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Calendar

Aug 04	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM			Stated Meeting
Aug 11	(Thursday)	7:00 PM	Third Degree Proficiency
Aug 13	(Saturday)	9:30 AM	2nd Degree Conferrals
1:00 PM			Lunch
2:00 PM			Gordon Markley 50 Year Pin
Aug 18	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	OAM Friendship No. 210
Aug 25	(Thursday)		Masters Cruise Preparation. No Practice
Aug 28 - Sep 07			Master's Cruise for 2011 Alaska Cruise (10 days) Contact Bob Morgan (831) 421-9166 bobmorgansmail@aol.com
Sep 01	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM			Stated Meeting

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Grand Lodge of California will celebrate its 162nd Annual Communication

Register now to attend September 23-25 at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. California has long been a beacon for those seeking the dream of a better life. Settled by Spain, coveted by England, annexed by Mexico, and finally admitted into the United States in 1850, California has become one of the largest economies in the world, as well as a symbol for a progressive and multicultural society.

During the Gold Rush of 1849, thousands of settlers came to California in search of fortune. Those who were Freemasons brought their rich traditions with them, soon establishing some of California's first Masonic lodges in the mining towns of the Gold Country. In 1850 - the same year that California became a state - the Grand Lodge of California was established in Sacramento. Shortly thereafter it relocated to San Francisco, where it has remained ever since.

Freemasonry spread like wildfire, becoming a center of union for those lonely wayfarers and seafarers who came to the Golden State.

Throughout its 160-year history, many eminent men have joined the ranks of the Craft in California. Some have gone on to become legends for their contributions: explorer Peter Lassen; military leaders Commodore John D. Sloat and Jonathan D. Stevenson; Past Grand Master and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court Earl Warren; actors Danny Thomas, Harold Lloyd and Roy Rogers; health instructor Jack Lalanne; patriot, clergyman and orator Thomas Starr King; aviator, doctor and inventor Forrest Bird; and Williams-Sonoma, Inc. founder Chuck Williams.

Today, the Grand Lodge of California boasts more than 65,000 members and 340 lodges located throughout the state, making it one of the largest Grand Lodges in the world. Since 1909, in memory of Masons such as John Swett who advocated a free public school system on the west coast, one of the principal charities has been to support the California public schools. In addition to the efforts of lodges, the California Masonic Foundation provides qualified graduating high school seniors with college scholarships.

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<http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10302>



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From the East

Brethren: I hope this finds everyone doing well. We are rounding third in the Mason's for Mitts program. we need all of our brethren to get off the bench and play ball. We are looking to gather our donations at the August Stated Meeting. Come down and help us knock it out of the park.

Gordon Markley will be receiving his 50 year pin on August the 13th @ 2:00 p.m. in Los Gatos. Please see the schedule and make every attempt to support a brother that has done so much for our lodge and our institution.

Grand Lodge of California will celebrate its 162nd Annual Communication. <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10284>

Fraternally, Howard Dingman *Master*

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The Library and Museum (London) Exhibition – The Patriot Mason: Freemasonry in American Society

This new exhibition opens in the Library and Museum on America's Independence Day, Monday 4th July, and continues until Christmas. It explores the role of freemasonry in American society from the 18th century to the present day, drawing on rarely seen objects from the Library and Museum's own collections. One of the world's rarest Masonic books – published by Benjamin Franklin in 1734 – will be displayed alongside the elaborate costumes and medals (Jewels) worn by American freemasons. This painting of George Washington as a freemason was presented to Freemasons' Hall by Henry Wellcome, the American pharmaceutical entrepreneur

<http://www.freemasonry.london.museum/events/exhibition-the-patriot-mason-freemasonry-in-american-society/>



The 2011 Masons4Mitts Campaign

Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program. Check the count and make your donation online at www.Masons4Mitts.org Campaign concludes on Masons Night at AT&T Park on Monday, September 12. Lodges can begin to buy Masons Night tickets in bulk by calling 415/972-2298. Inform the operator that you would like tickets for Masons Night on Monday, September 12 in the bleacher section. Tickets cost \$17 each and there will be a \$3 service fee for every time you call to place an order. The Trestle board announcement advises members to talk to their secretaries about Masons Night tickets; if another officer or member will be in charge of ordering tickets, please sure to update your Trestle board announcement so that right contact person is mentioned.

