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July 2011
Trestleboard

BenHur Evangelista
Worshipful Master



From The East:

Brethren,

It has been a busy month, June that is, for we had the annual Public Schools Students and Teachers recognition and awards the Friday of June 10, 2011. We honored twenty two students for their academic excellence and four teachers of Jefferson Elementary and Emory Elementary Schools. It was well attended by the supportive parents and families. Words of appreciation are rightfully due to WB Herodito Edra for being the chairman of the Public Schools program and for coordinating the event. Most importantly, for his generosity by donating the gifts for these deserving students and faculty members. Likewise, a pat on the shoulder goes to Bro. Elmer Vigillia, a public school educator himself, who was the emcee during the ceremony, for recognizing the parents as each student was called to the East. Words of gratitude go to WB Joe Dano and the JW Fred Marty for preparing the refreshments. To the wardens and officers of SGTS and to the Brothers and Sisters who came out to support the lodge on an important undertaking such as these, my sincere gratitude to you all.

On Friday June 17, 2011, Past Masters of several Lodges in San Diego came out to work, hosted by the most junior PM WB George Melious, in the raising of Bro. Lawrence Puckett to the Sublime Degree of MM. Sixteen (16) Masters and Past Masters came out to visit our Worshipful Lodge for the first time. There were seventy five brothers who witnessed the perfect exemplification in the work of the 3rd degree. It was indeed a humbling experience for the candidate as well as a learning curve for our upcoming line of officers. The refreshment was well organized by Bro. Celso Maranon assisted by EA brothers Art Coloma and Jun Cacayuran and petitioners Michael Gazmen and Ador Gonzales. It was really an eventful night as it was culminated by the wise words of encouragement by the Past Masters.

While the brethren were engrossed with their work in the Lodge room, the sisters were also busy decorating the Jack Stelton Hall for the June 18th Fathers and Mothers Day celebration slated on the day following. Such was the awesome sense of camaraderie and cooperation shown by the sisters (Norma, Jeannette, Naty, Nanette, Felna, Trining, Cora, Linda, Rowena, Edith and Yvonne) and brothers (Mark de la Cruz, Patrick Carreon, Randy Rojas, Hermie Zuniga, Perfecto Ortiz, Rudy Tintiangco, Mike Rabuco and SW Ramon Ancheta) in decorating the hall for the next day's event. June 18, 2011, was the combined celebration of Mothers and Fathers Day and Luau rolled into one. The brethren in attendance had a real fun night of dancing, raffling of gifts and prizes and to top it all, a surprise "best Hawaiian costume" contest. Brother and Sister Sagun bested over two other contestant couples in the "Cat Walk".

A job well done goes to Sisters Cora Carreon, Nanette de la Cruz, Naty Camarino and Edith Evangelista as well as Bros. Rey de la Cruz, Hermie Zuniga and Ed Camarino, in the Luau dinner preparation and presentation. Again, Bro. Mark de la Cruz has shown his leadership skills in taking control of the night's festivities assisted by Bro. Hermie Zuniga.

On June 24th WBro Mac Batoyon was the principal worker in the initiation of Mr. Jonathan Allison to the degree of Entered Apprentice. Brethren, come to the Lodge and let us meet Mr. John Allen Stock, Mr. Adorato Gonzales and Mr. Michael Gazmen so they can get acquainted with the brethren before they will be admitted into the brotherhood. We also have two brothers who requested dispensation to continue their journey in Masonry at SGTS. Come get to know Brothers Zachary Beauchamp of Travis Lodge #117 (Texas) an Entered Apprentice and Brother Romeo Benitez of Benecia Lodge (Northern California) a Fellow Craft. These two brothers will definitely need our help and support in preparing them to hurdle the required proficiency before advancement.

