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Calendar	
Aug 07 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Dinner Stated Meeting
Aug 14 7:30 PM	(Thursday) First Degree
Aug 16 6:00 PM	(Saturday) Golden Veteran Award Dinner
Aug 21 6:30 PM	(Thursday) Hiram Award & Dinner
Aug 23 11:00 AM	(Saturday) Lodge Picnic Paradise Park Santa Cruz
Aug 28 6:30 PM	(Thursday) OAM Friendship Lodge
Oct 18	(Saturday) Table Lodge

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## Jeffery Powell First Degree



### Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671 wins 1st degree ritual competition

The competition, which took place in June, was open to all California lodges. Fourteen lodges from across the state competed in a preliminary round of competition, and the winners of each division were selected to participate in the finals. On June 28 and 29, those finalists presented in another round of exemplifications. Lodges were scored based on floor work, words, and overall presentation. Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671 won with a consolidated score of 98.4. Other division finalists were Liberty Lodge No. 299, Bicentennial Daylight Lodge No. 830, Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass Lodge No. 614, and Central Coast Lodge No. 237.



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## From the East

Brethren: Ah! We are fully engulfed by the lazy, crazy days of summer!

At Mt. Moriah, it is far from lazy, but maybe a little bit crazy. We have a full slate for the month of August. I hope the Officers and activities will convince most of you to come out and enjoy the several opportunities for fellowship!

Allow me to first offer up my congratulations to new Brother Jeffery Powell, who became an Entered Apprentice Mason July 10th.

In addition to a First Degree, and a Third Degree this month, we also have our Lodge Picnic, at Paradise Park on the 23rd, The cost for this event is \$10.00, with children under 12 free. I have it on excellent authority that the steaks being served are the same as last year. Thick, juicy and large! The picnic gets flowing around noon. RSVP's at johnhsawtelle@Gmail.com, or give him a call at 408 595-7309.

Mark your calendars for the Hiram Award Dinner, honoring Wor. Inspector Randy Downey. This event will take place at Mt. Moriah on Thursday, the 21st. Dinner will be served, and the festivities being at 6PM. The cost is \$10.00. Please RSVP Mike Brooks at AMBrooks@pacbell.net. Or give him a call at 650 964-2524.

On August 16th, Saturday, Mt. Moriah honors its Golden Veteran Awards to several brothers. This event is for those brothers who this year celebrates 50 years with the Craft. There is a Dinner prior to this event, held at the Lodge. The cost is \$10.00, and begins at 6PM. I hope to see many of you there! Please RSVP Mike Brooks at AMBrooks@pacbell.net, or his number is 650 964-2524.

I'm looking for as few donors to a terrific Grand Lodge Program called Masonic Student Assistance Program, or MSAP. I would like to raise \$1000.00 toward this worthwhile Workshop, which helps Teachers become more effective in helping at risk youth. This is a terrific way to put the Masonic name out in the public in a most positive way. Please contact Larry Pedersen, with your donation.

Finally, due to the outstanding efforts of Bruce Whitlock and Eric Matteroli, Mt. Moriah Lodge, in conjunction with Los Altos Lodge, is having a Table Lodge, on October 18th. This is a fun, and fellowship filled evening, that will truly be memorable. Save this date, as more information will be forth coming. I know one thing: This will sell out, and we are going to limit seating to 70. They have an outstanding caterer lined up, as well as many other surprises. Don't miss this!

Fraternally, Dennis Anastole *Master*

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## August Birthdays

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JOHN ZIEGLER  
BILL WARD  
JAMES WIGINGTON, PM  
BILL BELL, PM  
STANLEY KONAR  
EUGENE GONZALES  
RAYMOND KALEDA  
THEODORE SCHENK, PM  
STEPHEN WOZNIAK  
GERALD MUNKHOLM  
CHARLES WILLIAMS, PM  
DANIEL LOCKIE  
PAUL OUELLET  
SHERMAN BOHN  
MARTIN HOPPER, PM  
DENNIS ANASTOLE  
TED CONTESTABLE, PM  
BORA TURAN  
JACK VIRAMONTES  
GARY KANKEL  
RICHARD MERCER  
RONALD BRECKLER  
GEORGE SOUSA, JR.  
ROBERT WASON, PM  
DAVID FERRIL  
DERICK HOPKINS  
MALCOM YOUNG  
WAYNE JENSEN  
CHARLES KENNEDY  
JAMES DINGMAN, PM  
ROBERT KNOPF  
OREN STALKER  
WILLIE MENDOZA  
PHILIP HOWARD  
JONATHAN BRUSCO  
ALBERT LEATHERMAN  
JOSEPH FIELD  
HIRAM CHENEY  
GLEN BROWN  
GUY MILLER  
RICHARD EMERSON

