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## "WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS..."

"Taxation without representation!" That was the battle cry of the 13 colonies in America that were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III with no representation in Parliament. As dissatisfaction grew, British troops were sent in to quell any signs of rebellion, and repeated attempts by the colonists to resolve the crisis without war proved fruitless.

On June 11, 1776, the colonies' Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia formed a committee with the express purpose of drafting a document that would formally sever their ties with Great Britain. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. The document was crafted by Jefferson, who was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer. (Nevertheless, a total of 86 changes were made to his draft.) The final version was officially adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4.

The following day, copies of the Declaration of Independence were distributed and, on July 6, *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first newspaper to print the extraordinary document.

The Declaration of Independence has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty.

#### **Bonfires and Illuminations**

On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and

celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

The custom eventually spread to other towns, both large and small, where the day was marked with processions, oratory, picnics, contests, games, military displays and fireworks. Observations throughout the nation became even more common at the end of the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

On June 24, 1826, Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to Roger C. Weightman, declining an invitation to come to Washington, D.C., to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was the last letter that Jefferson, who was gravely ill, ever wrote. In it, Jefferson says of the document:

"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be ... the signal of arousing men to burst the chains ... and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form, which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. ... For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."

Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as a holiday, but with full pay for federal employees. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, fireworks, picnics and the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and marches by John Philip Sousa.

## AMITY LODGE NAMES 2008 MASON OF THE YEAR

Amity Lodge #442 is proud to select as their Mason of the Year 2008, Brother Chris Quimpo, currently serving as Senior Warden. Brother Chris was raised in 1999 and installed as our Junior Deacon in 2005. He has distinguished himself while serving as Head Candidates coach for the last year and a half. During this period, Amity was created through consolidation, resulting in a dramatic

increase in the number of candidates needing coaching for advancement. Chris stepped up to the challenge and now Amity is seeing a surge in degrees and new candidates. Chris is also participating at all levels in the degrees we are performing. He is an excellent ritualist and has been recognized by the Scottish Rite with their prestigious Pike Award for his work in the 14th Degree.

Chris is also serving in the Consistory of the Scottish Rite as Preceptor. He is also a member of the Al Bahr Shrine. Brother Chris is a model Mason and is well deserving of the honor as Mason of the Year for Amity Lodge.



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**DINE OUT - Mimi's in Santee - July 15th**

Another great place to gather to dine with our Amity family. Remember, members, family, friends, loved ones and others are invited. Please join us for a repeat visit to Mimi's Cafe in Santee. The address is 9812 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, CA 92071 - Tel. 619 562-

2644. We meet at 6:30 p.m. and the dress is casual.

Harry Besnoy, our Dine Out Specialist, will appreciate 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.



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**LODGE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION**

This is a wonderful training and development series for California's Masonic leaders. The Lodge Management Certification Program will arm you with the tools and the training to deal with many issues. The program offers five different courses, each presented in an intense one-day workshop taught by some of our most knowledgeable and

experienced Masons. The courses are designed for lodge officers, committee members, trustees and hall association directors. Other Lodge leaders are also encouraged to attend.

The five classes offered are: Program Planning, Lodge Finance, Hall Association Management, Membership Development and Lodge Administration.

These classes will be offered in several locations, closest to Amity Lodge are San Diego on July 19 and Irvine on August 9. They begin at 8 with registration and run until 4:30.

Please see the Secretary for additional registration information, deadline and payment (\$35/person, which is an approved Lodge expense.)

**The 497th Masonic District  
Cordially invites you to attend  
The Grand Master's Reception and  
San Diego County's Annual Mason of the Year Awards Program**

Awards will be presented by  
**The Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper  
Grand Master of Masons in California**

Scottish Rite Masonic Memorial Center  
1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108

**Saturday, August 30, 2008**

Social Hour at 5:00 p.m. : Dinner at 6:00 p.m. : Mason of the Year Awards at 7:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person with RSVP required by August 22

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Make checks payable to: 497th Masonic District Officers Association  
mail to: Lemon Grove Lodge #736 at 2590 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91946

Note: if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please contact one of the above to cancel or you will be billed for your reservation.

