."

After he reached his ninth birthday, the wealthy members of the family offered to pay for his studies. He was in tears all the way to England, where for seven years he had to go to a Jesuit boarding school. He loathed the bigotry surrounding his studies and rebelled at corporal punishment, which was prevalent and incredibly brutal in most English schools of that epoch.

By 1876, graduating at the age of seventeen, he was a surprisingly normal young man. With his innate sense of humor and his sportsmanship, having ruled out any feelings of self-pity, he was ready and willing to face the world and make up for some of his father's shortcomings. Years later he wrote, "Perhaps it was good for me that the times were hard, for I was wild, full blooded and a trifle reckless. But the situation called for energy and application so that one was bound to try to meet it. My mother had been so splendid that I could not fail her." It has been said that his first task, when back from school, was to co-sign the committal papers of his father, who by then was seriously demented.

One can get a fairly good idea of the dramatic circumstances which surrounded the confinement of his father to a lunatic asylum, in a story he wrote in 1880, called *The Surgeon of Gaster Fell*.

Family tradition would have dictated the pursuit of an artistic career, yet he decided to follow a medical one. This decision was influenced by Dr. Bryan Charles Waller, a young lodger his mother had taken-in to make ends meet. Dr. Waller had trained in the University of Edinburgh and that is where he was sent to carry out his medical studies.

The young medical student met a number of future authors who were also attending the university, such as for instance James Barrie and Robert Louis Stevenson. But the man who most impressed and influenced him, was without a doubt, one of his teachers, Dr. Joseph Bell. The good doctor was a master at observation, logic, deduction, and diagnosis. All these qualities were later to be found in the persona of the celebrated detective Sherlock Holmes.

A couple of years into his studies, he decided to try his pen at writing a

short story. Although the result called *The Mystery of Sasassa Valley* was very evocative of the works of Edgar Allan Poe and Bret Harte, his favorite authors at the time, it was accepted in an Edinburgh magazine called *Chamber's Journal*, which had published Thomas Hardy's first work.

He rented a house but was only able to furnish the two rooms his patients would see. The rest of the house was almost bare and his practice was off to a rocky start. But he was compassionate and hard working, so that by the end of the third year, his practice started to earn him a comfortable income.

During the next years, the young man divided his time between trying to be a good doctor and struggling to become a recognized author. In August of 1885, he found the time to marry a young woman called Louisa Hawkins. He described her in his memoirs as having been "gentle and amiable."

In March 1886, Arthur Conan Doyle started writing the novel which catapulted him to fame. At first it was named *A Tangled Skein* and the two main characters were called Sheridan Hope and Ormond Sacker. Two years later this novel was published in *Beeton's Christmas Annual*, under the title *A Study in Scarlet* which introduced us to the immortal Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. Conan Doyle much preferred his next novel *Micah Clark*, which though well received, is by now almost forgotten. This marked the start of a serious dichotomy in the author's life. There was Sherlock Holmes, who very quickly became world famous, in stories its author considered at best "commercial" and there were a number of serious historical novels, poems and plays, based upon which Conan Doyle expected to be recognized as a serious author



Surprisingly, at this point in time, Conan Doyle was better known as a writer in the United States of America than in England. In August of 1889, Joseph Marshall Stoddart, who published the *Lippincott's Monthly Magazine* in Philadelphia, came to London to organize a British edition of his magazine. He invited Conan Doyle for dinner in London at the elegant Langham Hotel which was to be mentioned later in a number of Holmesian adventures, and he also asked Oscar Wilde, who by then was already quite well known.

Oscar Wilde appeared to be a languorous dandy, whereas Conan Doyle in spite of his best suit, looked somewhat like a walrus in Sunday clothes. Yet Oscar and Arthur got along like a house on fire. "It was indeed a golden evening for me." Conan Doyle wrote of this meeting. As a result of this literary soirée, Lippincott's commissioned the young doctor to write a short novel, which they published in England and the US in February of 1890. This story was *The Sign of Four* and was instrumental in establishing Sherlock Holmes and Arthur Conan Doyle once and for all in the annals of literature.

He was raised in Phoenix Lodge N0. 527 at Portsmouth England in 1893.



Ladies of the Lodge
Set Sail for Fun
on April 18th