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SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MARCH

Thursday, 5th

7:30 p.m. – STATED MEETING

INSPECTOR'S OFFICIAL VISITATION

Wor. Walter Mueller, Master - Presiding

Dinner Reservations Required by March 2nd

Thursday, 12th

7:00 p.m. – 2ND DEGREE PRACTICE

Bro. Keadrick Washington, J.W., - In Charge

Candidates Coaching Available

Saturday, March 14

10:00 a.m. – CHALLENGER'S BASEBALL

Culver City High School Baseball Field

Corner of Lucerne and St. Nicholas Streets

POST GAME NO-HOST LUNCH AT DINAH'S

Everyone Invited

Even if you can't get to the Game

Sepulveda & Centinella

Thursday, 19th

7:00 p.m. – 2ND DEGREE

Candidate: Bro. Allan Fitzgerald

Coaching Available

Thursday, 26th

5:30 p.m. – WMBA MEETING

All Board Members are required to attend

7:00 p.m. – MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

DEMOLAY DEGREE

TRESTLEBOARD

APRIL

Thursday, 2nd

7:30 p.m. – STATED MEETING

PUBLIC SCHOOL'S MONTH OBSERVATION
PERFORMANCE BY LOYOLA VILLAGE SCHOOL'S
DANCE TROUP

Wor. Walter Mueller, Master - Presiding
Dinner Reservations Required by March 31st

Thursday, 9th

7:00 p.m. – DEGREE OR PRACTICE

Candidates Coaching Available

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Do you have or know about an event that needs a venue? For availability or just more information, contact our Rental Manager.

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

As I sat down to write this month's message many thoughts went through my mind. I thought of our Brethren which truly makes our Lodge the great institution it is. I was also reminded of one of the basic tenets of Masonry, Brotherly Love. On this principal Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion; and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

I am proud to say that the Brethren of Southern California Lodge certainly live up to that tenet. Whatever is needed to be done here at the Lodge, our Brothers are ready to help. Be it at the Stated Meeting, a Degree or other event, there is always one Brother extending a helping hand to another.

March has been designated as the Masonic Youth Orders Month. To commemorate the Youth Orders, Brother Jerome Esteban has put in a lot of time and effort to contact a DeMolay Chapter to put on a DeMolay Degree in our lodge on Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 PM. Many of our members, many of our Past Masters, (as well as your current Master) were members of the order. If you have never seen these young men put on a Degree it is well worth your time to view it as well as it is to support these fine gentlemen.

I also welcome our newest Brother, Allan Fitzgerald, to our fraternity and our Lodge. I know he will progress and will soon be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I also want to thank Bros. Sean Yu, J.D. and Kalani Jensen, S.W., for the excellent job they did in hosting the Lodge's Super Bowl Party. Due to their hard work the event was certainly a success for all those in attendance. However, even with their hard work, I do not think even they planned the surprise ending of the game. Thank you very much.

I also want to thank Bro. Jack DeMerit, who again, organized our annual Sweetheart's event. This year we traveled to the Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont to have lunch and we were treated to an excellent performance of the Buddy Holly Story. All who attended had a very enjoyable time. Thank you so much.

Fraternally,
Walter Mueller, Master

THE CHALLENGERS ARE BACK!

THE SPIRIT OF BASEBALL

Challengers Little League is ready to resume in 2015. Our Lodge is proud to again sponsor the Challengers baseball teams. The Challengers are mentally and/or physically challenged kids from about 10 to 21 years old. They are organized under the umbrella of Little League and play baseball as close as possible to official rules. The difference is that they compete against themselves rather than the other team. Each child puts as much into it as he or she can. This is the true spirit of baseball that I hope you remember from your youth, when just being on a field and taking part was all the reward a kid could want. These children love the game and we love seeing them have a good time. Last year there were two teams, the Dodgers and the Angels, but the number of players was pushing toward an expansion team and maybe playing against other Little League Challenger divisions. We will hear soon about this.

