

Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296
 Free and Accepted Masons
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



◀ Jan 2012		~ February 2012 ~					Mar 2012 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3 Stated Meeting (Attire: Tuxedos for Officers, Dark suits for others) 7:30PM 913 th Masonic District Official Visit	4	
5	6	7	8 Officers Practice/Proficiency Examination	9	10 2nd Degree Conferral 6:45PM	11 Valentines Day Dinner and Dance 5:00 PM / Honoring our Widowed Sisters	
12	13	14	15 Officers Practice/Proficiency Examination	16	17 1st Degree Conferral 6:45PM	18	
19	20 913th Masonic District DOSI Unity Lodge #632 1 st Degree	21	22 Officers Practice/Proficiency Examination	23	24 1st Degree Conferral 6:45PM	25	
26	27 Masonic Hall Association Meeting 6:00PM	28	29	Notes:			



FROM THE EAST:

This Year has begun with a “Bang” During our January 2012 Business Stated Meeting. The Lodge voted on six (6) new applicants. We also have one (1) preparing for his Second Degree Conferral. Our Line of Officers will be busy for the First Quarter of the Year in Qualifying for their respective Office/Station. Our schedule of events for February is somewhat hectic. We have the Official Visitation from the 913th Masonic District Inspector on first Friday of the month during our Stated Meeting. The rest of the Fridays, the 10th, 17th, and 24th of February are reserved for first and second degree conferrals. On February 11, 2012 is our Valentines Day Dinner/Dance Party. On that same night we will give honors to our Widowed Sisters.

Brethren, as I mentioned during our January Stated Meeting, we, the Pillars and the Executive Committee, are going to look into our Annual Dues to see if it is feasible to increase it by a couple of dollars. Whatever the committee decides, it will be discussed and voted upon on during our regular Stated Meeting. So Brethren, please watch for the “Special Notice” article in the Trestleboard and mark your calendar for the meeting.

See you at the Lodge
Bro. Ramon Ancheta,
Master
SGTS, # 296



WESTERLY WIND:

The Level is one of the most important symbols of our fraternity. The meaning of this symbol has several dimensions, with the foremost being that it is a reminder that all men are equal. Our fraternity teaches us to be on a level playing field with other members as well as other men. It is one of the working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason which admonishes us to remember that “we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns.” It is used to remind members that we are all equal, in that everyone operates on the same level of time. Time, like all things in nature, passes equally for all men. The value of time is determined by the choices we make during our lifetime. As Masons, we strive to be on the level with everyone by being of good moral character and by being fair to all.

On the Level,

Bro. Fred Marty
SW, 2012



FROM THE SOUTH:

Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, before anything else let me just say thank you to WB Joe Dano, Brother Ray Cruz and Sister Norma for spearheading the food preparation for our first stated meeting dinner. I have noticed and realized that the preparation of the food we enjoyed takes their precious time and effort. Now I know why my wife doesn't want me to stay in the kitchen while she cooks our food at home! I wish I had that special talent that our Brethren posses.

On the stores front, we are finally done with the supply locker rehabilitation and have stocked our pantry supplies that are available for our daily needs such as plates, cups etc. Thank you to WB Ramon, Brother Fred Mary, Brother Fred Zara and Brother Patrick Careon for your Carpentry expertise. It is now locked for accountability and preservation reasons, but if you need anything from our supplies for lodge use, the pillars have the key if I am not available. In addition Brethren, this idea was brought to my attention that if you have any spare plastic food containers at home that are not being used please donate them to the Lodge so they can be used for taking home any leftover food. Thanks in advance for the donations Brethren.

BRT,
Jerry Fabula
Junior Warden



DINNER MENU FOR FEBRUARY STATED DINNER

PORK CHOPS
STEAM RICE
GREEN SALAD
DINNER ROLLS
ICE CREAM/COOKIES/CAKE
COFFEE, TEA

February Birthday Celebrants

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
2 Alberto	Cirineo	13 Escolastico	Romero
2 Earl	Restine Jr.	15 Virgilio	Bumbasi
6 Pedro	Gonzalez	16 Alberto	Mayoyo
6 Douglas	Hawley	17 Alfredo	Pareja
6 Amando	Lastrella	18 Wilfredo	Gregorio
6 Jaime	Legaspi	21 Alfredo	Cabrera
6 Gonzalo	Ruiz	23 Celso	Maranon
7 Rudy	Martinez	24 Frank	Dela Cruz
10 Joel	Cepeda	25 Cesar	Mata
11 Allan	Isidro	26 Gary	Stephens
11 John	Robinson	27 Mickey	Cornwall
12 Frank	Biltz Jr.	27 Reynaldo	Toledo

