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Dec 04 (Thursday)
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 Stated Meeting

Dec 06 (Saturday) Los Gatos Winter Parade

Dec 06 (Saturday)
7:30 PM Annual Installation of Officers

Dec 18 (Thursday)
7:30 PM Third Degree

Jan 09 (Thursday)
6:30 PM Dinner (Pot Luck Soup)
7:30 Stated Meeting

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Jeffrey Powell's Third Degree



Jeffrey, Grandfather-in-law, Dennis Anastole

From the East

Brethren: This being my last monthly tiding in my Master's Year, I think it would be appropriate to convey my heartfelt thanks for your support during this last year. There are many individual people to thank, and I hope that, between this missive and December Stated Meeting, I do not leave anyone out.

First, I'd like to thank all of the wives of the Officers who shared their husbands with us, during the year. I realize, more than most, that this sacrifice is at times more daunting than others. But know it is appreciated and not overlooked.

Second, I'd like to thank my Dad, Gus Anastole, who started me on this road of Masonry 35 years ago and was a terrific resource for me. Ok, Ok, maybe experience has some value.....

Individually, I would like to thank Jill Brooks, whose presence and preparation in the kitchen for our dinners was a real calming influence for me. Jill realized, early on, that some jobs for the Lodge are a family affair. Thanks, Jill! Also, I'd like to thank Patty Parle, who with our Senior Steward, Dennis and their 5 children kept the Lodge looking ship-shape. Again, this was a job that was most effectively done with the help of family.

When you are Master for the first time, it becomes important that you solicit the advice of men who have traveled the same road. My heartiest thanks go out to Bob Morgan, P.M. Randy Downey, P.M., Jack Kempf, P.M., Ross Fuller, P.M. and Bud Ramsey, P.M. Brethren, Mt. Moriah will always be a successful Lodge, as long as these fine men, and our other Past Masters, remain active.

There were some bumps along the road this year. Mt. Moriah lost two of their most active Brothers; Junior Past Master, Lowell Johnson, and its Secretary, Brother Larry Pedersen. All Brothers will have to step up and fill the incredible void left by these two distinguished Masons.

As big as this job is, it is necessary to delegate responsibility to others. I am very thankful for the help that was offered to me this year. This is one of the most rewarding things about being a Master, seeing men stepping up, to serve their Lodge. My gratitude goes out to Eric and John Matteroli, John Sawtelle, Bruce Whitlock, Devin Kruse, Mike Brooks, Jeff Umshied, Sean John Barksdale, Ron Rundell, Bill Bell, and Gordon Markley. There are some men who, when appreciation is handed out, need their own paragraph. I'd like to take this opportunity to single out Dennis Parle and Jimmy Dingman. It is impossible to out work these Brothers. They are always there, willing to put forth effort in any project, at any time. Your efforts did not go unnoticed by myself, or the Lodge. Thank you. The 2009 Mt. Moriah Lodge Officers, headed up by Wor. James Dingman, Master, will make it worthwhile to attend Lodge on a regular basis. I hope you plan on making 2009 the year that YOU became active again.

In December, in addition to our Annual Installation of Officers, we have, on December 6th, Saturday, the Los Gatos Winter Parade. Mt. Moriah marches in this parade, along with several concordant Masonic bodies. Please come out and help us make a great impact in the community. Be at the Los Gatos Masonic Temple at 8:30AM, and we will get into aprons and jewels, and march.

Finally, I'd like to thank my wife, Melissa. Nothing about me, happens without her. She was there all year for me, and I appreciate it.

Fraternally, Dennis Anastole *Master*

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Free Masonry history in Madagascar

Freemasonry is said to be active in Madagascar since the 17th century. It probably started during the period of the Far East India Company, when the Island used to be an important trading spot in the Indian Ocean region. The Grande Loge Nationale de Madagascar (GLNM) was consecrated on 6 March 1996 in Antananarivo, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF). This event is the foundation stone of Regular Freemasonry in Madagascar. Formal recognition was granted by the United Grand Lodge of England to the GLNM on 10 December 1997. GLNM is the only Regular Masonic authority in Madagascar.

December Birthdays

- JAMES BITTLE December 1
- LUIS PEREZ December 2
- ALEXANDER CASSIMUS December 4
- THOMAS SHAFER December 4
- RAYMOND BERNHEIM December 5
- NICHOLAS SIERSEMA December 6
- ROBERT DUNCAN December 6
- KIM MCEUEN December 7
- FRED WACH, JR December 7
- DONALD C.WALKER December 8
- A. JAMES ULAM December 8
- ROBERT TAYLOR, PM December 9
- HOWARD DINGMAN December 9
- KEVIN PINSON December 9
- JOHN CARRINGTON December 12
- O.E. MCGOWEN December 12
- ROBB WALKER December 12
- REX JEFFERS December 14
- JOHN BANNISTER, PM December 14
- COLONEL STITES December 15
- GEORGE DEL TOUR, PM December 16
- BRUCE ROLLIN December 17
- BUD RAMSEY, PM December 17
- PAUL KNOWLES December 19
- SIDNEY SMITH December 20
- JOHN DODS December 21
- MARVIN LEWIS December 22
- ROBERT ZEROUN December 24
- WAYNE PRICE December 25
- WILL COOPS December 25
- SCOTT MCQUEEN December 26
- LEWIS DI BONA December 27
- RAY TERRY December 27
- FRANK HIBBITTS December 28
- RICHARD IRION December 28
- EDWIN WEAL December 29
- DEAN SODERSTROM December 29
- JOHN CAROLAN December 29

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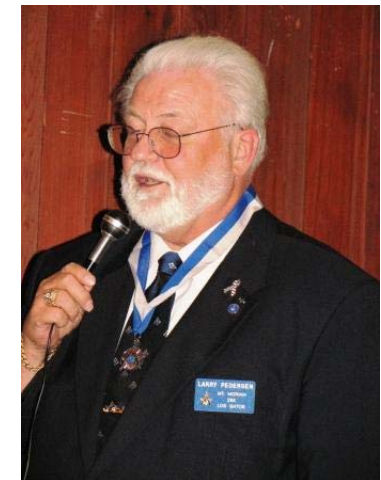
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In Memoriam



Larry Pedersen Died - Nov. 14, 2008
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"Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the souls of our Beloved Brothers."

