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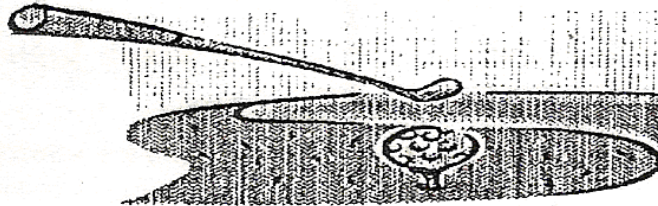
*Hollywood Lodge #355  
Will be Playing **Mini Golf**  
On  
Sunday, October 5, 2008  
At*

**CASTLE AMUSEMENT PARK**

4989 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks

**10:00 a.m.**  
No coupons

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



No host lunch to follow.  
More information at Lodge meetings.

For Reservations, contact:  
**George Fayle at (818) 885-1795**

### TRESTLE BOARD FOR OCTOBER 2008

Wed. 1st	Masonic Formation Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs. 2nd	Stated Meeting Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:30 pm
Sun. 5th	Mini Golf at Castle Park	10 am
Wed. 8th	Symbolism Class	7:30 pm
Thurs. 9th	1st. Degree or 1st Practice	7:30 pm
Mon 13th	Building Association	7:30 pm
Thurs. 16th	3rd degree practice	7:30 pm
Mon. 20th	Officer's School of Instruction / Qualification	7:30 pm
Thurs. 23rd	2nd Degree or 2nd Practice	7:30 pm
Thurs. 30th	1st Degree or 1st Practice	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:*

*Bring your knitting!*

**October 2, 2008**

**Salad  
 Jambalaya over rice  
 Vegetables**

**Pumpkin and apple pie**

**November 6, 2008**

**Traditional Thanksgiving  
 Turkey Dinner**

**Pumpkin pie and cheesecake**



## *From The East*

I had a lesson in leadership recently. I had to make a tough decision at Lodge this month. And, I knew that, whichever choice I made, I was going to disappoint a friend and brother. For only one of them would be able to have what he wanted. For me, it felt like I was in a no-win situation.

It caused me to remember the words of a Vice President who managed me when I first got into corporate management so many years ago. He would call all the managers together and teach us leadership philosophies, and motivational ideas for improving ourselves. Most of the managers grumbled and complained that he never taught us anything “practical” or gave them sales tips. In fact, he rarely even cared about the numbers. Yet, he always had a management parable, or a cute diagram to draw on the whiteboard regarding how our principles define our actions. Sometimes, it seemed he didn’t care about us at all, because his topics seemed so far from the day-to-day operations of the company. The words I so distinctly remember him saying were, “They don’t pay me to be your friend. They pay me to be your leader.”

Back then, I didn’t understand. I was young and naïve. Once I got a little older, started taking more leadership courses, and started better understanding the relationship between symbols and the world, thoughts and actions, attitude and behaviours, his parables and diagrams began to make sense. Once I held my first executive position, I began to understand his seeming lack of caring for details. Only recently, though, have I come to understand his seeming lack of caring for the people he governed. It wasn’t that he didn’t care. I see now that he cared deeply for all of us. However, it’s not a leader’s job to care, it’s a leader’s job to lead. It’s far more important for a leader to make decisions for the good of the whole organization than it is to appease every member’s wish and whim.

Many past masters have coached me on preparing myself to see that I can’t please everyone every time. I think I see now just how necessary this preparation is. Being a leader can be extremely stressful if every decision is taken personally, causing distress every time another person’s feelings are hurt by decisions that must be made.

I am also starting to see why there is such a lack of leadership in the world, and why quality leaders are so respected, well-paid, and sought after.

It’s comforting to know that Masonry is one of the few places that looks to teach people these lessons, so that Masons can be leaders in life, just as they have been in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
*David Sylvester*, Master

**The Sign of a Freemason  
from the Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin**

A Quaker Mason formed one of an indiscriminate company of cowans at an inn, where the landlord was also a Brother. Numerous jokes were cracked at the expense of the Fraternity, and the Quaker was called upon to show them a Mason's sign.

One of the company offered to give him a bottle of wine if he would comply with their wishes; and, at length, though with much apparant reluctance, he agreed, on the condition that the wine should be immediately produced, and that the individual consented to receive the communication privately; the Quaker adding: "Friend, if thou does not confess to the company that I have shown thee a Freemason's sign, I will pay for the wine myself."

The proposition was too reasonable to be refused, and the curious candidate for Masonic knowledge retired into another room with his formal friend. When there, the following dialogue took place:

Quaker: "So friend, thou are desirous of seeing a Freemason's sign?"

Cowan: "I am."

Quaker: "Canst thou keep a secret?"

Cowan: "Try me."

Quaker: "Good! Thou knowest that our friend Johnson (the innkeeper) is a Mason?"

Cowan: "I do."

Quaker: "Very well." Then taking him by the arm, he led him to the window. "Dost thou see that ramping lion which swings from yonder upright post?"

Cowan: "To be sure I do - it is our landlord's sign."

