

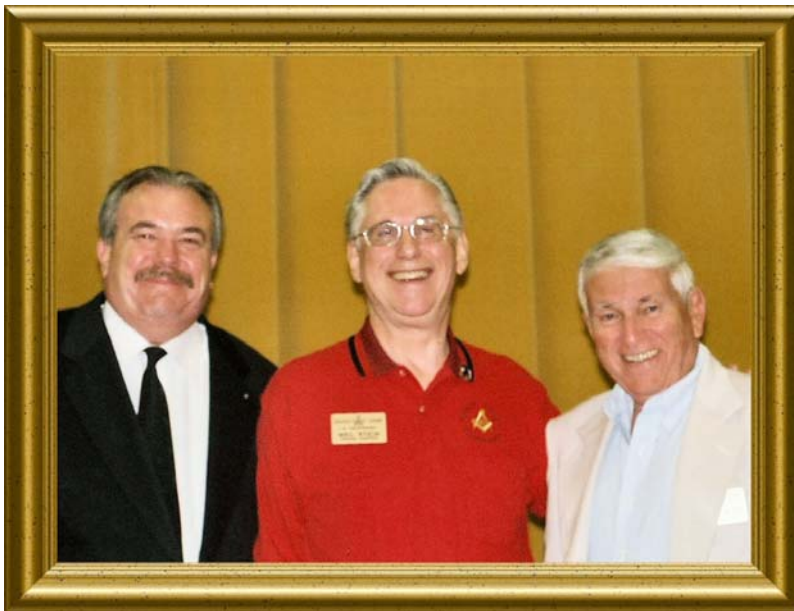
Trestleboard

October 2006

*Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm
on 4th Thursday of
Even Months,
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Pictured above, The Most Worshipful Melvyn B. Stein, our new Grand Master of Masons in California (Center) takes time out to pose with ECRL Master Richard A. Meyers, P.M. (Right), and ECRL Senior Warden, Brother Nick Muhlhauser (Left). See Page 20.



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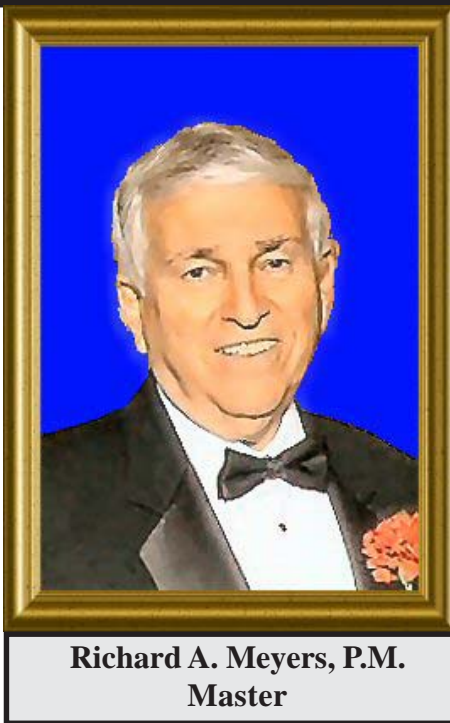
From The East

Brethren, we are coming to the end of the 2006 Masonic year. It is very important that we have your attendance at this stated meeting, which will include the election of officers for the year 2007.

Brother Nick Muhlouser has been preparing to move up to the east; Brother Ray Bonier, PM is willing to step into the west as our Senior Warden; and, Brother Barry Ellsworth will be available for Junior Warden.

Unfortunately, Brother Lou Orozco has indicated that he does not wish to continue as the lodge Secretary. The office of Secretary is perhaps the most critical position in any Masonic lodge. We will be frantically pursuing a replacement between now and the stated meeting on the 26th of this month. Please contact me, or Brother Lou if you are interested in this office.

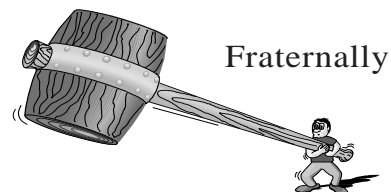
On a brighter note, at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, a very significant resolution passed, by an astounding 92% majority, which allows one to hold elective office in a regular lodge concurrently with an elective office in a research lodge. The passage of this reso-



**Richard A. Meyers, P.M.
Master**

lution had an immediate impact on our lodge, which permits Brother Barry Ellsworth to be our Junior Warden as well as a Warden in Confidence Lodge.

