

Upcoming Dates: December

Dec. 3- Lodge, Dinner at 6:30
Dec. 4- 2nd Degree 7pm
Dec 6- OES Installation
Dec 7-Rainbow
- Ed McLean Funeral 1pm
Dec 8 DeMolay
Dec 9 3rd Degree
Dec14-OES
Dec 17-3rd Degree
Dec 21- Rainbow
Dec 22- DeMolay
Dec 25-Xmas
Dec 28-OES

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Worshipful Master Bob Monroe (Mary)

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Junior Warden John Shaughnessy (Stacy)

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Secretary Dave Bricknell (Michele)

Asst Secy Darrell Griffin

Senior Deacon Glen Pearson (Jill)

Junior Deacon Stephen Pearson

Senior Steward Alex Schmidt (Charlene)

Junior Steward Johnny Grizzle

Chaplain David Vest (Monette)

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Masonic Lodge
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Worshipful Masters Word



Hello Brethren,

The month of November brought us two more Master Masons, Hastings Schmidt on the 14th and Kevin Momb on the 19th. Kevin's degree was at our annual Past Master's Night. These two young men have been very active Demolays and have shown an equal dedication to the craft. David Clements will receive his third degree on December 9th. David and the Grand Master served together in the Navy, and the Most Worshipful will be present on the 9th. The degree is at 7:00pm, and opens to all Master Masons. If you get a chance ask David how the recent reunion happened, it's quite a story.

December brings time to be spent with family and friends; I hope everyone has a great holiday season. Our Installation of officers is on January 9th, Worshipful Tim should have more information on that. Our Crabfeed will be on January 23rd at the Senior Center. Brother Alex will have tickets at the December Stated Meeting. Mary Monroe is asking for any donations of items or cash for the Silent Auction (209) 356-1036.

This year has truly flown by, and it has been an honor to sit in the East. The brethren have worked very hard and helped me in every way that I have asked, and I thank you. I looked back at my 2009 Tyrian "Vision" statement from our Installation and found we accomplished a lot from "THE PLAN". We increased community awareness with the visibility of our Child ID program. We dissected our finances and made serious adjustments to our expenses. The brethren came together and supported, and hopefully will continue to support, the Tyrian Foundation and other fund raisers. We made some improvements to the building and a lot of cleaning. We have visited several other lodges this year and saw many interesting rituals. We had a trip to Jackson Rancheria and Castle Air Museum. There were a few things that did not come together, but there will always be more opportunities. With all of the degrees we performed this year, we have many new members with many new ideas.

The most rewarding memories I will have from this year will be my association with you, each and every one of you, represents what we are ... Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally,

Bob Monroe

Worshipful Master, Tyrian Lodge #439

Faith Hope Charity

In Pursuit of Knowledge

In the ancient practice of Alchemy, masters of the craft were gifted in mixing herbs, and concoctions to heal, restore, and imbue their fellow man. However, the ancient practice had one overriding goal, that of turning lead into gold. Whenever one reads of the practice of Alchemy, you will run across a reference to transmuting lead to gold. Over and over again, this reference is seen. Yet any study of economics would quickly prove the serious fault of accomplishing such a goal. If there ever were a process to create such a phenomenon then currencies would crumble, and economies collapse as the basis of currency devalued. Now perhaps this was a secret reserved only for Masters of the Craft, however, despite every good intention, it would become public, and chaos would ensue. S

So how else could this process be viewed? Perhaps, as is the case in many studies, this process is an allegory to something else, and is concealed within the everyday teachings, and those who seek, shall find. Recently on reading a treatise on Alchemy, the author suggested the process was less about transmuting metals from one state to another, but instead was a process whereby man, transmuted their daily dross life, and became a shining example of what mankind is capable of. If this was the case, thru the process of study, the liberal arts, and self exploration, every man has the capability of transmuting themselves from everyday existence, into something greater.

Throughout the corpus of literature similar references can be made, one key example would be found directly within our craft, in the process of shaping Rough Ashlar into Perfect Ashlar.

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.

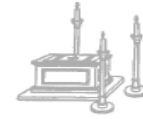
Donations of **ANY** amount would be greatly appreciated. In the past, we have helped so many in our community achieve so much. It's now time that we all step forward and come to the aid of our lodge.

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

On Wednesday, February 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm there will be a candidates meeting night at the Lodge. We will be showing a DVD on the First Degree, which we received from Grand Lodge. All masons are encouraged to attend, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Masons are welcome. There will be refreshments available more than the usual cookies and coffee.

Crab Feed

The Annual Crab & Prime Rib Dinner will be on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Tickets are \$40.00 each which will include everything: dinner, dessert and all the beverages. The beverages will consist of sodas, beer and wine. No hard liquor will be available. Tickets will be available at the December stated meeting from brothers Alex Schmidt and Paul Henderson.

Donations of silent auction items would be greatly appreciated, please contact Mary Monroe at (209) 356-1036 or E-mail at Krzmy@aol.com

It is with great sadness that we report on the passing of Brother Ed McLean. Brother Ed will be truly missed. A full Masonic Funeral is planned for Brother Ed at St Paul's Church next to the lodge. The Hall is reserved for Brother Ed after the service, and Mary is asking for assistance in foods, snacks and coffee for afterwards. Brother McLean, Dorrance, and his family remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.