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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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: catered by Shish Grill, Br.
Guss Annan
Followed by Degree #2

Thu Nov 16:

DOSI at Live Oak
Dinner At 6:30PM

Thu Nov 23rd Thanksgiving

Thu Nov 30th Installation Practice

Thu Dec 7th

Stated Meeting
5:30 Social 6:30PM dinner
8:00PM Meeting
Vocal entertainment

Sun Dec 10th Installation of Officers 3PM

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the East



Coming into November already – where has the year gone? It seems like just yesterday we had an installation of officers, and now we are preparing for the next set of officers to take their place in the progression. AS the saying goes, Time flies when you are having fun.

October saw the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge, and Most Worshipful Bruce Galloway installed as Grand Master. It should be another fine year in the Craft under MW Galloway's leadership. And congratulations to our Inspector Greg Thompson, who was appointed to serve as Senior Grand Deacon for the ensuing year, which in part earns him the privilege of adding lots of mileage to his car. They will have a very busy start to the year, as there are I think seven new lodges that will be constituted in the coming months. How great it is to see our craft growing.

October also marked the continuation of the longest continuous visitation between California lodges: the 91st hosting of Live Oak Lodge #61 at Orinda. It was wonderful to see Wr Dana Janke and the officers and brethren of Live Oak, as we engaged in an evening of fellowship and comradery. Special thanks to ED Lan for bring the traditional tomatoes (my crop kind of petered out by the end of

September) and also to Tom Kavishi for catering a delicious meal.

November brings a couple of big events right at the outset: our annual Turkey Fest cook off on Thursday November 2nd, and a special double 3rd degree on Saturday evening November 4th. The turkey cook-off is always a highlight, as we are able to sample the turkey roasting skills of several of our brethren, as well as feast on the Thanksgiving sides provided by the Job's Daughters. The door receipts for the event go to the Job's Daughters, to fund their Bethel operations and charity activities. They will also again have the beautiful Christmas wreaths available for order, to be delivered in the weeks after Thanksgiving, so be on the lookout for that.

And of course, the stated meeting will feature the annual election of officers amongst other activities.

The double degree on the 4th will be to raise Br Tinawi and Br Noorei to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The event will start at 4:00PM, with a dinner break after the first brother is raised. The meal will be catered by Br Guss Annan, so please let our Jr Warden know if you plan to attend so we will have enough food for everyone. Would be great to see full sidelines for this very special event.

As we prepare for our November activities such as elections and feasts, please keep in mind our brethren and friends who were impacted by the devastating fires in Napa and Sonoma. The Grand Lodge is in touch with the lodges in the impacted areas, but as of yet there is no direct plea for masonic relief, but Grand Lodge will inform the brethren if that situation changes. In the meantime, Orinda lodge is planning a general donation to one of the community funds that is serving the North Bay counties. AS those who experienced the Oakland Hills fire know, rebuilding the community will be a long slow process. SO please keep those impacted in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,

Alan Miller, Master

From the South



Ladies and brethren,

Fall is upon us, and as one of my personal favorite times of the year when the leaves start to yellow and fall the hot hustle and bustle of the summer is behind us and it's time to look forward to the holidays which will be soon approaching.

This month's stated meeting will be our annual Masters and Past Masters turkey cook off all proceeds from the dinner will be given to the job's daughters for appreciation of all their hard work in the dining room throughout the year. I'm sure most of you are aware that our current reservation system simply does not work.

We are considering a few things to streamline and update the reservation system. We have talked with other lodges in the area to get some ideas on what they are doing and how it works for them. Firstly, the permanent reservation list has got to go, so everyone will be required to make a reservation if they plan on attending the stated meeting.

Secondly, we are considering going to an online reservation system which you can conveniently pay for your dinner at the time you make the reservation. All of the details have not yet been completely worked out. We do understand that this may be quite challenging or simply impossible for some of you to do and accommodations will be made.

And lastly, we are considering raising the stated meeting dinner to \$20 instead of the current \$15. Of course, or widows and guess will not be charged but will need to make a reservation. We certainly do not want to undervalue the meal, fellowship and atmosphere we provide.

I am here for you to express any questions or concerns you may have, feel free to contact me anytime.

All the best.

Sean Mergy, JW

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

Novembers Birthdays

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| 1 Kyle R. Schmid | 14 Marston Watson |
| 3 John A. W. Densem. | 16 Stewart L. Wade |
| 4 Robert J. McNair | 18 Allan E. Taylor |
| 6 Larry P. Becker PM | 18 Michael M. Ganitch |
| 7 James G. Dickow PM | 22 Weylin G. Eng |
| 9 H. Joel Curtis-Brown PM | 23 William D. Nason |
| 10 Wilford D. Roe PM | 25 Harold B. Well |
| 11 Donald G. Carter PM | |

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Support for Families

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS) exists so that no fraternal family has to go through tough times alone. With one phone call, it becomes our mission to help you and your loved ones.

We created the MFOS program in 2009. In the midst of the recession, many fraternal families were confronted with job loss and foreclosure on top of other challenges. The fraternity has a long history of stepping in to help families in such moments of crisis, and we created MFOS as a modern extension of this relief – offering expertise and resources to guide families through sensitive situations.

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Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters invite everyone to the annual turkey cook-off on Thursday November 2nd. The girls will be preparing all of the Thanksgiving fixings to go with the delicious turkeys prepared the past masters and others. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year, and the monies collected go to support both the Bethel operations and our philanthropic projects. We are also in the middle of our wreath sale fundraiser drive, where you can place an order with us for one of the beautiful Christmas wreaths, mini-trees or centerpiece decorations. The wreaths are shipped by Fed Ex from Minnesota to arrive in the weeks after Thanksgiving, in peak freshness for the holiday season. And Master Masons please remember that by virtue of being a Master Mason you may attend any of our functions, including our bethel meetings – and at the Nov 26 meeting (7PM at Orinda) we will initiating a sister into the bethel. We'd love to see more of you!

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