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Calendar

Nov 04 (Tuesday) Vote

Nov 06 (Thursday)
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting Elections

Nov 13 (Thursday) Dark

Nov 18 (Tuesday)
6:00 PM OAM DeAnza-Mt. View Lodge

Nov 20 (Thursday)
7:00 PM 3rd Degree

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

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Mark McEwen & Sam Gilbert Second Degree

Pacific-Starr King Wins Norm Dant Award

Pacific-Starr King Lodge No. 136 in San Francisco won the 2008 Norm Dant Award for most improved lodge within the Big 15. The lodges that comprise the Big 15 are the largest in the jurisdiction, and compete against each other for annual awards in charitable giving. The Norm Dant Award recognizes the lodge with the greatest jump in rank for charitable giving during the previous fiscal year. Norm Dant was a brother of Downey United Lodge No. 220 who passed away in 2007. Even while critically ill, he was an active and inspirational member who strongly impacted his lodge. His award, introduced last year and presented annually by Downey United Lodge leaders, honors his tireless work ethic. http://www.freemason.org/news_events/news_article.php?pub=1&id=61



From the East

Brethren: As the year winds down, Mt. Moriah is starting to gear up.

This last month Mt. Moriah passed Bros. McEwen and Gilbert to the Degree of Fellowcraft Mason. They BOTH did an exceptional job on their proficiencies, and I look forward to their Raising. Congratulations to both Bro. McEwen and Bro. Gilbert!

This month, on the 20th, we will raise Bro. Jeffery Powell to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Last month, Bro. Powell gave an outstanding Second Degree proficiency in long form. I hope I see MANY brothers on the sidelines, and also participating for this Degree. If you would like to play a role in Bro. Powell's Third, please let me know.

November's Stated Meeting is also our annual Officer's Elections. Also, Mt. Moriah elects members to its two most important Committees, the Hall Corporation, and the Board of Trustees. We need to add two members to the Hall Corporation, and one to the Board of Trustees. If you would like to serve your Lodge in any of these capacities, please let me know.

I am happy to report that Bro. Secretary Larry Pederson is home, and doing much better. Bro. Jack Cooper is not home yet, but is progressing extremely well! I'm sure both Bros. Jack and Larry would love to lose a few hands of poker, and it looks as though this might happen very soon!

I hope that you plan to attend the November Stated, possibly the most important Stated of the year. Plenty of seats available!

Fraternally, Dennis Anastole *Master*

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Masonic Lodge in Wadena MN celebrates 125th anniversary

The history of Masonry in Wadena County began with the forming of Lodge 139 in 1880 at Verndale. In 1883, Wadena Lodge 156 was formed with Edgar S. Case as master, Mark J. Katzky, senior warden and Frank B. Coon as junior warden. They met in a room over Murray's Land Office at 112 South Jefferson, now a part of the Village Emporium building. The Lodge met for a number of years in the Murray building, 112 South Jefferson, sharing quarters with the Knights of Pythias and the United Workmen, two fraternal orders long gone. After that the Lodge moved to a building built by William King at 217-219 South Jefferson, known as Society Hall because the second floor was occupied by almost all of the Lodge orders in Wadena. In 1898, when Katzky's building burned, he rebuilt and the Masonic Lodge again occupied the upstairs of that building which is now part of the Emporium. In 1901, there was serious talk and thought among the brethren about selling shares of stock and building a Masonic Temple. However, nothing came of this and in 1911, Katzky sold the building to the Lodge for \$3,250. George M. Stowe, Wadena County Clerk of Court for many years and an ardent Mason, became the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota in 1918 and in 1920 became the head of the Shrine organization in Minnesota. Both were one year terms. In 1932, the Lodge remodeled the exterior with a new brick front on the building. In 1933, they celebrated their 50th anniversary with Hugh G. Parker acting as master of ceremonies. At this time Arnold Arvidson, an ardent Mason and County Registrar of Deeds, compiled a history of the lodge. In 1943, Louis Colson, a well known and respected Wadena citizen, was accorded the honor of being chosen Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota for the year 1944. In the spring of 1950, disaster hit when the Lodge building was destroyed by fire and all of the equipment and most of the records were lost. After the fire meetings were held in the basement of the Methodist Church. <http://www.wadenapj.com/articles/index.cfm?id=11760§ion=news>

