

Wisdom Lodge No. 202

BEE HIVE



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Master's Message - November 2008

ELECTIONS!! This month's Stated Meeting features Thanksgiving and ushers in the Holiday Season. Thank You to all the Officers, Past Masters, Ladies and Brethren who have made our Lodge Programs and accomplishments happen: January Stated -Paul Rosenberger SW & Worshipful David Patterson, PM;



Sweethearts Brunch- Hosted by Mark Berasley JW, Pete Sandoval, SD and Sandy Sciortino; Chinatown Walking Tour- Hosted by Sandy Sciortino; Public Schools Program- Chaired by Nathaniel Stiles SD; Cinco De Mayo- Worshipful Robert Martinez PM , Robert Luna and Benjamin Luna; Spring Fling- Worshipful Levon Keshishian PM; Grand Masters Reception- Worshipful Stuart Wright, PM, Worshipful Dean Rosenberger PM, Worshipful Gerard Shirikjian, PM & GSB, Worshipful Jan Eddy PM, Worshipful Vernon Dandridge AGL; Website-Mark Poliner; Constitutional Observance- Worshipful Levon Keshishian, PM; Grand Lodge- Mark Berasley, JW; Beehive Editor - Worshipful Franz Rodriguez.

Our Line Officers and substitute Officers- Pete Sandoval JD, Gustavo Aldana M, Angel C, Jose Gonzalez, SS, Hector Garcia JS, Mark Poliner, Bill Pritchard. Other Past Masters helping and on Call include Worshipful David Patterson PM, Worshipful Mark Martinez PM, T , Worshipful Gerard Shirikjian PM & GSB, and Our excellent Officers Coach, Worshipful Dean Rosenberger PM, Secretary. If I had a Senior Moment and I forgot to Thank another Brother please let me know. This Month's Beehive shows events including our Masters Dinner Dance and Installation on Friday December 12, 2008 Hosted by Cary and Sherry Harwin of Yucca Valley

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.They are doing an outstanding job. The Dinner Dance on Saturday November 8, 2008 at the beautiful Universal Hilton includes an excellent Menu shown in this Beehive. Contact Worshipful Dean at [818] 334-8623 , if he doesn't already have you on the list, to make sure our head count for dinner is correct. Plan to come to Lodge. Bring your spouse and a prospective Master Mason and his Lady as guests of the Lodge at the Stated Meeting on November 5, 2008. See You There !

Fraternally, Sal Sciortino



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Irving G. Adlen	3	James C. Watson, Jr.	16
Lawrence L. Wolf	6	George I. Stewart	18
James O. Narey	7	Alan Young	19
Bruce Hudson	9	Hugh A Mullen	19
John Hurley	12	Steven W. Kerekes	20
Oliver V. Celaya	12	Robert Allen	22
William G. Malouf	12	Robert S. Drager	25
Vernon J. Klausmeier	14	Nealis Shreeve, Jr.	25
Mark S. Stimson	15	Robert L. Keller	27
F. Fravell Johnson	15	Valodia Khodaverdi	28
Melvyn B. Mintz	16	Ralph D. Tomasian	29

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Walter B. Van Oosterhout	1	1967	John E. Charles	19	1956
Tolbert Gross	3	1976	Bruce G. Ellis	20	1963
Jesse I. Gillespie	8	1965	David Cabero	20	1991
Ennis McGinley	11	1970	Richard A. Preston	20	1974
C. Rodney Godwin	11	1987	Charles H. Louks	21	1945
Joseph H. Juge	12	1964	Thomas C. Letcher	21	1945
Frank W. Varese	12	1956	H. Nazerian	22	1995
Levon Kedarian, M.D.	14	1990	Robert B. McCallum	24	1953
Glenn G. Cambell	15	1978	William Amir	26	1973
James A. Perry	15	1972	Carl W. Kruger	26	1949
Horace V. Ray	15	1949	Fernando E. Tovar	27	1962
Aime Hebert	16	1977	William T. Savage Jr.	27	1946
Ronald L.Foote	16	1967	William G. Malouf	27	1957
Sam L. Levin	16	1965	James L. Sheidenberger	27	1962
Harold D. Key	17	1975	Majid Mossanen	28	1979
Jack R. Michael	18	1958	Raymond Leyva	30	2005
James W. Metcalf	19	1986			

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Trestleboard

November, 2008

Wednesday November 5, 2008

Thanksgiving Style
Stated Meeting Dinner
ELECTIONS!