We have other matters pending for our stated meeting. Please make every effort to attend.



**Richard Meyers, P.M.
Master**

The Southern Breeze

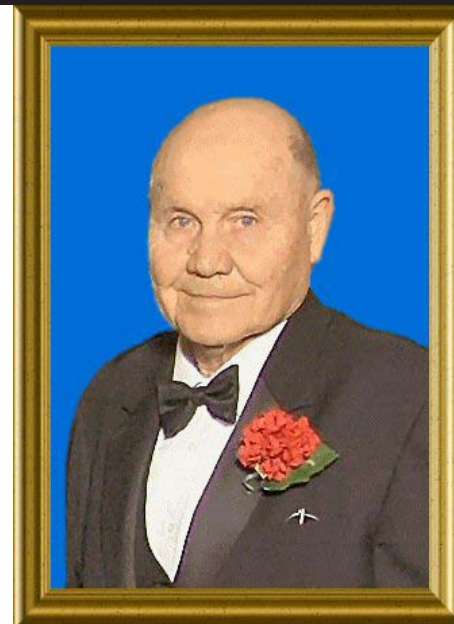
Brother David Kimball had agreed to conspire with me on the following article, and I will now take this opportunity to thank him for his many hours of diligent and knowledgeable research and study, toward its successful completion.

Objections to Freemasonry

By Alvie Hartsog, P.M.
and David Kimball, F.M.

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners.

He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:



**Alvie Hartsog, P.M.
Junior Warden**

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?" "No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before." "But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?" "Well," said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty." "I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself." (1)

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What is it about the Freemasons that even as “enemies” after a battle we respect and help each other?

Many people have great and warm feelings for the Fraternity while others have misgivings. People have asked what is Masonry and one way of explaining this is by reviewing some of the objections voiced against us.

Many of the formal Roman Catholic objections are presented in the papal encyclical *Humanum Genus* which is presented in English in *Born in Blood* by John Robinson (2).

Remember that individual Freemasons enjoy a variety of beliefs and the following objections are projected onto the Fraternity and considered objectionable by those outside the Craft.

Some members of the Craft may agree with the objections and not necessarily identify them with Freemasonry. Others may believe that the objections are inappropriate. What do you think?

Objections:

(1) Anti-Christian

- (2) Secret Society
- (3) Teaches Separation of Church and State
- (4) Belief in Democracy
- (5) Belief in the Public School System
- (6) Belief that marriage is a civil contract

Masonic Response

(1) *Freemasonry is a religion, opposes the institutional churches and is anti-Christian*

Freemasonry is not a religion. There are no prescribed sectarian views. The only religious requirement is the belief in a Supreme Being. People of all faiths are welcome in the Craft.

In recent history two Archbishops of Canterbury were Freemasons. I assure you that the Archbishop of Canterbury would not join a fraternity that opposes his faith. By the way, as we know, not only is the Craft not anti-Christian it is not anti any other religion. Masons do pray, and we do not apologize for it, perhaps, if more groups prayed it might help our society.

(2) *Secret Society*

The Craft has secrets but is not a secret society. Let's face

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it; if we are a secret society we are not doing a good job. We put our name and symbols on buildings. We state the date, time and place of our meetings. Anyone can look up our address and phone in the telephone book.

(3) *Teaches the Separation of Church and State*

To Americans this may seem a strange criticism but in many countries there are requirements that political officers belong only to a certain religion. In some countries a bishop needs confirmation not only from his church but also from the parliament.

Some religions have in the past forced states into submission to the church. Freemasons believe in God but respect the laws of the nation. Freemasonry is the only institution that I know of that celebrates the Constitution.

(4) *Believes in Democracy*

A belief in democracy, means that a nation is not submissive to any church. This greatly bothers some religions. The United States is actually a republic in that we elect repre-

sentatives to act as our leaders. In a true democracy everyone votes on all issues.

