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ILLUMINATING OUR COMMUNITY"**

**MEETS EVERY THURSDAY**

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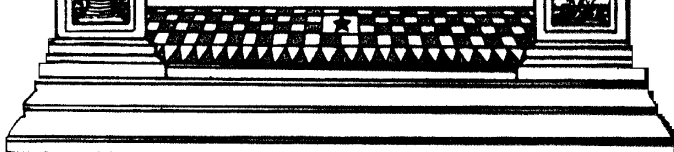
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# TRESTLEBOARD

THE MASTER REQUESTS COAT & TIE FOR ALL  
STATED MEETINGS AND DEGREES

## STATED MEETING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – MEET THE MASTER

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – SOCIAL TIME

6:30 p.m. – DINNER

7:30 p.m. – STATED MEETING / LADIES' HOUR

## MARCH

Thursday, 4th

STATED MEETING

Dinner Reservations Required by March 2nd

Wednesday, 10th

Ritual Competition 7:00 p.m. – Beach Cities Lodge #753

Thursday, 11th

2nd Degree Practice 7:15 p.m. – In Lodge

(Dinner 5:30 p.m. – Chicago For Ribs)

Thursday, 18th

2nd Degree 7:00 p.m. – In Lodge

Candidate: Bro. Jeff Geremia

(Dinner 5:30 p.m. – KJ's)

Tuesday, 23rd

District OSI 7:15 p.m. – Host: El Segundo #421

Thursday, 25th

Westchester Masonic Building Association

5:30 p.m. – In Lodge

## APRIL

Thursday, 4th

STATED MEETING

PUBLIC EDUCATION NIGHT

Dinner Reservations Required by April 2nd

# TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, 8th

3rd Degree Practice 7:15 p.m. – In Lodge  
(Dinner 5:30 p.m. – Hometown Buffet)

Thursday, 15th

3rd Degree 7:00 p.m. – In Lodge  
Candidate: Bro. Brandden Blackwell  
(Dinner 5:30 p.m. – Alejo's)

Saturday, 17th

Third Degree Away Trip to Covina Homes  
Candidate: Bro. Leo Stalworth - 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 22nd

Masonic Information Night  
PGM R. Stephen Doan - Guest Speaker  
7:00 p.m. – In Lodge

Wednesday, 28th

District OSI 7:15 p.m. – Host: So. Cal. Lodge #529

Thursday, 29th

Westchester Masonic Building Association  
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – In Lodge

## **OUR LODGE IS FOR RENT!**

Do you have or know about an  
upcoming event that needs a venue?

**OUR DINING ROOM & LODGE ROOM**  
are for rent.

For availability or more information,  
contact our Rental Manager

**Wor. Clarence Kussner, P.M.**

**at (310) 821-1875**



# MASTER'S MESSAGE

## MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I hope that 2010 is going well for you! We've had two great Stated Meeting Dinners this young year including our Coming Home Event last month. If you haven't heard, the Ladies of Lodge were treated to chocolates and champagne in January and in February to Sparkling Cider and cheese while we were upstairs...the "Women's Hour" is becoming quite a hit! The Pot-Luck Social in January was a smashing success and we all had a great time at the Candlelight Theatre for Sweetheart's Day. The Year has started well.

This month I would like us to consider the **Membership** component of "**Reconnect.**"

I'm sure you agree that we should stay connected with each other but this isn't always easy. Busy work and family schedules often preclude us from staying in touch with our brothers in the Lodge. The younger members really don't know some of the older members who cannot come to Lodge due to age and illness. Some brothers live far away. What can we do?

Although we always put family, work and religion before Freemasonry we should also make a concerted effort to include Masonry in our lives. One night a month, for a Stated Meeting or a Degree Ceremony should not be a hardship; it shouldn't pose a burden on Family or Work. Setting aside 15 minutes a month to call a few brothers who are ill or home-bound shouldn't either. But you have to try.

How about scheduling one night a month on your calendar to visit the Lodge for a Stated Meeting or Degree; take your family to a social event once a quarter; set aside 10 minutes a week to call an ailing brother?

