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Nov 05 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Stated Meeting Dinner Stated Meeting
Nov 12 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Masonic Education 3rd Degree Practice
Nov 19 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Hall Association Meeting 3rd Degree Proficiency
Nov 24 6:30 PM	(Tuesday) Mountain View De Anza #194
Nov 26	(Thanksgiving)

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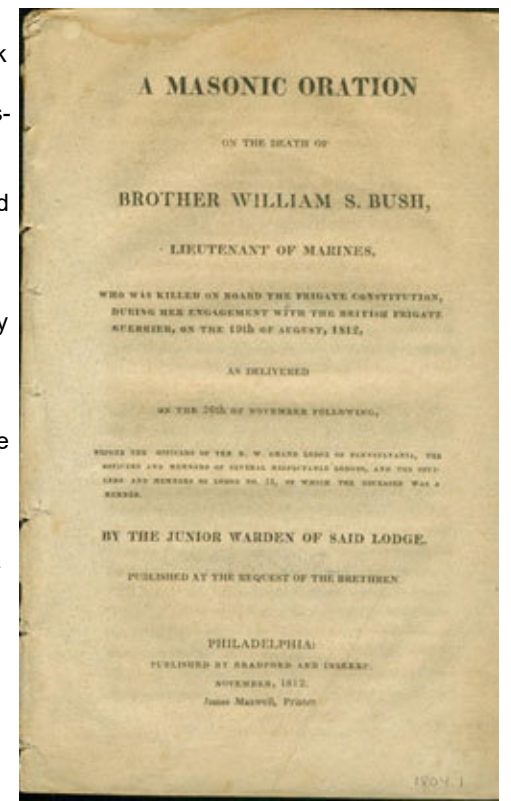
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**A Masonic Oration
on the Death of Brother William S. Bush
Lieutenant of the Marines November 26, 1812**

Lieutenant William Sharp Bush commanded USS Constitution's Marine Guard during the opening months of the War of 1812. During Constitution's engagement with the British frigate Guerriere on August 19, 1812, the two ships collided. Bush, at the head of his Marines, turned to Captain Isaac Hull and called "Sir, shall I board her?"

Before he could receive a reply, a British musket ball struck him in the head, killing him instantly. He was posthumously awarded a silver medal by the United States Congress. His silver medal was presented to his nearest male relative, Lewis Bush Jackson, in early 1835.

This Masonic Oration, a eulogy for a fallen brother, was delivered on November 26, 1812, "before the officers of the R [ight] W[orshipful] Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," as well as the members of Lodge no. 51 the lodge to which Bush belonged. The oration provides a short biography and description of Bush's character, a detailed narrative of his encounter with HMS Guerriere, and information concerning his involvement with the Masonic Order. [https://](https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/collections-history/library-and-manuscript/pamphlets/masonic-oration/)



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From the East

Brethren, Elections will be held at the November stated meeting. We will also be presenting the Flag of our Country. Our first Monthly Masonic Education Night will be held on Nov 12th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Our facilitator will be Brother Jeff Strouse. November's topic is "Introduction to Masonic Studies and Resources - How and where to get started building your Masonic Edifice". This month's Officers Association Meeting will be hosted by Mt View De Anza Lodge on the 24th at 6:30pm.

The officers are busy getting the lodge through our proficiency for the 3rd Degree. We will be planning some degrees soon for the candidates that are waiting. Looking forward to December we have some dates that you should not forget. On December 5th we have our Los Gatos Children's Holiday Parade. I encourage you to attend and show the community who we are. On December 12th we have our Annual Installation of Officers at 7pm with a Social at 6pm.

Fraternally,

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Battle of Plattsburgh September 1812

The Battle of Plattsburgh, also known as the Battle of Lake Champlain, ended the final invasion of the northern states of the United States during the War of 1812. A British army under Lieutenant General Sir George Prévost and a naval squadron under Captain George Downie converged on the lakeside town of Plattsburgh, which was defended by New York and Vermont militia and detachments of regular troops of the United States Army, all under the command of Brigadier General Alexander Macomb, and ships commanded by Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough. Downie's squadron attacked shortly after dawn on 11 September 1814, but was defeated after a hard fight in which Downie was killed. Prévost then abandoned the attack by land against Macomb's defenses and retreated to Canada, stating that even if Plattsburgh was captured, any British troops there could not be supplied without control of the lake. When the battle took place, American and British delegates were meeting at Ghent in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, attempting to negotiate a treaty acceptable to both sides to end the war. The American victory at Plattsburgh, and the successful defense at the Battle of Baltimore which began the next day and halted British advances in the Mid-Atlantic states, denied the British negotiators leverage to demand any territorial claims against the United States on the basis of *Uti possidetis*, i.e. retaining territory they held at the end of hostilities. The Treaty of Ghent, in which captured or occupied territories were restored on the basis of *Status quo ante bellum*, was signed three months after the battle.

