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TRESTLEBOARD

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thu Oct 5th: Stated Mtg & Dinner
Oktoberfest theme
Rouladen with Red Cabbage

Thu Oct 12th: Officers Practice, 7:00

Fri-Sun Oct 13-15: Annual Communication, SF

Tue Oct 17th: DOSI @ Acalanes Dinner 6:30

Thu Oct 19th: Live Oak Visits Orinda
Dinner 6:30

Thu Oct 26th: 3rd Deg practice, Lodge 7:00

Thu Nov 2nd: Stated Meeting & Dinner
Past Master's Turkey cook-off
Job's Daughters supply the fixings
Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30 Meeting 8:00
Election Night

Sat Nov 4th
Double 3rd Degrees for Br Noorei & Br Tinawi
Degree starts at 4:00
Dinner Break followed by next degree

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

Well, autumn is upon us, and with it the harvest season. There are many traditional events associated with October, including our Oktoberfest dinner for stated meeting (new menu this year – delicious roulade – be sure to check it out). We will also have Dr.

Insuk Kim give a very interesting presentation on Aging Effects, and the role Vitamins and Nutrition play. Annual Communication at Grand Lodge is another October Tradition, which all Master Masons are encouraged to attend. And finally, our annual hosting of our brothers from Live Oak Lodge #61 - this year it will be on Thursday October 19th that we continue the longest continuous visitation in the State of California. And of course, harvest tomatoes are the traditional gift for this special visitation. Wr Dana Janke and the Live Oak officers will be conferring a 2nd Degree on our candidate that evening as well.

On the subject of Stated Meeting dinners, there has been debate at several meetings this year concerning the meals, and the losses the lodge takes on each dinner. Though the \$15 we charge does not quite cover the cost of the meal, the real issue is the reservation system. We are forced to guess how many people will attend, and guesstimate how much of a buffer we need to ensure everyone gets fed. As

a consequence, we end up ordering many more meals compared to what we collect, and the lodge absorbs the loss. In the case of the August meal, that was in excess of \$600. Usually the difference is \$200-300. We must face the facts that the current permanent list and call-in reservation system is broken, and needs to be replaced.

Many brothers have offered up ideas on fixing the problem, and we are in the process of compiling them. One option gaining favor is similar to what Acalanes Lodge employs. The notice for the following months stated meeting dinner would be sent out via e-mail, with a link to the reservation site. People would enter their name and number of attendees, and pay by credit card, PayPal or similar method. Notice would also go out in the Trestleboard, for those who would still like to phone in a reservation, with a commitment to make payment. Any cancellations would need to be made by a deadline several days prior to the dinner. The Lodge will of course still take care of our widows. We will continue to solicit input and work out the details of the plan, including the cost of the meal. My plan is to gather ideas over the next two months, then put the plan to a vote at the December meeting, to go into effect the following January. So please make your thoughts and ideas heard!

I will close with a follow up to Br John McPartland's disaster preparedness meeting. As you all know, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have had devastating effects in many areas. In fact, the Grand Lodges of Texas and Florida have put out calls for masonic relief – please see the Grand Lodge site for more details. Though we are likely exempt from hurricanes here, one can imagine an earthquake, like the ones in Mexico, could conceivably wreck as much havoc here. So please heed Br John's advice, and work on your preparedness. The following story is from family friends who are with the National Park Service, stationed on US Virgin Islands. They had road out Irma, and were working to clean things up when Maria bore down, and the decision was made to evacuate everybody from the island to San Juan.

“Skip said he took his first shower in a week since IRMA hit, because power has been out. No running water there yet, and the ocean has too much stuff in

it to swim safely. He looked forward to the shower most, closely followed by good food. They had been eating MREs, peanut butter, and sardines since Irma. But the

Best story so far: Skip just got internet and had missed out on a lot of news. It was posted that NBA Star Tim Duncan had started a matching fund, and the aid would go directly to the USVI. Well, Skip said that a week ago, he was continuing to offload these private boats (bringing goods, food, and repair stuff) when he sees a very tall man hop off a boat, stand across from him and helping to offload multiple boats. Yes, it was Tim! No media, nothing. He was there to work and when that was done, take as many selfies with whomever wanted them. Skip said he is a quiet, really nice guy that just by coming, lifted everyone's spirits.”