See you on the Level,
BenHur Evangelista
SGTS, 2011



From the West:

Fraternal greetings Brethren! Once again the spring is almost over and the summer is fast approaching. The summer heat is slowly being felt everywhere. Our newly initiated Brothers, which we initiated on 20 May and 28 May 2011 respectively, are so excited and ready for their proficiency in a few weeks time which they gave it on June 8, 2011 with an excellent result. Bro Bartolay gave his Third Degree Proficiency on June 3, 2011 and the brethren on the sideline were so impressed. Five petitioners submitted their applications which were gaveled by the Master as received during our Stated Meeting on June 3, 2011.

Like I said before the heat is on and the line of officers are all qualified to their next station respectively. You can still feel the heat in the lodge room when the officers and the candidates gave their respective proficiencies.

Being a Mason is easy. To become one, is up to the INDIVIDUAL how he will present himself to the community he lives in and show support to his Blue Lodge which I think is not so hard, Brethren it's all in your OBLIGATION.....

See you in the lodge!!!

Bro. Ramon Ancheta
SWSGTS#296

"The religion of Freemasonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his particular faith. It is not Judaism...it is not Christianity. It does not meddle with sectarian creeds or doctrines, but teaches fundamental truth...At its altar, men of all religions may kneel; to its creed, disciples of every faith may subscribe." Albert G. Mackey, Encyclopedia of Freemasonry pg.641

"I am closing my address with a confession.

Since becoming a Freemason, I forgot *hate*. Instead, I learned to love - to love God and my fellowman. I am now at ease with my own conscience. I only do what I think is right, and shun all evil. I also forget *fear*. I can be alone no matter where I am, what I do, or where I go.

A clean conscience makes a man *brave*. I hope that Freemasonry has had the same influence upon all of you, which is an assurance of a better world to live in, and a happier humanity to live with."

**General Emilio Aguinaldo, Filipino Hero,
addressing the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in 1955**



From the South:

We come to lodge to improve ourselves in masonry and become better men with the assistance of our brothers. We come to the lodge to remove the 'barriers' imposed on us by our peers. We can go beyond our superficial barriers and reach our true goal – to improve ourselves as men and Masons. As we prepare to enter the Lodge room we must remember to ask ourselves 'what did we come here to do?' We must not focus on matters that neither help us, nor our brothers, but be clear we are there to refresh our minds and souls in the company of brothers.

Let us consider this lesson: “*when you are up to your waist in alligators, it's easy to forget you are there to drain the swamp*”. *Let's rid ourselves of alligators!*

A job well done to all officers and members who assisted in the Student/Teacher Award Dinner and presentations, particularly to WB Joe Dano and Bro. Ramon Ancheta for preparing the refreshments.

A big thanks also goes to all brothers and sisters who prepared the food and decorations for the luau Father's and Mother's Day Dinner dance on 18 June, especially to Bro. Mark dela Cruz who coordinated this memorable event.

By the plumb,
Bro. Fred Marty
JW -2011

“POTLUCK” DINNER MENU FOR JULY STATED MEETING

Chicken and Spareribs,

Adobo, Pancit, Menudo, Embotido and Apritada

White Rice, Mixed Vegetables

Assorted Deserts

Birthday Cake

Assorted Sodas, Coffee and Water

*****Brethren and sisters are encouraged to bring and share their favorite dishes.*****



~ July 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stated Meeting (Attire Dark Suits) 7:30PM	2
3	4	5	6 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	7	8 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	9 913 th Masonic District Picnic MCAS Mirarmar Mills Park / Masonic Leadership training
10	11	12	13 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	14	15 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	16
17	18 District Officers Instruction, 7:00PM (location SGTS Lodge)	19	20 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM Masonic Education 7:00 PM	21	22 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	23
24	25	26	27 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	28	29 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	30
31	Notes:					

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.



