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Calendar	
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December 04	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
December 06	(Saturday)
11:00 AM	Los Gatos Christmas Parade (Get there early if you would like to march with us)
December 08	(Monday)
7:30 PM	Installation Practice
December 13	(Saturday)
7:00 PM	Mt. Moriah Installation of Officers
December 18	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Hall Association Meeting
7:30 PM	Possible double 1st Degree (stay tuned)
December 25	(Thursday)
	Have a Merry Christmas with your families!
January 01	(Thursday)
	Lodge Dark
January 08	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting

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Foreign Countries

Our ancient operative brethren desired to become Masters so that, when they travelled in foreign countries, they could still practice their craft. Speculative Freemasons still desire to "travel in foreign countries" and study their craft that they may receive such instruction as will enable them to do so, and when travelling, to receive a Master's Wages.

But the "Foreign Countries" do not mean to us the various geographical and political divisions of the Old World, nor do we use the Word we learn as a means of identification to enable us to build material temples and receive coin of the realm for our labor. "Foreign Countries" is to us a symbol.

Like all the rest of the symbols, it has more than one interpretation; but, unlike many, none of these is very difficult to trace or understand.

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Freemasonry itself is the first "foreign country" in which the initiate will travel; a world as different from the familiar workaday world, as France is different from England, or Belgium from Greece. Everything is different in the Masonic world; the standards are different, the "Money" is different, the ideas are different. In the familiar world, money, place and power are the standards by which we judge our fellows. In the fraternity all are on the level, and there are neither rich nor poor. In the world outside there are laws to prevent, and police and penalties to enforce obedience; in the fraternity the laws are not "thou shalt not" but "thou shalt" and the fundamental of them all is the golden rule, the law of brotherly love.

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From the East

Brethren,

It's been a great year at Mt. Moriah. We've initiated four candidates, passed four, raised one, and affiliated two Brothers. We also have several prospects. Also, look for two First Degrees very soon, possibly later this month if the schedules work out. Check our online calendar.

Additionally, the Los Gatos Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 6th. All members of Mt. Moriah are invited to march with us in the parade. Unfortunately, Nick and I will probably not be able to be there due to having to go to an installation that day, so please try to be there if you can.

I look forward to turning over the reins to Bro. Nick Schilling later this month. We're looking to have several more events next year and I'm sure he'll do a fine job. I've been privileged to have a fine corps of officers this year; we have a committed roster and the Lodge will be in fine hands for the next several years at least. A big THANK YOU to all the officers and members of Mt. Moriah for making my year a good one.

This has been a memorable experience for me, and one that I will repeat some day several years in the future when I can use the lessons learned this year to make my next year even better.

Masonry has given me so much in the six short years I've been a Mason. I'm proud to be a part of this ancient and honorable Fraternity. Don't forget to come to our Installation on December 13th! Also note that our January Stated Meeting will take place on January 8th (the second Thursday) because the first Thursday falls on New Years' Day.

Fraternally,

Jeff Powell, *Master*

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Men conform to the laws of Freemasonry not because they must but because they will. Surely such a land is a "foreign country" to the stranger within its borders; and the visitor must study it, learn its language and its customs, if he is to enjoy it.

Many learn but a few phrases and only enough of its customs to conform. There are thousands of Americans who went all over France during the war with a pack of cigarettes, a friendly smile and "no comprende!" as their sole knowledge of the language; but did they learn to know France? A Lodge member may know the words of the opening and closing and how to act in a lodge, learn to call his fellows "brother" and pay his dues; but will that get him all there is in the foreign country in which he finds him-self?

America north and south is a mighty continent . . . It has many countries. To know one is not to know all. The man at home in Mexico will find Newfoundland strange, and the Canadian will not feel at home in Chile if he knows nothing of that country.

So it is with the vast continent of Freemasonry. It has many "foreign countries within it; and he is the wise and happy Freemason who works patiently at the pleasant task of visiting and studying them. There are the foreign countries of philosophy, of jurisprudence and of history. No Freemason is really worthy of the name who does not understand something of how his new land is governed, of what it stands for and why.

And there is the foreign country of Symbolism of which this little book is far less a guide than a gateway.

