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## Hollywood Lodge Summer Picnic



**Saturday, August 9th**  
**10am to 2pm**  
**Rancho Simi Community Park**  
1765 Royal Ave,  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
(Exit 118 freeway at Erringer, head South,  
right on Royal, and right into park)

The picnic is free and open to everyone. Please bring your friends and family for a day of fun in the sun. The park is children-friendly.

**We will be enjoying a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish to share.**

(Sign-up sheets for dishes to bring will be at the July and August Stated Meeting Dinners)

### TRESTLE BOARD FOR JULY 2008

Wed. 6th	Masonic Formation Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs. 7th	Stated Meeting Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:30 pm
Sat. 9th	Annual Lodge Picnic (Simi Valley)	10a—2p
Sun. 10th	Service for Robert T. Gilmore (Van Nuys)	12p—5p
Tue. 12th	Building Assn.	7:30 pm
Wed. 13th	Symbolism class	7:30 pm
Thurs. 14th	1st. Degree	7:30 pm
Sat. 16th	2009 Planning Meeting (Ted's)	1:00 pm
Mon. 18th	Officer's School of Instruction	7:30 pm
Thurs. 21st	Masonic Information Night	7:30 pm
Thurs. 28th	2nd Degree	7:30 pm

**DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY**  
**Reservation deadline is noon Monday preceding the meeting**



Stated Meeting Dinners are **\$10.00** per person.  
 Free dinner for widows of Lodge #355, Lodge  
 guests, and  
 Brethren in your Birthday Month.



**DINNER RESERVATIONS: (818) 635-0808**

*Ladies Entertainment after the Dinner*

*TBD*

**August 7, 2008**

**Salad  
 Lasagna  
 Garlic Bread  
 Vegetables**

**Ice Cream**

**September 4, 2008**

**Salad  
 Chicken with Mushrooms  
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
 Vegetables**

**Cheesecake**



*From The East*

My curious little sister recently asked me to teach her the “secret” handshake of a Mason. It was cute and endearing, and after I told her no, I explained that it would do her no good anyway. Not only would she not be able to use it to enter a Lodge, but if she DID use it on a brother Mason, they would instantly become wary of her having knowledge she shouldn’t have. And, wouldn’t that defeat her original purpose?

I find it interesting that people are so attracted to secret information, and are so eager to be exclusive, be elite, and otherwise know things that other people don’t know. I am no exception. I’ve dreamed of working for the CIA, or being a computer hacker extraordinaire. Even my original pull toward Masonry was partially due to the lure of secret knowledge and information.

Yet, I am chastised by the explanation of the beehive in the third degree lecture. I am informed that I should be endeavouring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding. I realized that I can never be adding to society’s knowledge base if I am only seeking out existing knowledge. Instead, I should be endeavouring to create something. Exploring the world to make a new discovery, perhaps. Or, writing a dissertation which gives people new insights into the world around us. Or, studying science, nature, or history enough so that I can make a connection no one else has made before.

I suddenly feel a little guilty for wanting to get and have knowledge for my own personal gain. This is a selfish motive for a self-serving act, which does not benefit my fellow man, or the world at large. Whereas, creating something, discovering something, or otherwise giving something to society is a selfless act. It is an act that requires more work, certainly. But, if I cringe at that thought, then I am lazy AND selfish. The whole point of being a Master Mason is that we have achieved a level of proficiency in observing and learning from the world around us, and have achieved mastery in the use of the tools we have been given by the Supreme Grandmaaster, as well as Master Masons before us. Now, it is our turn to use these tools and expertise to give instruction to those around us. To give back to society, and to improve the base of knowledge from which mankind draws in order to advance itself.

And, in a twist of irony, I discover that fulfilling this act would make me far more exclusive and elite. So few are revered for their contributions to society and the world. Wouldn’t I much rather be known for my contribution to society than simply being full of myself for knowing a secret?

Fraternally,  
*David Sylvester*  
 Dave Sylvester, Master

**MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008**

**HOLLYWOOD LODGE #355**

**WILL BE HAVING AN OUTING AT THE  
NETHERCUTT MUSEUM IN SYLMAR**



**10:00 A.M.  
ADMISSION IS FREE**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A LATE LUNCH AT THE  
MANDARIN KING RESTAURANT**

**For information contact:  
Rivian or Will Fishkin, PM  
818 - 361 - 5849**



### *From the South*

Brethren,

As we enter August, the summer supposedly winds down into cooler and shorter days and longer nights. The last of the summer vacationers plan that last chance vacation. The children maniacally cram every second out of every hour of the last of their summer vacations and parents eagerly plan for the new school year to begin. The officers of your lodge are also cramming for the 'final exams' that will allow us to proceed to the next year in our next station in the line. New brothers are learning their proficiencies and new applicants are anxiously waiting to hear an answer to their request to join our fraternal group.

