

WORDS FROM THE MASTER

Brethren,

An overwhelming majority of the brethren at the August Stated meeting approved the proposed increase in dues.

By way of recapitulation here is what the increase means: our annual dues will be \$40.00 plus whatever per capita tax is imposed by Grand Lodge at "...the immediately preceding Annual Communication..." As of today the per capita tax is \$30.00 which translated to a grand total to be collected from each member of \$70.00 (Grand Lodge imposed a \$30.00 per capita tax at the October 2006 Annual Communication.

It is anticipated that Grand Lodge at the forthcoming Annual Communication in October of this year (2007) will increase the per capita tax by \$2.00 resulting in a per capita tax of \$32.00 for each Master Mason. If this happens then you will be receiving a dues notice later this year from our Secretary requesting each member pay \$72.00 for the ensuing Masonic year....\$40.00 dues and \$32.00 per capita totaling \$72.00.

Before any of this may take place we must first obtain written approval from Grand Lodge endorsing the amendment to our by-laws. This amendment request has been sent to Grand Lodge during the first week of August. We anticipate their approval and shall keep you apprised of the results.

Fraternally,

Jim Garvine, Master

WHO'S NEW IN THE LODGE

Meet Brothers James Ronald Donaldson and Darrel Gene Griffin. Brother Donaldson was initiated in "Due Form" on June 28th and Brother Griffin on July 19th. Both are studying diligently on their Entered Apprentice proficiencies – long form!

Brother Donaldson truly "...knocked on the door to Free Masonry...and it was opened unto him..." Last spring he came nosing around the lodge hall looking for information about joining however did not know any Brother Masons from whom to solicit an application. Fortunately he encountered our Brother the Senior Warden, Tim DeCarie who was there on other business....and the rest is history.

And Brother Griffin "...sought the recommendation of a friend..." in the person and character of one of our more recently raised Brothers, he being Brother Steve Hauber. Seems that the two of them had worked together while Steve was slipping away now-and-again to meet with his appointed coach. It was through Brother Griffin's curiosity about just where was his co-worker was going and one question led to another until Brother Griffin asked "...the recommendation of a friend to be made a Mason..." and once again the rest is history.

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Your lodge's annual Crab Feed is schedule for Saturday evening, January 26, 2008. Once again it will be at the Manteca Senior Citizens' Center. Remember, that the most important persons to make this event a continued glowing success are **YOU** and the guests whom you invite. All the planning and preparation by your committee brothers is all for naught without your continued support. And one last point: this has become a primary and heavily relied upon financial support event for your lodge.

Mike Killian Dave Bricknell co-chairs

DeMOLAY – FAMILY AFFAIR

Brother Alex Schmidt (Senior Deacon) and his wife, Charlene are the proud parents of three outstanding sons. They invite you to the Manteca Chapter Order of DeMolay installation of officers to commence at Tyrian Masonic Hall at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 25, 2007. Their sons will be installed as follows:

Jonathan Schmidt – Master Councilor Elect
Hasting Schmidt – Senior Councilor Elect
Michael Schmidt – Junior Councilor Elect.

Our DeMolay chapter nearly closed over the last couple of years however with the undying support of the adult leaders, led by Brother Johnny Grizzle, such was not to be the fate of such a great organization...as they are once again a thriving organization. To that end, they rely heavily upon the support of your lodge. Please lend that support on August 25th and give the “three Schmidt Councilors:” a good send-off on their journeys through DeMolay.

As an aside, your lodge has raised several Master Masons over the last several years, all of whom were graduates of the DeMolay program. So, you see, we depend upon each other for our mutual continued success.

THE PASSING OF A PAST MASTER

Your editorial staff has learned of the sad and untimely passing of Henry Miller on August 1, 2007 – Past Master - 1997. As many of you may know, he lost his beloved wife Susan to a premature death about 2 or 3 years ago. Since then, Henry’s health rapidly depreciated and then some. He passed away in St. Joseph’s hospital in Stockton from a multitude of causes. Services are pending, although will be brief, at Park View Cemetery sometime in mid-August where he will be interned next to his wife, Susan.

“...Soft and safe to thee...”

KITCHEN RENOVATION

Your Hall Association just committed to spend \$19,251 to upgrade the kitchen stove, hood, ventilation and fire suppressant system as required by state law.

CALENDAR

September 6, 2007 Stated Meeting with DINNER

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Hall Association

6:30 to 7:30 PM – Dinner

7:30 PM - Stated Meeting

Oct 25 – Past Master's Nite w/dinner

Third Degree; Bro. Rex Walraven

Dec ? Installation of Officers

***Dinner Reservations are requested for all
Stated Meeting Dinners: Please call Katie
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