

# BEE HIVE

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## Master's Message - September 2009

Brethren,

September has arrived and soon it will be autumn, which means many California Masons will make their way to San Francisco for the Annual Communication. Wisdom Lodge will be well represented and it is not too late to make plans to be in the Bay Area for the first weekend in October. Even if you cannot make it to Grand Lodge, we encourage all Master Masons to make themselves familiar with the proposed legislation to be voted upon. After all, this is your fraternity and you should take an interest in its future.



Before we get to San Francisco, we will enjoy our annual Constitution Observance program on September 9. At has become our tradition to pay tribute to the local heroes in our community - those public servants that tirelessly work to protect our freedom and safety on a daily basis.

Also, we will continue our recognition of Masonic organizations that make a difference in our communities on September 2. We will have a presentation on the charitable work of the Royal Arch:

"The Royal Arch Research Assistance or R.A.R.A is something to get excited about. R.A.R.A. has been the world's leading philanthropy dedicated to helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders since 1974. We support the Center for Central Auditory Research at Colorado State University, where continuous efforts are being made t o understand and treat individuals with Central Auditory Processing Disorders.

A central auditory processing disorder (CAPD) is a condition in which one has difficulty processing or interpreting auditory information. The majority of children and adults that we test at the Center for Central

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Auditory Research at Colorado State University can hear soft sounds but are unable to understand or process verbal information in an efficient manner. They are confused or become flustered in busy listening environments. Settings such as a classroom environment, the work place, and social gatherings are often very difficult for them. Collaborative work with electrical engineering has afforded exciting opportunities for unique and "cutting edge" technology.

Because of the support of the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, International, the R.A.R.A. program has changed the lives of thousands of individuals with this disorder. With the addition of innovative technology and your continued support, we are excited about the potential benefits of this research for many years to come."

Please join us for these wonderful events.  
Fraternally, Paul D. Rosenberger

## Save the Date

### *Please save the following dates:*

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| September 2, 2009 | Stated Meeting Dinner (speaker from York Rite)                                   |
| September 9, 2009 | Constitution Observance Program (tentative date)                                 |
| October 2-4, 2009 | Grand Lodge Annual Communication -<br>Hospitality Suite at Marine Memorial Hotel |
| October 7, 2009   | Stated Meeting Dinner  |
| November 4, 2009  | Stated Meeting Dinner  |
| December 2, 2009  | Stated Meeting Dinner (Holiday Choir)  |
| December 11, 2009 | Annual Installation of Officers  |

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# Trestleboard

September 2009

**Wednesday September 2, 2009**

Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Steve De Muth

(Santa Monica Bay Royal Arch Chapter #97)

**Wednesday September 9, 2009**

Constitution Observance Program - Social 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday September 15, 2009

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

Pasadena Lodge

*(all officers required to attend)*

**Wednesday September 16, 2009**

Officers' Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday September 23, 2009**

Officers' Practice - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday September 30, 2009**

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## NOTICE

At Wisdom Lodge's August 5, 2009 Stated Meeting, the following proposed amendment to By-Laws was presented and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. This amendment proposes to increase annual dues. There will be a vote on the proposed amendment at our Stated Meeting on October 7, 2009. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend and vote.

*"Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$36 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January."*

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## *Famous Masons*

*In a life that was part legend and part fabrication, this Mason came to embody the spirit of the West for millions, transmuting his own experience into a national myth of frontier life that still endures today.*

Born in Scott County, Iowa, in 1846, he grew up on the prairie. When his father died in 1857, his mother moved to Kansas, where he worked for a wagon-freight company as a mounted messenger and wrangler. In 1859, he tried his luck as a prospector in the Pikes Peak gold rush, and the next year, joined the Pony Express, which had advertised for "skinny, expert riders willing to risk death daily." Already a seasoned plainsman at age 14, he fit the bill.



During the Civil War, he served first as a Union scout against the Kiowa and Comanche, then in 1863 he enlisted with the Seventh Kansas Cavalry, which saw action in Missouri and Tennessee. After the war, he married Louisa Frederici in St. Louis and continued to work for the Army as a scout and dispatch carrier, operating out of Fort Ellsworth, Kansas.

Finally, in 1867, he took up the trade that gave him his nickname, hunting buffalo to feed the construction crews of the Kansas Pacific Railroad. By his own count, he killed 4,280 head of buffalo in seventeen months. He is supposed to have won the name "Buffalo Bill" in an eight-hour shooting match with a hunter named William Comstock, presumably to determine which of the two Buffalo Bill's deserved the title.

Beginning in 1868, he returned to his work for the Army. He was chief of scouts for the Fifth Cavalry and took part in 16 battles, including the Cheyenne defeat at Summit Springs, Colorado, in 1869. For his service over these years, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1872, although this award was revoked in 1916 on the grounds that he was not a regular member of the armed forces at the time. (The award was restored posthumously in 1989).