Another way we can show support and get a little fresh air with our Brothers and friends is to watch the games. I invite all of you to attend at least one game during the season. They only last one hour, easy access to the field and lots of street parking. The kids' parents are very friendly and like to see us at the games. You will be inspired to see baseball at its purest level, played by kids who want to play no matter what impediments may be in their way.

The games are each Saturday from March 7 to June 6 except for March 21 (Opening Day Ceremonies at Ladera field), April 4 (Easter weekend), and May 23 (Memorial Day weekend). The games run from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (warm-ups and Opening Day starts at 9:30 a.m.). All games are played at the Culver City High School baseball field at the corner of Lucerne and St. Nicholas Streets.

We are tentatively scheduling a post-game no-host lunch for Lodge members and friends on March 14 at the nearby Dinah's Restaurant (Centinela Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd.). We can also schedule a breakfast or two if anyone wants to get up earlier during the season.

Please contact either Wor. Dave Chernik, P.M., or Bro. Kevin Bowman, Chaplain, for more information.

We are very saddened to report the passing of

Monique Van Gerwin

January 17, 2015

Her husband, Marcel, started the local Challengers Little League Division many years ago and she continued to lead the organization for 12 years following his passing. She had been very ill the last couple of years and was not able to attend any games in 2014. Her love for the children and for the game was apparent in everything she did. She regularly traveled to Little League headquarters back east and to the edges of southern California in support of the Challengers and other Little League groups. She was also a member of the Westchester Elks Emblem Club. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know her, work with her, or see the results of her efforts in the ongoing successes of the Challengers Little League program for the children, whose lives have been so positively enriched, will certainly mourn her loss.

BICYCLE RIDERS NEEDED!

As part of our lodge's community involvement effort we are putting together a bicycle team to ride in the Tour de Cure event on Sunday, April 26, a fund raising effort benefiting the American Diabetes Association.

Events like this one are being held all over the United States and will include riding across both the Vincent Thomas and the Gerald Desmond Bridges between Long Beach and San Pedro.

Each rider needs to get sponsors to donate to the ADA. We are hoping that every member of our Lodge will consider making a generous donation. So far, we have about ten Lodge members who have expressed an interest in riding their bicycles in the Tour de Cure. If you are interested in being on the team please contact Wor. Rick Pearce, P.M., (310) 641-9950.



Come out and cheer on the riders!

SPONSOR A BROTHER!!

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 25, 2015

10:30 a.m. to Noon

LOS ANGELES NATIONAL CEMETERY

950 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

(1 block north of Wilshire Blvd. at Constitution Ave.)

(Free parking at VA Medical Center, Park & Ride across the street)



Mark your calendars for this special event, which honors our country's fallen heroes. Presented by the Los Angeles National Cemetery Support Foundation, which includes four Southern California Lodge Brothers and Veterans: Bros. Odas Flake, original founder; Jack De Merit, Trestleboard Editor and Support Foundation Secretary; Wor. Tony Fox, P.M., Support Foundation Treasurer; and Wor. Dave Chernik, P.M., former Foundation Secretary.

Our Theme for this year is, **“Honoring Service, Valor & Sacrifice”** and the **50th Anniversary of Vietnam**. The Master of Ceremonies will be determined at a later date. Our Keynote Speaker is Navy Admiral Hering. We will be honored with the presence of our Mayor Eric Garcetti and he has promised to get Governor Jerry Brown to attend as well. We will also have the Joint Services Color Guard, a Flyover, Cannons, a Bag Piper and possibly Drummers, great camaraderie, magnificent music, water, coffee and donuts.

We will again support this ceremony with our presence as Masons. Those of us who can, will serve as greeters, along with the support of other Masonic Lodges, and to usher the VIPs to breakfast. We will then head out to the ceremony area to help seat the audience and guide the color guard. We will request dispensation to dress in Masonic regalia. Masons helping out should arrive at the Cemetery Chapel by 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help out or just attend, please contact Bro. Jack or Wors. Dave Chernik or Tony Fox. I hope to see you there. If you have never attended before, now is the time. Bring a hat.



