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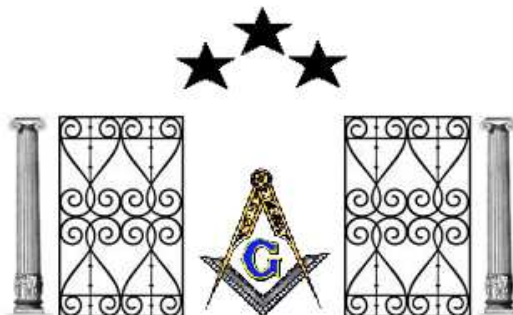
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April 2011
Trestleboard

BenHur Evangelista
Worshipful Master



From The East:

W Sirs and Brothers,

Please welcome our newly raised Master Masons; Bro Ramon Duplon, Bro Wilfred Gregorio and Bro Jun Munar, who were all raised last March 2011. Congratulations are likewise given to the deserving Brothers Elmer Vigilia and Patrick Carreon who successfully returned their 3rd degree proficiencies last February and March respectively. The Brothers who have been raised as MM may want to challenge themselves again by returning their 3rd degree proficiency in the long form. Also, a warm welcome to Bro Randy Rojas who was raised last January and Bro. Taurino Bartolay who was likewise raised last February. The craft may want to know that all the above brothers were beneficiaries of the on going Masonic Education held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Masonic Education is presided over by our very own tireless, committed and dedicated WB Kelly Medina and WB George Barber. It is a requirement that before any advancement can be made by any candidate to attend two or more of these scheduled Masonic Education events.

April 2011 is the Public Schools month as has always been since 1920's. It is our continued obligation to support the Public Education Programs which have been in place for Lodges in California to sponsor/support a particular elementary school in our respective communities. In the case of SGTS #296, we have supported the Jefferson Elem. School through various programs and recognition of both students and its faculty. This year is no different from the prior years. The committee is in need of at least five (5) mentors for reading and another five (5) brother/sisters to mentor in arithmetic. Please volunteer your time to the 3rd graders of Jefferson Elementary School. Here are the numbers to call if any Brother or Sister is interested in mentoring 3rd graders in reading and arithmetic. My number is [619-579-1199](tel:619-579-1199) or [619-647-0539](tel:619-647-0539) , WB Mario Rante - [619-571-7882](tel:619-571-7882) or WB Carding Edra - [858-610-4012](tel:858-610-4012).

Let us continue to make a profound difference in the lives of these young citizens as well as the communities we live in. WB Mario Rante will make the volunteers schedule as well as the times and location of the mentoring venue. Let us continue our support to the Public Schools Programs as all our brothers have done before us. It has become our Obligation to continue the good deed they have done and have gone this way before (Our Heritage). To continue this commitment is our Responsibility. To continue supporting the young students of these PUBLIC Schools is our Obligation.

As you have already heard, last week, a massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific Ocean near Northern Japan followed by a Tsunami which caused damage to nuclear reactors. The people of Japan are now worried about the possible health risk as a result of the exposure to radiation. Thousands have been reported dead and many more Japanese lives have been affected by the disaster. As Masons, our hearts go out to those afflicted by this catastrophe. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to those who are suffering. The Grand Lodge of California has established a relief fund for the people of Japan and New Zealand, particularly to our Brothers in Masonry as well as their families. Please send your donation to:

Grand Lodge of California
Office of Philanthropy
Attn: Denise Avila
1111 California St
San Francisco, CA 94108

Please make you check payable to Masonic Service Association of North America. Regardless of our geographical locations or the language we speak, situations like this remind us that we all came from the same stock. We share the same values and Masonic principles and most of all we live by the same virtues, taught to all of us by the same book of Nature and Revelations. Thank you for your continued concern and compassion.



The Grand Master's program of "By Your Side" kicked off last February Stated Meeting addressing the shortage of Oncology Nurses that are properly trained to provide care to cancer patients. The ratio of Oncology Nurses to Cancer patients in smaller states is very good, however, the ratio in California is very low.

Each and every one of us and our children that experience the loss of a loved one with an ailment triggers motivation to direct energy to a specific field of study, let it be in the medical, engineering or other fields. If you have not experienced this type of behavior it is difficult to understand the reasons of adopting programs of this nature.

Increasing the ratio of Oncology Nurses to the cancer victims in California is the goal of our Grand Master and eventually all Masons of California. With this in mind, the Lodge continues to solicit your generosity to help in raising funds for the "By Your Side Program". We would like to add to the proceeds of our first breakfast fundraiser and the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance; and with your support I am confident that this endeavor will become a reality. Please join us in our stated meeting for the month of April and drop off your donation to the Secretary or you can mail your donation to our Secretary @ 3795 Utah St., San Diego, CA. 92104. Looking for your continued support by making a difference in someone's life.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
BenHur Evangelista
SGTS 2011



From the West:

The Westerly Wind

April is here, spring has begun, and the trees and plants are starting to bud and bloom, soon giving way to bright and colorful flowers and the lodge will be somewhat busy. As always our Stated Meeting is the first Friday of each Month. We will be initiating Mr. Larry Pucket on April 8 @ 6:45 PM. Our DOSI is on April 25 @ 6:45 PM in Silvergate Three Stars lodge. Black Mountain Lodge is the Host Lodge and they will be doing exemplification of the First Section of The Third Degree. Every Wednesday is our Officer Practice for conferral and a candidate Proficiency. The rest of the Friday will announced later as to what we are doing.

So for those involved in the Fraternity but not so deeply, this is the time to make any difference. The rewards can be great and the Friendships life long. The act of working side by side with others who share your values to accomplish a worthy goal definitely builds Brotherhood. So if you haven't come to the lodge in awhile, come down and join us and be part of the cast of what I think is one of the best works of a Masonic Lodge.

