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Feb 07	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Feb 12	(Tuesday)
6:00 PM	Masonic Education
Feb 14	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	Dark Valentines Day
Feb 17	(Sunday)
10:00 AM	Sweethearts Dinner Mariani Inn 2500 El Camino Real Santa Clara
Feb 21	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	2nd Degree
Feb 25	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	OAM San Jose #10 San Jose Masonic Center
Feb 28	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	3rd Degree Practice

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Dan Van Hook Second Degree

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From the East Brethren, Valentines Day is almost upon us. Which means it is time to honor our Sweethearts. We are having our Valentines Day Brunch at Mariani Inn & Restaurant on Sunday February 17th at 10:00 am in the Emerald Room. Reservations due by February 13th. Contact Wayne Heimsoth (408) 806-1804 for reservations Make Check Payable to: Mt Moriah Masonic Lodge #292

Fraternally, Chris Rohrs, PM *Master*



Mt Moriah Masonic Lodge #292
Invites you to our Annual
"Sweetheart's "Fabulous Sunday Brunch"
Honoring our Widows

Reservations Deadline: **February 13, 2013**

When: Sunday
February 17, 2013
"Mark Your Calendar"

Where: Mariani's Inn & Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Time: 10:00 AM Champagne Brunch
In the Emerald Room

Price: \$40.00 per person
\$75.00 per couple

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February Birthdays

CECILIO SANTIAGO	February 1
CHARLES WHARFF	February 1
ROBERT ELLIOT	February 4
CARLTON SIMONSON	February 5
STEAPHEN PINTHER	February 5
DAVID PERRAULT	February 6
MERVIN YUE, PM	February 6
DONALD JAY, PM	February 9
JESSE PACK, JR.	February 10
DAVID TOFTE	February 10
NORMAN STORMS	February 13
RAYMOND CUENCA	February 16
A JOHN MATTEROLI	February 16
ERIK MATTEROLI	February 16
HUGH THOMAS	February 17
ALEX REICHSTADT	February 19
DEWAIN AZEVEDO	February 20
TOM CONOM	February 20
JACK WARREN, II	February 21
ROLLIE WELLS, PM	February 21
NEJAT AKSOY	February 21
CHARLES WELCH, PM	February 22
FRED MULLINS, PM	February 22
GARRY SALMON	February 23
ROBERT HOLLINGER	February 24
RICHARD HILL	February 24
SCOTT SCHROEDER	February 25
JAMES ENDSLOW	February 25
RONALD HELLEVIG	February 26
JOHN LININGTON	February 26
BRUCE WHITLOCK	February 27
WILFRED SANDERS	February 28

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In Memoriam



The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. The memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004 and was dedicated one month later on May 29. It is located on 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

*"Almighty Father, into Thy hands we
commend the souls of our Beloved
Brothers."*

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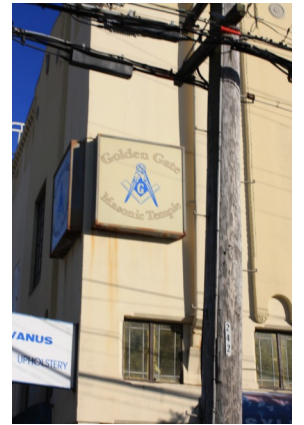
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Vesica as part of an emblem denoting Past Masters, from Hughan's 1899 reprint of the Constitutions, 1723–1896

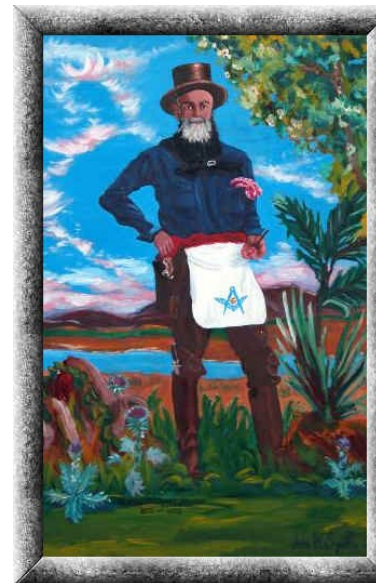
Golden Gate Lodge No. 30, F. & A. M. Established in 1853

Brother William Schuyler Moses was born August 8, 1827 in Rochester, New York, Raised in Rochester New York in 1849, and emigrated to San Francisco in 1850. He was a Royal Arch Mason of San Francisco Chapter No. 1 and Knight Templar of California Commandery No. 1. In the Scottish Rite Bodies he served as Venerable Master in the Lodge of Perfection and Wise Master in California Chapter Rose Croix. He was a Knight Commander Court of Honor and received the Order and Jewel of Knight Grand Cross 32o in 1892 being the first to receive that Honor in California. He was elected a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason but for some unknown reason was never Coroneted. He was a member of Islam Temple AAONMS in San Francisco. In 1869, in New York, he was installed Deputy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States. He later instituted Golden Gate Chapter No. 1 and granted the first 10 Chapter Charters in California and instituted the Order in Nevada and Oregon. He and his wife Addie served for two terms as Worthy Matron and Patron of Golden Gate Chapter OES.