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December Birthdays

Alexander Cassimus	12/04
Thomas W. Shafer	12/04
Raymond Bernheim	12/05
Robert C. Duncan	12/06
Nicholas C. Siersema	12/06
Carlos Cofre	12/07
Kim R. McEuen	12/07
Gassam J. Sekab	12/07
Frederick J. Wach	12/07
Arthur J. Ulam	12/08
Howard W. Dingman	12/09
Kevin J. Pinson	12/09
Robert G. Taylor	12/09
John T. Bannister	12/12
Robb S. Walker	12/12
Rex E. Jeffers	12/14
Enrique Segovia-Ramirez	12/16
Steven R. Marshall	12/17
Howard W. (Bud) Ramsey	12/17
Bruce G. Rollin	12/17
James S. Bettencourt	12/20
John E. Dods	12/21
Robert A. Zeroun	12/24
William J. Coops	12/25
Wayne T. Price	12/25
Scott R. McQueen	12/26
Lewis P. DiBona	12/27
Walker R. Terry	12/27
Frank C. Hibbits	12/28
Richard F. Irion	12/28
John P. Carolan	12/29
Edwin E. Weal	

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As a Master Mason, a man has the right to travel in all the foreign countries of Freemasonry. There is none to say him nay. If he will but "learn the work" and keep himself in good standing, he may visit where he will. But it is not within the door of other lodges than his own that he will find the boundary line and the guide posts of those truly Masonic "Foreign Countries" to which he has been given the passport by his brethren. He will find gateways to those lands in the library, in the study club, in books and magazines; and, most and best of all, in the quiet hour alone, when what he has read and learned comes back to him to be pondered over and thought through. The "foreign country" of symbolism has engaged the thoughtful and serious consideration of hundreds of able Masonic students, as has that of the history of our Order. Not to visit them both; aye, not to make oneself a citizen of them both, is to refuse the privileges one has sought and labored to obtain. One asks for a petition, prays one's friend to take it to his lodge, knocks on the door, takes obligations, works to learn and finally receives the Master's Degree. One receives it, struggles for it, hopes for it . . . why? That one may travel in the far lands and receive the reward there awaiting. .

Then why hesitate? Why wait? Why put it off? Why allow others to pass on and gain; while one stands, the gate open, the new land beckoning, and all the Masonic world to see?

That is the symbolism of the "foreign countries" . . . that is the meaning of the phrase which once meant, to operative Masons, exactly what it says. To the Freemason who reads it aright it is a clarion call to action, to study, to an earnest pressing forward on the new highway. For time is short and the night cometh when no man can work!

To the young Freemason, particularly, is the symbol a ringing appeal. To those who are old in the Craft, who have set their pace, determined their course and become satisfied with all they have managed to learn of the fraternity, with what little they have been able to take from it, "foreign countries" means countries which are foreign and nothing more. But to the young man just starting out as a Freemason . . . Oh, my brother, heed you the symbolism of the phrase and make your entry through the gateway, your limbs strong to travel, your mind open to learn. For if you truly travel in the Masonic foreign countries, you will receive Master's Wages beyond your greatest expectations. The way is open to the Freemason; not an easy way, perhaps, or a short way, but a clear way. Not for the old Mason, the man set in his ways, the man content with the literal meaning of the words, the "book Mason," the pin-wearer, not for them the foreign countries of symbolism, and Masonic knowledge.

But you, you who are new, you to whom Freemasonry is yet a wonder and a vision. a mystery and a glory . . . for you the gate is wide, for you the path is clear; for you the foreign countries beckon . . . hang you not back!

For at the end of the journey, when the last foreign country of Freemasonry has been travelled and learned and loved, you shall come to a new gate, above which there is a new name written . . . and when you have read it you will know the True Word of a Master Mason.

Ancient Masons

"Ancient Masons," was the name assumed by a body of Masons who, in 1738 seceded from the regular or legal Grand Lodge of England. They did this because of changes the Institution made on the ritual work.

The Ancients called themselves "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" and were the new Lodges. They practiced the old ritual work and condemned the Moderns, as they called them, for changes made in that work. The Moderns, were called "Free and accepted Masons" and were the old Lodges of England. They adopted the new style of ritual work formed by Anderson, Preston, and others.