Not sure if Tim Duncan is a Brother, but he certainly has masonic qualities. There is much distress in our nation and the world today, and those masonic qualities of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the key to bringing us back together. Go forth and do your part!

Alan Miller, Master

Grand Lodge of Texas and Grand Lodge of Florida appeal for masonic relief

The hurricanes that devastated those two states have impacted many Brothers and their families. The Grand Lodge of California is reaching out to members to assist these worthy brother masons.

Donations can be made through masonic charities:

**Grand Lodge of California
Office of Philanthropy – Florida Hurricane Relief or Texas Gulf Coast Relief
Attn: Denise Avila
1111 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94108**

Checks should be made payable to the **MSA Disaster Relief Fund. Please mark clearly on your check that you would like the funds to be directed to the Florida Hurricane Relief and/or the Texas Gulf Coast Relief.**

From the West



One of the brothers that I had met sent a message FB asking if I was coming to their annual communication in Columbia, Missouri. I had been a year since I went down there to see the installation of my friend as Grand Master of the state of Missouri. I sometimes forget because of the events happening locally and statewide, that we have brothers all over the states and the world. I guess that's what it means to be a traveling man and I need to start making plans now for next year's Annual Communication.

Bro. Love Senior Warden

October Birthdays

3	Allan C. Ferguson
7	Edward P. Margherio PM
10	George R. Bargman
14	William Gracey
21	Norris H. Boren
21	Philip R. Henry
22	Saleh S. Khashabi
29	Guss Annan
29	Judd W. Leonard

"Aging Effects" By InSuk Kim PhD

You will benefit whether your young or an old timer by not letting go of memory. We know lots about Hiram Abiff but where you aware of vitamins? How vitamins help the body grow older. Bring your notebooks and sharpen your pencils. A test will follow!

I was once a cripple, I developed a Stroke: I was unconscious for three days! I awoke not knowing where I was (John Muir Hospital) or why I got there. I could not communicate with any one. My speech was slurred and the right side of me did not answer commands. Thank goodness for Morse code! (Internationally: the sign for "help me").

So, under her care and patience I survived. (May you all go with peace).

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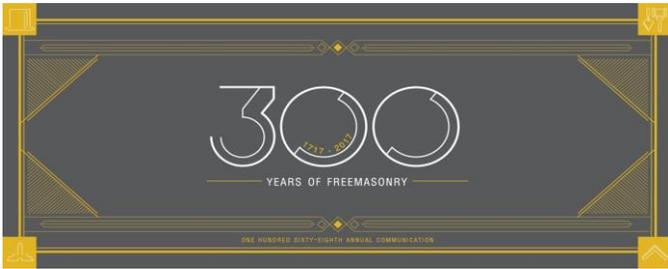
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168th Annual communication Oct 13-15, 2017



Three hundred years ago, foundations were laid that would inspire and unite generations of gentlemen - foundations that continue to be built upon today. Important as ever, the Annual Communication serves as a way to unite, both in spirit and purpose

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Return Service Requested

Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters will again be holding their Christmas Wreath Fundraiser this year, so be on the look-out for the girl's Wreath table at the October & November Stated Meeting Dinners. Like last year, the wreaths will all be shipped by Fed Ex, to arrive one to two weeks after Thanksgiving.

The girls are also having a tarantula walk at Mitchell Canyon on Mt Diablo on the evening of Friday Oct 13th – spooky! If you know of a Jobie-age girl who might be interested, contact Bethel Guardian Valerie DeShong at 925-212-5963 or bassoondiva@gmail.com.

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