November Birthdays

ED BROWN	November 1
LESLIE THOMSEN	November 2
TIMOTHY WEBSTER	November 2
PAUL CURTIS	November 2
RAUL MORENO	November 6
THEODORE GALEB	November 6
BILL SHEEDER	November 8
WARREN EIDE, PM	November 8
ROBERT STILLWAGON	November 9
BILL LIND, PM	November 10
JOHN ROGERS	November 11
MICHAEL BROOKS	November 12
CHARLES GIVENS	November 12
C C VAN KEULEN	November 12
MASON PETERS, IV	November 14
JOHNNY MUSSER	November 14
RONALD BROUSE	November 17
MARTIN FORREST	November 17
MITCH FRANCESCHINI, PM	November 17
RICHARD PETTIT	November 19
WILLIAM MASON JR	November 20
CHUCK WILDMAN	November 20
SCOTT SEACRIST	November 22
TYLER KELLETT	November 22
JOHN READ	November 23
DAVE BLESSING	November 24
RICHARD PRIEST	November 24
RAY RUHLAND, PM	November 27
STEVE CONDOUROS	November 28
LARRY MOSELEY	November 28

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In Memoriam

Lowell Johnson (1942-2008)



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

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Oroville Masonic Temple marks 100 years



OROVILLE -- The cornerstone for the Oroville Masonic Temple was laid in October of 1908. Saturday, the Oroville Masonic Lodge No. 103 and the coordinating bodies that meet in the Masonic Temple celebrated the building's centennial. On June 30, 1908, the board of trustees approved a motion by Charles Gardner, father of Erle Stanley Gardner, to buy a lot at 1462 Myers St. to build a new temple, according to lodge historian Doug Krause. "Right at the turn of the century, Oroville was a dynamic community with the railroad, the gold mines and the dredger mines, Krause said. "Everyone was earning money and spending money."

Oroville bustled with activity with 4,000 workers building the Western Pacific Railroad through the Feather River Canyon. People working in local gold mines and

tunnels and on dredger boats produced a record amount of gold. The Oroville Masonic Lodge was in a small space upstairs in another building on Myers Street. Many craftsmen and merchants were attracted to Oroville and the lodge needed more room, Krause said. The building was finished in less than a year. Much of the architecture and inside design was modeled after King Solomon's Temple, which was built by early masons.

The new temple was dedicated on April 10, 1909. The building included two downstairs rentals. Voorhees & Merrell rented one office and Oroville Mercury rented the other. The Mercury occupied the building until the late 1920s. The new temple cost \$39,584, and it was paid off in September of 1932. On Saturday, the temple was open for tours, with the original restored furniture and the fresco painted on the ceiling. Krause said the open house and tours of the temple will be a yearly event. In preparing for the centennial, the downstairs rentals were remodeled, the temple furniture restored, and a new stone and marble floor was installed in the upstairs entrance. The Masonic Lodge has been in Oroville since 1856 in various locations, and the lodge celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2006. "The temple was the focus of last Saturday's centennial celebration," Krause said. http://www.chicoer.com/news/oroville/ci_10713705

Veteran's Day Observance
Tuesday, November 11, 2008
11 am — 12 noon
California Masonic Memorial Temple
1111 California Street, San Francisco, Ca

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Please join us on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor all of our Masonic brethren who have fought for our country, our families, and the cause of freedom.

This year, we give special recognition to veterans of World War II, mindful that this Veterans Day represents one of our last opportunities to gather with this generation in thanks for their bravery.

The event will take place at the California Masonic Memorial Temple, which was erected as a war memorial shortly after World War II and celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The building bears the inscription: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."



What is a cornerstone laying ceremony?

