

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

I am looking forward to learning more degree work and participating as much as possible in all three degrees. We should have two third degrees schedule in May.

Brother Tim DeCarie, Junior Warden

Ed. Note: Our officers do so much better when they realize that we as a lodge care about the hard work they put in. We need to support and help them.

WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren of Tyrian Lodge # 439, it will be proposed at the Stated Meeting on July 6, 2006 that we change Section 1, Article X of the bylaws of Tyrian Lodge to read as follows:

Section 1, Article X: The Master and Wardens shall be a Charity Committee and shall have the power to draw upon the Treasury for any sum not exceeding \$300.00 at any one time, for the relief of a distressed worthy Brother, his wife, widow or orphan.

The bylaws now state that they can only draw upon the Treasury in the amount of \$20 at any one time.

It will take a 2/3 vote of the members present at that meeting to change the bylaws. And that the amendment shall have no affect until approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

WHO'S NEW IN THE LODGE

Our newly obligated Brothers, Jose Barrios and John Pearson are speeding along quite nicely through their degrees and are now slated to be "Raised to the sublime degree of Masonry" and receive

their Third Degrees later in May. Your officers have been studying and practicing most diligently to make sure that each brother receives a degree "...worthy of all imitation...". So here are the dates:

May 11, 2006 – 7:00 P.M. – Jose Barrios

May 25, 2006 – 7:00 P.M. – John Pearson

Michael Kant, who is our newest obligated Brother was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in March. By the way, stop by and say a word of encouragement to Brother Michael who is a manager at the new Save Mart grocery store in Lathrop. Brother Kant, WELCOME ON BOARD – WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU!

THERE IS A NEW LOOK IN THE LODGE ROOM

We last reported to you that Brothers Garvine and Henderson had constructed new podiums for each of the officer's stations. Well, now they have completed with matching desks for the Treasurer and Secretary. A job well done!

Brother Monroe continues to work with a carpet vendor regarding replacement carpet for the lodge room. We need to order at least 1000 yards for the mill to make carpet with our Masonic logo (like we have now). So, the plan is to solicit other lodges to see if any want to join in.

OH, BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

We last reported that our Brother the Chaplain, Dave Vest was home convalescing and needed a bit of sunshine. In my search to find him, he was not at home to be found. So a bit of checking around located him "belly up" at Palm Haven Convalescent Hospital. It seems he had forgotten how to walk and need a bit of therapy to get him jump started again. I went there to cheer him up a bit and he turned the tables and cheered me up. Dave is a breath of fresh air – even when he is down. He was quite happy to be going home the next day as any out patient and was looking

forward to receiving his 50 year pin IN PERSON, at the Eastern Star Meeting some three days hence from then. Go Dave Go!

AND THE HIRAM RECIPIENT IS?

The answer to that question is up to you, Brothers. Yes, it is that time of year again when we as a lodge gather together in the custom of Masons and elect a deserving brother to receive the prestigious annual Hiram Award. Nominations can be done in person in open lodge or better yet, in written form submitted to the Senior Warden on or before the June Stated Meeting.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brother Bricknell is working with administration from the Manteca Unified Public Schools (MUSD) to put on a program. We plan to resume with our program of providing pull down wall maps for the classrooms (this program seemed to have got set aside the last couple of years – so we want to get it going again). Additionally we are working with Grand Lodge and the MUSD to send some of the MUSD faculty to our Grand Lodge's Model Student Assistance Program (MSAP). This is a program wherein several teachers are sent to our facility in Covina for three days of intense training to recognize and deal with "at risk" children. Grand Lodge underwrites the entire cost except for the substitute teacher replacement costs. We as a lodge are exploring a means to absorb that cost also.

WHAT BIBLE DO WE USE, YOU ASK

The Bible is a Symbol of the Volume of the Sacred Law. In English speaking countries, it is universally one of the three Great Lights of Masonry. In lands predominately Christian it is the volume of the Sacred Law, as the Old Testament to Jews. In other lands the hold book of the common faith becomes the Great Light upon the Altar, In Lodges in the Far East, under the jurisdiction of England, Ireland, Scotland, several holy books will be upon the Altar that the initiate may find and use the one of his own faith.

The Volume of the Sacred Law is a silent symbol of a Freemason's faith in a Great Architect of the Universe.

CALENDAR

May:

Stated Meeting

Hall Association - 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Meeting 7:30 P.M.

May 11 – Jose Barrios – 3d Deg

May 18 – John Pearson 3d Deg

Public Schools Night - TBA

Install – Officers – 12/16/06

**Dinner Reservations are
requested for all Stated Meeting**

**Dinners: Please call our
brother the Secretary, Jim Lacy
at or cook Ed McLean**

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requests – please contact:

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