## BIRTHDAYS FROM THE EAST

George Davis	7/02
Mazin Younan	7/04
Marlin Schrage	7/05
James Ogilvie, PM	7/05
William Kimble	7/06
F. Walter Savage	7/06
Robert Hollcraft	7/07
William Neme	7/07
Chris Quimpo	7/09
Mitchell Wallace	7/09
Jeffrey Kokinacis	7/12
James Stewart	7/12
Justin Seligmann	7/13
John Stange	7/15
W. Harold Williams	7/17
Manuel Napalan	7/18
Guy Francesconi	7/20
Leopoldo Manalo	7/21
Louis Towne	7/21
Verne Irving	7/22
Jerry Boyns, PM	7/24
Curtis Morrisette	7/24
Richard Petersen, PM	7/24
Ernie Astudillo	7/26
Gary Newkirk	7/26
Lawrence Webster, PM	7/27
Donald Lee	7/28
Ezra Johnson	7/29
David Smith	7/29

Average age = 63.62 years old  
Oldest = 91 years old  
Youngest = 45 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.

## GREAT BBQ AT ESD

Put this one on your calendars. East San Diego Lodge's Annual Ed Denton Beef BBQ will be on Sunday, July 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is deep pit, slow cooked overnight and is really excellent. East San Diego Lodge is located at 7849 Tommy Drive in the San Carlos area of San Diego, just off Navajo Road and Cowles Mtn.

Brethren,  
It has been an exciting couple of weeks with the raising of five new Master Masons. I would like to congratulate Brothers Manalo, Gerrado, Fabien, Tique, and DelMar on their raising. If you missed their degrees, be sure to congratulate them at your first opportunity. I would like to thank all the participants in these degrees. It required a lot of hard work and time to make them all successful. We had help not only from a lot of are own lodge brethren, but brethren from a lot of our sister lodges.

Looking forward, we have a large group of new members, Entered Apprentices, and Fellowcrafts that are working toward higher degrees. If you can take some time to assist our

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,  
I will be sending out late dues notices, and if you have not sent in your dues please do so, as it is time to send in our Grand Lodge per capita.

We had a nice turn out for our last dine out at the Lodge. Those that came had a wonderful meal prepared by our Junior Deacon's wife Remi Rivera, from her restaurant.

I have had several

Senior Warden in coaching any of these men, the help would be greatly appreciated.

Speaking of our Senior Warden, I would like to congratulate him and his wife, Emily on their new daughter, Isabella Marie, born June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be having a proficiency night on July 7<sup>th</sup>. After we close lodge, we will have a Members' and Officers' meeting to discuss advancement and qualification for next year's line. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, you are especially invited to attend. Plan on attending, as we need to nail down a few positions.

July brings us to that time of the year when we will be squaring up with Grand Lodge on assess-

ments (per capita). If you are a Master Mason, we will be sending our per capita assessment on your behalf. If you have not paid your dues, these monies have to come out of lodge funds and other budgeted items will suffer.

On a more upbeat matter, starting with the July Stated Meeting, the attire for July, August, and September will be Hawaiian Casual or Barong Tagalog, no shorts or sandals. The degrees will still be coat and tie or Barong Tagalog.

Please look at the lodge calendar in the Trestleboard and plan on attending some of the upcoming degrees. Fraternally,  
Harold Thurber WM



The Officers are doing several Degrees and I hope you will come and watch them at work. The more sideliners we have, the better impression that the candidate has. Hope to see you in lodge.

