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2011 OFFICERS

Master	Steven E. Laurvick
Sr. Warden	Dennis P. Stahr
Jr. Warden	“JR” Knight, PM
Treasurer	James J. Achenbach
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Asst. Secretary	Gerald Lynn, PM
Chaplain	Ronald J. Detzer, PM
Sr. Deacon	Ryan A. Bacaoco
Jr. Deacon	Robert Salini
Marshall	Robert J. Scheeler
Sr. Steward	John Fitch
Jr. Steward	Michael T. Bryant
Organist	Patrick C. Meagher
Tiler	Robert Smith, PM
Officer’s Coach	Robert Smith, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor	Dick Covert, PM

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
8	Officers Practice MM Degree.....	7:00pm
15	Degree Conferral MM	7:00pm
22	Degree Conferral MM	7:00pm
29	Officers practice Installation of Officers.....	7:00pm
10	December, Installation of Officers.....	12:00pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren.

“Time goes, you say? Ah no!

Alas, Time stays, we go.”

Henry Austin Dobson

First let me congratulate and welcome our new Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Frank Loui, who was installed at our 2011 California Grand Lodge Annual Communication. During this late September event, a number of provisions received solid support but not enough of a majority to pass. However, there is one notable provision that deserves mention here.

Proposed by our outgoing Grand master William Bray, it is an effort to properly vet all new applicants to the fraternity, and, effective January 1, 2012 new applicants will pay an additional \$15 in the application fee to cover the cost of conducting a criminal background check. Upon receipt of an application and check, each lodge Secretary will provide California Grand Lodge with the relevant information from the application of every prospective mason in California. Should the background check reveal that an applicant has been convicted of an act of moral turpitude by a local, state or federal court, said applicant will be rejected from receiving degrees in the state unless the conviction is overturned.

On the lighter side.... At our Stated meeting dinner we will be preparing for our annual Christmas dinner and children’s gift bestowals for families in need. Identified by teachers and administrators of Sequoia Elementary School, the names of the homes and kids are provided to our partnership in Education liaison , Jim Achenbach, PM. Jim will be taking volunteers for food and presents at our Stated Meeting dinner. Be sure to confirm your dinner reservations to our Bro. Secretary and come prepared to join in this event.

Our Election of Officers for 2012 will occur during the Stated Meeting. The annual Installation of Officers will be held Saturday, December 10 at high noon. Installation is open to the public and will be followed by a pot luck lunch.

During this month of Thanksgiving we thank our Great Creator for his Manifold Blessings.

Fraternally,

Steve Laurvick, Worshipful Master

FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies;

First, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to Wor. Steve Laurvick, Master of our Lodge, on receiving the investiture of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Scottish Rite. Wor. Steve is also currently Master of Kadosh of the Valley of San Diego.

Grand Lodge Communications was held September 23 through 25. Our new Grand Master is the Most Worshipful Frank Loui. It was a fun time, although bitter cold, in San Francisco, and I think the event was quite productive. Several proposals were considered and many were approved, while some failed and some were carried over into next year's Communications. One issue that I was hoping would pass was the proposal that a lodge would be allowed to open and conduct its Stated Meetings in the First Degree. All of the other nine western state jurisdictions allow this, California being the sole exception. This proposal would have allowed us to include the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts in the meetings and help them feel a bit more a part of the lodge, encouraging their participation from the beginning of their Masonic life, to stay involved and advance. That resolution did not pass, but was carried over to next year.

With Grand lodge Communications behind us and with a busy October coming to an end we will be even busier in the coming two months. We have election of officers during our November Stated Meeting, and we still have a few officers needing to complete qualification for their advancement. Wor. Smith is doing his usual great job in getting them qualified.

It seems the year has flown by and the later it gets, the busier it gets. For all the up to date information be sure to visit our lodge website at www.calodges.org/no574.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Dennis Stahr, SW

FAMOUS MASONS

- William "Bud" Abbott Comedian "Abbott & Costello"
- Augustin I of Mexico Emperor of Mexico
- Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Astronaut
- Stephen F. Austin Secty. Of State, Republic of Texas
- Gene Autry Movie & TV Actor, Western Singer
- Johann Christian Bach Composer
- Frederic Bartholdi Sculptor – Statue of Liberty
- William "Count" Basie Jazz Pianist – Composer
- Daniel C. Beard Founder Boy Scouts
- Irving Berlin Composer
- Mel Blanc Voice Actor
- Simon Bolivar S. American Independence Leader

- Gutzon Borglum Sculptor – Mt. Rushmore
- James Bowie Frontiersman - Died at The Alamo
- Omar N. Bradley Five Star General - WWII
- James Buchanan U. S. President
- Luther Burbank Horticulturist
- Robert Burns National Poet of Scotland
- Richard E. Byrd Admiral – Explorer
- Eddie Cantor Entertainer
- Kit Carson Frontiersman
- Marc Chagall Russian Painter
- Walter Chrysler Founder Chrysler Motors
- Walter Cronkite Journalist
- Winston Churchill Statesman
- William Clark Explorer – Lewis & Clark
- DeWitt Clinton Governor New York
- Ty Cobb Baseball
- Nat "King" Cole Singer
- Davy Crockett Frontiersman – Died at The Alamo
- Editors Note – Just a few, more next month.*

