

THE SACRED ROLL

We have been notified of the following deaths:

Brother : Thomas Burgess Laird III
 Born : September 12, 1940
 Initiated : January 16, 1964
 Passed : April 9, 1964
 Raised : May 21, 1964
 Entered into Rest : December 15, 2007

Brother : George Edward Frank
 Born : March 25, 1924
 Initiated : December 9, 1947
 Passed : March 16, 1948
 Raised : June 29, 1948
 Entered into Rest : December 25, 2008

*Almighty Father, Unto Thy Hands
 We commend The Soul of Our Departed Brothers.
 Amen*

FROM THE SECRETARY

Congratulations to all the newly installed officers of California Lodge No. 1. The officers look forward in serving the Lodge in 2008.

The 157th Annual Convocation and Dinner of the Golden Gate Masters' and Past Masters' Association will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at the Brotherhood Masonic Center. The price of the dinner is \$25.00, which includes your \$5.00 dues for 2008.

Please make check payable to: Golden Gate Masters' and Past Masters' Association. Mail to: Richard J. Modolo, 501 Cortland Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110-5611.

SUNSHINE

"Our ailing Brothers would very much appreciate calls and visits...let them know you care! Do you know of a brother who is ill, in the hospital or would like a visit from his fellow brothers? Let us know. Please contact either:

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To:

<u>Members & Candidates</u>	<u>Sweethearts</u>		
Isam W. Dughman	01 Ruth Summers	08	
A. Jacques Audiffred	01 Roberta B. Williams	23	
Carl E. Holm	03		
Carl M. Jensen, P.M.	03 <u>Wives</u>		
Melchor T. Malang, P.M.	06		
Roger L. Baran	07 Barbara M. Hegedus	04	
Ward E. Potthoff	10 Terry Nikas	05	
Dawoud Y. Khoury	10 Nuha Salamy	05	
William P. Arney, P.M.	14 Barbara Ethel Nichols	05	
Eugene F. Young	14 Nellie Blanchard	08	
Carl L. Christenson	16 Marciana Moy	10	
William E. Price, Jr.	16 Alicia Young	17	
John C. Simpson, Jr.	17 Linda Hanania	18	
Frank L. Kastl	17 Marilyn E. Thomson	19	
Dale Freeman, P.M.	18 JoMay Chan	21	
Robert B. Cameron	18 Marjorie A. Moss	22	
Gevorg S. Sarkisov, P.M.	19 Kathlyn M. Masneri	23	
Mark C. Marquez	19 Dorothy W. Thompson	25	
Shaul V. Kabakchi	19 Amelia Frank	26	
John H. Miller III	20 Arcelia Ellis	26	
Donald R. Price	21 Martha Sue Owyang	29	
Arn McKenna	21 Martha Peterson	29	
Robert S. Manion	22 Patricia Dolan	30	
William Owyang	23		
Jack R. Stark	23		
German A. Lopez, P.M.	24		
Bernard R. Shepard, P.M.	24		
Christopher P. Lobry- Boulanger	27		
Tom H. Takahashi	29		
Evan Alexander			
Davidson-Rollin	30		
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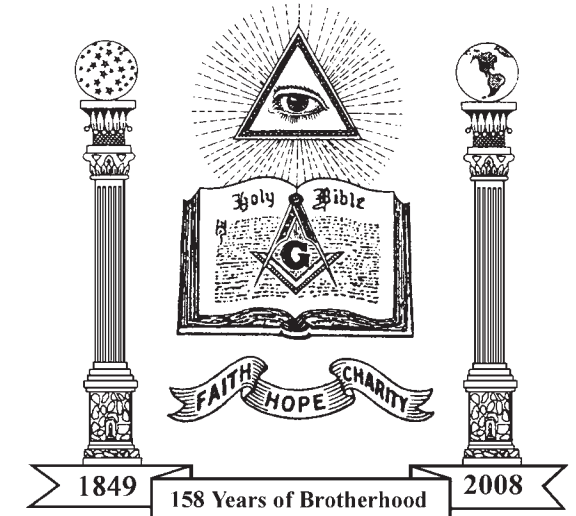
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January 2008 Trestle Board

Stated Meeting
 First Tuesday of Each Month



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**TRESTLE BOARD
January 2008 Schedule**



January 8th (Tuesday)
Fellowship in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
Pre-Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM
Entrée: New Year's Special
Cost: \$5.00/person
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
50-Year Presentation - Brother Paul H. Kolezas

Dinner Reservations Are A Must...
Call Lodge Office With Your Reservations
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January 15th (Tuesday)
Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
& First degree practice

January 22nd (Tuesday)
Officers Practice – First degree 6:30 PM

January 29th (Tuesday)
Light Dinner 6:30 PM
First Degree Conferral 7:30 PM

February 5th (Tuesday)
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

February 12th (Tuesday)
Valentine Whist/Officers Meeting 6:30 PM

February 19th (Tuesday)
Officers Practice – Second degree 6:30 PM

February 26th (Tuesday)
Officers Practice – Second Degree 6:30 PM

California Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M. consists of the following lodges: California Lodge No. 1, Occidental Lodge No. 22, Mount Davidson Lodge No. 481, Pyramid Lodge No. 562 and Ingleside Lodge No. 630.

