

Upcoming Dates: November

November 2nd, Rainbow
November 5th, 6:30pm, Stated Meeting Dinne
November 5th, 7:00pm, Stated meeting, Legion of Honor
Flag presentation and Memoriam to Brother Bob Pinol
November 9th, OES
7:00pm, GWMM Special Speaker, Sacramento Masonic
Temple
November 10th DeMolay
November 11th, 7:00pm, Third Degree Practice
November 12th, 7:00pm, District 442 Officers School Of
Instruction, @ Tyrian #439, Mt Oso Hosts
November 14th, 10:00am, Brother Hastings Schmidt 3rd
degree
November 16th, Rainbow, Cornerstone Ceremony, Stockton
November 19th, 6:00pm, Past Masters Night Dinner,
November 19th, 7:00pm, Past Masters 3rd degree
November 20th DeMolay Bunko
November 23rd OES
November 24th DeMolay

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Worshipful Masters Word



Hello Brethren,

In October we welcomed Fred Schumacher to the Masonic brotherhood, congratulations Fred, and welcome Julie. David Clements received his 2nd degree on October 29th, congratulations also to David.

Brother Alex Schmidt received his Hiram Award on October 24th. Congratulations Alex, you are very deserving of this honor.

The 442nd Masonic District Officers School of Instruction has been moved to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. At our November 6th Stated Meeting, The dinner will be the last 2009 Potluck to benefit the Lodge. Past Master Night is November 19th, all Past Master's will have a complimentary dinner, before they show us, Master Masons, how it is supposed to be done in the Lodge Room. We will have a third degree on November 14th at 10:00am, and another on November 19th at 7:00

Please keep the Tyrian Foundation in your thoughts. With your gracious donations and support of fundraisers we have almost \$5,000.00. Thank you!

In October we also lost a great Mason as well as a great friend, in Bob Pinol. He will certainly be missed by everyone. Our condolences to: Betty, his sons, and all of his family.

Fraternally,

Bob Monroe

Worshipful Master, Tyrian Lodge #439

Faith Hope Charity

In Pursuit of Knowledge

In our Entered Apprentice degree work, we are charged with the duty to seek the light. The Entered Apprentice handbook uses the word mysteries to describe part of this process of seeking light. It states, "...with this understanding, initiation is a new understanding, the beginning of a new spiritual life"

"Words cannot express it, teaching can only use rites, and symbols that suggest, ...The interior work of the *individual*, using symbols as a base and support, will allow each initiate to attain that secret more or less completely, according to the measure of his own possibilities of comprehension and realization."

So our initial teachings tell us that it is the responsibility of the individual to use the rites, ceremonies, and symbols they learn to delve into the "secrets" meaning nothing more or less than that individuals ability to learn and understand to their personal ability.

There is a myth that states, in the distant past, the ancients knew many teachings, and sought to teach every person these teachings. However, it quickly became apparent that the common man was unable to properly grasp these teachings, and instead abused them, causing strife and chaos. The ancients then decided that rather than allow all they had learned to disappear with them, and being unable to pass on the knowledge to man, that they would hide the knowledge within the body of knowledge that existed. They then set out to hide their knowledge, passing off many of the teachings in allegorical form, as myths, legends. In this way their knowledge would only be passed on to the worthy, those individuals who went seeking further light....

URGENT! All Tyrian Lodge Members

Brethren, it is with great discomfort that I come to you with disturbing news. Tyrian Lodge's expenses have been much more than its revenue. This could mean that our Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, Rainbow, and DeMolay would no longer be a part of our Manteca community.

Costs for improvements to the building, maintenance and utilities over the last few years have escalated, and have almost depleted our reserves. With the economy being as bad as it is, we are having difficulty in renting out the hall, and that source of additional income has been greatly reduced. At this point, unless we Brothers come to the aid of our Lodge, we could be saying goodbye to over Ninety years of community involvement.

I, like you, do not want to see that happen. I have therefore started up a **Tyrian Lodge Foundation Sponsorship** program that I hope will help keep our lodge open, and all that we stand for alive. All **Tyrian Lodge Foundation** sponsorships will go directly to the Lodge.

Donations are set up at four different levels of sponsorship. The **Masters** Level is \$200.00 or more, **Senior Warden** level is \$150.00, **Junior Warden** is \$100.00 and the **Treasurer** level is \$50.00. At these levels of sponsorship a **Tyrian Lodge Foundation Membership** certificate with the sponsors name will be placed in the lodge, so that supporters may be recognized.

Donations of **ANY** amount would be greatly appreciated. In the past, we have helped so many in our community achieve so much. It's now time that we all step forward and come to the aid of our lodge.

Please make your checks payable to Tyrian Lodge #439 and send them to our Secretary, Mr. David Bicknell at 20866 Tinnin Road, Manteca, CA 95337.

In Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Johnny Grizzle

Masonic Formation



Masonic Formation Committee

Our Library is developing, and we hope to have it near completion before the end of the year. We are currently looking for donations of books, and publications for the Library.

The committee is happy to announce the appointment of Brother Brian Wilson to the position of lodge librarian. At the previous stated meeting, brother Wilson announced a wonderful plan for the library. Many Masons treasure their personal libraries, and may be unwilling to part with a treasured tome. Rather than ask for anyone to give up a valued treatise, Brother Wilson will be organizing a book share with the Library. Brothers may participate two ways; First they may submit a list of their own libraries that other Brothers may borrow for reading. Second they may browse the list of reading materials available and borrow that book. Your submitted list will be available in the Library, and an interested brother will contact Brother Wilson, who will contact the brother with the book desired. This brother Wilson will arrange for the book to be brought to the interested brother, and facilitate the return of the book. With this program you can share your existing library without losing a treasured book. And of course if you are finished with a book, the Library will certainly accept your donation.

Alex Schmidt

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin, American writer, humorist, ambassador, inventor and Freemason