CANDIDATES CORNER

Brethren,

The new Masonic year is well on its way. We are planning a Second Degree night for our newest Entered Apprentice, Bro. Allan Fitzgerald, on the 19th of March. PLEASE, come out and show your support for him and the Lodge. Many of you have not participated in a Degree in some time. Don't let your knowledge of Ritual get "Rusty." Candidates Coaching will still be available for all those who either need it or request it. Remember, we are working to improve everyone's character and while it does not take a village, it does take great Masons to help make their Brothers into better Masons. Show them how much you care.

Fraternally,

Kevin L. Bowman, Chaplain, Head Candidates Coach

HEALTH FAIR AT LODGE



Saturday, May 15th

**Includes:
Red Cross - YMCA - Lions
Seniors Home Next Door
Our Lodge**

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March Is A Good Month for Shriners

Sat., March 7, 6:00 pm. Potentate's Gala at the LAX Hilton. This formal affair showcases Shrine Units, Clubs, officers, and the general Nobility of the Shrine. It is one of the largest gatherings during the year. Good food, great entertainment, dancing and for just \$50 per person (\$60 per person after Feb. 28). Reservation forms can be found in the Al Malaikahan magazine or on the website. A special room rate that may really come in handy if you plan to attend the Masonic Service Bureau Breakfast honoring our Grand Master (the next morning at the same hotel). So come to the Gala, party all night, and drag yourself down to breakfast with the Grand Master. What a weekend!

Special offer for NASCAR fans. There is a special ticket offer for the Auto Club 400 NASCAR race the third weekend of March. The Speedway will donate \$5 to \$15 per ticket to the Shriners Hospital. You can have a blast and help the Hospital at the same time. Check the January issue of the Al Malaikahan or the Al Malaikah website for details.

Sun., March 29, 1:00 pm. Joint North Valley Shrine Club and Legion of Honor Potentate's Official Visitation (POV) at the Best Western Hotel, 20122 Vanowen St., Canoga Park (at Winnetka). 1:00 pm Social Hour (no-host bar); 2:00 pm Lunch. The menu, one of the Potentate's favorites, spaghetti and meatballs, along with a fountain drink of your choice (soda, tea, etc.). Dessert is hot fudge sundae. We can show our support for all these Clubs due to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals Transportation Fund and to promote the Shriners Hospital by attending. Cost is \$25 per person. Dress is casual attire; bring your fez. Free parking. For reservations, please contact Mert Cohen (818) 888-7393 or MertCohen@aol.com or Robert DeJong (818) 716-5879 or amdros15@gmail.com.

Looking Forward to April: Potentate's reception at Oasis Lodge No. 854, **Wed., April 1. 6:30 pm.** Social/dinner, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting. Join your Brothers at Oasis Lodge as we host Ill. Sir, Lynn Georgeson, Potentate of Al Malaikah. Dinner is spaghetti & meatballs (various types), sides, and hot fudge sundae dessert. \$10 per person. Dress is coat and tie. Mandatory reservations by March 28 at RSVP@oasislodge.org.

Stated Meeting, **Sat., April 11.** Our Potentate, Ill. Sir Lynn Georgeson, is working hard to make it easier to be involved in the Shrine. Therefore, this quarterly Stated Meeting is on a Sat. morning.

First Ceremonial of the year, April 25, will be held in Las Vegas during the Western Shrine Association convention (4/22-4/25) at the Las Vegas Resort and Casino. You will be meeting with our Brother Shriners from the southwestern U.S. It will be a special large Ceremonial with lots of other things to do in and around the hotel. Applications are available on the Al Malaikahan website or see any Shriner. You can also check the website for updated details. Don't be left out.

Panama Canal cruise with the Potentate, **April 29-5/13.** Please check the Al Malaikah website for details.

Reservations for all Shrine events, call the Shrine office at (213) 748-0173 unless otherwise noted above. Any questions about the Shrine, contact Dave Chernik (davidchernik@gmail.com), or any other Shriner.