(Author Unknown)

Masonry is not a secret society. Everybody knows that the Masonic fraternity exists and no effort is made to hide the fact. It is only the wisdom of Masonry which is hidden, not because it is subtle, but because it is simple. Its secret is profound; not obscure.

In the quiet of the lodge, in an air of reverence and friendship, it teaches us the truth that makes us men, and upon which faith and character must rest.

What is secret in Freemasonry? The method of its teaching, the atmosphere it creates, the spirit in our hearts and the ties it weaves between men. The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can only be known by those who seek it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. For that reason no one need be alarmed about any book written to expose Masonry. It is utterly harmless.

The real secrets of Freemasonry cannot be learned by prying eyes or by curious inquiry. The secrets of Masonry can be known only by those who are ready and worthy to receive it. Only a pure heart and honest mind can know it.

If Masonry uses the illusion of secrecy, it is because it knows that it is the nature of man to seek what is hidden.

We are seekers after truth and God has so made us that we cannot find the truth alone, but only in the love and service of our fellow man.

Here is the real secret and to learn it is to have the key to the meaning and joy of life.

*From The Southern California Research Lodge
"MATTERS OF INTEREST"
August, 2007*

Don't forget to join us on February 11th at 5:00 for our annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance! We will also be honoring our Widowed Sisters that evening. Bring your Dancing Shoes and have a great time!!!!



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Square and Compass

The earth produces all that ministers to the needs, comfort and luxury of man, while the Heavens produce the light and heat that give the procreative and generative agents to allow the earth to produce.

The square is adapted for plane surfaces, which the ancients believed to be the shape of the earth and is appropriate to that branch of geometry used to measure the earth. The compass has relation to spheres and spherical trigonometry, that branch of mathematics that deals with the orbits of the planetary bodies.

The square is a symbol of the earth and the compass of the Heavens. As a candidate advances and receives more light in Masonry, he sees the change in the configuration of the compass to the square, not merely as bare points, but as an elevation. Since the square represents the earth, it is symbolic of the material, sensual and base portion of humanity. The compass, representing the Heavens, is symbolic of the spiritual, intellectual and moral portion of humanity.

Masonry teaches that we are capable of improvement and advancement and that life is a battle to effect reason and moral sense to overcome the passions. Hence, the points of the compass elevate above the square teaching that Freemasonry is the subjugation of the human that is in man by the Divine.

Plumb and Plumb-Line

The use of the plumb as a working tool symbolizes, among other things, that the candidate is progressing in knowledge and ability, for as the Entered Apprentice was simply taught to use the more elementary tools used to extract the rough stone from the quarry and to hew it to an approximate size. It was the Fellow Craft who finally finished the stone through his advanced knowledge and ability to use the tools of his trade, the plumb, square, and level.

The plumb is an instrument used to try perpendiculars, to gauge the true uprightness of the stone. The speculative Mason is taught to use the plumb to gauge the uprightness of his conduct and he is told that it admonishes him to walk uprightly in his several stations before God and man.

Of all the straight lines, real or supposed, the plumb-line comes the nearest to perfection. In all ages, the straight line has been the perfect symbol of perfect actions, the shortest distance between two points, the best way of living a life. Thus, the Lord standing on a wall of material masonry showed Amos as nearly perfect a symbol of moral rectitude as can be shown to man in a material universe and to the Mason this is what it represents and teaches.

Masonic Rods

DEACON'S – Rods are the proper instruments of the Deacon's authority and the badge of his office. They should always be blue, and in some jurisdictions are surmounted by a pine cone, because they are an imitation of the caduceus or rod of Mercury, who was the messenger of the Gods.

STEWARDS - These, like those of the Deacons, are the proper instruments of authority and the badge of his office. They should always be white, because they are taken from the Steward of the King's household, who is appointed by delivery of a white staff, the breaking of which dissolved the office.