(4) *Believes that marriage is a civil contract*

This flows from the previous criticism of the separation of church and state. The recognition that a state may legitimize a marriage without a particular religion's blessing is quite difficult for some religions. Freemasonry's respect for our country's laws includes non-religious marriage.

My uncle who was a minister would say at weddings, “By the power invested by me in this holy church and by the State of California, I now pronounce you husband and wife...”

By the way he stopped saying, “If anyone objects to this union let him now speak or forever hold his peace.” He stopped saying that after the first time someone objected. Being a young minister he wondered what to do. Take a vote? Have a discussion?

(1) *Believes in the Public School System*

The basis of this criticism

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is the opinion that the public school system should be controlled and taught by religions. The purpose of schooling therefore should be the teaching of religious dogma. Freemasonry however, favors and supports a citizen's right of a non-denominational or secular education.

Freemasonry is an institution "having for its foundation the practice of the social and moral virtues." It is a fraternity where the brothers act with each other upon the square and differences from the outside world seem to fade away. The Roman Catholic Church spreads the love of God. It is time for our organizations to review the problems of the past and move forward in positive fashions.

In his book *Brother Truman*, Allen E. Roberts writes of the young mason Bernard Topper who in 1954 worked at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. The hotel manager received a request from the former president's room for a Bible. Bernard was sent with the Bible. Bernard asked Harry Truman to sign his dues card but asked him not to turn the card over. "Why can't I

look on the other side of the card?" Asked Harry. "You may not like what is written there, Sir." Bernard sheepishly replied. Harry Truman turned the card over and found the signature of his long time adversary and fellow Brother Mason, Douglas MacArthur. Harry laughed and said, "Young man, we are all brothers after all. I'll sign right under his name."

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Fraternally,

Alvie Hartsoeg, P.M.

Junior Warden

**Turn your
attention to our
Masonic Youth,
Their attention is
already on you!**

Masons In The American Auto Industry

by Brother Maury Dunbar, F.M.

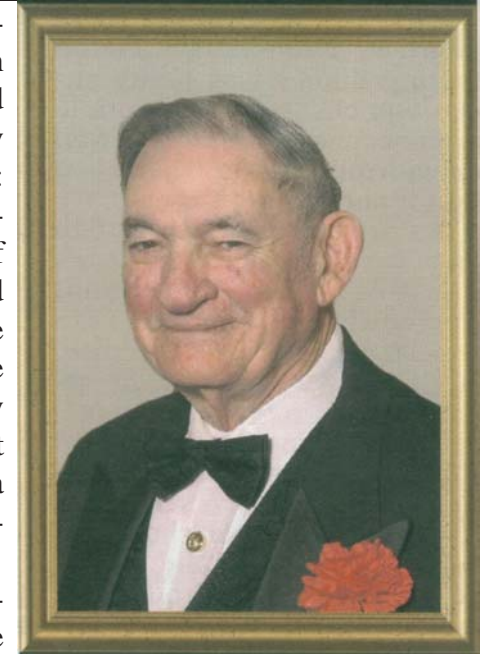
I can't think of a better introduction to this topic than that found on page 205 of Floyd Clymer's "Treasury of Early American Automobiles" (NY: Bonanza 1950). To wit: "Approximately 2200 makes of cars were once manufactured in the USA. Most of these makes were born early in the history of the auto industry before mass production had set in and before it took such a large amount of capital to compete in the field."

Such numbers are incredible. However, it gets more awesome. Consider that there have been 124 makes of steam cars and not one of them has survived the carnivorous competition. The men and the machines must have been superlative merely to have survived.



1912 Oldsmobile

Ransom E. Olds was one of the very first of American automotive pioneers. Born June 3,



**Maury Dunbar, F. M.
Senior Deacon**

1864, he successfully marketed a 4-wheel powered vehicle in 1893 and his cars were the most popular in the first decade of the 20th century. You may remember a song of that era: "Won't you come with me Lucille, in my merry Oldsmobile..."