I can think of no better way to practice **Brotherly Love** than to call or visit one of our "elder statesmen of the lodge" who are home bound; no better way to practice **Relief** by offering to take a brother to Lodge who can no longer drive, or run an errand for him. Consider this: Are we practicing **Truth** when we announce that we are Masons but then rarely sacrifice our time for another brother?

As Master, I would never expect you to do anything with which you were uncomfortable. Nor would I expect you to neglect your family, work or religion for our Craft. I simply ask you to make that effort necessary in giving a gift of time, to reconnect to your brothers. That gift, freely given, would be most precious.

(Next month we'll consider "**Fraternity**")

Fraternally, Wor. Anthony Fox, Master

# POT LUCK NIGHT

If you missed our Pot Luck Night, you missed great food and a chance to get better acquainted with the brethren and their ladies. Some of the attendees are shown below.



# CHALLENGERS 2010 SEASON STARTS

**B**aseball fans or fans of children. Our own Challenger Little League teams kick off the 2010 season with their first game on Saturday, March 6, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Culver City High School baseball field at the corner of Lucerne and St. Nicholas Avenues, a block east of Sepulveda Boulevard in Culver City. There is ample parking on the street.

The Challengers division of Little League is comprised of physically and/or mentally challenged children who love to play baseball and do so to the extent of each of their abilities. Southern California Lodge proudly sponsors the league and provides uniforms and help with their end of the season awards lunch. We also attend the games and root for the kids (as well as have a good time visiting with each other). It is a most rewarding one hour to watch them play wearing jerseys bearing the Masonic square and compass of Southern California Lodge.

The Challengers play every Saturday except for Easter and Memorial Day weekends from March 6 to June 5.

For the first game, we will observe tradition and gather for our Annual No-Host Pre-First Game Breakfast at Coco's Restaurant at the corner of Jefferson and Sepulveda in Culver City at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 6.

Through the season, we will try to do other breakfasts or after-game lunches. For more information please contact me.

Fraternally,  
Dave Chernik, P.M.



## BICYCLE RIDERS NEEDED!

As part of our lodge's community involvement effort we are putting together a bicycle team to ride in the Tour de Cure event held May 2, a fund raising effort for the American Diabetes Association. Events like this one are being held all over the United States. This event will feature riding across both the Vincent Thomas and Gerald Desmond Bridges between Long Beach and San Pedro.

Each rider has to get sponsors to donate to the ADA. We are hoping that every member of our Lodge will consider making a generous donation. So far we have about ten Lodge members who have expressed an interest in riding their bicycles in the Tour de Cure. If you are interested in being on the team please contact Wor. Rick Pearce, P.M., at (310) 641-9950.



**SPONSOR A BROTHER!!**

## BRETHREN!

**Do You Need A Ride To Lodge?**

**ASK A BROTHER!**

**Can You Furnish A Ride To Lodge?**

**BE A BROTHER!**

**Call Wor. Anthony Fox, Master  
(310) 823-4923**

# MASONIC INFORMATION

Featuring Guest Speaker,  
PGM R. Stephen Doan

Thursday, April 22nd

7:00 P.M. • In Lodge

**Bring a friend or relative who is interested in Freemasonry and show them what we're about.**

This evening is a must for all Masons, their wives and family. Learn some interesting factoids about our craft. Review the benefits you and your family are entitled to. And the best part is:



## IT'S FREE!



The evening will include:  
**Refreshments!**

**A special Power Point presentation  
"Masonry In The 21st Century"  
by R. Stephen Doan, PGM  
Q's & A's**

Don't miss this very important event!

**PLEASE RSVP: (310) 354-4064**

If you have any questions or would like to assist in the evening's activities, call either co-chairman:

Bro. Walter Mueller (310) 529-6746

or e-mail him at: [waltermueller@ca.rr.com](mailto:waltermueller@ca.rr.com)

Bro. Alan Quon (310) 439-8955

or e-mail him at: [alan@alanquon.com](mailto:alan@alanquon.com)

## AL MALAIKAH SHRINE ACTIVITIES

First and most important, a reminder that if you are aware of a child 18 years and younger with orthopedic, spinal, cleft lip or palate, or burns, please let them know about the Shriners Hospitals for Children, which treats such problems with state of the art techniques and at no cost to the family. Of the 22 Hospitals in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, we have one in Los Angeles. Contact the hospital at (213) 388-3151, or any Shriner for information and assistance. Thank you.