Master's Message

Greetings Brethren:

Well here I am once again writing my monthly article as Master of California Lodge #1. A few years older and a few years wiser...at least I think so. Our installation was very nice; I had a lot of compliments on the food as well as the music for the evening. As I ad mentioned that night your officers have a lot of great events planned for the coming year. The first item on our list of this to do will be the conferring of a first degree. The degree is scheduled for the 29th of January. I ask that you attend the degree and show our newly obligated brother that we support his decision to join the world's greatest fraternity. As always we will have a light dinner before-hand with refreshments after the degree. One of the first events coming up will be our annual kickoff brunch, please check your flyer for details. The purpose of the kickoff brunch is to speak in greater detail of the events your officer's have planned for you as well as offing a tentative calendar for you to schedule by. It is also a time to relax and meet some of our new members and their families.

In years past I always contributed a joke of the month as well as a quote of the month to our Trestleboard. I plan to continue with this practice for a few reasons, one being that a little humor is good for the soul and the other is that it makes great filler when you are running out of this to say, so without much a due.

“JOKE OF THE MONTH”

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely DIE!!!"

"Each morning fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant and make sure he's in a good mood.

For lunch make him a nutritious meal he can take to work. And for dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him.

Don't burden him with chores, as this could further his stress. Don't discuss your problems with him it will only make his stress worse.

Try to relax your husband in the evening by giving him plenty of back rubs.

Encourage him to watch some type of sporting event on T.V. And most importantly make love with your husband several times a week, and satisfy his every whim."

"If you can do this for 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home the husband asked his wife, "What did the doctor say?"

She replied, "He said you're goanna die."

In closing I would like to welcome the newest member to the rank of Past Master, and that of course is WB George

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Sarkisov. WB George was very busy last year, as he attended school to complete his masters in astro-physics, purchased his first home, proposed to his girlfriend Natasha, started a new career in the granite monument business, and still managed to lead our Lodge. WOW, another day in the life of a Mason! We do however look forward to having WB George staying active in the Lodge and enjoying the benefits and privileges of the Lodge. Until next month, I leave you with the: "QUOTE OF THE MONTH" The trouble with being punctual is *that nobody's there to appreciate it.* ~Franklin P. Jones

John A. Bermudez, P.M.

Worshipful Master

FROM THE SOUTH

Happy New Year!

I'm really not sure where to start. Writing has never been something I'm good at and I've been told I'll have to do this every month for the next three years. So here it is.

It seemed like just yesterday, I was first installed as Senior Deacon a year ago. The year seemed to go by so quickly and the next thing I knew, it was time for another installation. Except this time, I was not as prepared. Work and various events afterwards didn't leave much time for anything else but if all goes well, I'll be installed in January. And when I DO pass the Junior Warden proficiency, I promise to always be prepared and proficient in my future works as I assent to the oriental chair of Worshipful Master of California Lodge No. 1.

I was born and raised in San Francisco and spent most of my time in Chinatown. I am a product of private schooling in San Francisco. I have attended the Norte Dame des Victoires Grammar School and Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School and received my college degree from San Jose State. My family was introduced to Masonry by the late Wor. Franklin Sing whom I hope to emulate someday, and was raised shortly after my father was raised in 2002.

I would hope to meet every one of you this year either at the stated meetings, degrees and/or the many social events that our Worshipful Master John Bermudez has planned.

Fraternally

Lawrence Leon

Junior Warden

FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies,

Once again I find myself in the officers' line of California's Premier Masonic Lodge. When I found out that John Bermudez was going to return to the East, I could not resist the call to serve one chair behind him, as I did in 2001. I look forward to another banner year.

As Senior Warden, I am responsible for, among other things, the Work of the Second Degree. It may interest you to know that, for much of Masonry's history, the Second Degree was the highest degree in the Craft. That's right. Originally there was no Third Degree.

Masonry was already around in its speculative form for many years before four lodges in London joined together in 1717 and formed the first Grand Lodge. Known records go back to 1580 or so, and we know that speculative lodges were increasingly common in the later 17th century. But that 1717 date is key. For it was that first formation of a Grand Lodge that made Masonry public for the first time. Before that, we truly were a "secret society." Today we often hear the expression, regarding joining the Craft, "To become one, ask one." This expression is meant to illustrate that we do not solicit the public for membership. But before 1717, and probably for long afterward, it was not very possible to "ask one," because Masons did not make themselves publicly known.

In 1717, there were only two degrees of Masonry, the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow of the Craft. The Third Degree was never heard of before around 1735. Interestingly, a flood of new degrees were created after that date. Apparently, once the Craft became public, there was no end of Masons, enamored with ritual degree work, creating new and ever more diverse forms of ritual in the character of this new degree or that. In the history of the late 1700s, we first encounter, for example, the Knight Templar Degree. This degree was originally conferred in Blue lodges, and the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland tried to put a stop to performing any degrees beyond the Third in their regular lodges. The one exception was the Royal Arch, but that is another long and complicated story.

The man most responsible for the rise of Masonic Templarism was Alexander Duchar. In response to the ban on Templar degrees being conferred in Craft Lodges, Duchar formed the first Templar encampment, where the degrees could be performed outside the purview of the Grand Lodge. Duchar went on to form another neo-Templar organization, HSMTH, a non-masonic order of Templars in Scotland which admitted women as well as men. This organization is still around today, along with its competing French version, the SMOTJ. The French SMOTJ, originally formed by a counterfeiter, Palapras, was the one that fabricated the "Larmenius Charter," which was propounded to link the French Templars to the original Knights of the Temple from the crusading era.

But I digress. Let me return to the work of the Second Degree, and leave you in peace until next month, when Secretary Ted Lyau will once again inform me that my article is due.

Best to all,

William P. Arney, P.M.

Senior Warden