Arnold L. Korey, Secretary



**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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**JULY 2008 CALENDAR**

<b>July</b>	
<b>Thurs 3rd</b>	<b>STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE</b> at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call 619-291-0465. Attire: Hawaiian or Barong Tagalog
<b>Fri 4th</b>	<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA</b>
<b>Mon 7th</b>	<b>Proficiency Meeting</b> followed by a Members' and Officers' planning meeting, Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m.
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	<b>Practice First and Second Degrees</b> at 6:45 p.m.
<b>Mon 14th</b>	<b>SECOND DEGREES</b> - Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m.
<b>Tues 15th</b>	<b>Dining Out</b> at 6:30 p.m. - Mimi's Cafe in Santee (see article or call Harry Besnoy at 619-562-7465)
<b>Thurs 17th</b>	<b>Practice</b> at 6:45 p.m.
<b>Mon 21st</b>	<b>SECOND DEGREE</b> - TBA, Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m.
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Dark
<b>Mon 28th</b>	<b>ISI - all Officers must attend</b> - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thurs 31st</b>	<b>FIRST DEGREES</b> - Mr. Boalanger and Mr. Hernandez Lodge opens at 6:45 p.m.
<b>NOTE: Officers' attire: First and Second Degrees is coat and tie or Barong Tagalog, Third Degrees it is TUXEDO.</b>	

<b>August</b>	
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	TBA
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	<b>STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE</b> at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call 619-291-0465. Attire: Hawaiian or Barong Tagalog

**JULY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU**

Chicken Kabobs and Stuffed Bell Peppers  
 Baby Red Potatoes and Green Beans Almandine  
 Spring Salad with crumbles - Assorted rolls  
 Dutch Apple Pie and Beverages



## THE FOURTH OF JULY 2008 - SOME FACTS FOR YOU...

On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

2.5 million = In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

304 million = The nation's population on this July Fourth.

### Fourth of July Cookouts

More than 1 in 4 = The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. The Hawkeye State was home to 17.6 million market hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008. This represents more than one-fourth of the nation's total. North Carolina (9 million) and Minnesota (6.7 million) were the runners-up.

6.8 billion pounds = Total production of cattle and calves in Texas in 2007. Chances are good that the beef hot dogs, steaks and burgers on your backyard grill came from the Lone Star State, which accounted for about one-sixth of the nation's total production. And if the beef did not come from Texas, it very well may have come from Nebraska (4.7 billion pounds) or Kansas (4.1 billion pounds).

6 = Number of states in which the revenue from broiler chickens was \$1 billion or greater between December 2006 and November 2007. There is a good chance that one of these states — Georgia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi or Texas — is the source of your barbecued chicken.

About 4 in 10 = The odds that your side dish of baked beans originated from North Dakota, which produced 42 percent of the nation's dry, edible beans in 2007. Another popular Fourth of July side dish is corn on the cob. Florida, California, Georgia and New York together accounted for 60 percent of the sweet corn produced nationally in 2007.

Please Pass the Potato Salad = Potato salad and potato chips are popular food items at Fourth of July barbecues. More than half (52 percent) of the nation's spuds were produced in Idaho or Washington state in 2007.

More than three-fourths = Amount of the nation's head lettuce production in 2007 that came from California. This lettuce may end up in your salad or on your burger.

Nearly 3 in 4 = The chances that the fresh tomatoes in your salad came from Florida or California, which combined accounted for 73 percent of U.S. tomato production last year. The ketchup on your burger or hot dog probably came from California, which accounted for 96 percent of processed tomato production in 2007.

Georgia = The state that led the nation in watermelon production

last year (1 billion pounds). Other leading producers of this popular Fourth of July dessert included California, Florida and Texas, each with more than 400 million pounds.

More than 74 million = Number of Americans who said they have taken part in a barbecue during the previous year. It's probably safe to assume a lot of these events took place on Independence Day.

### Fireworks

\$207 million = The value of fireworks imported from China in 2007, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$217 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$14.9 million in 2007, with Japan purchasing more than any other country (\$3.8 million).

### Flags

\$4.7 million = In 2007, the dollar value of U.S. imports of American flags. The vast majority of this amount (\$4.3 million) was for U.S. flags made in China.

