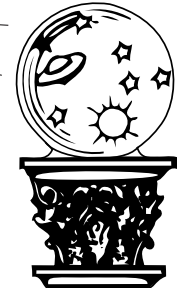


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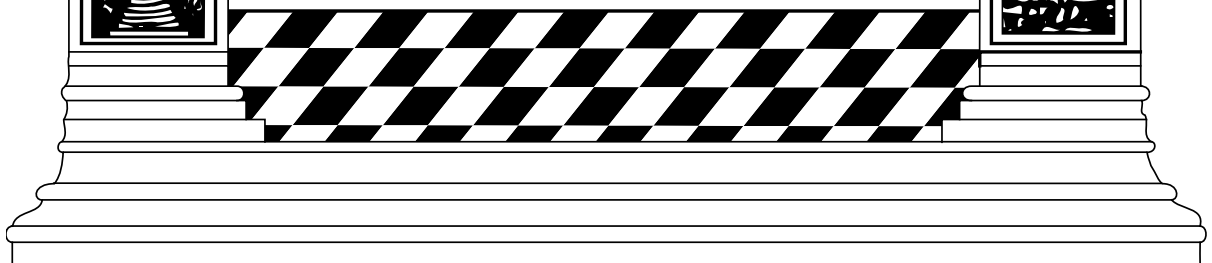
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MARCH 2011



FROM PILLAR OF WISDOM

Ladies and Brethren

Grand Master William Bray and his lady Linda are cancer survivors and have identified a need for more qualified oncology nurses to assist cancer victims. They have made it their Charity for this Masonic year and have asked that California lodges assist as they may. We will be putting out the hat at our stated meetings for any brother who might be able to assist and we will present our collections to Most Wor. Bray at the Grand Master's Reception which will be held at Scottish Rite on September 3rd.

In March our stated meeting and dinner again fall on the 1st of the month. Please call the lodge office to reserve your seats, or make any changes to your standing reservation if you have one. At stated meeting we will be formally visited by our Inspector, David Haslim, PM and we will be completing formal installations for 2011 SW Hackett lodge officers. we will be conducting a 3rd Degree scheduled on the 22nd. As we have five Tuesdays in the month we will use the 29th to work on proficiency preparation and determine who is ready to schedule appointments with the inspector.

Please contact our Officer's coach (Bob Smith, PM) to let him know what you will be working on for that practice.

Clint Black, PM is working on reservations for the annual SW Hackett lodge camping trip at Mt. Laguna Shrine Camp and has confirmed reservations for all of the cabins and some of the dorm. As we generally have more people than cabins it may be necessary to hold a raffle to see who will get one. Be sure to attend stated meeting dinners as we will be passing out an interest sheet in March and if necessary holding the raffle in April. The camping trip will be over the Father's Day weekend June 17-19. This is a terrific weekend and all with children are especially encouraged to attend. If the cabins are unavailable there are plenty of RV spaces and places to pitch tents. If you need more information contact Clint.

We are off and running this year with initiations and degrees. Hope to see you at the state meeting dinner.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Steve Laurvick
Worshipful Master



Are your Due\$ overdue?

If you have forgotten to pay your 2011 dues, in the coming days you should be contacted by me, Brother Jim Williams or Brother Michael Bryant concerning those dues. It is important that the Lodge receive members' dues in a timely manner since we do have to pay a substantial portion of those dues to the Grand Lodge of California. Obviously economic times are not the best with money

short, and sometimes there are delays or just a slip of the mind to put that check in the envelope and return it to the secretary. But, please help us on the dues committee and your Lodge in particular by getting caught up on your dues for this year it will certainly be appreciated.

Thank you,
Dennis Stahr, SW

FROM PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies:

Why do candidates fail to advance?

As most of you are aware, I am very interested in working to get our EAs and FCs to advance. I then found this study entitled: *Why do candidates fail to advance after becoming Entered Apprentices?* Answers to this question can provide much information which helps to understand the problems of declining membership and lack of interest in the activities of a Masonic lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin undertook a serious study to find factual answers to the question. A Research Committee sent out a questionnaire to 729 "defaulted entered apprentices" to learn the reasons for their failure to advance.

204, 28%, returned the questionnaire.