Saturday November 8, 2008

Masters Dinner Dance
Universal Hilton
6PM - on

Wednesday November 12, 2008

Tyler Scott Schroeder
3rd Degree- 7 PM
Officers in Tuxedos

Wednesday November 19, 2008

7:30 PM
Officers School Of Instruction
South Pasadena No 290
1126 Fair Oaks Avenue, South Pasadena

Wednesday November 26, 2008

TBD
Wednesday December 3, 2008

Wednesday December 3, 2008

Stated Meeting Dinner
A gift of Chocolate to the Ladies in attendance

Wednesday December 10, 2008

Installation Practice

Friday December 12, 2008

2009 Officers Installation

View From the West

Recently I have received comments from several people suggesting that there be a renewed emphasis on Masonic education in our lodge activities. I share the view that Masonic education is important; after all, Masonic principles bring us together and cement us as a fraternity, and we should not lose sight of those valuable lessons that we learn in the lodge. Therefore, I am using this column as a reminder of the importance of virtue.

Freemasonry fosters and cultivates conceptions of virtue -- conceptions that are embodied in both classical secular teachings as well as religious teachings. In both cases, there is an emphasis on commitment to the community over the individual. Classical literature speaks of virtues such as justice, wisdom, courage, and temperance, whereas religious doctrine often speaks to the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. All of these ideals, among others, are incorporated into our Masonic teachings.

As citizens and residents of the United States, we should be acutely aware of the importance of virtue. The United States was the first nation to be founded on a shared commitment to fundamental principles and ideals. Not surprisingly, many of the founders of this nation were Masons. It was recognized then that the American experiment could not work without a commitment to virtue. James Madison said, "Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks, no form of government, can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea."

According to some surveys, only one in five Americans participates in community civic organizations. I believe that most Americans are well versed in their social studies and know the importance of civic responsibility. However, most people are not living out these ideals. As a fraternity we can provide the opportunity for people to come together to learn about and discuss civic virtue. We must make a concerted effort to attract and inspire civic-minded people. Of course, there is only so much that can be done in the lodge or in any classroom. We must take our lessons learned and then find public outlets to practice civic virtue in a meaningful and rewarding manner.

Fraternally,

Paul Rosenberger, Senior Warden

***ANNUAL
INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS***

You, your family, and friends
are cordially invited to
Wisdom Lodge's
Annual Installation of Officers
on