\$2.4 million = Dollar value of U.S. flags exported in 2007. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing \$1.2 million worth.

\$349.2 million = Annual dollar value of shipments of fabricated flags, banners and similar emblems by the nation's manufacturers, according to the latest published economic census data.

### Patriotic-Sounding Names

31 = Number of places nationwide with "liberty" in their name. The most populous one as of July 1, 2006, is Liberty, Mo. (29,581). Iowa, with four, has more of these places than any other state: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

- Thirty-one places are named "eagle" — after the majestic bird that serves as our national symbol. (Places include cities, towns, villages and census-designated places.) The most populous such place is Eagle Pass, Texas, with 26,401 residents.
- Twelve places have "independence" in their name. The most populous of these is Independence, Mo., with 109,400 residents.
- Nine places adopted the name "freedom." Freedom, Calif., with 6,000 residents, has the largest population among these.
- There is one place named "patriot" — Patriot, Ind., with a population of 192.
- And what could be more fitting than spending the Fourth of July in a place called "America"? There are five such places in the country, with the most populous being American Fork, Utah, population 25,596.



# ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FREEMASONRY IN CALIFORNIA

## There is a Wayfaring Man

Thus the seafaring men came on the wind in their sailing vessels and went with it, like thistle seeds. They established no Lodges here, for, as Carew pointed out, they were in a foreign land whose customs would not tolerate their society. Of the three among them who settled here - Elwell, Davis and Penhallow - only Davis and Penhallow left any visible Masonic marks of their presence - small marks at that, years after the conquest of California and the organization of Grand Lodge. The rest confined their labors to the little Lodges established in 1843 and 1852 in that Paradise of the Pacific, 2,400 miles away.

However, as early as 1829, our land-roving brethren were looking this way. In the succeeding years, till the event of the American conquest, they came in one's, two's, and three's till more than forty of them had worked their way across Southwestern deserts and through the Sierra Nevada. A few even went into Oregon, then came through the Siskiyou's or by way of Goose Lake and Pit River. They were the hardest type of manhood the world has ever seen. Only a short time before, most of them or their immediate ancestors had carried their long rifles through the Cumberlands and trod valleys of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Missouri. Among them were trappers who had roamed the Green and the Yellowstone, and carried beaver pelts from the Upper Missouri country with Ashley and the immortal Sublettes. Others had pushed the thin line of civilization out to the Missouri frontier, leaving behind them the settlements of Lexington, Independence, and St. Joe. And, here and there, was a like spirited one of foreign birth who had endured the sea just long enough to get over here and join them in the new land yet to be conquered.

These brethren were the type of men that the American mind invariably associates with the word "pioneer." Their symbols were not the sail and anchor of brig and bark, or any other accoutrement of seagoing craft. They were identified with the log cabin, the long rifle, and the covered wagon. They came not to trade at a fat profit with a backward society, but to build an empire and increase the value of the land.

Among them were men whose fame has gone far beyond the borders of California, and whose deeds have

caught the imagination of youth everywhere. A partial list of them, with the years of their arrival here, is sufficient to illustrate the point:

Abel Stearns, 1829	Jasper O'Farrell, 1843
Kit Carson, 1830	Lansford W. Hastings, 1843
George C. Yount, 1831	William Baldrige, 1843
J. T. Warner, 1831	Bartlett Vines, 1843
Jeam L. Vignes, 1831 J	ames M. Hudspeth, 1843
Isaac Williams, 1832	John To\vnsend, 1844
William G. Chard, 1832	Moses Schallenberger, 1844
Pierre Sainsevain, 1839	John M. Murphy, 1844
Peter Lassen, 1840	Granville P. Swift, 1844
John Bidwell, 1841	Samuel Kelsey, 1844
Josiah Belden, 1841	Henry Fowler, 1844
William Workman, 1841	William Hargrave, 1844
John R. Rowland, 1841	Robert B. Semple, 1845
BenjaminD. Wilson, 1841	J. Grigsby, 1845
Albert G. Toomes, 1841	William R. Bassham, 1845
Francis P. F. Temple, 1841	William B. Ide, 1845
Samuel J. Hensley, 1843	James M. Ide, 1845
Pierson B. Reading, 1843	Charles Bennett, 1845
Thomas Fallon, 1843	James R. Barton, 1845

