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## **Constitution Observance Night**

Is Thursday, September 18th

*If you enjoyed the "Constitutional Pursuit" game  
in 2006, you'll enjoy:*

### **Build-a-Constitution Workshop**

An educational game hosted by the Master

Have fun learning about the constitution in an interactive community  
game. **Friends and family are welcome.**



Thursday, September 18th

Hollywood Lodge social hall and  
Lodge room

**6:30 p.m.: Free spaghetti dinner**

**7:30 p.m.: Build-a-Constitution Workshop**

### TRESTLE BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Wed. 3rd	Masonic Formation Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs. 4th	Stated Meeting Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:30 pm
Sat. 6th	Nethercutt Museum trip	10 am
Tue. 9th	Building Assn.	7:30 pm
Wed. 10th	Symbolism class	7:30 pm
Thurs. 11th	1st. Degree or 1st Practice	7:30 pm
Mon. 15th	Officer's School of Instruction	7:30 pm
Thurs. 18th	Constitution Observance Night dinner	6:30 pm
	Build-a-Constitution Game Workshop	7:30 pm
Thurs. 25th	LODGE DARK for GRAND LODGE	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:*

*Musical Entertainment by  
Henry Samuels*

**September 4th, 2008**

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

**Cheesecake**

**October 2, 2008**

**Salad  
Jambalaya over rice  
Vegetables**

**Pumpkin and apple pie**



## *From The East*

Although the heat may belie it, September marks the coming of fall, the season of change. I feel it already, as I watched Russell plan his upcoming year at his planning meeting in August, and as I prepare for Grand Lodge later this month, where new Grand Lodge officers will be elected, and the new Grand Masonic year will begin. I notice it vividly during rituals, as, for the first time in 7 years, I'm able to wear a white apron instead of an officer's apron, and watch the new officers take over for me.

With the symbolic death of my tenure as master rapidly approaching, it makes me contemplative about the lessons I've been able to learn, as well as teach. It also makes me reflect on the symbolic nature of endings and beginnings, and change.

Throughout Masonry, we are presented with ideas on change. First, the change from darkness to light during initiation. Our obligations change us. We are, potentially for the first time in life, held accountable to certain standards, and once made Masons, can never be unmade. The darkness represents our ignorance of our own power, and once illuminated, though we can turn our back on our potential, we can not deny it.

Then, the change from an initiate to a fellow of the craft. We change from learner to doer. From student to worker. Youth to man. Although we are all adult men by the time we enter Masonry, emotionally and spiritually, we are often yet undeveloped as people. Even now, in my late 30's I have yet to mature in my career, and my (someday) family life. All the contemplation in the world doesn't bring a child or a successful business into the world. It requires the change from utilizing book knowledge to performing actions in the real world, using the tools and knowledge I've gained to date.

Then, the change to mastery. So many people never even reach this change in so many areas of life. Whence a Mason will change from doer to teacher. Having already created, and now creating other creators. And, only then having made other successful contributors to society, content to reflect upon a well-spent life.

Perhaps this is why so many people fear death, as they have not yet reached a point where feel complete and at ease with what they have accomplished and what they are leaving behind. As I am quickly realizing, the end comes far too quickly when you are not yet content with what you are leaving behind to carry on without you.

Fraternally,

*David Sylvester*  
David 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*

September brings us to another busy month as the kids return to school, summer-time vacations are over and people are returning to work. The month of September is also going to be packed for Lodge business and activities as well.

We start out the month with our Stated meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a trip to the Nethercutt Museum on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Child Id on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and we wrap with Constitution Night September 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to that, Grand Lodge meets on the last weekend of the month and several brothers as well as the Master and Lodge Wardens will be in attendance.

By now your officers should have qualified for the Second degree and First Degree qualifications are planned for Saturday September 20. The Third and hardest Degree qualification scheduled in October. If everything goes as planned, we will make the cut for the ensuing year and all that will remain will be the formal approval of the Lodge that we proceed 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 officer's 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.

I wish to thank all of you who have called in advance for your reservations for dinner. I am currently looking into a fail-safe way to be able to provide for the brothers who show up without calling in so no one will go away hungry. I have several ideas but may still be a month or two away from implementation. To ensure you are provided for when you come to the stated dinner, please call before 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 games and such appropriate to all age groups.

Fraternally,

*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 birthday 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  
October 16th 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)**

I would personally like to congratulate our Brother

**Spyros Pappas**

At being selected to receive the

**Hiram Award**

On April 4, 2009.

Thank you, Brother Spyros. Your dedication and service to Hollywood Lodge is worthy of all imitation.

## 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**

When asked how he came to be a Mason, President McKinley explained:

"After the battle of Opequam, I went with the 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 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 to camp I asked him:

'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.'

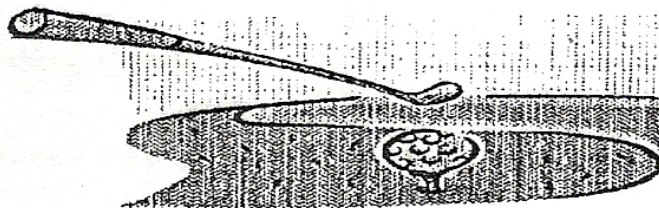
"I said to myself, 'If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself.' "

*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**

## September Birthdays

Happy Birthday To Members of Hollywood Lodge #355

If your name is not here, please contact the Editor

3 DONALD COLEMAN	18 WALTER	25 JOHN MASOPUST
4 KEN MINAS	MCKARCHER	25 STEPAN VARSAM
6 MARC BRAUER	19 CARL CULLEN	26 BARRY MANN
6 SIMON SEGAL	19 JAN HARDE	27 ANTONY KUBICHAN, F.C.
7 RONALD HEIN, P.M.	19 FRED LOTT	28 JOHN HAMMETT
7 GEORGE GALE	20 JOHN WIGGINS	29 JOHN LEWANDOWSKI
7 VIRGIL MESSMORE	21 KENNETH HATLEY	
8 ABE MEDRESS	21 WILLIAM STEWART	
10 WILLIAM JANSWICK	21 MICHAEL GLASS	
10 LLOYD STEFFENS	22 JULIO GOMEZ, P.M.	
11 WILLIAM GUSIAS	22 MONTIE MAZO, P.M.	
11 JAMES KIRK	22 SAM MINAS	
12 RUSSELL	23 KEVORK VARSAM	
SIMONSON	24 ERNEST BORGNINE	
13 ROBERT CRYSTAL	24 JULIAN DANISAN	
14 ALPHIO AMEDAY	24 GERALD HOXSIE	
15 SABINO CARNERO	24 GEORGE RUMBLE	
17 EUGENE DAVID	24 RONALD SINDELAR	

### **CALLED FROM LABOR**

From the Secretary

**None in August**

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

Have you heard of the Regius Manuscript?

Subtitled, "A Poem of Moral Duties," it is considered to be the oldest known Masonic document, written about 1390.

You can find the original text and translation into readable English here:

<http://www.masonicsites.org/blue/regius1.htm>

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