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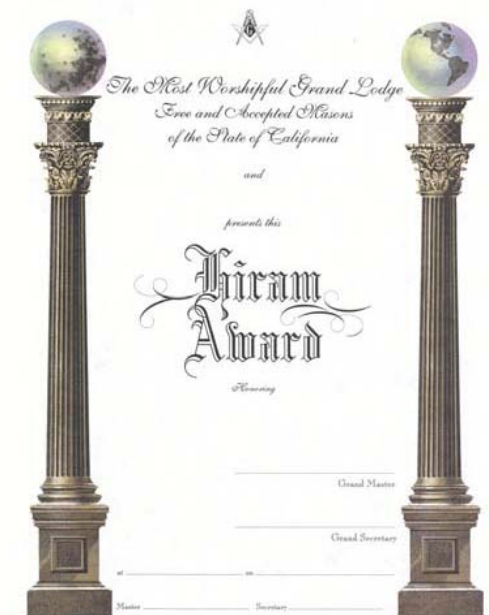
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## Masons honor Washington, Lafayette, Hamilton

Nearly 150 people braved Sunday's oppressive temperatures to attend a 45-minute Masonic ceremony in Morristown NJ July 21, 2008, culminating in a wreath dedication in honor of two American heroes of the Revolutionary War.

Participants walked about a quarter-mile at 1 p.m. from the Masonic Temple on Maple Avenue to statues of Gen. Marquis de Lafayette, Gen. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. Those statues were unveiled on the Green in 2007. "It was warm but, you know, you've got to suffer sometimes," Ray Denman, 82, a Madison native now living in New Providence who fought in World War II, said afterward.

The statues depict the May 10, 1780 meeting at which Lafayette informed Washington and Hamilton, his aide, that France would join the war against Great Britain. Lafayette and Washington were Freemasons -- a centuries-old fraternal organization steeped in history and mystery. It claims 13 signers of the U.S. Constitution and 14 U.S. presidents as members, the last being Gerald Ford. The statues were unveiled last year as part of a \$1 million project -- also featuring new trees, benches and chess tables -- to renovate the Green, the unofficial center of Morristown.

Gene Hill, whose Masonic title is worshipful master of Cincinnati Lodge No. 3 in Morristown, said Sunday's event was a reminder of the town's unique place in history. Morristown was home to Washington for part of the Revolutionary War.

"He lived over the top of Arnold's Tavern, where Chase Bank is now," said Hill, a lifelong Morristown resident.

Grand master Hill spoke at Sunday's 45-minute ceremony, as did John Colligas, grand master for the Masons in New Jersey. "This is a focus on community, and it's a public awareness event," Colligas said afterward.

Alex Gillespie of Morristown, who was among those taking part in the procession from the temple to the Green, said his Masonic membership was motivated in part by wanting to remind people about the nation's history.

'Where we came from'

"A lot of people tend to forget that where we are now, and where we are going, is a function of where we came from," Gillespie said.

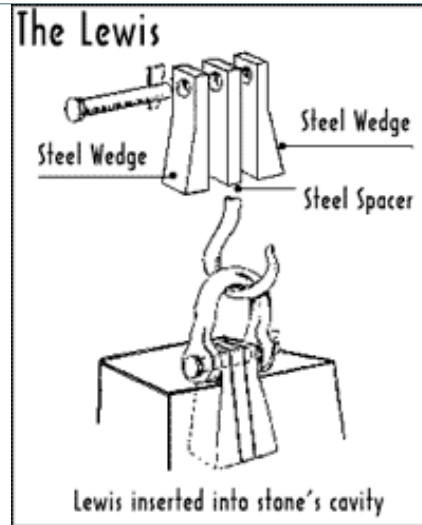
"We're trying to educate the public on what Masons are doing," Colligas said.

<http://mastermason.com/cincinnati-lodge/index2.html>



### The Lewis

A LEWIS is a simple but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of dressed stone into place. It consists of three metal parts: two wedge-shaped side pieces, and a straight centre piece, that fit together (tenon). A dovetailed recess is cut into the top of the stone block (mortise). The two outer pieces are inserted first and then spread by the insertion of the centrepiece. The three parts are then bolted together, a metal ring or shackle is attached and the block is hoisted by hook, rope and pulley. By this means, the block is gripped securely. Once set in its place in the structure, the lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamp or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the next course. Our ancient operative brethren used this tool as early as the Roman era. Stones with the mortised cavity for the insertion of a lewis have been found in Hadrian's Wall built c. 121-127 CE. Archaeologists have found further evidence of its use by the Saxons in England in buildings constructed in the 7th century. The origin of the term 'lewis' for this device is uncertain. Some authorities trace its etymology to the French levis from lever – to lift, hoist, raise; and louve – a sling, grip or claw for lifting stones.