THE PURCHASE OF GOLDEN GATE MASONIC TEMPLE

The relief to members and the widows and orphans of masons by Masonic Lodges after World War I and the Stock Market crash of the late 1920 was a great drain on the treasury of all lodges. Social Security and Welfare was not in force as it is today. Golden Gate Lodge was extending relief and remitting the dues of many of its members in need. In 1940, the officers and members were looking for a way to reduce expenses. The rental at 25 Van Ness was \$80.00 per month. Mission Temple was rebuilding its Temple and was adding a new lodge room which was to rent for \$50.00 a month. At the October 1940 stated meeting, when Worshipful Master A. Selby Kelly was on vacation and Senior Warden Edward A. Didier was in the East, it was moved and seconded that Golden Gate Lodge move to Mission Temple; and it was to be voted on at the November stated meeting, as per the By-Laws of the Lodge.



William Schuyler Moses
Worshipful Master 1852
Founder of Golden Gate Lodge #30

Past Master Fred S. Nobmann advised the Lodge that Taraval Temple, located at 14th and Taraval, was for sale and moved that the presiding Worshipful Master Senior Warden Edward A. Didier appoint a committee to investigate the advisability to purchase the same, and make a full report at the November stated meeting. The following committee was appointed: P.M. Charles A. Wegener, chairman, P.M. Fred S. Nobmann, P.M. Nicholas F. Munson, P.M. William P. Caubu and brother Thomas J. Benney. At the November stated meeting, the committee of five, appointed to investigate the purchasing of Taraval Temple, made a full and favorable report. The chairman made a motion that an offer of \$30,000.00 be made for the purchase of the property. It was seconded and upon a voice vote was declared unanimously carried. A motion was made and passed that Past Master Charles A. Wegener be authorized as its representative to consummate all legal transactions in connection with the acquisition of Taraval Temple. The motion to move to Mission Temple was then withdrawn.

The Temple was purchased, and the first meeting in Taraval Temple was the installation of officers for 1941 on Saturday night, December 21st. Three other Lodges were interested in purchasing Taraval Temple, and it was the foresight and business ability of the Officers and Past Masters of Golden Gate Lodge that the Temple was purchased in such a short time. We of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge are very proud of these dedicated masons. Since the original acquisition, the Temple interior has been remodeled to provide Handicapped Access, (wheelchair) including elevator facilities to all floors. Authored by Lee L. Aslanian, P.M., edited by Patrick Burke, Master of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge No.30, F. & A.M. http://www.goldengatesperanza.org/Lodge_History.htm

Adams Lodge 164 Full Moon Lodge

A Masonic Lodge was established at Pleasant Run which was about four miles downstream from present day Norfolk prior to the Civil War. Almost all of the original members were members of the interrelated Wolf and Adams families or were related to them.

The first meeting of Adams Lodge for which minutes exist began Friday evening at first candlelight June 9, 1860, at Pleasant Run in what was then Izard County. The Lodge was acting under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas since the charter was not issued until Nov. 7, 1861. The seal on the original charter, which the Lodge still has in its possession and still operates under, shows the Lodge to be in Izard County.

Lodge records show that most of the original members transferred their membership to the Adams Lodge from other lodges. At the time the Adams Lodge was chartered, the Mount Zion Lodge 10 at Batesville which was around 65 miles down river was the nearest lodge to the southeast. Yellville Lodge 137 which was around 40 miles by water down Crooked Creek and the White River was the nearest Lodge to the west. Considering the modes of transportation in the 1860s, the members came from a wide area

The Adams Lodge was referred to as a "Full Moon" lodge. "Full Moon" lodges held meetings that were arranged to coincide with the full moon so the members would have light to return home. The Adams Lodge met on the first Friday before the full moon. Watches or clocks must not have been too prevalent since the minutes refer to beginning at "candlelight" rather than at an appointed hour.