**Activities for March:** Past Masters' Shrine Club is looking for new members (aren't we all?). If you are a sitting or Past Master and a member of the Shrine, you too can be a member of the PMSC. It meets the second Monday of each month. New members will be treated to dinner at the March 8 meeting at 6:00 p.m. (location to be announced, the Sizzler Restaurant has moved). Meetings are switched to various restaurants around the city (downtown, West LA, Valley) to make them easier to attend. Please contact Wor. Dave Chernik for more information.

Laughlin Ceremonial at Don Laughlin's Riverside Casino/Resort, Laughlin, NV. There are a few So. Calif. Lodge members who are joining the Shrine at this event and many more who are going along to watch, play, and visit. Either way, this is the best of away trips. The Ceremonial is on Saturday morning March 27. But there are up to 4 days of fun planned from Thursday, March 25 to Sunday, March 28. Friday night variety show, Saturday Ladies Brunch, buffet dinner, topped by a Tanya Tucker show at night. There is a fun bus leaving from the Shrine Auditorium on Friday, March 26 that will hold 48 people, so get your reservations in ASAP. For more information on this or any other Shrine activity, please contact Wor. Dave Chernik, any other Shriner, at the Shrine Office (310) 740-0173, or website [www.almalaikah.com](http://www.almalaikah.com).

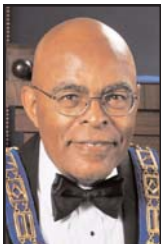
**And please mark your calendars for these events in April:** The Annual Shrine Circus that comes to the Shrine Auditorium April 9 to 11. This is a fun-filled extravaganza for the whole family. We also have our Child I.D. Booth available to all who attend.

All the southwestern U.S. (and Pacific Island) Shriners gather in Phoenix, Arizona for the Western Shrine Association on April 21 to 24. There is a minimum of business and a maximum of activities which include: unit competitions, and, of course, the Shriners' parade. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Shrine Office.

# LODGE AWAY TRIP

## Third Degree & Tour Masonic Homes - Covina

More information in the article below!



## FROM THE WEST

### THE BEAUTY AND GLORY OF THE DAY

As it is my function to call the Craft to action, I summon the Brethren to heed your responsibility in supporting our Masonic Charities, particularly the Masonic Homes, by making your self-determined donations and/or contributions to the Grand Lodge on their behalf.

We will be visiting the Masonic Homes at Covina in April to perform our Third Degree Away Trip, so one of the ways we will be able to show our appreciation and gratitude for the use of their facilities is our contributions to their extremely significant goal of providing the utmost high quality life for our senior brothers and their widows.

If all goes according to plan, we'll do the Third Degree Away Trip on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or till completed); we'll break for lunch (\$10.00 each) at noon; and after finishing our degree ceremonies, we'll be given a tour of the Masonic Homes.

We will need to have a head count as to the number of attendees so the cooks can prepare enough lunches. So I'm requesting everyone who intends on going to make a reservation (starting March 14th) by either the Lodge Reservation Hotline or letting me know personally.

Fraternally,

John Drewery, S.W.

## 2010 DUES

Annual Lodge Dues of \$86.00 are due by January 1st. Send your check as soon as possible. If you will have a problem paying your dues, contact the Lodge.

# STATED MEETING DINNER MENUS

## MARCH

Green Salad  
Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Coffee, Soft Drinks • Dessert

## APRIL

Green Salad  
Chicken Picatta & Vegetables  
Coffee, Soft Drinks • Dessert

## DINNER RESERVATIONS

- Dinners are \$15.00 each. Cash or checks only.
- Reservations MUST be made to assure a dinner.
- Reservation deadline, Tuesday night prior to dinner.
- Vegetarian dinners available. Specify when you call.

If you need more information regarding this policy, see or call Bro. Eduardo Mendoza, J.W.

## ✠ FOR THE LADIES ✠

THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION HAS PURCHASED AND INSTALLED A NEW, 42 INCH, HD TV IN THE LOUNGE. YOU MAY BRING ANY VCR TAPE OR DVD TO WATCH DURING OUR STATED MEETING.