He later founded a company called REO which competed with cars and trucks for many years. Brother Olds was raised in Lansing Lodge, No. 9 in 1908. He was R.A.M. in

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1909 and Scottish Rite at Grand Rapids in 1913. Crowned 33rd Degree in 1925, and was also a Shriner. He was 86 when he demitted from earthly lodges in 1950.



1957 Nash Metropolitan

Charles W. Nash lived from 1864 to 1948 and was very influential in automobile history. It seems sad that his name does not appear on any living car. He was president and general manager of Buick from 1910 to 1916, and was president of General Motors from 1912 to 1916. He founded Nash Motors in 1916, and was president of that corporation until 1937, when it became Nash Kelvinator. When he died in 1948, he had been a member of Flint Lodge, No. 23 for 49 years.

Henry Ford was born on a rural route out of Dearborn on July 30, 1863. He was chief engineer at the Edison Com-

pany in Detroit at the time he was raised in Palestine Lodge, No. 357 in 1894. For that occasion, the degree team all wore engineer's cover-alls. I wonder if the master wore a shop cap that evening.



1910 Model "T" Ford

Brother Henry's achievements are so well known that I will spare you further details for now. Suffice it to say that he was later coroneted 33rd Degree. His only son, Edsel, was not a Mason, but two of his grandsons, Benson and William are members of the Craft.

Walter P. Chrysler was born April 2, 1875 in Wamego, Kansas. He had been manager at Buick and VP of GM. He founded his own Chrysler Corp. in 1922. One of the masterpieces of American architecture is the Chrysler Building in New York City. Brother Walter introduced 4-wheel hydraulic

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brakes in 1924, pioneered high compression in engines, and rubber engine mounts.



1931 Chrysler Roadster

Brother Chrysler was raised September 7, 1900 in Apollo Lodge No. 297 at Ellis, Kansas. On December 6, 1918 he demitted from Apollo Lodge and affiliated as a Charter Member with the newly organized Fellowship Lodge No. 490 in Flint, Michigan; it was given dispensation to operate on January 27, 1919. He also received the 32nd Degree, and was a Shriner.



1941-5 Willys Jeep

John N. Willys (1873-1935) was a member of Burton Lodge in Toledo and the Scottish Rite in New Jersey. He had been involved in the auto industry since 1907, but his greatest claim to fame was his production of the General Purpose military vehicle known as the "Jeep" of WW II fame. Ford built Jeeps during WW II also — on license from Willys.

So Masons are like oxygen; they can combine with nearly anything, usually making it better, but at least making it different.

**THE
HEATHEN**
*Yes,
you'd know him
for a heathen,
If you judged
him by his hide,
But, bless you
he's my brother,
For he's just like
me inside.*
Robert Freeman

The George Washington Club

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The George Washington Club meets for lunch at the Palo Alto Country Club on the fourth Monday of each month and sponsors a speakers program which often draws from the El Camino Research Lodge Speakers Burero. Topics covered often include the result of Masonic research by many of our local Masonic scholars. Everyone is welcome. No host lunch begins at 11:30 A.M. This month Former Master Ollie Guinn, F.M. will honor us with an in-detail presentation on our National Sojourners. The following article covers the history thereof.

National Sojourners

A brief history

By Ollie Guinn, F.M.

The history of National Sojourners is traced back to the arrival of the North Dakota Regiment of Volunteer Infantry about August 1, 1898 in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. A dispensation was given for a "Field Lodge" by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of



Ollie Guinn, F.M.
Former Master

the State of North Dakota, M.W. Brother M. Carothers. Members of the Volunteer Infantry Regiment were named as Officers of this "Field Lodge".

At the first meeting called by W.M. LTC W.D. Truemann on August 21, 1898, committees were appointed to secure a suitable Lodge Room and to secure necessary Lodge furniture. These committees performed their duties assigned to them, the Lodge room being Old No. 69 Calle Nueva, Malate.

The Worshipful Master called for meetings on

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Wednesday and Sunday that were largely attended by most organizations of 8th Army Corps and that brothers from the Navy were in frequent attendance also. The Lodge received 100 applicants for the degrees, but because the stay of the Regiment in the Philippine Islands was so indefinite, the Lodge refused to receive more. Of these petitions, 96 were elected, one rejected, one returned because of physical disability of the applicant and two were not voted on.