Quaker: "Good! Then friend, our landlord being a Freemason thou art satisfied that I have shown thee a Freemason's sign, and thy bottle of wine is forfeited. For thy own sake, thou wilt keep the secret."

The cowan returned to the room with a look of astonishment, confessed that he had received the desired infromation; and the mystery, which he had purposely observed,tempted others to purchase the secret at the same price.



## *From the South*

October is here and winter comes at the end of the month bringing with it cooler nights and days (hopefully). All Hallows Eve reminds of our mortality and All Saints day November 1<sup>st</sup> reminds us that our mortality is physical. The Holiday Season has started and kids are already planning their costumes for Halloween. Last month was very busy, with Degrees, Grand Lodge and activities; October gives us a little breathing space but not a lot.

At this time, your officers have qualified for the First Degree and Second Degree rituals. The Third and hardest Degree qualification scheduled for this month. If everything goes well as it has in practice, we will make the cut for the ensuing year and all that will remain will be the formal approval of the Lodge to move on to our next stations. All line positions have been spoken for at this time but if you have interest in serving your lodge in an officers capacity, please advise Brother Russell Jaeger. As positions become available in future years, having a pool of interested Brothers available also makes it easier to fill positions and keeps your lodge running smoothly.

As we begin the final quarter of this year, I would like to just point out the tremendous jobs done by the various Brothers and in some cases their Ladies in their service to the Lodge. The list would take up pages and my compliments ten times that. Whether you have helped at the Stated Dinners, in one form or another, Helped with the Child ID booth or our Information Booth over the summer, you deserve more thanks than is possible to give. If you have a desire to do more in the Lodge or want to know more about the services we are providing our community, please call or e-mail any of the officers, we will happily be available.

I wish to again thank all of you who have called in advance for your reservations for dinner. To ensure you are provided for when you come to the stated dinner, please call before noon, the Monday preceding the stated meeting and reserve your place. Please remember that children under 12 are half price and have a special table now with game and such appropriate to all age groups.

Fraternally,

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*Arthur Melendez*

Arthur Melendez, Junior Warden

**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 birth-day party, Bar Mitzvah, Retirement Party, Quinceañera, 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**.



**Mark your Calendars!**

**Thursday**  
**November 20th, 2008**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Hollywood Lodge will have its**

## **50-year Mason Celebration**

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

**This is a public event. All are welcome**

**Free Italian Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

**50-year Pinning Ceremony: 7:30 p.m.**

**Please RSVP to David Sylvester  
(805) 340-5769 or [slyman007@aol.com](mailto:slyman007@aol.com)**

**If you have not received your 50-year pin, but are eligible for one, you should be receiving an invitation soon. If you do not receive one, please call the master at (805) 340-5769 to make sure you receive your pin, even if you cannot make the ceremony.**

**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.

**KIDS I D**

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

**About the 50-year pin date change**

No, you're not crazy. I changed the date of the 50-year pin ceremony from October to November. Sorry for the last-minute change, but Grand Lodge records indicate there are far more brothers who are eligible for the award (and haven't received it), than I anticipated. I'm doing my best to reach as many as I can. Again, if you are eligible, or you know someone who is, please have him contact Dave at (805) 340-5769.

**THE PIRATE MASON. (FREEMASONS MONTHLY MAGAZINE - 1842 )**

THE always talented, and sometimes eccentric, HARRIET MARTINEAU, in her Retrospect of "Western Travels," relates the following anecdote:-

"Then came Captain L. with his five fine daughters. He looked too old to be their father; and well he might. When master of a vessel, he was set ashore by pirates, with his crew, on a desert Island, where he was thirty-six days without food. Almost all his crew were dead, and he just dying, when help arrived - by means of Freemasonry.

Among the pirates was a Scotchman, a Mason, as was Captain L. The two exchanged signs. The Scotchman could not give aid at the moment; but after many days of fruitless and anxious attempts, he contrived to sail back, at the risk of his life, and landed on the desert Island on the thirty-sixth day from his leaving it. He had no expectation of finding the party alive; but to take the chance and loose no time, he jumped ashore with a kettle full of wine in his hand. He poured wine down the throats of the few whom he found still breathing, and treated them so judiciously that they recovered. At least it was called recovery: but Capt. L.'s looks are very haggard and nervous still. He took the Scotchman home, and cherished him to the day of his death.'

It will probably be recollected by a portion of our readers, that while in this country, we believe in the year 1856, Miss Martineau, perhaps laboring under one of those fits of eccentricity which frequently lead her into acts of indiscretion, sided with the enemies of our Institution, and contributed of her talents and influence to bring it into disrepute and public contempt. It operated in her case, however, as did McFingal's gun, which "Being charged for duck, or plover, Shot wide and kicked its owner over."