As always, your help is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Sincerely, Joyce Hahn

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August Birthdays

Garret	Lenz	8	1
Charles	Gillingham	8	2
Harvey	Kolstad	8	2
Kevin	Runkle	8	5
John	Ziegler	8	5
William	Ward	8	7
James	Bell	8	8
James	Wigington	8	8
Raymond	Kaleda	8	9
Stanley	Konar	8	9
Paul	Ouellet	8	10
Stephen	Wozniak	8	11
Daniel	Lockie	8	13
Jack	Viramontes	8	13
Charles	Williams	8	13
Sherman	Bohn	8	14
Dennis	Anastole	8	15
Martin	Hopper	8	15
Pomphilo	Contestable	8	16
Bora	Turan	8	16
Gary	Kankel	8	18
Richard	Mercer	8	19
Ronald	Breckler	8	20
George	Sousa Jr.	8	20
Klaas	Bol	8	21
Robert	Wason	8	21
David	Ferril	8	22
Derick	Hopkins	8	23
James	Dingman	8	25
Wayne	Jensen	8	25
Charles	Kennedy	8	25
Robert	Knopf	8	26
Phillip	Howard	8	28
Hiram	Cheney	8	29
Joseph	Field	8	29
Albert	Leatherman	8	29
Guy	Miller	8	30
Richard	Emerson	8	31
Gerald	Munkholm	8	31

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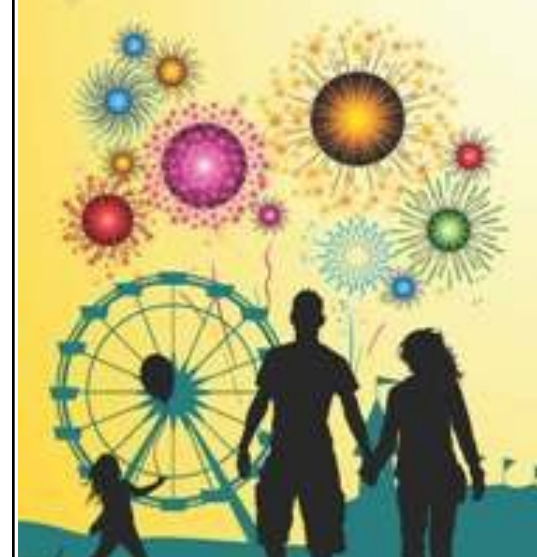
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September 23-25, 2011 - San Francisco, California

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Master's Cruise for 2011

10 Day Alaska Cruise roundtrip San Francisco
August 28 – September 7, 2011

Aboard the magnificent Sea Princess prices starting at only \$1,049 per person. Travel with your fellow Masons to Victoria, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm

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The Builder 1915 - Vol. 1 No. 08 - August

IN August, 1783, the Continental Congress resolved, unanimously, to have an equestrian Statue erected of George Washington, in the Nation's Capital, and the resolution specified that Washington should be represented "in a Roman dress holding a truncheon in his right hand, and his head encircled in a laurel wreath." The resolution was never carried into effect. But in February, 1832, the House of Representatives resolved that "The President of the United States be authorized to employ Horatio Greenough, of Massachusetts, to execute, in marble, a full length pedestrian statue of Washington, to be placed in the centre of the rotunda of the Capitol: the head to be a copy of Houdon's1 Washington, and the accessories to be left to the judgement of the artist."

While the legislators may have had an idea what a pedestrian statue was, artists and critics had not, and they had their jokes about the wording.

Mr. Greenough took up his residence at Florence, where he could get Carara marble, and where skilled assistance could be obtained, and there modelled and chiseled the statue, which, when completed, weighed about 21 tons.

In 1840 the Secretary of the Navy sent Captain Hull, in the famous old Frigate Ohio, to bring the statue to the United States, but, on arriving and examining the work, it was found that it was too heavy to be carried on deck (it would have cap-sized the ship), so captain Hull was obliged to write to Washington for permission to tear out his decks, to get the statue into the hold. As the mails were carried in sailing ships at that era, several months were consumed and it was finally determined to employ a Merchant ship for the purpose.

After several months delay the statue reached the Navy Yard at Washington, when it was discovered that there was no derrick there capable of lifting such a great weight, and, as Congress was not in session, and there being no money in the Treasury available for the purpose, it was necessary to await Congressional action, and still further time was required to build the derrick.

When this was accomplished, the Navy Yard gate not being large enough for the passage of the statue, it was determined to land it on large floats ("camels") and tow it via the canal to a point nearest the Capitol, and then skid it through the streets to its position. This was admirably done by Boatswain Waters.² But when the statue had been lifted up the east stairs of the Building it was found the door was too small to admit it. Congress, however, supplied the funds to tear out the door framing and the statue was finally landed in the centre of the great rotunda.

