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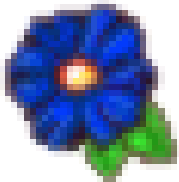
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AMITY LODGE #442

2008 HIRAM AWARD

DINNER AND PRESENTATION HONORING

ARNOLD L. KOREY

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

AMITY LODGE #442
SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
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DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.
PRESENTATION FOLLOWS DINNER

BRETHREN, LADIES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

IF YOU WILL COME FOR THE DINNER (\$15.00 PER PERSON),
PLEASE, PLEASE, MAKE RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WITH THE LODGE SECRETARY, ARNOLD KOREY AT 619-291-0465



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DINE OUT - THE SOUPLANTATION - 4/15

We enjoyed a huge success at the Greek Buffet and can't wait for our next dining adventure. On Tuesday, April 15, the third Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. we will be dining out at The Souplantation, located at 9158 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa. It is located just north of Dallas on Fletcher Parkway. The telephone number is (619) 462-4232.

Discount coupons can be found in the Sunday newspaper coupon books. Bring extras to share. We will be reserving a private room to enjoy the evening together.

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.

ARNOLD LEE KOREY - HIRAM AWARD, 2008

Arnold Lee Korey was born on November 23, 1940 in Hollywood, California and spent his early years in Boston, Massachusetts. After returning to California in 1950 and a brief stay in Los Angeles, he move to San Diego and was a member of the first Senior Class to graduate from Crawford High School.

After high school, he served in the Air Force for four years and learned to work with computers. (really?, ed.) After his discharge, he worked ten years in Sacramento and on returning to San Diego, he worked for Klauber Wagenheim Co. and then Mocerri Foods and Kraft Foods.

Arnold's acquaintance with Masonry began when he worked on Shrine inaugural Balls under the auspices of his father, Brother and Noble Barney Korey. And, prior to his joining the Lodge, Arnold was often present and assisting at picnics and BBQs with Jack Cruz, Stan Brust and his father, Barney Korey.

He joined his fathers Lodge, Blackmer and was raised a Master Mason on September 11, 1980. Arnold remember being raised by Worshipful Galen Niefenfuehr who told him he repeated the obligation so loudly that he was bouncing it off the walls. He has since

served his Lodge as an appointed officer and is currently distinguishing himself as the Secretary of Amity Lodge. In 1992, as High Priest and Prophet, he was elected to office in the Western Shrine Association and in 1994 was elected President. He led Al Bahr Shrine as Potentate in 1995.

As a Scottish Rite Mason, Arnold joined the Officers Line of the Lodge of Perfection and served as Venerable Master in 2005. He

was honored with the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction in 2003. Arnold joined the Royal Arch and Cryptic Council in spring of 2001 and immediately took an interest in the work there. He joined the Chapter officer's line and led San Diego Chapter No. 61 as its High Priest in 2006. His leadership skills were put to the test as he was called upon to lead and guide the consolidation of not one but two Chapters during his year as High Priest. Without his steady hand on the wheel and his careful guidance, it is doubtful that these consolidations could

have been accomplished. This was also, excellent experience that was later to be applied in the consolidation of Crossroads Lodge and Blackmer Lodge. As Secretary of Blackmer



Lodge, Arnold was instrumental in marshalling all the necessary paper work, meetings and documentation for the consolidation of Crossroads Lodge and Blackmer Lodge. With his guidance it was a very smooth process.

In all facets of his Masonic involvement, Arnold L. Korey has demonstrated outstanding leadership, great personal skill and exemplary devotion to Freemasonry and to duty. His compassion for his Brethren and his devotion to his Lodge, have pointed him out as a proper object of favor to receive the 2008 Hiram Award from Amity Lodge No. 442.

