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## PASS IT ON - APPROACH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

**SITUATION:** Masons do not solicit members. Informing a man about Masonry is not solicitation. Many men don't know anything about Masonry and will not join an organization which they know little about. We do talk to men, invite consideration, answer questions, and provide information.

**ACTION:** Invite a prospective member's consideration.

A 1993 Grand Master's Decision states the following:

"A member may ask a man whom he believes to be a worthy prospective Mason if he has considered membership in the Masonic fraternity or if he would like to have information to enable him to make such a decision. A member must inform the prospective member or inquirer that the fraternity does not extend an invitation to become a member, that his application must be made of his own free will and accord, and that he must pass a secret ballot for admission. After providing the information, the inquirer should be left to make his decision without persuasion. If the inquirer makes no decision within a reasonable time, the member may make a single follow-up contact to see if additional information is needed."

Begin a dialogue with the prospective member about aspects of the fraternity that would be attractive to him. Do this in a personal, caring way, paying attention to his interests and needs.

The dialogue can be as simple as a casual conversation, letting good friends and family know what you do in your free time. Talk about your involvement in a Masonic activity, such as a lodge community service or program.

Following are suggestions for this dialogue:

- Tell him about the fraternity.
- Tell him why you became and remain a Mason.
- Tell him why he would make a good Mason.
- Tell him what benefits Masonry will bring to his life.
- Ask him to consider what you tell him and invite his questions and interest.
- Tell him you will be glad to provide an application should he desire to join.

Talk freely about the purposes and principles of the fraternity, membership requirements, financial obligations, expectations of members, opportunities for personal development, Masonic charities, community service, family activities, and many other subjects.

Tell others about the rewards of being a Mason: personal growth; friendships with men and their families who share your beliefs and values; associating with other men of honor and integrity who believe there's more to life than pleasure and money; participating in community service; being part of an organization committed to making a difference.



2008 Hiram Award Recipient

**Arnold L. Korey**

**Set your calendar for April 21, 2008**

## TRESTLEBOARD BY EMAIL

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## AN APPEAL

The Senior Warden (Head Candidates Coach) and I would like to make an appeal for candidate coaches. We have several of our brothers who need to be followed up on and coached so that that they may advance in this great Fraternity. If you would like to coach even one candidate, let the Lodge Secretary know and he will pass the information on to our Head Candidate Coach.

Harold Thurber, WM



## A REMINDER

All Lodge members should have received their dues notice by this time. It is imperative that the dues be remitted in a timely manner. Remember a Master Mason may not attend lodge unless he has a current dues card.



## HIRAM AWARD

The 2008 Hiram Award recipient has been announced and the very deserving Brother is none other than our Lodge Secretary, Arnold L. Korey. Well deserved recognition for this Brother. Save Monday, April 21, 2008 for the dinner and presentation of this honor to our Brother Arnold. Additional details will come in future Trestleboards. Congratulations Arnie!



## DINE OUT - GREEK TOWN RESTAURANT - 3/18

Continuing with our dine out tradition, the February event was well attended and a success. March 18 will be our next dine out where we will be sharing fellowship and a great dining experience. The place will be Greek Town Restaurant Buffet. A fun and happening place to gather. The time will be

6:30 p.m. on March 18. The restaurant is located at 345 W. Main Street in El Cajon. The dress as usual is casual.

Remember we dine out on the third Tuesday each month at 6:30. Harry Besnoy is the program chairman and does a great job selecting our dine out locations. Be sure to call

him to compliment him on this fun program and to let him know you will be there.

We hope to see you there. Please call Harry Besnoy, our with any questions or suggestions. Especially call him if you have a great idea for a future Dine Out location. His phone number is 619-562-7465.

## MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

### DeMolay

DeMolay is a youth leadership and service organization open to young men from the ages of 12 to 21. The Order takes its name from Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the historic Knights Templar, who suffered a martyr's death rather than betray his fellows to a power-hungry French King. Members must profess a sincere faith in God, and be of good moral character. The teachings of DeMolay center on seven Cardinal Virtues: Love of Parents, Reverence, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism.



### IORG - Rainbow

The Order of the Rainbow for Girls is open to young ladies from age 11 to 20 who believe in God and are of good moral character. Founded in 1922 by Reverend Mark Sexson, the moral lessons of the Order are taught in beautiful ceremonies based on the seven colors of the Rainbow. There are Rainbow Assemblies located in nearly every state and many countries. Rainbow gets girls ready for life.