**Friday evening,
December 12, 2008
7:00 PM**

Dinner served following installation ceremony

Reserve this Date
Saturday, November 8, 2008

6:00 pm



**Wisdom Lodge # 202
Master's Annual Dinner Dance**
At the beautiful

Hilton Hotel - Universal City

**Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
3-course Dinner
Dancing till Midnight**

\$70 per couple

MASTER'S DINNER DANCE MENU

RECEPTION HORS D'OEUVRES

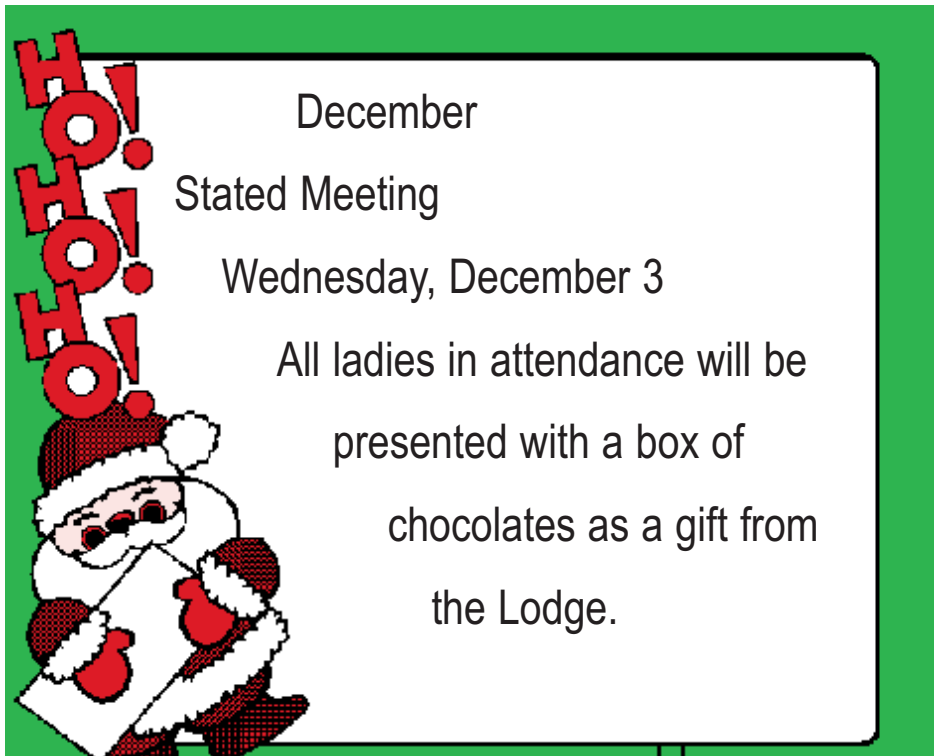
FRESH GARDEN VEGETABLE CRUDITES
IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CHEESE DISPLAY
BOUQUET OF CUT FRESH FRUITS AND BERRIES IN SEASON
HOUSE SALAD
DINNER ROLLS
MANDARIN ORANGE GLAZED CHICKEN BREAST
WOK SEARED VEGETABLES, JASMINE RICE
OR
SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB OF BEEF
HORSERADISH CREAM, NATURAL JUICES
BUTTER WHIPPED MASH POTATOES
PECAN CHOCOLATE TORT

View From the South

The end of September saw more than 10 members of Wisdom Lodge and their spouses head north for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Worshipful Rosenberger hosted an outstanding dinner on Thursday evening providing an opportunity to get together in a relaxed setting. This was followed on Friday morning with the Wisdom Lodge brunch for our Grand Lodge's Past Grand Masters and current progressive line. It was held at the Stamford Court as in past years and provided a great opportunity for our younger members to meet Grand Lodge leadership, past and present. Of course we also had the opportunity to meet with old friends and catch up on how the year unfolded. It was then time for the Master Masons to get down to the business of the Annual Communication. This year saw a true test of the new format started last year and I will say it was an absolute success. Under the new format it is compressed into fewer days and this year there were votes on 15 Resolutions, 1 Grand Master Decision, and 5 Grand Master Recommendations. The volume of business was a true test of the new format and as the legislation portion of the Annual Communication ended, I looked up to see we were only 5 minutes behind schedule. It demonstrated the format works and has allowed more members to be in attendance since it takes less time from away from work making Grand Lodge more accessible to the membership of our jurisdiction. Saturday evening saw many of us meet in a hospitality suite for a relaxing evening. It provided an opportunity to relax in a setting that allowed for an enjoyable time. The opportunity to meet Brethren for the first time, share in fellowship, and take advantage of the mentoring opportunity that can be provided by our more experienced Brethren. I cannot stress enough the positive effect attendance at Grand Lodge can have. There are many intangibles that make it a truly motivating experience - whether it be the fellowship, mentoring, or temporarily sitting on one of the Grand Lodge officer's chairs during the legislative session.