The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on 91 candidates and the Fellowcraft Degree on 62 brothers. The Master Mason's Degree was not conferred, because the Regiment was ordered away from Manila for field service. A total of 23 brothers joined by affiliation and four requests were received to confer the degrees for other Lodges.

One meeting was held while the Regiment was in the field, that being in the Culi Culi Church on February 22, 1899. The W.M. reported that rumors of an attack were rife at this time and that orders had been received from the Brigade Commander to take extra precau-

tions. The officers attended the meeting wearing their side arms and as the W.M. was in the midst of the obligation, a crashing volley of bullets went thru the roof of the Church and the firing was brisk for a few moments, the whistle of bullets being plainly audible in the Lodge Room (Church). The firing soon subsided and the degree finished as quickly as possible. The candidate initiated under fire was Brother W.A. Mickle, QM Sergeant of the Regiment, the degree being conferred for Crescent Lodge No. 11, Grafton, North Dakota.

The North Dakota Regiment of volunteer Infantry left the Philippines on July 31, 1899, taking the dispensation for their Lodge with them.

Early in 1900 a notice published in a Manila paper, a meeting was held which resulted in the organization of the society known as the "Sojourners Club". This club was composed of men who were believed to be Masons in good standing. Its object was to promote good fellowship among the brethren and to assist such brothers as might be overtaken by adversity or affliction. Aid was rendered to

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a number of distressed brethren and at least one funeral attended at which such of the ceremonies as could be used, were used.

The active membership of the club was at one time quite large, but grew less and less... because for a time it seemed impossible to secure dispensation for a Lodge... One great difficulty was securing the necessary twelve brothers who would demit from their Lodges to assist in forming a Lodge in Manila...

A petition was signed by the necessary number of brothers on May 27, 1901 and on July 1, 1901 M.W. Grand Master, James A. Foshay, of California signed a dispensation authorizing the Lodge to meet, initiate, pass and raise all good men and true, who might apply and who were found worthy.

The dispensation arrived in Manila in late August 1901. Necessary papers were processed and submitted and, on October 10, 1901, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California granted the charter. The first meeting under the charter was held November 14, 1901 and the first

stated meeting was held December 2, 1901. At this meeting the Sojourners Club presented the Lodge with furniture and jewels.

“Sojourners Club” now became temporarily disbanded. One of the original members of the informal “Sojourners Club”, Surgeon Captain Harry Eugene Stafford, was Charter Master of the new Manila Lodge No. 342, Grand Lodge of California (later Manila Lodge No 1) and in 1913, became the first Grand Master of the newly-created Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

In 1907 the “Sojourners Club” was revised for the same reasons much like before. It was estimated that more than 500 Masons were in the Islands of the Philippines. There were Masons from every state and Territory of the United States and eight foreign countries. As time passed many of these same Philippine Sojourners scattered throughout the United States. A group of these Masonic military officers met in Chicago for dinner at the Hamilton Club in 1917. From this meeting the forerunner of many subsequent informal dinners and meetings a more formal meeting took place February 28, 1918. A

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“Sojourners Club” was formed.

In the beginning membership was open to all commissioned officers of the military and naval forces of the United States and all allied countries in the World War who were Masons. On August 14, 1918 an election of officers was held with the following results: President, Col Carl Reichmann, INF; Vice-President, Gen Wm. Nathan MacCheseny; Secretary, and Treasurer, Lt Winfield E. Henshaw, Dental Corps.

From this “Chicago Sojourners Club” other “Sojourners Club” were formed in Detroit and on many Army Posts and Naval Bases. On August 1, 1919 the Charter was granted the Sojourners Club by the Secretary of State of Illinois. In 1927, the word “Club” was dropped and the National Sojourners were incorporated and in 1931 as a formal part of the Masonic Fraternity.