BIRTHDAYS FROM THE EAST

Ernest Addleson	4/06
Mickey Ander	4/2
Francisco Arias	4/7
Renato Baladad	4/25
Harry Besnoy	4/26
Giles Brown	4/21
Richard Carlson	4/28
J. Zael Carpenter	4/3
Terry Christian	4/22
Antonio David	4/22
Herman Duriano	4/7
Clyde Fry	4/23
Chad Green	4/17
Jason Grubbs	4/20
Herbert Harnly	4/20
Albert Heck	4/12
Sean Keller	4/21
Julius Krasner	4/14
Samuel Krasner, PM	4/20
Psalm Limpiado	4/17
Douglas Macurda	4/1
Hermiginildo Manalo	4/13
Shane Mason	4/12
Kenneth McCoy	4/16
Solomon Minsberg	4/25
Patricio Moneda	4/28
Delano Rivera	4/6
Stanley Robinson, Jr.	4/20
Robert Ross	4/17
William Shotts	4/19
Lamberto Vales	4/16
Dan Underwood	4/08
Maretin Vance	4/1
R. Michael Walters	4/15
Warren E. Wilsie	4/09

Average age = 62.34 years old
Oldest = 95 years old
Youngest = 20 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,
Congratulations to our two new Master Masons, Brother Ely Delos Reyes and Brother Jimmy Maninang. The brethren in attendance saw two great degrees and had some wonderful food supplied by our newly raised brothers.
The Hiram Award Committee has selected our Secretary, Brother Arnold Korey to receive the prestigious award this year. The diner and presentation will be April 21st. As it sure to well attended, be sure to get your reservations in early by calling the office.
Starting with the end of March and the first weeks of April, we

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,
I would like to thank the Members of Amity Lodge for the most distinguish honor of being the recipient of the first HIRAMAWARD for Amity Lodge. I am honored to join the list of distinguished Brethren from the former Crossroads Lodge and Blackmer Lodge who have also been so honored. In my Masonic career I have received many awards but I consider this one of the highest. I am most humble. Again, THANK YOU.

I am sending out SECOND DUES NOTICES. I apologize in advance if you

will start passing our Entered Apprentices to the degree of Fellowcraft. Please plan to attend some of the degrees. This year I am encouraging all members to become evolved in the lodge functions. If you would like to take part in a degree, call the lodge or Worshipful John Heisner PM, our Officers' Coach. We would like participation from all members. Even if you would not like to be in a degree, you can always come for fellowship and be a sideline. Speaking of Worshipful John Heisner, remember his book signing at the end of March. I will be making the presenta-

receive one and you have already paid your dues. We are still in the process of consolidating the two Lodge data bases into one system. This seems to be harder than the consolidation of the Lodges was. If you have paid your dues and receive a second notice, don't be offended and please give me a call. Sometimes mail gets lost or fingers type the wrong letter.

Nearby is a list of names from our recent mailings for which mail has been returned. If you know of any of these people and can provide a current address or phone

tions to the winners of our Public Schools Essay Contest in April. Look forward to the May Trestleboard for comments and pictures.
April 15th being just around the corner. Please think about a tax-deductible donation to our Masonic Charities. These support the Masonic Homes, the Outreach Program and the Masonic Foundation. All of these are worthwhile programs and I encourage all of our brethren to consider them. Make your reservations for our Stated Meeting Diner, April 3rd. and I will see you there.
Fraternally,
Harold Thurber WM

number, please call me or drop me a note or an email. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally, Arnold L. Korey

Please help locate the following:

Garey E. Grace
Daniel G. Duenez
Scott A. Brooks
Helen G. Medak
Ethel Feldman
Marica Leard
Marcelo B. Quintana
Michael J. Tekiko
John C. King
Raul Sierra

NORTH CITY YOUTH BASEBALL - PADRES

Amity Lodge has adopted the Padres of the North City Youth Baseball Bronco Division. We are a team sponsor and have a banner that will be displayed at our team's

games. The team plays its games at Mt. Etna Park at Mt. Etna and Genesee, not too far to go to attend a game or two.

Our Brothers Adam Torres and Chris Quimpo will let

us know how the team is doing and give us a picture or two.

April games are: 4/1 at 5 pm, 4/4 at 12 pm, 4/7 at 5 pm,

4/12 at 12 pm, 4/16 at 5 pm, 4/19 at 9 am, 4/21 at 5 pm, 4/26 at 12 pm and 4/30 at 5 pm.

<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=2008ncpadres>

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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APRIL 2008 CALENDAR

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.
- Mon 7th** Practice for Second or Third Degree at 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 10th** **SECOND DEGREE** - Brother Del Mar
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon 14th** Dark
- Tues 15th** Dining Out at 6:30 p.m. Souplantation at 9158 Fletcher Parkway, (see article or call Harry Besnoy)
- Thurs 17th** **SECOND DEGREE** - Brother Gerrardo and Brother Fabien
Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon 21st** **HIRAM AWARD - SEE ARTICLE**
- Thurs 24th** Dark
- Mon 28th** **FIRST DEGREE** - Mr. Salzman
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.

