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Brethren,

As we prepare for a delicious Cinco De Mayo dinner prepared by Brother Leo Ornelas and Rey Morales, we congratulate Brother Junior Warden Brian Calverley upon receiving The Master of the Grand Cross of Color at Rainbow Grand Assembly and Kaitlin Calverley being elected to GEC as Grand Lecturer! In March, we hosted our first multi divisional school of instruction and area lodges continue to support and assist each other. Our Lodge continues to grow by conferring degrees every month and sharpening our ritual skills by practicing every Monday evening. Our next degree will be on May 14th. We are putting together a golf team for the Grand Master Golf outing on Sunday August 12th! Below is a picture from our first practice outing. Please let me know if interested in golf. Our food and beverage committee will report at our May meeting on upcoming family outings. Also Grand Lodge representatives will give a presentation on Masonic Outreach.

Please make every effort to attend!



John Sigismondi Master 2018



Happy May Birthdays!

- Francisco J. Beltran 5/3
- John E. Markytan 5/4
- Johnie Thomas, Jr. 5/4
- Donald C. Nohrden 5/6
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Brethren,

I am amazed at how fast time has been flying by. It stuns me to think that we are already one third of the way through the year. One thing that is for sure is that our officers have been very busy.

We have a couple a few initiates that are great guys, and a couple candidates that will be initiated soon. We have been blessed with good quality men whom we call brothers.

Just a little bit off topic, however I found this interesting since it partially carries the name of a symbol you will find in lodge rooms, but slightly differs in appearance.

The May Birth Flower is the Lily of the Valley. I did a little research, and the Lily of the Valley represents humility, chastity, sweetness, and purity. It has been used to signify the return of happiness. Or, in other traditions and legends it has been called Our Lady's Tears.

With the new members, and happiness and fun, I felt like this month and particularly this year, everything is coming together. It feels so pure. Thank you all. Have a great month of May.

Paul Chavez P.M.

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Brethren and Friends,

I hope you and your families are enjoying spring and staying dry. It's nice to see the rains even if they came later this year.

For our May dinner we are planning a Mexican Feast in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Brothers Ornelas and Morales have offered to help me out and make sure the food is authentic. I also wanted to thank Elizabeth, Bernice and Pat from Wild Lilly OES for helping me with my turkey gravy at our April meeting! Great Team Work, much appreciated!

Hope to see you out at our dinner and events in the coming months.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brian Calverley
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A PAST MASTER'S VIEW

The Worshipful Master extended to me an invitation to provide an article in this month's Trestle Board. Of course, I said yes as it was his will and pleasure. I have chosen this opportunity to once again briefly ponder on my definition of Freemasonry and a few thoughts on the Masonic initiatic experience. So here we go.

“Freemasonry is a modern - day Mystery School which, through its' progressive, moral science, is a transformational experience taking an initiate from darkness to light through its ancient teachings and the practice of the lessons inculcated in it”.

I have always found the idea that Masonry is an organization that “allows good men to become better men” unsatisfactory. It seems to me it could just as well apply to the Rotarians or many other worthy groups who do good work. I think the definition I proffer implies a more spiritual journey and I believe that Masonic mystic teachings offer an ideal path to follow to find further light.

With that in mind, I think each of should assess the initiatic experience we provide to a duly and truly qualified candidate for our mysteries.

Is it possible to provide this experience in 90 to 180 days which is rather typical of modern lodges? I think not. It reminds me of the “90-day wonder”. This phrase refers to a past military practice of creating second lieutenants in three months during WW II. I do not see Masonry facing this kind of urgency so why the rush?

I always like to think in qualitative rather than quantitative terms when it comes to considering applicants for our valuable philosophy of life. Not every good man who knocks at our door is a candidate for our degrees. He might just be looking for an opportunity to serve his community or for comradery with good men. If he is looking for a more meaningful experience and has a need to achieve a state of perfect balance between material needs and his spiritual aspirations then Masonry, which provides the study and application of laws that unite humans to the creator could be his path.

If we follow the path given to us by our Ancient Masters, then modern day Masonry must re-assess its approach to the initiatic experience. The teachings are there for the wise man to hear and learn. But I strongly argue it can not be rushed. I recommend you to the Masonic Restoration Foundation website to further any interest you might have in the Masonic initiatic experience. This website can direct you to many excellent books on the subject.

Charles Cowden P.M.

The next stated meeting dinner will be on Monday May 7th.
There will be representatives from Grand Lodge Masonic Outreach Services to give a presentation on their services. This will start at 6:15 sharp. If anyone knows of a Masonic widow or member who needs transportation please let me know as soon as possible.

Reservations are needed to assure we have enough food !
Please email;
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The Donation for Dinner is \$10.00 Wives, Widows and Children free

May 2018

(Bold items held at the Soquel Masonic Center)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM SCSLV #38 Dinner Stated Meeting 8:00 PM	2	3 7:00 PM Santa Cruz Assembly #28 Rainbow SC Masonic	4	5
6	7 Confidence Lodge #110 6:15 Dinner and Masonic Outreach presentation 7:30 PM Stat-	8	9 7:00 PM Paideia Lodge at Soquel Masonic Center	10 7:00 PM Santa Cruz De- Molay #10 At SC Masonic Center	11	12 7:00 PM Job's Daugh- ters Bethel #216 SC Masonic Center
13	14 First Degree 6:30 Light Fare 7:30 Degree	15	16 7:30 PM Wild Lily Eastern Star Chapter #18 Soquel Masonic Center	17 7:00 PM Santa Cruz Assembly #28 Rainbow SC Masonic Center	18	19
20	21 Confidence Lodge 110 2nd Degree practice 6:30 Light Fare	22	23 7:00 PM Job's Daughters Bethel #216 SC Masonic Center	24 7:00 PM Santa Cruz DeMolay #10 At SC Ma- sonic Center 7:00 PM Paideia Lodge at Santa Cruz Ma-	25	26
27	28 Confidence Lodge 110 2nd Degree practice 6:30 Light Fare	29	30	31		