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August, 2008

Calendar

- Sep 04 (Thursday)
6:00 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting
- Sep 11 (Thursday)
7:00 PM Officer's Practice 2nd Degree
- Sep 15 (Monday)
6:00 PM Constitutional Observance
San Jose Masonic Center
- Sep 18 (Thursday)
7:30 PM 2nd Degree
- Sep 22 (Thursday)
6:30 PM OAM Golden Rule Lodge
San Jose Masonic Center
- Sep 25 (Thursday)
7:00 PM Officer's Practice 2nd Degree
Los Gatos Masonic Center
- Sep 27,28,29 Grand Lodge SF
- Oct 04 (Saturday)
4:00 PM Grand Master's Reception
Scottish Rite Temple
- Oct 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM Table Lodge
Los Gatos Masonic Center

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Randy Downey's 2008 Hiram Presentation

From the East

Brethren, A busy month, but an enjoyable one!

Mt. Moriah Lodge had three big events this past month, and there are many congratulations and thank-you's to be acknowledged.

On August 16th, Bro. Stillwagon received the Golden Veteran Award signifying 50 years of Masonry. Congratulations to Bro. Stillwagon, and kudos' to Bro. Mike Brooks, and his wife, for preparing a wonderful dinner for the occasion. It was a wonderful presentation, hosted by Wor. Inspector Tom Bergevin.

On August 21, Wor. Inspector Randy Downey received the Hiram Award. This was a well attended wonderful evening preceded by a terrific dinner, prepared once again by Bro. Brooks and his wife. My many thanks go out to Assistant Grand Lecturer Wor. Bud Ramsey, who was Master of Ceremonies, Wor. Irwin Fershleiser, who was Chaplain, and also to Bro. Matt Milde, who presented a video 'biography' of our newest Hiram recipient. This presentation was the highlight of a truly memorable evening. Many thanks to all who made it so successful!

Paradise Park, in Santa Cruz, was the site of our annual Lodge Picnic, on Saturday the 23rd. One of my favorite events, in a most picturesque setting, all who attended had a great time. This year's 'Bring Your Own Meat' created some delicious and HUGE slabs of meat, ever grilled since the days the Buffaloes roamed the West. Kudos to John Sawtelle, Dennis Parle, and MANY others who stepped up and help make it a great picnic!

This month also has many activities. On Monday September 15th, at 6:00PM will be Constitutional Observance Night at the San Jose Masonic Center, please mark your calendars for that informative night. Also, on September 27th, through the 30th, is the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in San Francisco. This has always been well represented by Mt. Moriah, and I look forward to reconnecting with some old friends, and meeting some new ones.

Please do not forget about the Table Lodge Dinner and Fellowship, on October 18th, at the Los Gatos Masonic Center, please see Bro. Whitlock, or myself for tickets.

See you at the Stated!

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- ROBERT STONE
- ROY NELSON
- CLARENCE NEALE
- EDWIN BAKENHUS
- WAYNE HEIMSOTH
- RICHARD LUTZ
- ERWIN ANDERSON
- GEORGE GRISWOLD
- MILTON KURTZ
- RODNEY ERVIN
- LEWIS E. HINCHCLIFFE
- ROBERT JOHNSON
- HAROLD LOWNEY, PM
- SEMYON SOLOMON
- DON CHURCH
- EDWARD ROSE
- FRED JONES
- WARREN BATES
- RICHARD BOTHMAN
- JACK KEMPF, JR., PM
- SEAN-JOHN BARKSDALE
- JOE DARNELL, PM
- CHARLES BARKER
- JOSEPH PETERSON
- VIC C. BELTRAN
- BERNARD L. MARTINSEN, PM
- NICHOLAS MUHLHAUSER
- ALLEN LAMPMAN
- PHIL BAKER
- ROBERT HOWE
- MICHEAL NESTERENKO
- ROBERT HARPAINTER
- PATRICK COOPER
- SPYRIDON PAXINOS, PM
- LOYD LONG
- MICHAEL BROOKS
- THOMAS WOLD
- BRIAN CAMINADA
- JAMES HORN
- RHETT ROWAN
- EDWARD FOLEY
- GORDON REID-SELTH
- MELVIN LOOP
- OTIS BLAKE
- PETE THRAPPAS
- RICHARD STAPLETON
- MIKE NAGLE
- RANDY DOWNEY
- DAN HELLEVIG