May

- Thurs 1st** **STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE** at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call 619-291-0465.

APRIL STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Honey Baked Ham and Snapper
 Potatoes Au Gratin and Mixed Vegetables
 Caesar Salad, Assorted Rolls
 Dutch Apple Pie a la mode and Beverages



CHARGE GIVEN TO A CANDIDATE BY HIS FATHER

MY SON—Tonight you become a member of an order—not only of friends but of brothers. In your after-life as you master its teachings, and experience its good influences, you will have a great mental growth.

Masonry fosters only the right doers; its principles, its teachings, its mysteries—all tend to the elevation of man.

Masonry gives maturity to the good character, and character may be likened to a universal bank; The deposits that are made in the bank of character bear an eternal interest; no thief can steal them, no panic can dissipate them.

The life of him who is pure, just, honorable and noble, finds within the tenets of Masonry loyal protection “from the evil intentions of our enemies.”

We believe that you will be true and faithful to the teachings of Masonry, and we trust that you will so live that your words and your actions will be such as to brighten the memory of all the good men who have stood where you and I now stand—amid friends and amid brothers.

You are the son of a Mason who reveres Masonry’s teachings and stands uncovered in the presence of its sublime mysteries.

If you will have your conduct in harmony with the principles of Masonry, you will aid my remaining years, to pass in peaceful satisfaction.

You are not only my SON but you are also my BROTHER; and believing that you will always prove yourself as being worthy of having been this evening, “raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason,” I hope to be steadied by your arm as my SON and as my BROTHER when I depart on the journey whose goal is the realm of silence.

"SOLEMN STRIKES THE FUNERAL CHIME"

How many tender memories these old familiar words evoke in the mind of a Mason. Often in the open lodge - alas, all too often beside the open grave - he has heard them march with slow, majestic step to the measure of the Pleyel Hymn. Never were words and melody more fitly blended, and they induce a mood pensive indeed, but not plaintive, rich in pathos without being poignant - a mood of sweet sadness caught at that point where it stops short of bitter, piercing grief. Yet few know when it was written and by whom, though many must have paused to muse over the faith of which it sings.

The hymn was written by David Vinton, a lecturer on

Masonry and teacher of the ritual in the first quarter of the last century, whose field of labor was in the South, chiefly in North Carolina. Unfortunately, his path through life was dogged by the demon of drink, which left stains upon his character for which he was expelled by a Lodge in North Carolina. He died, so Mackey records, in Shakertown, Kentucky, in July, 1833, but Morris dates his death six years earlier and says that it occurred near Russellville, Ky. Morris adds this pathetic fact: “Nor were his own most beautiful words sung over his grave, on account of lapse from a life of sobriety.”

In 1816 Vinton issued a volume entitled “The Masonic Minstrel, a Selection of Masonic, Sentimental, and Amorous Songs. Duets, Glees, Canons, Rounds and Canzonets, Respectfully Dedicated to the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons,” with an appendix containing a short historical sketch of Masonry and a list of all the Lodges in the United States. It was printed for the author by H. Mann and Company, Dedham, Mass., and more than twelve thousand copies were sold to the Craft. This volume contained his funeral dirge set to the melody of the Pleyel hymn. As Mackey remarks, “This contribution should preserve the name of Vinton among the Craft, and in some measure atone for his faults, whatever they may have been.”

From the preface of the Minstrel we learn that Vinton was appointed by Mount Vernon Lodge, in Providence, to procure a book of songs for use in the Lodge, and this suggested the book to his mind, the more so when he was unable to find any book to meet the need. This quaint volume, yellow with age, and alternating quickly from grave to gay, from lively to severe, tempts comment, did time permit; but our concern here is only with his dirge. Originally it had eight stanzas, only four of which are used in our ritual and burial service, and Vinton little thought that his lines would be sung for a decade, then laid aside, then taken up again and sung wherever a Brother Mason is laid to rest, “in the land called America.”

Two excerpts from "The Builder Magazine" published in 1915

