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From the East...

My Brothers:

What is Freemasonry?

The Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is the oldest, largest, and most widely known fraternal organization in the world.

Freemasonry - A way of life?

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all:

Freemasonry is a way of life

What types of men become Masons?

Members of the Masonic Fraternity come from virtually every occupation and profession-from all stations in life. Fourteen U.S. Presidents have been proud to be counted as Brothers, as have five Chief Justices and scores of Governors, Senators, and Congressmen. Leaders from all walks of life and all corners of the globe have sought Masonic membership. All Masons meet on an equal basis as friends, regardless of income, political ideology, or religious belief. All believe in a Supreme Being and all are patriotic citizens who obey the governments under which they live.

Over the years, many persons have been fascinated by the fact that many men, from so many different walks of life, can meet together, begin and end their meetings with prayer, conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother."

How does one become a mason?

One of the customs of Freemasonry is not to solicit members. When someone petitions membership, it is of his own free will and accord. Many men live a lifetime and never know that they, themselves, must seek admission to this Fraternity. They must ask a Mason for a petition. Masons are most willing to answer questions and share information with those who are not members, and will enthusiastically assist anyone indicating a willingness to petition for membership. Each petitioner must be recommended by two members of a Masonic Lodge and pass a unanimous ballot. He must be 18 years old, of good moral character, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.

(Compiled from an article of Alpha Lodge 212; MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER)

We are almost halfway through this Masonic year and Southwest Lodge is not showing any signs of slowing down. The influx of applications this year is a tremendous boost to our membership. We have done degree conferrals on Wednesdays, Thursdays and even on a Saturday just to keep up with our prospective candidates. As long as these aspiring candidates keep coming to us we will be busy throughout the year. I would like to congratulate all candidates who were initiated, passed and raised for the year 2008.

Please mark your calendar; June 19, 2008 will be our Past Masters' Night. Come to the Lodge and watch how they execute the role they play and witness their admirable performance.



Fraternally.....Rudy Duero, Master



From the West...

June is the beginning of Summer Season. With longer daytime hours, it entails plenty of outdoor activities to keep us occupied. At the Lodge, we had been very busy accepting applications, accommodating candidates, and conferring degrees. We have an array of candidates whose anxiety and enthusiasm to get initiated, passed, or raised has been very inspirational to those who seek to join the Fraternity and enjoy the warmth of Brotherly Love from within.

June is a marker indicating that we are halfway of a Masonic year. There are yet many other events waiting for us in the months to come. One that needs a bit of attention is June 15- on this day we celebrate Fathers' Day. Father or Brother, we express our love and appreciation for their devotion in bringing their children to mirror their success and achievements in life. Fathers always want the best for their children's future.

In token of gratitude, allow me to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all the brethren who willingly gave their approval and allowed my wife Connie and me to attend the Senior Warden's Retreat. In my opinion, it is one of most rewarding and inspiring retreat I have been privileged to witness. The Grand Lodge Staff and the incoming Grand Master for 2009, Larry Adamson, are such outgoing, most friendly, and highly knowledgeable of their craft and about Masonry in particular.

Let me also express another word of appreciation to all the Brethren who supported and participated in the National City Public School Night. For those who are not aware of what this event is about should come and witness with us next year. It is a moment when we, as Masons, give recognition by presenting Certificates of Achievement to students from various elementary schools in National City as outstanding young citizens of their respective school.

Fraternally.....Larry A. Devera, Junior Warden

Sunshine Corner...

For any brother who in one way or the other receive news about any brother who are in need, sick/ill, or in distress, please inform the Lodge and bring ourselves together to help those brothers who in some reasons needed guidance; those in need and those who needed care and visitation... not in the name of edict, but by kindness in the name of charity.

We do not know if a brother is sick or maybe in the hospital with major health problem.... I am requesting the wife, a family member, friends or caregiver to let us know of our brother's health and welfare. We would like to include them in our prayers and wish them speedy recovery through visitation and get-well card. Thank you!

Bro. Andrew A. Apostol
Sunshine Committee Chairman



From the South...