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Masonic significance of the 47th Problem of Euclid

Euclid wrote a set of thirteen books, which were called "Elements". Each book contained many geometric propositions and explanations, and in total Euclid published 465 problems. The 47th problem was set out in Book 1, which is also known as "The Pythagorean Theorem". Although Euclid published the proposition, it was Pythagoras who discovered it.

We learn from the third degree lecture that Pythagoras with joy in exclaimed "Eureka" (I have found it). It teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences".

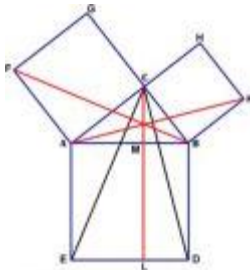


Figure 1: The figure of great square which the original 47th Problem of Euclid is based. This figure is also called "The Builders' Chair". The outline of this figure is used symbolically in Freemasonry.

The 47th problem, is marked on the frontispiece of Anderson's 1723 Constitution with "Eureka". Anderson's Constitution is the basis of Modern Freemasonry and its basis of operation. The Constitutions of the Free-Masons was a constitution written for the Premier Grand Lodge of England, to standardize the rituals and practices of Freemasonry among lodges of London and Westminster operating under that Grand Lodge. The constitution laid the foundation of the legend of Hiram Abiff, King Solomon's Master Builder, along with the pyramid style organizational model of Freemasonry. The first and second edition were written by Rev. James Anderson in 1723 and 1738.

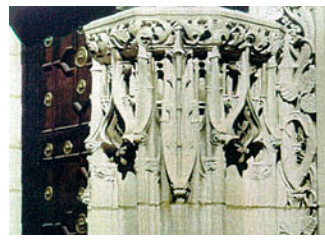
Anderson's Constitutions were based on the Old Masonic Manuscripts (also called "Gothic Constitutions") and on the General Regulations which had been compiled first by George Payne in 1720. The full title of the 1723 edition was The Constitutions of the Free-Masons, Containing the History, Charges, Regulations, &c. of that most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity, For the Use of the Lodges.

When in 1738, the Grand Lodge changed its name from Grand Lodge of London and Westminster into the Grand Lodge of England, the Constitution was rewritten by Anderson. The title of the second, rewritten, edition of 1738 was The New Book of Constitutions of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Containing Their History, Charges, Regulations, &c. Collected and Digested By Order of the Grand Lodge from their old Records, faithful Traditions and Lodge-Books, For the Use of the Lodges.

The 1723 edition of the Constitutions was edited and reprinted by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in 1734, becoming the first Masonic book printed in America. http://www.freemasoninformation.com/liber/andersons_constitutions_of_1723.htm



Scranton Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral



The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral is significant as an example of the work of Raymond M. Hood (1881-1934), a prominent architect of the 1920s and early 1930s, and as a unique example of Neo-Gothic architecture in Scranton. The design of the building was to be a monument to Masonry, clad in coursed ashlar Indiana limestone <http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/delaware/mas.htm>

From the Secretary's Table

It is with mixed feelings that this note is written. I am glad to help out with the duties of the Secretary. And I was looking forward to Larry's recovery and healing. He made a worthy contribution to the Lodge fulfilling his duties as Secretary. By the time you read this you should have received your Lodge 2009 dues notice. Please be prompt in sending your dues for 2009. This makes the Secretary's work easier. I look forward to your help with this process. Some of the Lodge members are receiving the Trestleboard by email. They not only receive the Trestleboard earlier but they also see the photos in color. If you want to receive your Trestleboard, please contact the Trestleboard Editor, Devin Kruse (dew6000@yahoo.com)

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From the West

Brethren, The RWM B.J. McCuiston has asked me to inform you of our plans for the next Convocation. The Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson will be present. The date is Feb.8, 2008 at the Keith Lodge Masonic Center in Gilroy. This is a Sunday afternoon. Come met and visit with Grand Master Adamson. The Convocation will start at 4 pm with dinner starting about 6:30 pm. Wor. Rick Hughes has been doing a Tri-Tip dinner with all the fixin's for the last few years and has been getting better each year. Large portions are the way we serve. Come dine with your fellow Past Masters.

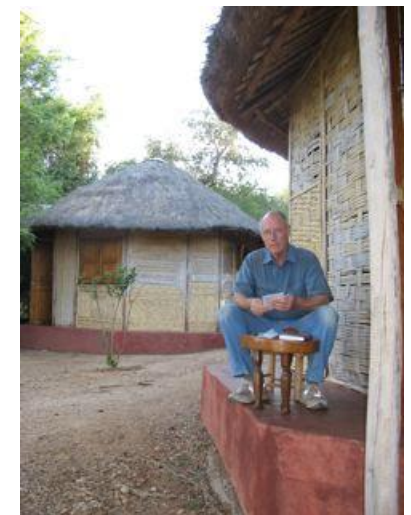
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December Stated Meeting Dinner

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