Beside Chicago Chapter and Detroit #1, the total numbered Chapters is #545 with two Clubs Grand Masters Club and Past Masters club awaiting formal Charters. Many chapters existed where neither military base nor unit remains today. As Posts, Bases and Camp closed,

so did many Chapters drop from the roles. At one time there were forty Chapters in California, where as today there remains but only nineteen. Many Chapters were overseas in 30 foreign countries such as Germany, Japan, France, Libya, Korea, Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam.

The Purposes of National sojourners shall be to organize Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the uniformed services (past and present) of the United States, and Honorary Members who are Master Masons, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of national defense and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security. - END

On The Secretary's Table

Well here we are once again getting ready for another election of officers night.

As many of you already know El Camino Research Lodge holds its stated meetings every other month on the even months. This means we do not have a stated meeting in November and California Blue Lodges who do have a meeting in November also hold their elections on that night. In our case our elections are held during our October Stated Meeting and this month it will fall on Thursday October 26th.

This meeting should be a very interesting one since our Master will be out of town on business and this will give Brother Nick Muhlhauser, our Senior Warden an opportunity to not only run a stated meeting but also the officers elections.

At the last stated meeting Worshipful Alvie Hartsog, P.M. suggested we begin interviewing our members in the form of a "Brother To Brother" column in the Trestleboard. Many of you will recall I had done that very thing when I was publishing the Los Altos Lodge Trestle-



Luis J. Orozco, II, P.M., F.M.
Secretary

board several years ago and it was truly a great success. I will begin to publish such a column in the ECRL Trestleboard around the 1st of the New Year. I hope you will enjoy the new idea. Each issue I will interview a member of our research lodge and feature his story in the Brother To Brother column so we can all get to know each other better. Let me know if you have any other ideas.

Another piece of good news is the fact that El Camino Research Lodge membership records are no longer kept by

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handwritten entries but are instead now completely computerized. Grand Lodge provides all lodge secretaries with the opportunity of an I-Member database membership and I have now completed the entry of all membership records therein. This should cut the secretaries work load in half.

I am now looking for a replacement. If any of you are interested I would be happy to train you and then step down as secretary. Just send an email to me at oldsalvus@comcast.net and let me know.

I was raised in the old Great Lights Lodge, No. 818 and today I am going to share an interesting story about those good old days at 818. In fact many of the old-timers in the Masonic lodges here in the Silicon Valley, will remember Worshipful Brother Jack Stewart, P.M. of Great Lights Lodge No. 818.

Jack was master of 818 in 1970, and in 1993 I interviewed him for an article in the Great Lights Trestleboard. At that time he related a very interesting Masonic story to me which I will now share with you.

It seems that in his year as Worshipful Master of Great

Lights Lodge, he raised a young man to the sublime degree of Master Mason, whose last name was Gene Arnold. As in many lodges, tradition has it that cake and coffee is served after the degree.

In those days Great Lights Lodge, No. 818, met in the Sunnyvale Masonic Temple located at that time on Azure Ave., and which had a large parking lot directly in front of the Temple.

After having cake and coffee the brethren began to disperse toward their individual homes, and doing so they would often pause in the parking lot to bid each other a final goodnight.

On this particular evening The Worshipful Master walked to the parking lot with the newly raised Brother Gene Arnold.

During their farewell conversations in the parking lot, Worshipful Jack Stewart mentioned that he was acquainted with another local man who was also a member of an Arnold family, and he asked if Brother Gene Arnold was related to him. Brother Arnold then became very interested in the conversation, and answered that indeed the man

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was his grandfather.

Becoming very excited, Worshipful Jack exclaimed "Oh my God! If this is so, do you know what we have just done? If you two are related, we have just made Masonic History." "How so?" Inquired Brother Arnold.

At that point Worshipful Stewart proceeded to explain one of the strangest Masonic stories in the history of American Masonic lodges.

It seems, that the man Brother Gene Arnold had identified as his grandfather was known to be a direct descendant of General Benedict Arnold.

Next, Worshipful Jack proceeded to explained that his great-grandfather several times removed was the sitting lodge Secretary who was directed by General George Washington to draft the papers expelling General Benedict Arnold from membership in the Masonic fraternity.