DINNER POLICY

Any Dinner Reservations made for the monthly Stated Meeting which are not kept will be billed to the member. Additionally, we will only be ordering enough meals for those that **RESERVE** in a timely manner. Without a Reservation, you **MAY NOT BE SERVED**. If there are questions regarding this policy, please contact either the Junior Warden or the Master.

DINNER MENUS

MARCH

House Salad w/Ranch or Balsamic Dressing
Irish Stew
Soda Bread & Butter
Coffee • Soft Drinks • Dessert

APRIL

House Salad w/Ranch or Italian Dressing
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Mixed Vegetables • Rolls & Butter
Coffee • Soft Drinks • Dessert

DINNER RESERVATIONS

- Dinners are \$15.00 each. Cash or checks only.
- Reservations MUST be made to assure a dinner.
- Reservation deadline, Tuesday night prior to dinner.
- Vegetarian dinners available. Specify when you call.

If you need more information regarding this policy, see or call Bro. Kalani Jensen, J.W.

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BRETHREN!

The Lodge is looking for someone to write the "Between the Pillars" column. If you are interested, please contact Trestleboard Editor, Bro. Jack De Merit, for more information. If you try it, you might like it.

NECROLOGY REPORT

G. JERRY PLOTKE – 1985

AGE - 90 Years • DIED - May 16, 2014

RAISED - March 23, 1959

ALFRED R. CANNON, JR.

AGE - 86 Years • DIED - August 26, 2014

RAISED - September 27, 1951

BENJAMIN L. O'BRIEN

AGE - 99 Years • DIED - October 11, 2014

RAISED - July 9, 1956

WOR. MOURAD KAPLANIAN – 1984

AGE - 90 Years • DIED - November 14, 2014

RAISED - September 18, 1975

HENRIETTE LEIBOWITZ

Wife of Wor. Leon Liebowitz

AGE - 67 Years • DIED - January 16, 2015

WOR. ROBERT KULICK – 1985

AGE - 77 Years • DIED - February 7, 2015

RAISED - November 14, 1974

*Soft and safe to thee my Brother be thy resting place.
Bright and Glorious be thy rising from it.*

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Your current phone number, home address, an EMERGENCY contact person and phone number and e-mail address if you have one.

Send it to: Bro. Armen Ross, Secretary Elect
or armenross@yahoo.com

GIVE THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

As a California Mason, you are committed to the enduring health and relevance of this great organization. Our fraternity champions public education and provides industry-leading care for vulnerable seniors and families, and we are engaged community leaders.

Making a legacy gift to our Masonic charities changes lives

A 'planned' gift, or 'legacy' gift, can help you achieve your personal, financial, and estate planning goals. For example, a legacy gift can provide the donor with an income for life as well as a charitable income tax deduction, and make a profound difference in Masonry.

What Is The Cornerstone Society?

The Cornerstone Society is reserved for those Masons who choose to include the Masonic Charities in their estate plans.

The simplest way to become a Cornerstone Society member is through a bequest. But there are several giving options available, such as trusts and charitable gift annuities. The method you choose will depend on your personal circumstances and needs. It is always a good idea to first consult your attorney and/or tax advisor for financial advice and expertise.

How do I start?

Please contact Greg Cherry to learn more about supporting California Masonic charities through a legacy gift at (310) 968-8369 or e-mail him at gcherry@freemason.org.

LIVING PAST MASTERS

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| Norman Goldbach | 57 | Alfred Omansky | 82 | Alex Smerling | 98 |
| J. Leonard Penner | 59 | Nicholas Mitchell | 83 | Steve Barbusa | 99 |
| Gerald E. Lerman | 60 | Van H. Sherman | 83 | Larry Lebowsky | 99 |
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| Edward Blake | 63 | Joel Rudof | 84 | A. Daniel Singer | 01 |
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EVENTS

MARCH

Youth Orders Month
Inspector's Official Visitation

APRIL

Public Schools Observance
Diabetes Tour De Cure
Masters & Wardens Retreat
Shrine Carnival

MAY

Memorial Day Ceremony
Los Angeles National Cemetery

JUNE

OSI BBQ Lodge Picnic
Midnight Mission Trip

JULY

Westchester 4th of July Parade

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