### George Washington Inaugural Bible

So far nothing has been said about St. John's most treasured possession, save mention of its original acquisition. Little did the brethren of 1770 realize, as they looked upon their new Bible, that their land would ere long sever its ties with the mother country, and that nineteen years later, upon that Book, a man would swear to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution" of the new nation. For it was upon that Bible that George Washington took the oath of office at his inauguration as first President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

The story of how this came to pass is best told in the words of a revered Past Master of the Lodge, Rt. Wor. Adolph Geering, in an address delivered on February 22, 1918:

"On April 30, 1789, an event took place of the greatest importance to the whole world. It was the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States, on the spot marked today by his statue erected in Wall Street, near Nassau. With this great and important event St. John's Lodge was intimately connected, by accident to be sure, but nevertheless indissolubly linked for all time. On a platform erected for the purpose, in front of the then City Hall, were gathered the Congress of the United States, with George Washington and Chancellor Livingston, Grand Master of Masons. In front of them was an immense concourse of citizens. It was indeed a great holiday occasion. The war of the Revolution was over. Peace reigned throughout the country.



### From the Secretary's Table

My Brothers,

In the few short months that I have been the Secretary for the Lodge I have had way to much mail returned with "Addressee Unknown" stamped upon it. Over a period of time I have been able to find that several of these brothers or widows have passed on, some as many as four years ago. I still am trying to find out information on a few more. If you know of any brother or widow that has passed could you please send me an e-mail and let me know so that I can let the Master and Grand Lodge know. You may think that your information is to old, but let me check the records to be sure. Thank you.

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### August Stated Meeting Dinner

PotLuck! Lodge will supply non-alcoholic beverages, plates, etc. and dessert. Please make your families favorite dish!

See you there! RSVP (Please no later than the preceding Tuesday) to ambrooks@pacbell.net or (408) 230-0804.

Fraternally,

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Folk etymology has derived the term "potluck" from the Native American custom of potlatch; the word "potluck", however, is actually of English origin. It is a portmanteau word formed from (cooking) pot and lucke. The earliest written citation is from 1592: "That that pure sanguine complexion of yours may never be famisht with pot lucke," Thomas Nashe.[3] As this shows, the original meaning was "food given away to guests", probably derived from "whatever food one is lucky enough to find in the pot", i.e. whatever food happens to be available, especially when offered to a guest. By extension, a more general meaning is "whatever is available in a particular circumstance or at a particular time."

### George Washington Inaugural Bible (continued from page 4)

"Everything was ready for the administration of the oath of office to the president of the new government, when it was found that there had not been provided a Holy Bible on which the President-elect could swear allegiance to the Constitution, Jacob Morton, who was Marshal of the parade and at that time, Master of St. John's Lodge, was standing close by, and, seeing the dilemma they were in, remarked that he could get the altar Bible of St. John's Lodge, which met at the "Old Coffee House," corner of Water and Wall Streets. Chancellor Livingston begged him to do so. The Bible was brought, and the ceremony proceeded. When the stately Washington had finished repeating the oath, with his right hand resting on the open Book and his head bowed in reverential manner, he said, in a clear and distinct voice, 'I swear, so help me God!' Then bowing over this magnificent Bible, he reverently kissed it. Whereupon Chancellor Livingston in a ringing voice exclaimed, 'Long live George Washington, President of the United States!'"

"The Bible was "Printed by Mark Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, London 1767." The deep gold lettering, distinctly clear on both covers, displays this inscription: "God shall establish; St. John's Lodge constituted 5757; Burnt down 8th March, 5770; Rebuilt and opened November 28, 5770. Officers then presiding: Jonathan Hampton, Master: William Butler, Senior Warden: Isaac Heron, Junior Warden." The first page is an artistic steel engraved portrait of King George II., but, that which is so dear to the heart of every Mason is the inserted second page. Beautifully engrossed and remarkably legible even at this date are the lines:

"On this sacred volume, on the 30th day of April, A. L. 5789, in the City of New York, was administered to George Washington, the first president of the United States of America, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

"This important ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State.

Other presidents who have placed their left hand on the Masonic Bible were Warren G. Harding in 1921, Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, and Jimmy Carter in 1977. Among the six, only Washington and Harding were Masons.