Of the result of that exploit we do not complain. That which excites our surprise is, that she should have so far forgotten what is due to the character of an ingenious and honorable opponent - a character that we had a right to expect to find in a lady of her intelligence - as to give publicity to an incident, the truth of which she does not doubt, so beautifully exhibiting the practical utility of the Order under its holier attributes - without the slightest reference to her previously expressed opinions. It afforded her an honorable opportunity to have acknowledged her error, and to have done tardy justice to an Institution, which, while writing the anecdote, she must have felt conscious she had wrongfully traduced. But her self-pride was permitted to triumph, even to the prejudice of her character for integrity and truth! Comment, however, was not necessary. The mere recital of the incident furnished a full refutation of all she had previously written against the Institution. She has given to her readers the evidence, that the heart of the renegade - dead to all other associations but that of crime - can be reached and awakened to a sense of the kindlier feelings of humanity, by the irresistible appeals of Freemasonry. The pirate-Mason, at the risk of his own life, saves that of his Brother! What a sweet spirit is here shown! - the pirate no more, but warmed by the benevolent affections, he pants to succor and to save. Even in such hands, the wine is blessed by Him whose ways are indeed mysterious.

Masonry superadds to our other obligations the strongest ties of connection between it and the cultivation of virtue, and furnishes the most powerful incentives to goodness. - DEWITT CLINTON.

## October Birthdays

Happy Birthday To Members of Hollywood Lodge #355

If your name is not here, please contact the Editor

1 ALAN JACQUES	9 HAROLD WELLMERLING	20 JACK BAILY
2 MARK THIE E.A.	10 ADAM KEVORKIAN	20 ROGER CAIN
5 GEORGE DAIC, P.M.	10 BRIAN LITSTER	21 ALBERT DURCAN
5 FRANK MANCINI	10 KENNETH PERRY	21 THOMAS JONES, P.M.
5 MICHAEL PAPP	11 ROBERT BARONE	22 JONATHAN GUERRA
6 DONALD BENJAMIN	11 WILLIAM KETCHIJIAN	23 JOHN ELIAS
6 KENNETH FERIA	11 JACK MEDLIN, P.M.	23 THOMAS MURRY, P.M.
7 RICHARD COHEN, P.M.	11 GEORGE REID	23 ROBERT ROOSE
7 ELMER WINTERS	12 CLEMENT	23 ROBERT WATSON
8 FRED CHILDRESS	MC CAFFERTY	24 DON BRENON JR.
8 JEFFREY LEVINE	14 DONALD BURROWS	26 CHARLES DAY, P.M.
9 JAMES CAIL	14 JOHN CARTER, P.M.	26 ELSTON MC GINTY
9 GUY CARTIER	16 COREY RICHARDSON	27 JARED HUTTON, P.M.
9 THEODORE HALVERSON	17 JERRY HUGARD	29 BALDEEP BHULLAR
9 TERRY MENDELSON	17 DALE JACOBS	30 STANLEY CHERSKY
	19 GARY GREANLEAF	

### **CALLED FROM LABOR**

*From the Secretary*

**Howard Munson—9/6/08**

**James Brunswick Cail—9/19/08**

**Walter Daniel McKerchar—8/12/08**

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

FYI: regarding Aaron Shubb

At our Grand Lodge Annual Communication in September,  
the Hollywood Lodge-sponsored resolution to restore our  
friend Aaron Shubb to Freemasonry was defeated.

Although there is a slim chance there may be another way to  
restore him to Masonry if and when the law itself is changed,  
this was our last good hope of having him re-join the fratern-  
nity in the near future.

## 2008 Officers

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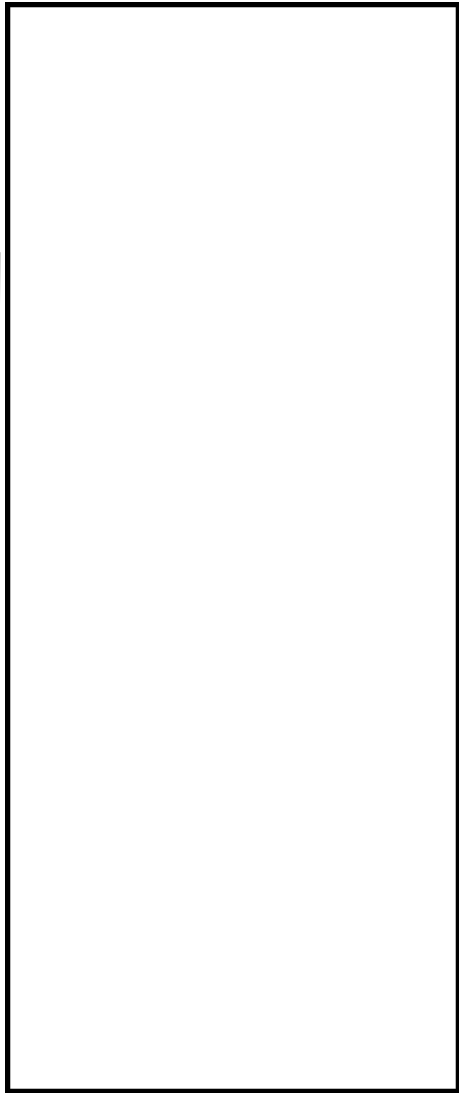
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