All the while he was earning a reputation for skill and bravery in real life, he was also becoming a national folk hero, thanks to the exploits of his alter ego, "Buffalo Bill," in the dime novels of Ned Buntline (pen

## *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*



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Rex C. Davis	1	Robert Ortega	15
Ronald L. Foote	2	Ennis McGinley	16
Cordell F. Harges	3	Archie Y. Cooper	17
Ryan Y. Kwon	3	David Cabero	17
William G. Woodman, Jr.	4	Levon H. Keshishian	17
John B. McCormick	6	James E. Bass	18
Majid Mossanen	7	James A. Kline	20
Humberto Santamaria	7	Mark Berasley	22
Patrick Anderson	8	Michael A. Tosti	25
James W. Metcalf	8	Tony Contreras, Jr.	26
George Kesablak	12	George D. White	26
Armen Kasian	13	Shelden L. Sundgren	26
Apo Maassarjian	14	William T. Savage, Jr.	27
Jacob Gadjian	14	Garabed Babian	27
Craig Jackson	14	Merlin T. Murphy	28
Kenneth A. Mounce	15		

### 3rd Degree Anniversaries In September

Ronald L. Hart	6	1967	Stephen G. Sollock	22	1982
Edward B. Mcleod, Jr.	10	1963	David B. Clem, Jr.	23	1987
Robert B. Malouf	10	1975	Lee Beatley	24	1970
Howard W. McCargar	12	1950	Clarence U. Welte	24	1964
Jose Gonzalez	12	2007	Clancy A. Imislund	24	1975
Edward Beirnes	16	1959	Fredrick A. Schaefer	24	1962
Edward D. Benes	17	1980	Rex C. Davis	27	1991
John Houston	17	1959	F. Thomas Meehan	27	1973
Eugene R. Lilly	18	1957	Edvin E. Minassian	27	1989
Edwin D. Goakes	18	1946	Howard G. Schuler	27	1966
F. Fravell Johnson	19	1968	Naim Perry	28	1971
John M. Asbell, Jr.	20	1950	Steve Castelar	28	2005
Walker S. Kisselburgh	21	1948	Archie Y. Cooper	30	1969
Gordon P. Williams	21	2005	James O. Narey	30	1965
David F. Carroll	22	1948			
Charles W. Leinbach, Jr.	22	1954			
Walter R. McCormick, Jr.	22	1966			

name of the writer E. Z. C. Judson). Beginning in 1869, Buntline created a Buffalo Bill who ranked with Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone and Kit Carson in the popular imagination, and who was, like them, a mixture of incredible fact and romantic fiction.

In 1872 Buntline persuaded him to assume this role on stage by starring in his play, *The Scouts of the Plains*, and though he was never a polished actor, he proved a natural showman, winning enthusiastic applause for his good-humored self-portrayal. Despite a falling out with Buntline, he remained an actor for eleven seasons, and became an author as well, producing the first edition of his autobiography in 1879 and publishing a number of his own Buffalo Bill dime novels. Eventually, there would be some 1,700 of these frontier tales, the majority written by Prentiss Ingraham.

His own theatrical genius revealed itself in 1883, when he organized Buffalo Bill's Wild West, an outdoor extravaganza that dramatized some of the most picturesque elements of frontier life: a buffalo hunt with real buffaloes, an Indian attack on the Deadwood stage with real Indians, a Pony Express ride, and at the climax, a tableau presentation of Custer's Last Stand in which some Lakota who had actually fought in the battle played a part. Half circus and half history lesson, mixing sentimentality with sensationalism, the show proved an enormous success, touring the country for three decades and playing to enthusiastic crowds across Europe.

In later years Buffalo Bill's Wild West would star the sharpshooter Annie Oakley, the first "King of the Cowboys," Buck Taylor, and for one season, "the slayer of General Custer," Chief Sitting Bull. Cody even added an international flavor by assembling a "Congress of Rough Riders of the World" that included cossacks, lancers and other Old World cavalymen along with the vaqueros, cowboys and Indians of the American West.

Though he was by this time almost wholly absorbed in his celebrity existence as Buffalo Bill, this Mason still had a real-life reputation in the West, and in 1890 he was called back by the army once more during the Indian uprisings associated with the Ghost Dance. He came with some Indians from his troupe who proved effective peacemakers, and even traveled to Wounded Knee after the massacre to help restore order.

Cody made a fortune from his show business success and lost it to mismanagement and a weakness for dubious investment schemes. In the end, even the Wild West show itself was lost to creditors. Cody died on January 10, 1917, and is buried in a tomb blasted from solid rock at the summit of Lookout Mountain near Denver, Colorado.

William F. "(Buffalo Bill) Cody was raised in Platte Valley Lodge No. 15, Nebraska and remained an active Mason all of his life.

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# **Constitutional Observance Program**

**September 9, 2009**

*This year we honor from the Pasadena Police Department  
the members of*

## **The Fugitive Apprehension Unit**

**Sergeant Victor Alaniz**

**Corporal David Llanes**

**Officer David Alba**

**Officer John Calderon**

**Officer David Roldan**

*The primary purpose of the unit is to serve arrest warrants, serve detective want arrests, generate self initiated cases, and supplement detectives in a variety of ways. Since their inception they have made over 400 arrests.*

*We will also honor from the Pasadena Fire Department*

**The Fire Department's Employee of the Year**

**Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Roldan**