Brother Elmer Vigillia receiving his 3rd Degree Proficiency

JULY BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Date	First Name	Last Name	Date
Lad	Badol	21	Jerry	Fabula	1
Ernie	Bautista	1	Pedro	Florendo	18
Percival	Bautista	3	George	Ignacio	13
Rodolfo	Bondoc	2	Edward	Mahoney	24
Vincent	Cabalbag	13	Alfredo	Marty, Jr.	2
Jaime	Cate	31	Harry	Mc Daniel	20
Roy	Clark, Jr.	13	Steven	Morehead	25
Norberto	Crisostomo	10	James	Ogden, Jr.	2
Reynaldo	Cruz	4	Mariano	Prades	12
Van	Dawson	10	David	Rodger, Sr.	14
Reynaldo	Delgado	30	Virgilio	Sison	28
Donald	Duerme	13	Jack	Villanueva	22

Join us on Facebook at the group Silver Gate Three Stars #296, Free and Accepted Masons!!!



Principal Morga and Principal Palmer with Bro Elmer Vigilia at the Silver Gate Three Stars #296 public Schools Students and Teachers Award Night



On June 17 Silver Gate Three Stars #296 celebrated the Past Masters with an outstanding 3rd Degree ceremony raising Brother Larry Puckett



Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge

List of Officers for Masonic Year 2010

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§809.310. DUES.

A Lodge's dues shall be established in its Bylaws. The minimum annual dues shall be \$12. The Lodge Secretary shall issue to each member paying his dues a receipt using, without change, the uniform receipt for dues available from the Grand Secretary.

Dues shall commence with the first day of the month next following the conferring of the Master Mason Degree or as provided in Section 804.740 of this Code for members joining the Lodge by affiliation.

If a Lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master's approval of the increase. Members who have paid their dues in advance for such fiscal year must pay the increase.

§809.350. RETURN OF DUES.

If a member dies, is issued a Demit or discontinues his multiple membership, the Lodge shall refund to his authorized successor in interest or to him dues paid in advance of the month when he died or his membership terminated; provided, however, that a member issued a Demit or discontinuing multiple membership may only obtain a refund of his dues paid in advance if he has returned his dues receipt in such Lodge with his request for a Demit or Certificate of Discontinuance of Multiple Membership. There shall be no refund of a life membership to a member who dies, is issued a Demit or discontinues his multiple memberships.

§809.360. REMISSION OF DUES.

If recommended by the Charity Committee, a Lodge, without giving the name of members except to the Secretary, may remit to December 31st of the current calendar year the accrued dues of those of its members who are unable to pay.

The Charity Committee should review the situation of a member whose dues were remitted by a Lodge the preceding calendar year before the February Stated Meeting. If, in the opinion of the Charity Committee, the necessity for the remission of his dues still exists, it shall recommend to the Lodge that the dues be remitted to December 31st of the current calendar year. A Lodge shall not remit the dues of any of its members, for any stated period, or in advance, except as herein provided.

A member who is mentally incompetent to such an extent as to be incapable of taking care of himself, or a member who is a resident of the Masonic Homes of California, may be considered as unable to pay dues.

§809.370. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

If a member has not paid his dues during a period of 12 months, the Secretary shall notify him that he will be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting either his dues have been paid or sickness or inability to pay is shown as the cause for the failure to pay. The notice shall be given either by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to his last known address, or by actual service of notice, duly certified by the Tiler. If all dues due and payable have not been paid by the time of the Lodge's next Stated Meeting, he shall be declared suspended by the Master, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment. No worthy brother who is unable to pay his dues shall be suspended for non-payment of dues.

No member who has attained the age of 80 years or who has attained an aggregate number of years in age and years as a Master Mason in good standing equaling 120 or more shall be suspended for non-payment of dues without a written report to the Lodge from the Member Retention Committee evidencing when and where the committee interviewed the delinquent member, why the delinquent member has not paid his dues and whether the delinquent member has the ability to pay his dues. A copy of this report shall be provided to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the vote may be taken on the suspension.

A member shall not be expelled from Masonry for non-payment of dues.

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