"This means, that we have tonight reunited the Arnold family with the Masonic fraternity after a period of estrangement of almost 200 years, and at a distance from the original event of about

3,000 miles."

Then extending his hand, he greeted the new Master Mason as a brother, and welcomed both him and his family once again into the Masonic fraternity.

At the time, I like most others had only read about General Arnold in a more or less academic manner, and had no thought or idea as to what happened to his decendants.

However, upon learning of this from Worshipful Jack, I became interested in what happened to the General and his family after his Traitorous actions and his Masonic Expulsion and I began a study and research on the family and his decendants in England.

Indeed in England the Arnold family in later years became quite well known and many of his decendants served the British Crown in military actions throughout history and indeed even down to the Korean War.

An interesting subject for Masonic research might be to find out if he indeed was expelled from Masonry in England as he was in the United States.

Considering that England gave him the rank of General and paid him a pension for the

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rest of his life it, seems logical that he was not looked down upon in that country.

Is it possible he might have retained his Masonic membership in England after all? This, considering he would not have been considered a traitor in that country.

According to some sources his decendants in subsquent generations included many honored British Naval Officers, and at least one British Army General.

Many seem to have served during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

I would be very interested to know if anyone knows for sure if he remained a member of a British Masonic Lodge or not? Let me know if you have further information on the subject.

Fraternally,



Brother Lou Orozco
Secretary

THE WALL

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man & his god, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between church and state.

Thomas Jefferson

Remaining Officer's Association Meeting Schedule For 2006

Dinner for all events begins at 6:30 PM

Date	Host	Program
Mon. Oct. 23	Los Altos	Gr. Lodge Results
Tues. Nov. 21	Mtn. View DeAnza	Swansong
Dec. is Dark	-----	-----

Current elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers For the Capitular Year 2007

Stein, Melvyn Bernard	Grand Master
Hopper, Richard Wakefield	Deputy Grand Master
Adamson, Larry Lamar	Senior Grand Warden
Nagel, Kenneth George	Junior Grand Warden
Woody, Glenn Dwight	Grand Treasurer
Cooper, John Lilburn III	Grand Secretary
Casalou, Allan Lesley	Grand Secretary
Hennig, Paul DeWitt	Grand Lecturer
Roth, Maxwell Seymour	Grand Chaplain
Dash, Ralph Brown	Grand Orator
Geanoulis, George Louis	Grand Marshal
Mac Bride, Albert Glenn	Asst Grand Lecturer Div II
Dandridge, Vernon Maurice	Asst Grand Lecturer Div III
Rose, Jack Mc Crea	Asst Grand Lecturer Div IV
Armstrong, E. Dale	Asst Grand Lecturer Div V
Sills, Robert Leland	Senior Grand Deacon
Banta, James Earl	Senior Grand Steward
Wood, Timothy Allen	Junior Grand Deacon
Freeman, Randall Thomas	Junior Grand Steward
Dyer, Dennis Thomas	Grand Standard Bearer
Reynolds, Robert Allen	Grand Sword Bearer
Manuto, Redentor Malonzo	Grand Bible Bearer
Mereness, Fenton R.	Grand Pursuivant
Timmins, Richard Marshall	Grand Organist
Taylor, Donald Ray Sr.	Grand Tiler
Miller, Stephen Richard	Assistant Grand Organist

**October Stated Meeting Night
Annual Election of Officers
Thursday October 26, 2006
Dinner at
The Sherwood Inn 6:00 PM
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM**

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**November (Stag) Prime Time  
Thursday November 16, 2006  
Brunch at  
The Sherwood Inn 10:30 AM  
Prime Time in Library 12:00 Noon**

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Pictured at the left during the Grand Masters Reception the event sponsors, and the Grand Master are from left to right, Mrs. Ralph Nikolaus, Worshipful Ralph Nikolaus, P.M., 2006 Worshipful Master of Palo Alto Roller Lodge, No. 346, (Sponsoring Lodge), Most Worshipful Melvin B. Stein, Grand Master of Masons in California, and Brother Robert Sohigian, Junior Warden at Los Altos Lodge, No. 712, and President of the Santa Clara County Masonic Officers Association.