### Jobs Daughters

The Order of Job's Daughters is open to young women from 10 to 20 who believe in God, are of good moral character, and are related to a Master Mason. The lessons of Job's Daughters are based on the Biblical book of Job, and especially Job 42:15: *"In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."*



## BIRTHDAYS FROM THE EAST

Francis Adams	3/10
Norman Alpert	3/12
Ronald Bagley	3/19
Jonathan Blayman	3/03
Thomas Bossert	3/05
Alan Cass	3/26
Bert DeGaetano	3/02
Dino Del Mar	3/05
Joselito Dimapilis	3/18
Werner Dreifuss	3/12
Lou Dunst	3/11
Martin Ettel, PM	3/09
Oberlin Evenson	3/26
Morey Feldman	3/07
Matt Foulger	3/18
Scott Gould	3/25
Justin Hammerlun	3/27
Carmi Hodge	3/13
Jim Hom	3/07
Saul Klein, PM	3/03
Ray Krum	3/24
Brian Leto	3/05
Robin Loftus	3/15
Dax Lynch	3/28
Neal Macurda, PM	3/11
Michael Mendoza	3/27
Kevin Mofidi	3/21
Albino Navasca	3/01
Jose Paragas	3/19
Abelardo Pareja	3/23
Ted Partosan	3/26
Arnel Paynita	3/05
Adriano Pecadeso	3/19
Laurence Plummer	3/09
Clyde Roberts	3/25
Clarence Safley	3/10
Richard Saldano, PM	3/01
Emeterio Salindong	3/03
Albert Sebastia	3/07
Frank Skopec	3/26
Robert Smith	3/17
Rovert Stewart	3/16
Frederick Swenson	3/29
Konstantin Swerilas	3/30
Michael Tekedo	3/25
Arnold Tongco	3/17
John Vooring	3/19
J T Watson	3/15

Average age = 62.45 years old

Oldest = 91 years old

Youngest = 26 years old

Happy Birthday to these Brethren!  
We would like to wish you a happy birthday in person at the Stated Meeting dinner of your birth month. Please do join us and remember that your dinner is on the Lodge.



Brethren,  
I would like to thank our Senior Warden, Chris Quimpo, for sitting in for me while I was on vacation. February has been an interesting month with practices and degrees. It looks like we have a good group of Officers who are really capable and energetic.

With John Heisner, PM, as chairman, we have reintroduced the award for the essay contest at Rancho San Diego's Hillsdale Middle School. This year the title for the contest is "Why is public education essential to a free society?" The award for first, second and third prizes will be presented at the school at a date to be determined in late April or early May.

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,  
I would like to thank all the Brethren who called in for dinner reservations. It was a big help with the dinner count. Remember it is not too late to be added to the permanent dinner list.

I would like to urge anyone who has not come for dinner to come and join us, we are having great meals. They are picked by our ladies who have made some great choices. Our Stated Dinners are a great chance to meet and socialize and get to know each other and that is an important part of what Masonry is about: fellowship.

I have started taking names for new name tags. If you are interested in a new name tag please call me. I try to have new badges ready by the

We have a strong schedule of degrees in March and I will need all the Officer's cooperation, as well as, a few volunteers and many sideliners. I don't know if our year will continue to be this busy (a good thing), but at least for now, we are looking toward a bright and busy future.

I know it is early in the year, but it is time for the Officers to think about qualifying for new positions. I would like to rotate the junior Officers (when qualified) to other positions, to have everybody gain experience in these new positions.

Remember, in March, everybody is Irish. This is a great time to greet and meet new people. Invite a Brother to

lodge that hasn't been there in awhile. What can be friendlier than an Irish Mason? Attend the Stated Meeting Dinner, it is a wonderful time for fellowship and you might even win a free dinner.

Don't forget our Dine-Outs! Brother Besnoy works hard to put these together, so let him know you are attending.

Fraternally,  
Harold Thurber WM

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sunshine warm on your face.  
The rain fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
(Irish Blessing)



## ENDOW YOUR LODGE - GIVE IT THE GIFT OF YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Any time is a good time as a member of AMITY LODGE to purchase a life membership. This one time payment will enable you to be free of that annual duty of paying your dues which now increase each year because of the automatic adjustment for Grand Lodge per capita. Amity Lodge has adopted the Alternate Life Membership program. Call the Secretary to find out how you can become a LIFE member.

next Stated Meeting.