To these we might add the names of John Willson Laird, Jacob Wright Harlan, Lindsay Carson (half-brother of Kit), and that immortal trio of the Donner Party, James Frazier Reed, William Henry Eddy, and William McCutchen. True, they did not reach California till the fall of 1846, several months after Sloat had taken Monterey and the country was in American hands. But they were on the trail weeks before the United States went to war with Mexico and did not learn of the event till after their arrival at Sutter's Fort. It seems only fair, therefore, that they should be listed as pre-conquest Masons.

Save for Stearns, Vignes, Sainsevain and O'Farrell, they all came overland. Every one of them knew what it was to see miles of blue sky under a horse's belly and to cook meals over a buffalo chip fire. Every one of them had forded wide rivers, battled dangerous currents and evaded the death grip of treacher-ous quicksands. Standing guard at night against red-skinned savages and sleeping in muddy,



rain soaked blankets were commonplace. The crossing of vast: expanses of desert where waterholes were more than a day's journey apart was all a part of the journey. Nobody expected anything different, and their every activity called for what we nowadays call sheer guts.

But, more important, they brought with them a great moral restraint and respect for law and justice, strengthened by an inherent ability to govern themselves. As a consequence, their influence for good was felt from the day of their arrival in California. Nothing is better proof of it than the stories of their own lives.

#### *Albert Gallatin Toomes*

Albert Gallatin Toomes, a native of Missouri and founder of the Town of Tehama, came to California from New Mexico with the Workman-Rowland Party in 1841. Within a short time he entered into a building and carpentering partnership with another pioneer of 1841, Robert H. Thomes of the Bidwell--Bartleson Company. This partnership, which appears in the records of both San Francisco and Monterey, lasted till well into 1848 or later, after which Messrs. Toomes and Thomes went in for ranching. In 1844, Toomes became a Mexican citizen, married a native Californian woman named Maria Isabel Lorenzana, and was granted the five-league Rancho de los Molinos in what is now Tehama County. His friend Thomes, from whom he seems to have been inseparable, received a five-league neighbor-ing grant, called Los Saucos, the same year.

Toomes visited his ranch twice, in 1845 and 1847, to stock it with cattle, but did not settle permanently upon it till 1849. Here, unaffected by the gold rush and its attendant excitement, he lived the quiet life of landed gentleman. He was fond of hunting and fishing and, from time to time, wrote long letters to his good friend Josiah Belden of San Jose, inviting him to forget the busi-ness world and come up and enjoy the fields and streams of Tehama County. At the time of his death at the age of fifty-six in 1873, Toomes was not only one of the wealthiest, but also one of the most respected citizens in the county.

The same as with one or two brothers in his community, there is some question as to where Toomes was made a Mason. His name first appears in California Masonic records as the charter Junior Warden of Molino Lodge No. 150, of Tehama. In this, he has much in common

with William G. Chard, charter Treasurer of the same Lodge. Both may have been long-time so-journers prior to the organization of Molino Lodge, or both may have received their degrees during the year that the Lodge was under dispensation. But there the similarity ended. Though he was never Master of his Lodge, Toomes filled an office of some kind, ranging up to Senior Warden, practically every year from the time the Lodge was organized till his death. He was its Treasurer at the time of his death.

#### *John Marion Murphy*

John Marion Murphy, after whom the incredibly rich mining camp of Murphys, in Calaveras County, was named, was a son of Martin Murphy, Sr., of the Murphy-Townsend-Stevens Party of 1844 and a son-in-law of James Frazier Reed of the Donner Party, of 1846. He was born near Frampton, Quebec, about 1824. Supposedly a staunch Irish Catholic, but there is still some question as to the extent of his devoutness.

