

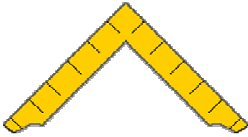


**Three Great Lights
Masonic Lodge #651
Free and Accepted Masons**

**August
2010**

The Trestleboard

From the East



Thank you to all the Brethren who helped out at the Child ID. I couldn't make it on Saturday because of a funeral but I heard that there was a steady stream of kids to the point that we ran out of ink for the printers. Sunday was the same, thanks to our resident clown "Strawberry" aka Harvey McAninch. He would go out into the crowd with a hand full of balloons and give them to kids and tell their parents about the Childs ID. We gave away a lot of balloons and almost ran out of helium, it was way down in the red. Which meant it was time to refill. I became an expert on blowing up balloon. I only blew up one and had three get away before getting them under the canopy cover.

Worshipful Master



William Malmstrom

One of the brothers made a comment that kind of surprised me. He said he was glad that I came out to help. My answer was that I'm Master and as such should be there to support our functions. His reply was that has not always been the case. I feel that as an officer I have made a commitment to support the lodge and it's functions if within my power to do so. There are a few commitment that I have made before being asked to be Master this year, one of them being the trip to Europe in August with Linda, she has been looking forward to this for two years, and the Passion Play is only done every ten years and she wanted to see it again while she could do it on her own power.

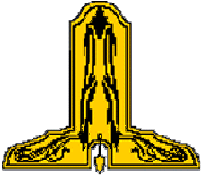
Last Stated meeting we did two first degree proficiencies and on July 28 we will do another double second degree. It seems that we do things in pairs, like Noah, so maybe we will do a double third degree on a Saturday, one in the morning, break for a light lunch, (nothing too heavy, don't want people falling asleep after lunch), do the second one, and give the lecture to both candidates. Then have cake for desert.

Harvey told me that he has qualified for Master and that the others are working on their lectures for next year. At the next Stated we will be installing one if not two of our new Master Masons as Stewards. The line is looking up.

*Each day I learn more than I teach;
I learn that half knowledge of another's life leads to false Judgment;
I learn that there is a surprise kinship in human nature;
I learn that it is a wise father who knows his own son;
I learn that what we expect we get;
I learn that there is more good than evil in this world;
That age is a question of spirit;
That youth is the best of life;
No matter how numerous its years;
I learn how much there is to learn.*

Virginia Church

From the West



July has been a busy month for the officers of Three Great Lights Lodge, as we have moved to advanced stations in preparation for next year. We have been conducting officer's practices every Wednesday as well as visiting other lodges, to prepare for our officer's proficiencies. Any lodge member (with the appropriate degree) is welcome to join us at the practices - please come and have a few laughs as we practice.



Senior Warden

Harvey McAninch

I wish to congratulate Larry Jones and John Walters on their Entered Apprentice proficiencies, given at July's stated meeting. Job well done! They were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on July 28, 2010. We welcome Larry and John as brother Fellowcrafts!

Our August fellowship outing will be the 11th Annual Range Day at the Los Altos Rod and Gun Club, August 7th from 9 AM to 2 PM. The cost (range fee) is \$15.00. Bring your own bag lunch and Nonalcoholic drinks. See the web page, <http://www.calodges.org/no651/RangeDayAug2010.pdf>, for more information or contact Rich Steiger at 650-341-6268 or Email: rmsteiger@earthlink.net.

How about a family day shortly after Labor Day? We can get together to enjoy fellowship and get to know each other's families? Contact me at 408-984-5305; if there is enough interest will do it!

*"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority.
The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."*

Ralph W. Sockman

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From the South



Greetings from the South; Well another month come and gone-

The Meal for this August Stated meeting will be— it being summer and hot finally— sandwiches. So if there are any favorites please let your humble Jr. Warden know immediately so I can serve proper and plenty. (good and plenty?)