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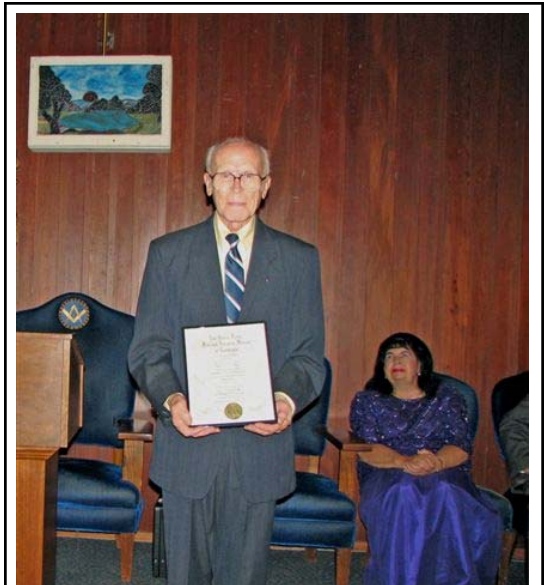
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Brother Bob Stillwagon's 50th pin

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Mark McEuen's First Degree





Brother Bob Stillwagen's 50th year pin celebration

Inside the Masons - dispelling the myths

WHAT'S it really like to be a freemason? Is it really a secret society bound together by strange rituals? JAMES MARSTON investigates. STRANGE symbols, mysterious initiation ceremonies, secretive membership, funny handshakes and, of course, rolled-up trouser legs. Are they a rather strange sect in a strange world of their own? Or a group that keeps secrets and doesn't say much? Is this your view of the masonic movement? You might be forgiven for thinking all of the above - the Masons have been a bit cagey about what they are and what they do. But there was a reason for this. Trevor White, a member of the Ipswich-based Gippeswyk Lodge, and information officer for the Suffolk's Freemasons' Hall in Soane Street, explains. He said: "We are much more open about Freemasonry now. Being a Mason is not something you shout about either and nor would we deny if it asked." "I think the secrecy arose during the war years when Hitler persecuted the Masons and we tended to be a bit inward looking after that. Like any group we have our secrets but we aren't a secret society." "We do have handshakes and signs that we use but they aren't used much outside the lodge. There's no need." The fact that there's even an information officer to the county's masonic community is something that might surprise many but today the Freemasons are far from hidden - in fact there are details of much of their activities and membership lodged in the county's libraries in the Suffolk Freemasons' Year Book. Setting up an interview was easy and journalists are now welcomed by an organisation keen to dispel some myths and highlight the group's serious work. <http://www.eveningstar.co.uk/content/eveningstar/features/story.aspx?brand=ESTOnline&category=Features&tBrand=ESTOnline&tCategory=Features&itemid=IPED27%20Aug%202008%2016%3A47%3A40%3A280>

From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, It is just about that time again when your Secretary has to send out the next years dues statements. If you have a new address please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make the corrections needed. A new phone or cell number would also be nice. If you have not paid your dues yet for 2008 your dues will be large and coming at the wrong time of the year (December), so why not pay your 2008 dues now! Congratulations again to Worshipful Randy Downey for receiving the Hiram Award last month. What a nice evening we all had.

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September Stated Meeting Dinner

pasta with sauce, bread, salad. and ice cream for dessert. See you there! RSVP (Please no later than the preceding Tuesday) to ambrooks@pacbell.net or (408) 230-0804.

Fraternally,
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Inside the Masons - dispelling the myths (continued)



Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Barry Ross and David Harries at the Freemasons Hall in Ipswich



James Marston, centre left, quizzes members of the Masons



Trevor White is keen to show off the fascinating interior of the Soane Street building.



A peek inside one of the rooms at the hall