2011 COMMITTEES

- Audit Dennis Stahr, SW
- Budget, Fin. Inv. Steve Laurvick, WM
- Cand. Coach..... Dennis Stahr, SW
- Charity Steve Laurvick, WM
- Communication..... Bob Salini
- Del. Dues Dennis Stahr
- Funeral David Haslim, PM
- Hiram Award John Gamache, PM
- Honored Ladies Maebelle Haslim
- Life Member Jim Campbell, PM
- Maso Education James Achenbach, PM
- Masonic Youth..... Dennis Stahr
- Masonic Formtn Robert Smith, PM
- Masonic Outrch..... Ron Detzer, PM
- Member Retent Clint Black, PM
- Public Schools..... James Achenbach, PM
- Shrine Camp Clint Black, PM
- Social Media Jim Williams
- Trestleboard Dick Covert, PM
- Website Master Dennis Stahr
- GL Committeeman: Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows



PAST MASTER

After his term in office “in the east” the Worshipful Master is put out to pasture. He goes from having all the power in the Lodge, to having precisely none. This is similar to the President of the United States leaving office; he becomes just another common citizen again. He may make speeches all over the country, write books, and appear on the news more often than when he was running the country, and otherwise bore everyone to distraction. But he has no power, and no one *has* to listen to him. This is the fate of the Past Master.

Nevertheless, a Past Master is looked upon with great respect by his fellow Freemasons. He is honored for the rest of his life by the title *Worshipful Brother* before his name, and the initials *PM* after it. Not exactly like having the Secret Service at your beck and call for the rest of your life, but a nice honor anyway.

Some jurisdictions give a Past Master more power than others. A few allow them to vote on legislation at Grand Lodge meetings, and some lodges may have an official position called the Immediate Past Master, someone who acts as a mentor to the Worshipful Master who followed him. Being a Past Master is a special accomplishment, because it represents many years of commitment to Freemasonry and to the lodge. The Past Master knows ritual, rules, history and customs, and he is a tremendous resource to his lodge.

Even though in most cases they hold no office, Past Masters have their own honorary jewel. In most jurisdictions, the jewel is an open compass, with a sun in the center. At the base of the compass is a curved bar connecting the points, called a *quadrant*, marked in degrees like a protractor, for measuring angles. The sun symbolizes his past position in the East. The quadrant is a tool of complex geometry, symbolizing that the Past Master possesses greater knowledge. Other jurisdictions use a jewel representing the 47th problem of Euclid (more commonly called the Pythagorean Theorem).

From “Freemasons for Dummies”, Christopher Hodapp

THE MORGAN AFFAIR

Who was William Morgan?

Born in Virginia in 1776 where he learned the trade of stone mason. His brewery in Canada was destroyed by fire in 1821, when he went to Batavia, NY, where he visited Wells Lodge. He was rejected by a new chapter being organized there. With a publisher named Miller, he concocted a scheme to divulge Masonic secrets. He disappeared in 1826, but there has never been any evidence that the Masons had anything to do with his disappearance.

Was William Morgan murdered by the Masons?

Most improbable. Every Mason takes a solemn oath of secrecy, but in none of the Degrees, either of the York or Scottish Rite, does his vow require him to lift the hand of Cain against an erring brother who betrays his trust. DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York, offered a large reward for the apprehension of the guilty person or persons. Thurlow Weed, a New York politician of unsavory recollection, had his men try to palm off the corpse of a man found on the shore of Lake Ontario as Morgan, saying “it is good enough for Morgan until after election”. He created nauseating publicity on the subject for political purposes, but years of patient search, in spite of all sorts of affidavits, have failed to prove a case against the Fraternity. A Baptist preacher named David Bernard was guilty in the same degree as Morgan, about the same time, but the election was over and the matter failed to have any but local publicity.

From: “A Masonic Quiz Book”, William O. Peterson

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Spring Mix Salad
Roast Tri-tip Beef
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Asparagus
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
Assorted Rolls
Pumpkin Pie

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Charles Allen
3 Willard Meyer
7 Stephen Allen
9 Ronald Howard
12 Ralph Wenner
14 John Fitch
William Stanfield
15 Erich Fritz
Bruce Marx
James Meyers
Clarence Seyfferth III
Paul Stephenson
18 Otto Drum
William Gerdt
24 Alex Pina
26 Kent Dau, PM
29 Matthew Botu
30 Darryl Sandaker

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

64 Years

Joe Medeiros MM 11/22/47
Robert Wilson, PM MM 11/22/47

60 Years

David Hull MM 11/27/51

51 Years

Robert A. Carsten, PM MM 11/28/60

50 Years

Richard Bergstrom MM 11/09/61

43 Years

James W. Campbell, PM MM 11/26/68