Junior Warden



Rick Field

We just finished the Connoisseurs Market Child ID today. Gentlemen, this was literally the best time ever; no computer glitches, not roasted in the sun, and many clients. Working with the professionals of the Menlo Park PD (and hanging out with the Fire Folks) is really an honor and glad to meet really good men and women. The only problem had was running out of ink for the printers because of so many parents using this resource! Sr. Warden Harvey as "Strawberry" was literally a marketing wizard and godsend directing folks far and wide to our gateway to process the children with photos of face and fingers. Oh yes, balloons float far and wide with the Menlo Park Police and 651 Masons' Pride in the air. Testimony of jobs well done. Sincere Thanks to Pete Van Der Werff, Harvey McAninich, Tom Prussing, and Worshipful Bill Malmstrom for all help and assistance!

Hope all have a good time and finish to the summer and for all officers present and future, we are doing advanced stations now and through the end of year.

I do NOT have access to any robo-calls at present and would like to suggest a motion for the Lodge to employ robo-calls - as soon as possible. Again, Please let your humble Jr. Warden know your opinion. The call tree has withered and eventually may grow back BUT until then modern miracles may assist in connecting this vast machine and roll through the vast expanse, and are all conducted by the same unerring law of nature.

Until Next Month,
stay safe and sound - especially above ground-

Calendar of Coming Events

July

28 2nd Degree 7:30 PM
Larry Jones and John Walters

August

4 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 (\$5)
7 Day at the Range
12 Hall Board Meeting 6:30 PM
17 DSI @ Burlingame 6:30 PM dinner
All Officers required to attend

December

12 Installation of Officers 2 PM
Officers Breakfast 8:00 AM

Mark your calendars for August 7th and call Rich for the **11th Annual Range Day**. Details on the flyer that is on the web page (<http://www.calodges.org/no651/RangeDayAug2010.pdf>)

**Meetings of
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are held at
The Royal Hodge Masonic Center
651 Roble Avenue
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Birthdays in August

	Birthday	Raised
Alexander S. Newbold	5	11/26/1969
Charles C. Simms	5	7/15/1982
Lambert Yim	5	6/26/1985
George B. Jarvis, Jr.	6	2/27/1978
Robert C. Dorstewitz	7	10/22/1956
David R. Levine	7	6/26/1957
Ace Byron A. Hermans	9	6/10/1958
Randall B. Schmidt	14	EA
Michael A. Timofeev	18	10/4/2000
Winston L. Field, Jr.	19	5/11/1994
Peter J. Zearbaugh	19	4/8/1986
Thomas A. Brannon	20	10/18/1990
Curtis S. Claycomb	23	10/22/1959
James E. Vandermaas	23	EA
Jerald W. Harber	26	10/18/1984
Douglas W. Roberts	27	5/12/1983
Charles L. Flick	28	9/23/1976
Francis D. Rourke	29	4/25/1974
Charles G. Castleberry	31	9/16/1982
Alan D. Russell	31	5/31/1986

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Masonry does things in the world.

Masonry teaches that each person has a responsibility to make things better in the world. Most individuals won't be the ones to find a cure for cancer, or eliminate poverty, or help create world peace, but every man and woman and child can do something to help others and to make things a little better. Masonry is deeply involved with helping people -- it spends more than \$1.4 million dollars every day in the United States, just to make life a little easier. And the great majority of that help goes to people who are not Masons. Some of these charities are vast projects, like the Crippled Children's Hospitals and Burns Institutes built by the Shriners. Also, Scottish Rite Masons maintain a nationwide network of over 100 Childhood Language Disorders Clinics, Centers, and Programs. Each helps children afflicted by such conditions as aphasia, dyslexia, stuttering, and related learning or speech disorders.

Some services are less noticeable, like helping a widow pay her electric bill or buying coats and shoes for disadvantaged children. And there's just about anything you can think of in-between. But with projects large or small, the Masons of a lodge try to help make the world a better place. The lodge gives them a way to combine with others to do even more good.

Masonry does things "inside" the individual Mason.

"Grow or die" is a great law of all nature. Most people feel a need for continued growth as individuals. They feel they are not as honest or as charitable or as compassionate or as loving or as trusting or as well-informed as they ought to be. Masonry reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities and education. It lets men associate with other men of honor and integrity who believe that things like honesty, compassion, love, trust, and knowledge are important. In some ways, Masonry is a support group for men who are trying to make the right decisions. It's easier to practice these virtues when you know that those around you think they are important, too, and won't laugh at you. That's a major reason that Masons enjoy being together.

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