These differences kept the two bodies apart to the extreme, that there would be both in the same community and sometimes, side by side. They would clam the same jurisdiction and argue over who was right and who was clandestine.

In 1813 the two bodies resolved their differences and joined hands, but the Lodges were spread through out the world, and particularly in America. They turned out to be impossible to align. Both are recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and both have the same rights and benefits which are accorded a legal Lodge of Master Masons. Although you will find the different Lodges in United States their jurisdictions are limited to each state. This is why we have:

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Ancient Free Masons

Free and Accepted Masons

and on and on.

From the Secretary's Table

How fun it has been to receive several petitions and affiliations to our lodge recently. Rolando (Ron) Alvarado has been approved for membership, along with Ronald Rundell. And we have two requests for affiliations, Patrick Madden and Frank Wong. Mitch Franceschini sent us a nice thank you for his birthday gift from the lodge, and Larry Merino sent a wonderful letter. We have been approved to wear our jewels and aprons in the Los Gatos parade. We contributed to DeMolay for their convention in Sacramento. And last, congratulations to our new officers for next year, we have a dedicated group in our lodge. Speaking of the lodge, thanks to Dennis Parle, our kitchen door that was falling apart has been replaced.

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From the West

Don't miss the annual Los Gatos Children's Christmas/Holidays Parade on Saturday December 6th. The parade starts at 11am and the streets are closed early. Last year the group of members who represented our lodge was small. I encourage you to attend and make our presence known. There are refreshments before and after the parade at the Los Gatos Masonic Hall. Our installation is scheduled for Saturday December 13th. The social hour is at 6pm, the installation begins at 7pm and the night will be topped of with cake. I am still in need of stewards for next year. If you are willing to volunteer please let me know ASAP.

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From the South

Brethren, the menu for our December Stated Meeting dinner, which will take place at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 4th, 2014, will consist of a Green Salad, Ham, Glazed Carrots, Green Bean Casserole, Yams, and Dessert. A Vegetarian alternative may be arranged. Please contact my wife by telephone at least 3 days in advance at 408-252-5340 to arrange it. The cost of the dinner will be the usual \$10 per person. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please RSVP by Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014, preferably by email, to dialdice@gmail.com. You may also RSVP via phone or text, at 408-550-5039. As usual, I will use the RSVP count when planning for how much food to prepare. These dinners are always a great way to share good times with fellow brothers and their families. Help with taking money at the door or cleanup afterwards is always greatly appreciated.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is observed annually on December 7, is to remember and honor all those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. On August 23, 1994, United States Congress, designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day. It is a tradition to fly the Flag of the United States at half-staff until sunset in honor of dead patriots. On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941 America's naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by aircraft and submarines of the Imperial Japanese Navy, killing 2,403 American military personnel and civilians and injuring 1,178 others. The attack sank four U.S. Navy battleships and damaged four more. It also damaged or sank three cruisers, three destroyers, and one minelayer. Aircraft losses were 188 destroyed and 159 damaged. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt, in a speech to Congress, stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor is "a date which will live in infamy." Memorials have been built to remember the day and its events. The USS Arizona memorial in Pearl Harbor is a marble memorial over the sunken battleship USS Arizona, which was dedicated in 1962. The memorial remembers all military personnel who were killed in the Pearl Harbor attack. Another memorial is that of the USS Utah, a battleship that was attacked and sunk in the attack. A memorial to honor the crew of the USS Utah was dedicated on the northwest shore of Ford Island, near the ship's wreck, in 1972. The ship was added to the National Register of Historic Places and declared a National Historic Landmark in 1989. In 1990, leading up to the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Congress established the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal. This is also known as the Pearl Harbor Survivor's medal and was awarded to anyone who was in the U.S. Armed Forces and who was present in Hawaii on December 7, 1941 and participated in combat operations that day against the attack. The medal was also awarded to civilians who were killed or injured in the attack. A few years later, Congress amended the law to allow any person who was present in Hawaii on December 7, 1941 and was involved in combat operations against Japanese military forces attacking Hawaii to receive the award. In both instances, there was a limited time period to apply for the award, and it is no longer issued.

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