<http://nymasons.org/2015/battle-of-plattsburgh-1812/>



Gen. Alexander Macomb at the Battle of Plattsburgh.

September Birthdays

Arthur M. Brooks	11/12
Brian M Carr	11/22
Charles H. Givens	11/12
David G. Blessing	11/24
Bill E. Lind	11/10
Franklin K. Wong	11/3
Harris B. Warren	11/13
John T. Read	11/23
Larry W. Moseley	11/28
Leslie A. Thomsen	11/2
Mark R. Ruffner	11/9
Martin J. Forrest	11/17
Mason S. Peters, IV	11/14
Michel L. Franceschini	11/17
Paul W. Paulson	11/21
Raul C. Moreno	11/6
Raymond C. Ruhland	11/27
Ronald J. Brouse	11/17
Scott L. Seacrist	11/22
Warren J. Eide	11/8
William E. Mason, Jr.	11/20
William Y. Sheeder	11/8

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

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Freemasonry During The War of 1812

The War of 1812 was a 32 month military conflict between the United States and the British Empire. This was between The American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) and the American Civil War (1861-1865).

Unlike the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, there seem to have been no military lodges created during the War of 1812. Some Masonic scholars have suggested that this was due to the nature of the conflict as primarily a naval war, rather than a ground war. Yet, there were Freemasons who fought in the conflict. More than half a million American troops participated in the War of 1812. This included: 57,000 regulars; 10,000 volunteers; 3,000 rangers; 20,000 navy and marines, and 458,000 militia.

While stories of Brothers from opposing sides aiding each other are far less common during the War of 1812, as compared to the Civil War, at least one Grand Lodge took steps to do what it could for captured British Masons. In December 1814, just as the war was drawing to a close, a committee from Essex Lodge in Salem, MA, explained that the town of Salem "continues to be a depot for prisoners of war, among whom are many Brethren of the craft who merit and require the charitable notice of the fraternity." The committee then petitioned the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to consider "afford[ing] such relief as in their wisdom and ability may be deemed expedient."

After considering the petition for a couple of weeks, the Grand Lodge's appointed committee recommended that \$500 be appropriated to the relief of "distressed prisoners of the Masonic family who in the course of calamitous war, in which our country is engaged, may be brought among us."

A prisoners fund was set up and a circular sent out to all Massachusetts lodges asking for contributions. In the end, word of peace would reach the United States a few weeks later, in February 1815. The fund was subsequently disbanded, but prior to this, \$131.68 was disbursed to approximately 15 British prisoners being held in Salem, to ease their living conditions.

The first invasion of Upper Canada occurred on the Detroit, near modern day Windsor. The American General Hull believed that the conquest of this part of Upper Canada would be a "mere matter of marching." Accordingly, Hull crossed the Detroit River on July 12 into Canada, fully expecting that the local population would either surrender or join with the American Army. He also planned to capture Fort Malden from the British. At Adoniram Lodge in Amherstburg, a meeting was being held just as Hull's forces were crossing over into Canada. Captain Fox, a member of the Lodge and an officer in the local Amherstburg Militia, was being Passed to the Second Degree, when the news of the invasion was delivered by a Brother to the Tyler. Captain Fox later recalled. "The Master finished up in less than 5 minutes and the 20 Brethren in the room cleared out, the Lodge being called off."

Captain Fox was then ordered as a Militia officer to carry dispatches describing the invasion to General Brock at Niagara. Consequently, the Masons in the local Canadian Militia from Adoniram Lodge were among the first to respond to the American invasion.

<http://www.lodgedevotion.net/devotionnews/education-editorial-articles/freemasonry-during-the-war-of-1812-2012-11>



Veterans Day

Veteran's Day, what used to be called Armistice Day, marked the cessation of hostilities at the end of WW One on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; this year observed on Tuesday, November 11th. While this holiday was originally intended to pay reverent respect for the men who died in that war intended to end all wars, today Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

2015 National Veterans Day Poster

The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) is to fulfill our Nation's promise to Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our Nation. Each year — through a national Veterans Day poster contest — VA's National Veterans Outreach Office, in conjunction with the Veterans Day National Committee, publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The commemorative poster is selected from numerous creative contributions from U.S. citizens nationwide. The poster is distributed to VA facilities and military installations around the world, and graces the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Through the years, these posters have illustrated the rich history of our country's protectors, and remind all who see them of the accomplishments and struggles of our Veterans, past and present. From Revolutionary War battles, to an Old Guard soldier rendering a salute in a solemn ceremony, the vivid images and artwork in the posters cause us to pause and reflect in homage to those who paved the way for our freedom <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

From the Secretary's Table

The dues notices and directories have been mailed out to everyone. The Grand Lodge increased their per capita, so our dues went up by \$4.00. I have already received back a number of paid dues! The first place prize of a vacation for 4 to the Bahamas goes to Richard Bartlett (unless his check bounces); second place goes to Dan Hinz for 2 days at Disneyland. Of course the lodge has to vote on these prizes yet.