On October 15th we had the opportunity to open the Lodge on the 2nd Degree for the purpose of examining Brother Tyler Schroeder. He did an absolutely outstanding job and we are very much looking forward to raising him to the degree of Master Mason.

Fraternally,
Mark S. Berasley, Junior Warden



December
Stated Meeting
Wednesday, December 3
All ladies in attendance will be
presented with a box of
chocolates as a gift from
the Lodge.

IN SUPPORT OF ...

by Dave Paterson, PM

The famous Jonathan Club was the site of the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation's 56th annual Outstanding American Award Dinner honoring, this year, Brother William J. Bratton, Chief of Police.

Prior honorees have included President Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, Generals Dootlitttle, Wilson, Lemay, Wedmeyer, Bradley, Dougherty, Davis, Yeager, Johnston, and Stewart [yes, Jimmy Stewart]. Politicians and entertainers, law enforcement... you name them. If they represented what is great in this country, they were honored.

In attendance were Dean and Jean Rosenberger; Mark and Beth Berasley; Ed and Judy Roos; David Patterson, (Vice President and Secretary of the Foundation); Larry and Carolyn Brink and their entire family (Larry is a Director and he sponsored an entire table); Gary Malouf; Mrs William (Bedia) Nassour (who will celebrate her 101st birthday next month; and Bill and Sandra Nassour II.

Bill's father, William Nassour, and Eddy Field were co-founders of the Foundation when it was instituted as the Knoxonian Foundation [part of our original lodges was Henry Knox No. 662]. California Grand Lodge required a change and it became the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation. A good time was had by all. Next year how about three tables? Our lodge created it and we now try to support it.

Ed Roos Proud Grandfather

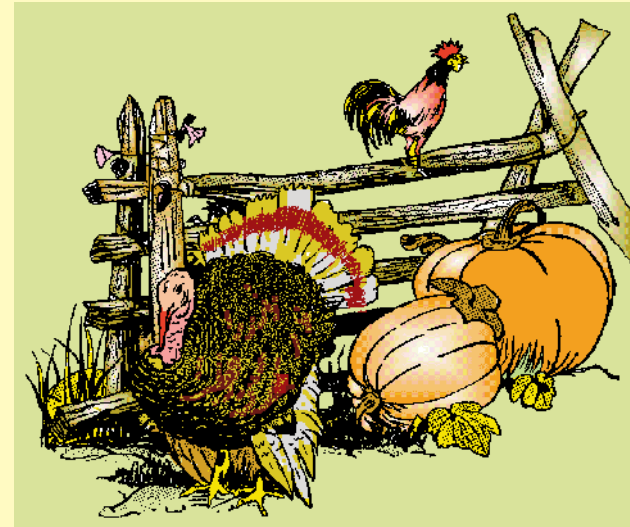
Our very first grandchild, Jude Jane Clark, was born to Lindy and Ted Clark on Sept 27 and weighed a whopping nine pounds and one ounce. She was twenty one inches long.

I had to get past my seventieth birthday to join the ranks of grandparents. A long wait but well worth it. Her parents Live in Spring Valley east of San Diego. JJ is named for both her grandmothers.

Ted approached me about becoming a Mason several months ago and will likely petition a lodge near their home. It will probably be in El Cajon or La Mesa. He wanted to wait until his daughter was born. So hopefully that will be in the works soon. Maybe there will be yet another Job's Daughter in the future just like her mother! Ted works for the Navy as a civilian in San Diego doing computer technical support in the western United States and all of the Pacific Ocean areas. *Ed*



Ed and Judy Jane



November Stated Meeting Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Menu

***Traditional Turkey Dinner
Corn Bread Stuffing
Green Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Oven Baked Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Pumkin Pie***

Rambli' with Ed Roos

Socrates at his Best

Keep this philosophy in mind the next time you either hear or are about to repeat a rumor.

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the 'Test of Three'."

"Three?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not."

"Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued. "You may still pass though, because there is a third test - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Inspectors, Committeemen and Lodges

Brethren:

Herewith for your information are the results, in summary form, of the actions taken at the 2008 Annual

Communication of the Grand Lodge, F.& A.M. of California:

GRAND MASTER'S DECISION:

Decision No. 1:	YES	998	96.9%	AFFIRMED
Alternative Dispute Resolutions	NO	32	3.1%	

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1:	YES	993	94.3%	PASSED
Aligning the Inspector's Term to Coincide with the Grand Master's Term	NO	60	5.7%	

Recommendation No. 2:

Renaming Delinquent Dues Committee to Member Retention Committee	YES	997	95.4%	PASSED
	NO	48	4.6%	

Recommendation No. 3:

Defining the Duties of the Fraternal Support Services and Lodge Support Committees	YES	1025	97.6%	PASSED
	NO	25	2.4%	

Recommendation No. 4:

Hazing	YES	829	79.3%	CARRYOVER
	NO	216	20.7%	

Recommendation No. 5:

Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent	YES	99	9.5%	FAILED
	NO	942	90.5%	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 2007

Resolution No. 07-01:	YES	554	53.4%	FAILED
Allow Inspectors to Vote at Annual Communication	NO	483	46.6%	

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – 2008

Resolution No. 08-01:				
Permits California Masons to be Regular Members of the National Association of Masonic Scouters	YES	895	84.5%	PASSED
	NO	164	15.5%	

Resolution No. 08-02:

Termination of Dispensation	YES	1028	96.9%	PASSED
	NO	33	3.1%	

Resolution No. 08-03:

Notification of Suspended Member	YES	1024	96.7%	PASSED
	NO	35	3.3%	

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Resolution No. 08-04: Installation of Assistant Secretary	YES	949	89.5%	PASSED
	NO	111	10.5%	
Resolution No. 08-05: Clarifying Conditions to Install Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Senior Deacon	YES	979	92.4%	PASSED
	NO	80	7.6%	
Resolution No. 08-06: Lodge Social Funds	YES	927	88.1%	PASSED
	NO	125	11.9%	
Resolution No. 08-07: Administration of a Lodge's Investment Program	YES	912	86.9%	PASSED
	NO	137	13.1%	
Resolution No. 08-08: Distributions from Life Membership Funds	YES	599	57.6%	CARRYOVER
	NO	441	42.4%	
Resolution No. 08-09: Increasing the Fee Paid by Applicants to the George Washington Masonic Memorial	YES	725	68.7%	CARRYOVER
	NO	330	31.3%	
Resolution No. 08-10: Voting by Absentee Ballots	YES	161	15.3%	FAILED
	NO	894	84.7%	
Resolution No. 08-11: Restoration of Aaron Shubb to Masonic Membership	YES	378	36.6%	FAILED
	NO	654	63.4%	
Resolution No. 08-12: Restoration of James R. Paden to Masonic Membership	YES	91	8.8%	FAILED
	NO	942	91.2%	
Resolution No. 08-13: Declared Out of Order				
Resolution No. 08-14: Racial and Ethnic Reconciliation	YES	88	8.3%	FAILED
	NO	973	91.7%	
Resolution No. 08-15: Expanded Recognition of Prince Hall Masonry	YES	290	28.4%	FAILED
	NO	731	71.6%	

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:
 In accordance with California Masonic Code Section 407.050, the action to adopt the budget of Grand Lodge for the fiscal year 2008-2009 was approved.
 The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010, as proposed by the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge, was adopted and is fixed at \$31.00.
 Total registration for the 159th Annual Communication was 1,291, with 293 of 332 chartered lodges represented.

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the Grand Lodge year commencing on September 28, 2008 are:

ELECTED OFFICERS

Larry L. AdamsonGrand Master
 Kenneth G. NagelDeputy Grand Master
 William J. Bray IIISenior Grand Warden
 Frank LouiJunior Grand Warden
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