The first meeting of Adams Lodge probably took place in someone's home since at the first meeting three of the members were appointed to "confer with the Baptist Church and workmen with regard to manner and probable expense of building a house and report at the next meeting." Subsequent Lodge minutes show that W.W. Adams was selected as contractor and paid nearly \$100 for his labor and materials. As was customary, the lodge was a two-story structure with the lower floor used for church services or school and the upper floor reserved for Masonic meetings. Over the years, it came to be known as the "Old White Hall."



Adams Masonic Lodge circa 1937



Adams Lodge Seal

The lodge building was not completely finished when the Civil War started and the contractor, together with many of his lodge brothers departed for military service. Almost every member of the Lodge served in the Confederate Army. Meetings were held in the building by early 1861 and continued until the lodge was moved to Norfolk. Two years of lodge minutes are missing, and the lodge may not have met with so many of its members in service. The lodge minutes do not reflect on the Civil War directly but make reference to "unsettled conditions" as the reason for not sending the mandatory annual delegate to the Grand Lodge in Little Rock which was in the hands of the Federal forces at that time.

The April 6, 1866, meeting deals with suitable ways for the treasurer to account for \$546.72 in "uncurrent funds," which was a way of saying the lodge's Confederate money had no value.

From the Secretary's Table Brethren, rethren. We still have 186 members of our lodge who have not paid their dues. Please do so. Unless we get more members to bring their dues current, we will have to look at making some pretty significant revisions to the 2013 budget at the March stated meeting. And we have to suspend you if you owe dues more than 12 months. Don't let this happen to you!

We are still looking for the following members: Bernard M O'Conner, Charles S Boyd, Daniel W Mc Cowan, Earl A Tope, Jr, Jeffrey S Tatro, Johnny C Musser, Kevin Kahn, Michael J Leonard, Michael J Schultz, Paul W Froyd, Philip L Morris, Richard A Antuzzi, Ronald J Hellevig, Troy B Viertel, Vladyslav Berzruchko, Willie Mendoza

Fraternally, Wayne Heimsoth *Secretary*

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From the West Brethren, We move into the second month of the year with a sense of satisfaction at how the last month went. The Annual Soup Pot Luck Dinner was a great success. I want to invite all the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons to renew their efforts to learn their work. If you're having trouble, need assistance, or just want to talk to someone about the degree work, feel free to contact your coach, myself, or any other member of the lodge. All of us are willing to support you in your endeavors to advance. If, for any reason, you think you'd do better with a different coach, call me and we'll get it worked out. Also, I'd like to encourage the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts (and their ladies) to join us on February 14th for our Sweethearts Brunch held at Mariani Inn & Restaurant. Lodge "Sweethearts" are the widows of our deceased members and we want them to realize that they are still part of our Masonic family and that we care. Please RSVP by February 7th to Bill & Lynne Bell at (408) 741-1355. In closing, I'd like to share with you this story. A departed brother, Worshipful Don Locke, Past Master of Willow Glen Lodge No. 676, once told me that he was handed a slip of paper by a candidate on the night he was to be initiated. It said simply, "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, piety and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one other and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all, Freemasonry is a way of life." May this be the path from which we never stray.

Masonic Get Together and Education

Join us for education on Masonic History and esoteric discussions related to the craft. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM for about an hour. Meetings are held in the Los Gatos Masonic Hall. Open to all degrees. We begin with a presentation on a pre-determined topic, followed by questions and discussion. Topics range from Masonic history both speculative and operative, to discussions on the seven arts and sciences. Topics on alchemy, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, mystery schools, and esoteric meanings have also been popular. Suggestions are welcome. Our next meeting on February 12 will be on the Regius Poem, the first known Masonic text.

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From the South Brethren, Stated meeting dinner: Roast chicken with rice & veggies, \$10. Please RSVP to Jeff Powell at (408) 476-8476 or jeff@jeffpowell.

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The vesica piscis, or "bladder of the fish," is a simple geometric shape formed by the intersection of two circles. It has a long traditional history, both in operative and speculative Masonry. In Masonic literature, the vesica is first stressed by George Oliver. Oliver argues that the vesica is "a universal exponent of architecture or Masonry, and the original source or fountain from which its signs and symbols are derived— it constituted the great and enduring secret of our ancient brethren." (Discrepancies of Masonry, 1875, p. 109) . In his Prestonian Lecture for 1931, noted Masonic historian W.W. Covey-Crump calls this statement "quite right," and expresses that "the Vesica Piscis had even from the time of the Primitive Christians possessed a sacred symbolical significance, though the purport of that significance was variously interpreted owing to the secrecy of its transmission." (The Collected Prestonian Lectures, vol. 1, pp. 146–47)