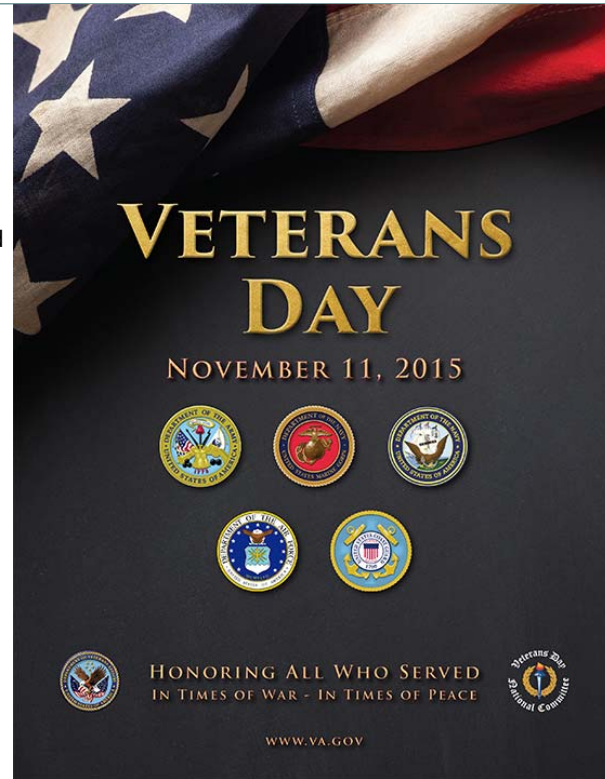
And please see if you can save time on Saturday, December 5th. The lodge will be parading in the Los Gatos Children's Christmas Parade, and it sure would look good for the lodge to have as many members participate. This will be in tux, with aprons and jewels.

Fraternally,

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From the West

October was a busy month. On Thursday evening, October 1st, 2015 we had our Stated Meeting, which was preceded by another excellent dinner. It was a fun night, as several brothers came dressed up for Halloween. On Thursday evening, October 8th, 2015 the officers had a first degree advanced station practice in preparation for their first degree advanced station proficiency with our lodge inspector, Worshipful Joe Campbell, which was held on Thursday evening, October 15th, 2015. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication was held in San Francisco on Friday, October 9th through Sunday, October 11th, 2015. Several of our brothers attended, including our Worshipful Master both of our Wardens. On the following Saturday evening, October 17th, 2015 the Grand Master's Reception was held at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center. It was a very nice, well attended event for the many brothers and their families who attended. There was a monthly Officers Association meeting on Monday evening, October 19th, 2015 hosted by Los Altos Lodge at the Los Altos Masonic Center. On Thursday evening, October 22nd, 2015 and Thursday evening, October 29th, 2015 the officers had practices for the third degree advanced stations. The month of November will again be a very busy month. The officers will continue working on the third degree advanced station proficiency and, of course, we will be having our annual election of officers at our November Stated Meeting. Looking further ahead, please remember to save the date for the Mount Moriah Lodge annual installation of officers, to be held on Saturday evening, December 12th, 2015 starting with a social at 6:00 PM, and the installation starting at 7:00 PM. Refer to the online lodge calendar for the schedule of upcoming events. If you have not attended lodge recently, it's a great time to come back and join in our activities. Remember, our lodge events are always better when more brothers participate!

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From the South

As we are entering our Holiday Season, I would like to first wish everyone a very warm and safe up 'n coming Holiday Season. It is hard to believe that I have just 2 more meals to prepare for you to enjoy this year.

In keeping with holiday traditional favorites for Thanksgiving, we will have a delicious Turkey, with stuffing and gravy. Accompanying the turkey will be a green bean casserole, tender carrots, fluffy mashed potatoes, and a home made cranberry side. Opening the meal will be a green salad, and warm buttered dinner rolls. I will also provide red wine to enjoy with your meal. I have but one important requirement for everyone, that you please RSVP your meal count(s), so I can best buy the right amount of food for the lodge. In the past, I can never tell by the responses how many will actually show for the meal. I have had anywhere from 20 to 43 people show up for dinner -all while having a usual headcount of 6 to 8 RSVPs. In order that I keep the costs down especially for a traditional holiday meal, I am requiring everyone to please RSVP. This year we have worked hard to provide delicious meals for everyone to enjoy, for only \$10.00. Please help Jeff and I best prepare for this holiday meal by doing your part with a greatly appreciated RSVP. I am only making 3 extra meals over the RSVP count for visitors. Thanks ever so much to everyone in helping to keep our lodge costs down.

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