<http://masonic.wikidot.com/builder-1915-vol-1-no-8-august#toc18>



July 3, 2011 - 150th anniversary of the death of Brother Captain Issac Nicoll

A member of 124th NY Infantry (also known as the Orange Blossoms) and the Newburgh Masonic Lodge founded in 1858. , Brother Nicoll was killed in battle at Gettysburg Captain during intense fighting on the second day of the battle, when the Orange Blossoms defended against a Confederate assault on the Union left flank near Devil's Den. Buried in a specially marked grave by Brother Masons from the Confederacy when they found masonic papers on his corpse. Dug up and reburied by his family with the directions to the grave sent to his family by these same Confederate Brothers. Upon the anniversary of the death of Captain Isaac Nicoll, a Civil War veteran who died on July 2, 1863, the Cornerstone Lodge #711, Free and Accepted Masons and the Cornerstone Masonic Historical Society conducted a graveside memorial service at Washingtonville Cemetery, his place of burial. He was 23 years of age at the time of his death.

The local newspaper, the Newburgh Telegraph reported Captain Nicoll's death in 1863 and included this information: "Before his departure for the seat of war, Captain Nicoll was initiated into the Masonic fraternity by the Newburgh Lodge. After the news arrived of his fall at Gettysburg, friends were dispatched on to seek for the body. It was, unlike many thousands of other victims on that field, readily found, from the fact that a board was placed at the head of the grave, bearing his name, the number of his regiment, and a Masonic symbol. On removing the earth above the body, evergreens were found deposited in the grave. Those engaged in the disinterment knew nothing of the significance connected with this fact, but on their return home, a letter was received from a rebel officer, a Georgian, who stated that a testament was found upon the body of Captain Nicoll, on this fly leaf of which was written his name, some directions in case of his death, and symbol showing his confraternity. True to the obligations of their brotherhood, though they had met in hostile array on the battlefield, the rebels stopped to give decent rites of sepulchre, and left directions with a resident in the vicinity to have the testament forwarded to friends of the deceased..."



<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2010/05/civil-war-flag-dress-coat-and-sash-go-display-gettysburg-national-military-park5888>

What is the Mark Twain Award?

The Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award recognizes lodges that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and for the local community. Sponsored by The Masonic Information Center (MIC) founded in 1993 by a grant from John J. Robinson, well-known author, speaker, and Mason. Its purpose is to provide information on Freemasonry to Masons and non-Masons alike and to respond to critics of Freemasonry. Inquiries about Freemasonry to the MIC come from around the world - by phone, fax and email. The inquiries vary from information on how to become a Mason, to wanting more information about the Fraternity, answering specific questions about the ritual or Masonic protocol and genealogy. In 1993, Robinson published "A Pilgrim's Path: One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple" in which he described his experiences with Masons and those against them. Masonic authors praised the work as comprehensive and profound. As a result of his interactions with Masons, he ultimately petitioned a lodge and became Brother Robinson - as explained in his book. The Masonic Information Center is a lasting tribute to his interest in and acceptance of Freemasonry as a way of life. <http://www.msana.com/twainaward/>



From the Secretary's Table

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From the West

Brethren, I hope everyone is getting out to enjoy our mild summer. The core of officers are preparing for their duties for next year. We still need a Junior Steward to fill out the line for next year. If any brother is interested in starting up the line, please let me know. We are at Lodge almost every Thursday around 7p and I will let you know more about the Junior Steward duties. We have a bunch of Second Degrees to do soon, please come out to see the Officers work and support the candidates. They are the future of our Lodge.

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From the South

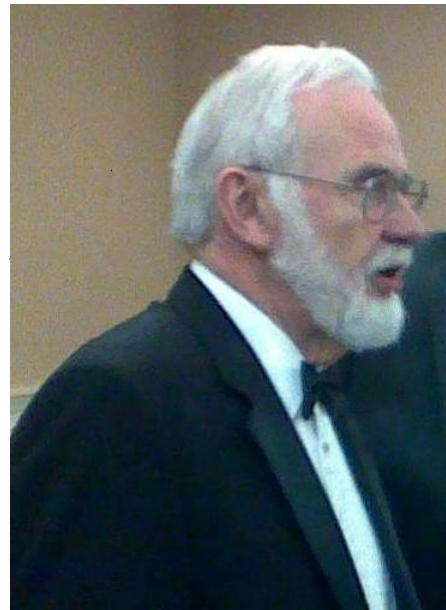
Spaghetti Dinner, French Bread, and Salad. \$10.00. Please RSVP no later than the preceding Tuesday to Jim Dingman P.M. (408) 859-0504 or by e-mail @ jamesdingman01@comcast.net

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Gordon Markley 50 Year Pin Presentation
August 13th at 2:00 p.m. at Los Gatos Mt Moriah Lodge

Please joint us to congratulate a brother that has done so much for our lodge and masonry.



Saturday August 13th

Second Degree conferral to begin @ 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch and Gordon Markley's 50 Year Pin Presentation. Conferral Lunch to be served @ 1:00 p.m. and 50 year Pin Presentation to follow lunch @ 2:00p.m. Lunch will consist of Chicken Alfredo, Salad, and French Bread with cake for dessert. Lunch provided by Mt. Moriah Lodge.