Second notices for dues are being sent. If you receive a second notice and have already sent in your check, we apologize but give us a call just in case it was lost in the mail. If you haven't yet mailed your check for dues, it was due January 1, please do send your check in now and avoid the possibility of being suspended. If you have any questions, please call me and if you are having difficulties, especially call me (the call will be in confidence).

PLEASE CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR STATED MEETING ON MAR. 6 SO I CAN GET A PROPER COUNT FOR DINNER.

Fraternally, Arnold L. Korey

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2008."**

Please be considerate and make your dinner reservations early. If you are going to come to one of our dinners, make reservations. Two days in advance is sufficient, but please reserve.

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**MARCH 2008 CALENDAR**

**March**

- Mon 3rd** DARK
- Thurs 6th** **STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE** at 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 10th** **FIRST DEGREE** - Mr. Manalo  
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs 13th** **FIRST DEGREE** - Mr. Carpenter and Mr. McBride  
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon 17th** **THIRD DEGREE** - Brother Maninang  
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues 18th** Dining Out at 6:30 p.m. Greek Town Restaurant in El Cajon, (see article or call Harry Besnoy)
- Thurs 20th** Dark
- Mon 24th** **OSI - Amity does THIRD DEGREE second section**  
7:00 p.m. - ALL Officers - only Inspector can excuse you
- Thurs 27th** Dark
- Mon 31st** **SECOND DEGREE** - Brothers Galaviz and Tiqui  
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Officers' attire: First and Second Degrees is coat and tie, Third Degrees is TUXEDO.**

**April**

- Thurs 3rd** **STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE** at 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call 619-291-0465.

**\* MARCH STATED MEETING DINNER MENU \***

BBQ Ribs and Roasted Chicken  
 Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Mixed Vegetables  
 Tossed Green Salad, Assorted Rolls  
 Cherry Pie a la mode and Beverages



## JOHN HANSON (1715-1783)

Freemasons proudly claim George Washington as a Brother. But Washington was not the first Masonic president. Freemason John Hanson of Maryland was actually the first to serve the full term as “President of the United States in Congress Assembled,” under the Articles of Confederation, from 1781 to 1782. Under his brief leadership, the United States started a post office, opened a foreign consular service, began the arduous task of a national census, started the Treasury Department and a national bank with standardized coinage, appointed the first secretary of war and approved new treaties, laws and regulations. He officially ordered all foreign troops off American soil. And he established the Great Seal of the United States, which all presidents since Hanson have used on all official documents. He even declared an official date for the celebration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. In just one year-the term limit required by the Articles-he accomplished more than most modern presidents accomplish in four, or even eight, years.

In all, there were ten presidents of the United States under the Articles of Confederation.

They were:

- Samuel Huntington (1781)<sup>7</sup>
- Thomas McKean (1781)-Freemason<sup>8</sup>
- John Hanson (1781-82)-Freemason
- Elias Boudinot (1782-83)
- Thomas Mifflin (1783-84)-probable Freemason
- Richard Henry Lee (1784-85)-Freemason<sup>9</sup>
- John Hancock (1785-86)-Freemason
- Nathan Gorman (1786-87)
- Arthur St. Clair (1787-88)-Freemason
- Cyrus Griffin (1788-89)



An urban legend has grown up around Hanson’s supposed depiction on the back of the two-dollar bill. Certain websites, most notably African-American activist Dick Gregory’s, have wrongly claimed that John Hanson is shown in the engraving on the bill that is a reproduction of John Trumbull’s painting, Declaration of Independence. They further assert that Hanson has “dark skin” in the engraving (he is supposedly the figure in the middle of the front row of seated onlookers, with his arm bent). The claim is that Hanson was, in fact, black and a Moor. A photograph of a black man usually accompanies the story, which is actually a daguerreotype taken between 1850 and 1860 of Senator John Hanson from Grand Bassa County in Liberia.

The problem with the legend is that the John Hanson of Continental Congress fame died in 1783, forty years before photography was invented and almost 75 years before the picture could have been taken. That doesn’t explain the slightly darker face on the man in the front row of the two-dollar bill, but in Trumbull’s original painting, that figure is actually Robert Morris of Pennsylvania. John Hanson was not present at the reading, debate or signing of the Declaration of Independence. But trifling things like facts never stopped an urban legend, and attempts to set the record straight have generally been characterized as a nefarious “cover-up.”