I wish to again thank the brothers who were able to step up to the plate last month at the stated dinner and assist with the serving of the meal. I regret my absence that day but family matters must come before all else.

Thank you again in advance for CALLING in your dinner reservation ahead of time and COMING once you have made a reservation. Please come to this next stated meeting but please try to understand that there may not be enough food for you if you just show up without calling in your reservation.

I am keeping my article short this month in order to provide you with a short story I came across in one of the Masonic newsletters I subscribe to. The author is unknown but the story may catch the attention of a few. So, without any further ado, enjoy the story:

#### **The Silent Summons**

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going.

After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more.

Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave.

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**THE BOULEVARD MASONIC CENTER ACTIVITIES**

First and Third Tuesday ..... Horizon Star Chapter #403 O.E.S.  
Second Tuesday ..... Woodland Hills Shrine Club  
Second Tuesday ..... Building Association Meeting  
Every Thursday ..... Hollywood Lodge #355 F&AM  
First Wednesday after Stated Meeting ..... Symbolism Class

**NEW MASONS PROFICIENCY TRAINING**

Every Tuesday and Thursday Evening starting at 7:00 pm in the Lodge Library, several Candidates Coaches are teaching the First, Second, and Third Degree Proficiencies.

If you are in need of any Lodge Regalia - Contact: Burt Haaz, P.M.  
At: 818-363-7117

**Social Hall Rental**

Are you planning a special event? Do you have a large birthday party, Bar Mitzvah, Retirement Party, Quincenera, or Office Party coming up?

If so, consider the Boulevard Masonic Center's Social Hall. The Hall you've come to know and love for Stated Meeting Dinners is available to rent for special occasions. If you, your company, or your friends are looking for a venue to host an event for up to 250 people, come talk to us, first!

For more information about renting the Social Hall for your event, please call **Aaron Shubb** at **(818) 590-9597**.

## Concerts in the Park!

Hollywood Lodge will be sponsoring a booth at the Valley Cultural Center's Concerts in the Park series this summer. Come support the Lodge in reaching out to the community, sharing Masonry, meeting people, and enjoying the incredible FREE musical concerts.



The dates Hollywood Lodge will be there are:

**Sunday, August 3:** Malo (Latin/Pop/R&B)  
**Sunday, August 17:** the Knack

**Warner Park  
 Topanga Canyon and Califa  
 6 p.m. concert start time  
 (arrive early to get a good seat on the grass).**

**Mark your Calendars!**

**Thursday  
 October 16th 2008  
 7:30 p.m.**

## **50-year Mason Celebration**

**We will be presenting numerous 50-year pins at this Thursday evening dinner event.**

**All are welcome**

**More information to follow.**

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

From Spyros Pappas

**TO INFORM THE LODGE OF ANY SICK MEMBER OR WIFE OF A MEMBER, CONTACT SPYROS PAPPAS AT: 818-894-5690 OR E-MAIL: SPYROSPAPPAS@YAHOO.COM**

If you know of someone who is not receiving e-mails regarding the Lodge, please have them call **Rudy Bauer at (818) 363 - 5727** with the information OR e-mail him at [ARNJAYBEE@aol.com](mailto:ARNJAYBEE@aol.com). You may also obtain Theatre Tickets from Rudy @ \$6.50 each.

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**Contact Johnny Johnson at:  
(818) 897 - 1345**

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He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire.

Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

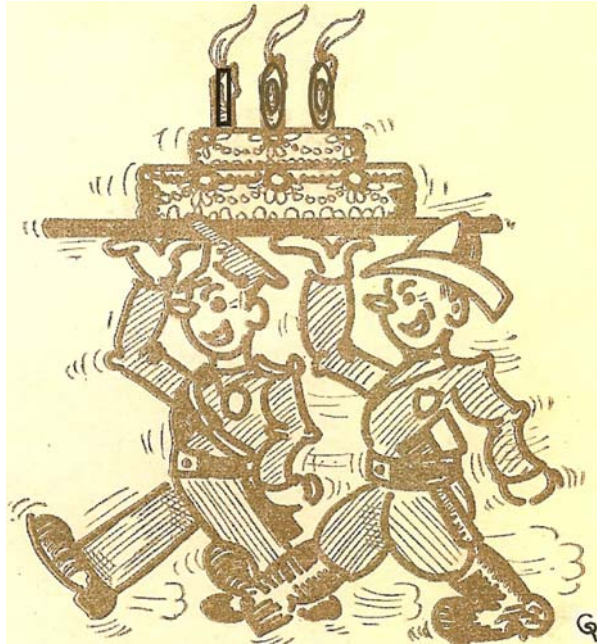
I hope to see you as well, Brother.