- YOUR EDITOR

# NECROLOGY REPORT

## JACK I. YASKIEL

AGE - 87 Years • DIED - May 10, 2008  
RAISED - January 30, 1950

## WOR. MORTON WEINSTEIN, P.M.

AGE - 91 Years • DIED - November 24, 2009  
RAISED - February 17, 1947

## MORRIS GOLD

AGE - 91 Years • DIED - January 1, 2010  
RAISED - September 19, 1968

## MARTIN STEINBERG

AGE - 90 Years • DIED - February 2, 2010  
RAISED - July 20, 1960

## JOSEPH W. KAHN

AGE - 95 Years • DIED - February 6, 2010  
RAISED - November 26, 1946

*Soft and safe to thee my Brother be thy resting place.  
Bright and Glorious be thy rising from it.*

## GET ON THE LODGE E-MAIL LIST

**If you would like to be on the Lodge's E-Mail list,  
just send an E-Mail to [socallodge529@aol.com](mailto:socallodge529@aol.com)  
and we will add you to the list.**

*Bro. Joe Goldwine, Secretary*

## TRESTLEBOARD DEADLINE!!

**The deadline for all Trestleboard articles is the  
11th of each month. If you are involved in any  
event coming up in the next THREE months,  
submit the information to me ASAP.**



## BETWEEN THE PILLARS

**Rise Glaser**, wife of **Bro. Michael Glaser** and **Marsha Mueller**, wife of your writer, **Bro. Walter Mueller, J.D.**, did an excellent job as the co-chairs of our lodge's first Potluck Dinner held at the lodge. Many of our Brothers and their families attended. In addition to feasting on many different ethnic dishes truly enjoyed friendship and brotherhood which is such an important part of our fraternity.

The same spirit was also enjoyed by our brothers and their families who participated in our annual Sweetheart's Day on Sat., Feb. 13th. **Bro. Jack De Merit** did a superb job in arranging this event. Those who participated enjoyed an excellent lunch and a performance of the "Pajama Game" at the Candlelight Theatre. These two events show our lodge has some very good and enjoyable events. If you have not attended any of our events recently, you should consider checking one of them out. You and your family will be pleasantly surprised.

Congratulations go out to **Wor. Joe Barth, P.M.** and his wife, **Myrna**, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 9, 2010. Our best wishes go out to the newlyweds.

At our February Stated Meeting our lodge participated in the "Coming Home" event where many of our Brethren who had not attended lodge were invited to attend our lodge or, if they had moved away, attend a lodge near their new home. **Bro. John Drewery, S.W.**, chaired this event. It was good to see many of our Brothers again. The success of this event is yet another great job by Bro. John.

I recently visited **Wor. Elliot Schwartz, P.M.**, after his return from his stay in the hospital. I am pleased to announce he is doing much better as well as feeling much better.

It is with sadness to report the death of **Riz Mollendorf**, who was an aunt of **Rise Glaser**, wife of **Bro. Michael Glaser**. She had been ill for some time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rise, Michael and their family.

**Gladys Diener**, wife of **Bro. Arnie Diener**, reports Arnie has been released from the hospital and is recuperating in a care facility.

Two of our brothers, **Alan Quon, S.D.** and **Jack Topal** are candidates for the Neighborhood Counsel of Westchester/Playa Del Rey. We wish our brothers the best in their endeavors.

That just about wraps it up for this month. I thank all who have contributed this month to make this column a success, for without your help I would have nothing to write. I can be reached at: [waltermueller@ca.rr.com](mailto:waltermueller@ca.rr.com), or by phone at (310) 306-4870.

# LIVING PAST MASTERS

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# CALENDAR

**Watch this calendar. Many other events are planned but do not have a set date as yet!!**

## March

Masonic Info Night

## April

Away Degree at Covina Masonic Homes  
Public Education Night

## May

Youth Orders Night • Memorial Day  
Lodge Picnic • Tour de Cure

## June

Master's Trip to Catalina Island

## July

Westchester 4th of July Parade

## August

Filipino Night

## September

Hollywood Bowl • Constitution Observance  
Grand Lodge Communication

## October

Past Masters' 3rd Degree • Masonic Info Night

## November

Table Lodge • Lodge Awards Banquet  
Election of Officers

## December

Installation Of Officers