Along with his people, who acquired huge acreages of land in Santa Clara County, Murphy was a man of considerable means and first Treasurer of the county. He afterward held the offices of Sheriff and County Recorder, as well as City Councilman of San Jose. In the spring of 1848, he and his brother Daniel caught the gold fever in its most virulent form and were among the first Santa Clara County citizens to reach the diggings. In July of that year, they discovered on Angel's Creek the diggings that have since been variously referred to as Murphy's Diggings, Murphy's Camp, and just Murphys. Many stories, some of them pretty far-fetched, have been told of the fabulous for-tune they took out of this place. Among other things, it was said that they put Indians to work for them and brought out whole pack-mule loads of gold.

In 1858, Murphy joined San Jose Lodge No. 10 and remained a member of it till 1867, when he withdrew. In his later years, business reverses and injudicious investments left him in uncomfortably straitened circumstances, which apparently continued till his death in 1892, at the age of sixty-eight.

#### *William McCutchen*

The third of the "big three" of the Donner Party was William McCutchen, born in Nashville, Tennessee, about 1816. He and his family joined the great overland migration



of 1846 to California and were identified not only with the Reeds and Donners who crossed the Salt Desert, but also with the Gordons and others who took the longer way around by Fort Hall.

McCutchen has been described as a huge man with a powerful voice and stubborn disposition. If he had anything to say, he said it. There was no mis-taking where he stood on any subject. When his party was struggling through the deserts of Nevada, just before reaching the Sierra Nevada, he and another man pushed on to Sutter's Fort in search of relief. He was taken sick there, but just as soon as he had recovered sufficiently to be up and about, he returned to the mountains, fighting his way through gigantic snowdrifts with relief for his stranded party. He was accompanied on this trip by his good friend James Frazier Reed.

As it was, McCutchen lost his daughter Harriet, but his wife survived. On reaching the valleys of California, McCutchen settled in San Jose, where, in after years, he had other children, one of whom became a prominent San

Francisco attorney. His first wife died in 1857, and he remarried in 1860. In 1853, he served as Sheriff of Santa Clara County, but toward the end of his days devoted his energies to hotel keeping and farming. He died April 17, 1905, aged 79.

McCutchen's Masonic career was only a fragment. He received his entered apprentice degree in San Jose Lodge No. 10, in 1854, and appears in the records as a Fellowcraft the following year. And there he stayed till he was dropped from the roll in 1861. Why he went no further is unknown, Perhaps being a Southerner, he became involved in some of the heated pre--Civil War controversies that were about that time splitting lodges and churches wide open.

At any rate, he was the last of the "big three" of the Donner Party to sever his connection with San Jose Lodge, and, unlike Reed and Eddy, it is certain that he had no home Lodge to which he could return.

To be continued...

## WHAT TO DO?!

**Annual C. Jack Liefer Memorial Outdoor 3rd Degree** is on Saturday, July 12th with Lodge opening at 9AM. Coffee and goodies for the early birds at 8 AM. This is an annual event produced by Temecula-Catalina Island Lodge at Liefer Ranch at 47461 Rainbow Oaks Drive in Temecula. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the "door". There will be a barbeque and refreshments to follow. For advance tickets contact Tom Hafeli, Secretary at tom@hafeli.org or send a check with a self addressed stamped envelope to Tom Hafeli, Secretary, 27895 Diaz Road, Temecula, CA 92590. Your editor has attended this event several times and it is highly recommended. The Degree work is top notch, the setting is wonderful and the BBQ is excellent.

We will be having a **proficiency night on July 7th**. After we close lodge, we will have a **Members' and Officers' meeting** to discuss advancement and qualification for next year's line. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, you are especially invited to attend. Plan on attending, as we need to nail down a few positions.

### The Mayonnaise Jar and Two Cups of Coffee

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it

into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else—the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