Faternally,

*Arthur Melendez*

Arthur Melendez  
Junior Warden

Please join us for a Masonic Memorial Service  
honoring the life of our departed brother  
Robert T. Gilmore, Jr.



Saturday, August 10, 2008  
Van Nuys Masonic Lodge  
14750 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys, CA

Noon to 2:00 P.M. – Social Hour & Buffet Luncheon  
2:00 – 2:45 P.M. – Masonic Memorial Service  
2:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. – Remembering Robert T.

**No Cost – Reservations Requested**

Please contact David Sylvester at (805) 340-5769 or  
slyman007@aol.com to make a reservation.

## August Birthdays

Happy Birthday To Members of Hollywood Lodge #355

If your name is not here, please contact the Editor

1 William Howell	11 John Bullock	23 Woodrow Evans
1 Abraham Sleman	11 James Henderson	24 Homer Cockrum, P.M.
2 Lawrence Kritzer	11 Kieth Honig	24 Roger Russell
2 Richard Godoy	12 James Flournoy, P.M.	25 Robert Coleman
3 Harold Haynes	13 Marshall Bernstein	25 Donald Dickson
4 Ignacio Villarin, P.M.	13 Walter Sudlow	25 Michael Pearce
4 Stan Tolesnikov	13 Barry Bernholtz	25 Ronald Waldman
5 John Bohn	17 Thomas Scott	25 Garo Markarian
5 Edward Schmeier	17 David Sylvester	26 William Fishkin, P.M.
6 Mervin Casey	17 Chip Uhlmann	26 Horace Lloyd
6 Charles Trotter	18 William Downs	26 Rex Shannon
8 Paul Camblin	18 Earnest Thiem	27 John Champion, P.M.
8 Ernest Grau	21 Donald Dale	27 Phillip Stevens
8 Richard Hipple	22 Edward Krause	28 Dwight Berg
8 Aret Okutan	22 Clifford Adney	28 Elmer Carlson
8 Charles Pritchard	23 Constantine Aronis	28 Troy Wells
10 Steven Klein	23 Paul Kaye	30 Arthur Melendez
		31 Moury Shapiro

### **CALLED FROM LABOR**

From the Secretary

**None in July**

**Soft and Safe Be Thy Resting Place  
Bright and Glorious Be Thy Rising From it.**

### **Masonic Information Night and Open House**

**Thursday, August 21st  
7:30 p.m.**

Do you have a friend you would like to introduce to  
Freemasonry?

Bring him to this event! There will be a short presentation  
about Freemasonry in general and Hollywood Lodge in par-  
ticular. Light refreshments to follow.

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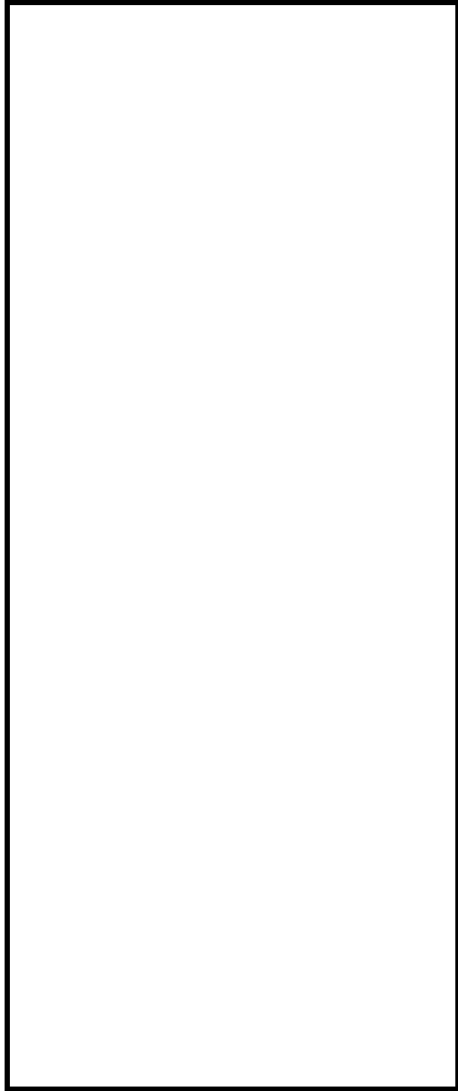
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