A summary of the results of the questionnaire (edited for space) is taken from the Wisconsin research committee's report.

Do you feel you had sufficient direct personal contact with members of the Lodge prior to the acceptance of your petition? 162 (80%) -sufficient

Do you feel you had sufficient direct personal contact with members of the Lodge between your acceptance and initiation? 170 (83%) - sufficient

What was the attitude of the Masonic Brethren to you? 171 (83%) generally positive and accepting

Were you able to identify

Continued see SW

MARCH EVENTS

- 1 Stated Dinner & Meeting . . . 6:30 & 7:30pm
- Inspectors Visitation
- 8 3rd Degree Practice, 2nd Section 7:00pm
- 15 3rd Degree Practice 7:15pm
- 22 . . . 3rd Degree 7:00pm
- 29 . . . Officers Practice Proficiency Work .. 7:00pm

MARCH 2011						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

MARCH STATED MEETING DINNER

Tossed Green Salad

Chicken Marsala & Corn Beef & Cabbage

Baby Red Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Assorted Rolls

Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages

Dutch Apple Pie

\$15.00

with the Masonic Fraternity? 83 (40%) - Yes, enthusiastically
 What were your feelings about the teachings of Freemasonry? 141 (70%) - generally understood.

What were your impressions of the Entered Apprentice Degree? 162 (80%) -well conducted

What problems did you encounter in completing the degree work? 112 (55%) - time involved.

Would you be interested in continuing your Masonic work now? 137 (67%) - Yes

While most of those returning the questionnaires checked answers which indicate a favorable attitude to Freemasonry, the really significant replies are those which point out weaknesses in a Lodge's handling of candidates or Masonic customs or practices which "turned off" a candidate.

These comments surprised us and caused the Committee, to do some real soul searching as to how we could improve our lodge operations, and whether we are meeting the needs of young men today. The comments are really the most inter-

esting and provocative items in the survey. Since many of them are similar, they can be summarized by means of the following composite quotations.

I was never called after that. I did not feel it was up to me to tell the lodge what to do.

Your letter and questionnaire is really the first sign I have had that Masonry is interested in me. I'd like to continue, and I'd like to meet you.

The lodge kept changing the date I was to appear again. Last time, they called me just before the meeting. I had another commitment. A new Mason should be better informed, and soon enough.

I'm too busy keeping my head above water in the rat race of modern life. I admire what Freemasons stand for, but I can't devote time to it, so I shouldn't become just a name on the roll of members.

Attendance was very poor and the members were generally so much older I couldn't identify with the group.

Most of my evenings are taken up with school activities, book work, and helping the children.

Thank you for your interest and concern about me. I'd

like to continue, but at present just don't have the time.

I was much younger than most of the members, which caused feelings hard to pinpoint. But inside I feel it's the greatest fraternal organization a man can encounter. I hope someday to continue.

I hope very much to continue, but lack of time and a poor memory hinder me somewhat. My father is a Mason. I will keep trying.

After the first degree I was moved to obtain more education. I would like to finish the Masonic work, but it will have to wait till I get my degree.

When I was working to become a Mason, the Brothers showed no interest in helping

me, so I gave up trying to join. Some of these responses cry out for good Masonic rejoinders, but those must be left to the particular Lodge whose business it is to make a Master Mason of the individual candidate it has investigated and accepted.

One may be tempted to ask of some of these commentators, "What did you expect?" But one should really ask the Lodge, "What did you teach him to expect?"

Thank you and we hope to see you in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,


Dennis Stahr,
Senior Warden



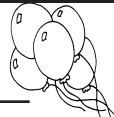
SHRINE CAMPING TRIP

Planning for June 17th Thu June 18th father's day weekend Shrine camping trip. As you know there are only six cabins that can sleep 5 each two of which are handicap rated and four dorm rooms two of which have double beds and two bunk rooms with three double bunk beds with outside access to restrooms for dorms only. Currently my thought is to circulate a sign up sheet at


the March Stated Meeting requesting Info as to who wants cabins, how many adults, and how many children for planning purposes for meals, accommodations etc. However with limited cabin spaces if more wish to participate do we want to hold a drawing for cabins the side issue being few will readily sign up to rent the dorms so perhaps at the April S. M. a