Just to recap the past two months of activities at the lodge makes one wonder on how we had managed our accomplishments. For the month of April alone we had eight First Degree conferrals. This could be a record of most conferrals in a month. Our success would not have been fruitful if not for the exemplary leadership of our Worshipful Master and the valuable assistance extended by our brethren from Coronado Lodge and Silver Gate-Three Stars Lodge. Through all these we have successfully introduced masonry to the lives of these young men.

We have delivered quite well on our involvement in the Community Service to the Public Schools of National City. We hosted a dinner for over 250 people in which we gave honors and awards to 40 outstanding students from 10 different schools. Again, this was accomplished through the leadership of the WM Rudy Duero and SW Larry de Vera-who had organized the program and procurement of the Certificates. With the collaboration of culinary talents lead by Brothers Ed Yaptangco, Jerry Navarro, Pat Flores, Carlos De la Cruz, and a multitude of others the kitchen duties were easily handled. As the Junior Warden it was my obligatory duty to see that all necessary kitchen supplies were available. The event was a great success in the fulfillment of our mission and an elaborate display of who we are to the community. In return, we received kind words and praises and at the same token entertained multiple inquiries regarding our organization.

The month of May was no less active than the prior. The progress of the new Entered Apprentices was awe inspiring. They continually commit themselves in long form proficiencies; these young masons are truly remarkable. This is an example of good coaching. Brother Chester Valdez is the instrument behind the success of many of these young masons. A job well done, my Brother! Brother Killion, who was coached by Brother Johnny Collins, rendered another long form proficiency in the lecture 2nd degree-another display of fine coaching.

Our Mother's Day Celebration was a success worth its own mention. This was accomplished through the participation of many South West Lodge members and the tremendous support of brethren and their families from other lodges. Thank you to everyone for making our "Mother's Day Celebration" a great success.

The donations collected from the brunch were greatly appreciated and will be allocated to the Job's Daughters and to the Demolays, who are in need of financial assistance. And lastly, to our courageous members who are always present and the group of "Young Blood Entered Apprentices," Thank you for all your help and great work!

Fraternally...Oscar R. Cordero, Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk ...

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! Brethren, the Lodge motion or resolution on increasing the membership DUES by adopting the Alternative Dues Structure per California Masonic Code Section 802.020 has been voted upon and passed in March 2008 Stated Meeting. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$30.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita (\$31) sum upon approval by the Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication (Sept 2008), payable in advance on the first day of January 2009.

Reminder again.... please pay your DUES. So, if you have not paid yet, please pay now. Notice for non-payment of dues will soon to follow...

Fraternally...Jake Borillo, PM, Secretary

A MASONIC THOUGHT...

- From A Masonic Thought for Each Day of the Year - Compiled by Alphonse Cerza

The fraternity has certain customs and usages. Those who denounce it in public can do it no harm, but defense can harm it. If a man gets up in public and says he thinks the public school is useless, the church a bad influence, and the government a failure, banks a hindrance to business and the automobile a blot on civilization, do you defend the school, the church, the government, the bank, the automobile? Every thinking human being knows the public school has made this country what it is, that the church makes men and women better, that this is the best of all government, and that the automobile is the greatest time savers. These things are self-evident. The man who denies them makes himself, not the thing he criticizes, ridiculous. Criticism of Masonry hurts the man who utters it, not the Craft.

- Carl H. Maudy

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The only reward of virtue is virtue, the only way to have a friend is to be one."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"If you want to do everything until you're sure it's right, you'll probably never do much of anything."

- Will Borden

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'."

- Mary Anne Radmache

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Congratulations!

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON

- Mr. Brian Thompson.....May 22, 2008
- Mr. Louis J. Spikes.....May 22, 2008

FELLOWCRAFT MASON

- Bro. Ismael Yanez.....May 08, 2008
- Bro. Eymard Cruz.....May 14, 2008
- Bro. Elizer Castellones..May 14, 2008
- Bro. Robert Santos.....May 21, 2008

MASTER MASON

- Bro. Logan T. Killion...May 29, 2008