Sideliners are always welcome to the degree as well as during DOSI. Please be there to support our Candidate and make their Journey in Masonry a lifelong and memorable one. Think of the impact you will have on a new Brother's life by being there to support him as he learns his Masonic Lessons.

Ramon Ancheta
Senior Warden
858-231-1146



From the South:

From the South

The Difference between "Operative" and "Speculative" Masonry.

Operative refers to the time in our history when masons actually did the physical labor of building. They were the best at their craft, and they kept secret their methods of building. They spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass.

Speculative refers to the period of time when men were accepted into the Craft without being physical builders, but rather were spiritual builders. As speculative masons, we spread the cement of brotherly love and affection – that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but, that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

It's been a busy month of March for the officers of this lodge as we raised three brothers to the sublime degree of master mason. As usual, our resident chefs were busy helping in the kitchen. My sincere thanks to WB Joe Dano and Bro. Ray Cruz for preparing our St. Patrick's dinner at our stated dinner meeting. As Junior Warden, I am very grateful to have you by my side. For the April stated dinner, we are serving Special Pot Roast, so I am inviting all brethren to come join us and have fellowship with us.

By the Plumb,
Bro. Fred Marty
JW2011

DINNER MENU FOR APRIL STATED MEETING

Pot Roast of Tender Beef

Fresh Green Garden Salad

Assorted Salad Dressing

Golden Brown Gravy

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Mixed Vegetables

Hot Dinner Rolls

Steamed Rice

Ice Cream and Cookies

Assorted Chilled Fresh Fruits

Cold Drinks

Hot Coffee and Tea

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin, American writer, humorist, ambassador, inventor and Freemason

**Minds are like parachutes, they work best when open.
Lord Thomas Dewar**



~ April 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stated Meeting (Attire Dark Suits) Dinner @ 6:00PM	2
3	4	5	6 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 7:00PM	7	8 1 st Degree Conferral for Larry Puckett 6:45PM	9
10	11	12	13 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 7:00PM	14	15 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	16
17	18	19	20 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 7:00PM	21	22 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	23
24	25 Masonic Hall Association Meeting 6:00PM District Officers Instruction, 7:00PM (location SGTS Lodge)	26	27 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 7:00PM	28	29 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	30

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. Norman Vincent Peale

Brothers, if you would like to receive the Trestleboard electronically and opt out of the paper version please let the Asst. Secretary Bro Bill Graham know at wfgraham@cox.net. You will be put in a mail group to receive your Trestleboard via e-mail.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Laurence E. Burner	11	William P. Willsey
4	Alfredo C. Aguilar	12	Joel S. Abecilla
4	Teodore D. Andres	15	Jose B. Quintua
4	Howard J. Condon	18	Theodore E. Ortiz
4	Jose O. Tacto	19	Homer P. Layug
5	Alfonso N. Farinas	20	Amado A. Supnet
6	Angel M. Magdaluyo	22	John M. Feagans
7	Frederick L. Holiman	24	George B. Barber
7	Pepito O. Naval, Jr.	25	Shaun M. Blakeman
8	Perfecto M. Ortiz	27	Cenon C. Crisostomo
10	Ethelwaldo A. Maandig	27	David A. Spurlock
10	Sean R. Williams	27	Herminio N. Zuniga
11	Leonilo N. Enrile	28	Philip M. Gawaran
11	Caesare R. Torres		



Bro. Randy Rojas receives MM pin from Sis Felna



Bro. Virgilio Bumbasi receives 25th year pin and cert



Bro. Taurino Bartolay and sis Emma



March Birthday celebrants



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THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS OF MASONRY

The Three Great Lights of Masonry are the Holy Bible, or Volume of the Sacred Law (VSL), the square, and the compass. The Volume of the Sacred Law, or simply, “the Holy Bible,” is an indispensable part of the furniture of a lodge. The Grand Lodges in the United States use the Holy Bible as the VSL on their altars. In our jurisdiction, a candidate may request to have his own sacred book present on the altar along with the Holy Bible during his degree ceremonies. In some lodges in other countries, other sacred texts are placed on the altar in place of the Holy Bible, but no lodge in California may stand officially open unless the King James Bible is opened upon its altar with the square and compass displayed thereon. The open Bible and/or VSL signifies that we should regulate our conduct according to its teachings because it is the rule and guide of our faith and is a symbol of man’s acknowledgment of his relation to Deity. Currently, there are some fourteen different Volumes of the Sacred Law approved by Grand Lodge upon which a Mason may take his obligation. The VSL can also represent God’s communication to man through scripture and revelation. The VSL, when combined with the conjoined square and compass, can also be seen as representing God’s expression through the creation of heaven and earth.

The square is a symbol of virtue, morality, truthfulness, and honesty. To “act on the square” is to act honestly. The compass signifies the propitious use of action and is a symbol of restraint, skill, and knowledge, as you have already been taught. We might also properly regard the compass as excluding beyond its circle that which is harmful or unworthy. The square and compass are today universally recognized by the general public worldwide as the primary symbol of Freemasonry.

The symbolism of the square and compass is seen in many ancient carvings and artworks. A stonemason’s square has been taken to represent the earth, while the compass was related to the arc of heaven. Thus their combined union is symbolic of the physical union of heaven and earth.

The Three Great Lights are also consistent with the three-tier system of modern craft Masonry. One way of interpreting this triple symbolism is to observe human nature as being divided into three parts—body, intellect, and soul—with a Masonic degree for each part.

In the same way, the Three Great Lights can be viewed as the guiding principles of the three human natures: the square for the body, the compass for the intellect, and the Volume of Sacred Law for the soul.

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