March Birthdays



6	..... OLIVER B. CROCKER	
6	..... EDWARD DANGLER	
6	..... IVAN L. ENGLISH	
8	..... PATRICK K. COMEAUX	
12	..... FRANK A. KENT	
16	..... JACK L. SCHERRER	
19	..... RONALD J. DETZER	
19	..... JOSEPH M. POLLARD	
20	..... JEFFERY L. McDONALD	
20	..... JEFFREY E. PAYNE	
20	..... ALFRED E. STRICKMAN	
22	..... CLAIR P. MARTIN	
22	..... ROBERT L. T. WINDLE	
23	..... DONALD KNOLL	
27	..... MAURICE K. LOWE	
31	..... ELIAS M. USKOKOVIC	



ECHOES FROM THE PAST



	Raised
R. B. MILLER	3/22/66
FLOYD R. COVERT	3/19/74
ROBERT E. HICKOK JR	3/31/77
KNOX E. KRUG	3/18/80
DARYL B. SANDAKER	3/9/82
JOHN P. McBRIDE	3/15/83
DIMITER K. LYAKOV	3/28/95
RONALD J. HOWARD	3/30/95
ROBERT L. T. WINDLE	3/13/01
MICHAEL D. MARTIN	3/19/01
JAMES P. GARRETT	3/29/05
ELIAS M. USKOKOVIC	3/28/09

drawing if needed, Also in years past the Lodge Room rental of \$145 has been picked up by Ron, myself and John last year, so do we want to access the cost divided among those going at our May Stated Meeting or as a Lodge expense

or a combination there of. Another food for thought to keep in mind could be a degree or Past Master's to promote Saturday's lunch and attendance with multiple events.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM,



Ladies Corner

Hi Ladies,

A big thanks to Bobbie Covert for February's festive and yummy table decorations. They were enjoyed by all.

The Shrine Camp camping trip is in the planning and is scheduled for Friday June 17th thru Sunday the 19th. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. There will be a craft project, games and fun for all. Clint is working hard on his treasure hunt riddle. Sorry kids, it is not going to get any easier!

The prices for the lodge room, cabins and dorm rooms have remain the same. They are as follows;

Cabins - \$45 per night for Shiners & **\$55** for non

Dorm - \$25 per night per room or **\$100** per night for the entire dorm

RV - \$15 per night for Shiners and **\$17** for non

Tent camping - there are

spaces available

Lodge room - it is reserved for Friday night, all Saturday and Sunday morning - more info to come regarding financing

The Blacks will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for the potluck on Saturday and the Haslim's are going to cook up a delightful brunch on Sunday. A sign up sheet will be passed around at March's Stated Meeting. If you are unable to spend the night, please feel welcome to come up during the day and enjoy nature and a wonderful meal.

Until Later,
Judy Black

PRINCE HALL DEGREE

Fidelity lodge #10 is having a first degree on March 18th at 7:30.



PONTERRINGS

What is today's date? Answer it just depends on which epoch you might choose to relate to. Epoch can be defined as an instant in time chosen as the origin of a particular ERA. Many calendar are in use today from Scientific, religious and if you think about it your birthday. However one calendar is used administratively world wide, it being the Georgian which replaced the Julian beginning in 1582 but was not accepted by England and her colonies until 1752, Our Masonic organizations have more than a few. Grand Lodge's use Anno Lucis (A.L.) meaning Year of Light current

year plus 4,000, Royal Arch Anno Inventionis (A.I.) Year of Discovery current year plus 530, Cryptic Masons Anno Depositis (A,Dep.) Year od Deposit current year plus 1,000, Knight Templar Anno Ordinis (A.O.) current year minus 1,118 and Scottish Rite Anno Mundi (A.M.) Year of the World and is same as A.L. current year plus 4,000, Another interesting fact some calendars begin their day at high twelve instead of low twelve because high noon is universal world wide vs sun rise or sun set or the moon's orbit.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM,

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 Charity: Kyle Dau, WM
 District Calendar: Steve Laurvick, SW
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 Funeral: David Haslim, PM
 574 Ambass: Ron Detzer, PM
 574 Calendar: Dennis Stahr, JW
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