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;" -- Ephesians 2:20

Until the development of steel-frame construction in the 20th Century, most buildings were erected by stacking stone on stone. Each part of the building was marked by ceremonies and celebrations. The foundation stone was the first stone placed underground at the beginning of the building's foundation. The cornerstone was the first stone placed above ground level. It is a massive stone, marking the northeast corner of the building. At the top of the building was the capstone. Cornerstone ceremonies have played an important role in the history of our nation as well as Europe. George Washington laid the cornerstone of the nation's capitol building, both in his role as President of the United States and as a member of the Masonic fraternity. Masons laid the cornerstone of the Statute of Liberty structure in 1884 and contributed to its restoration in 1984. Benjamin Franklin, while Grand Master of Pennsylvania, established the tradition beginning with the corner-stone laying of the state house in Philadelphia.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation....." Isaiah 28:16

The actual Masonic ceremony conducted during a cornerstone laying is relatively brief. The proceedings of the ceremony will vary slightly depending upon which Masonic Jurisdiction has been invited to conduct the work. It will typically proceed as follows: The Grand Master (or a designated officer of the state Grand Lodge) requests that all assembled come to order. Each Grand Lodge officer explains the jewel, and the duties, of their respective offices. Objects (memorials of the period in which the building was erected) are then sealed and deposited into the cavity of the cornerstone for posterity. These memorials typically include information about the building, public journals of the day, a copy of the history of the church, copy of the program for the service, a list of the Masonic Officers of the Day, and a few coins of currency. The ancient working tools of the stonemasons are then applied to the stone: the square, the level, and the plumb. With each application of the tools, the officers attest to the fact that the craftsmen have done their work correctly and with skill. The cornerstone is then consecrated using the symbolism of corn, wine, and oil. These three elements have been used in dedications of buildings since the time of ancient Rome, and represent nourishment and plenty (corn), joy (wine), and peace, healing, and comfort (oil). The Masonic brethren then give the Masonic Grand Honors sign. The ceremony concludes with brief remarks by the Grand Master and the Pastor, followed by a closing prayer.

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Psalms 118:22

Cornerstones have traditionally shown (at the bottom of the stone) the name of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and the Masonic emblem. Such a cornerstone has been part of the construction or dedication of many federal buildings and seats of state government since these early beginnings. Sometimes, instead of a traditional cornerstone, a plaque is mounted on a building to mark its dedication or rededication. Technically, it is called a "commemorative stone," though it is not a part of the actual structure. The Masonic ceremony is appropriate for these stones as well.

by Bro. Joshua David Scruggs, 33°



From the West

Brethren, I have been absent from the trestleboard for some time. Moving into a new home and a slight illness had me under the weather. I would like to inform you that your officers have been working hard to make you proud of are Lodge. The passing of are Jr. Past master Lowell Johnson leaves a empty place in are Lodge. We are getting close to next year's Officers change and I will need some help filling the vacant stations. We need a couple of stations to be filled if enter rested please give me a call.Attendance at degrees have been a bit sparse. I hope that the new members will show a little more interest in the Lodge progress.The Grand Masters reception was well attend and we had a great time. Thanks to Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson inspirational Talk on the future in Masonry.

James Dingman *Senior Warden*

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November Stated Meeting Dinner

Pasta with fresh roasted tomato sauce & Italian sausage. Garlic bread Salad Ice cream \$10

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Fraternally, Mike Brooks

Rare Masonic texts to visit Cooperstown Masonic Temple home of Otsego Lodge No. 138

The Cooperstown Masonic Temple will host a collection of rare facsimile manuscripts relating to the Knights Templar. In April, the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge announced the acquisition of Processus Contra Templarios, an unprecedented publication containing a collection of facsimile manuscripts relating to the trials of the Knights Templar. Library Trustees and staff will conduct a week-long excursion starting Sunday and continuing through Oct. 25, visiting six upstate New York sites. The trip is planned to conclude on the day of the Grand Master's Ball in Buffalo, honoring Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the state of New York. The program will include a display of the bound volume containing the transcription of the testimony taken from the captive Knights Templar in 1308. The display will include facsimile reproductions of the original documents, which reproduce the handwriting of medieval Inquisitors.

Presented in October 2007, Processus Contra Templarios is a joint project of the Vatican Secret Archives and Italy's Scrinium cultural foundation. "The Masonic heritage includes investigation into Freemasonry's historical roots, but also the study of its inspirational roots, which include Rosicrucianism; the study of philosophy from the European Enlightenment; and study of the Knights Templar," Savini said. Otsego Lodge was chartered in 1795. <http://www.thedailystar.com/community/>

