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Feb 04	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	Dinner
		7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Feb 11	(Thursday)	6:00 PM	1st Degree Practice
Feb 14	(Sunday)		Valentines Day
Feb 16	(Tuesday)	6:30 PM	OAM San Jose #10 San Jose Masonic Center
Feb 19	(Thursday)	7:00 PM	2nd Degree Practice
Feb 25	(Thursday)	6:00 PM	Hall Meeting
		7:00 PM	2nd Degree Practice

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From Labor, a New Blue Light, to start 2016...

We are proud to let our members know we have recently completed a landscaping project in the front of the lodge. We believe this to be the first landscape remodel since the lodge was originally built. As part of the project we installed new landscape lighting to let the 5 lights shine bright as intended by our brothers who built the lodge back in 1954. We also installed new blue flood lights to shine on our Square and Compass. A special thanks to those that assisted!!! Brothers: Jeff Strouse, Rick Bartlett, Wayne Heimsoth, Nicholas Schilling, and Robert Pedersen (who donated use of the A Tool Shed Bobcat). We encourage all brothers to come attend for dinner, a stated meeting or degree as we would like to see the sidelines full again. It is our hope that many of our brothers will come to lodge to enjoy the new lighting and see the work being done inside the lodge. We are refreshing building with new paint inside and have other projects to complete in 2016. see page 2.

From the East

Brethren, our February Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 4th, 2016. Please plan to join us for our Stated Meeting dinner at 6:30 PM in the dining room. If you have not been to lodge recently, it is a good time to come back and get reacquainted with some of your fellow brethren and their families. The meeting will follow at 7:30 PM. On the evening of Thursday, February 11th, 2016 we will be having a first degree practice. The Officers Association Meeting for February will be hosted by San Jose Lodge # 10 at the San Jose Masonic Center on Tuesday evening, February 16th, 2016, which will include instruction on the first degree. On Thursday evening, February 18th, 2016 and on Thursday evening, February 25th, 2016 we will be having second degree practices.

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Anno Lucis ("in the Year of Light")

is a dating system used in Freemasonry ceremonial or commemorative proceedings, which is equivalent to the Gregorian calendar except for adding 4,000 to the year number. For example, a date [Anno Domini](#) (A.D.) 2015 becomes Anno Lucis (A.L.) 6015. This [calendar era](#), which would designate 4,001 [BC](#) as ["year zero"](#), was adopted in the 18th century (58th century AL) as a simplification of the *Anno Mundi* era dating system used in the [Hebrew calendar](#), and borrowing from other ideas of that time regarding the [year of creation](#). After the [Masoretic](#) text was published, dating creation around 4000 BC became common, and was received with wide support.^[2] Proposed calculations of the date of creation using the Masoretic from the 10th century to the 18th century, were numerous and fluctuated by many decades. Notably, [Isaac Newton](#)'s calculation pointed at the year 4000 BC. Among the Masoretic creation estimates or calculations for the date of creation, [Archbishop Ussher's specific chronology](#) dating the creation to 4004 BC became the most accepted and popular in Christendom, mainly because this specific date was attached to the [King James Bible](#). The Hebrew Calendar has traditionally, since the 4th century AD by [Hillel II](#), dated the creation to 3761 BC,^[3] in accordance with the [Seder Olam Rabbah](#) compiled by [Jose ben Halafita](#) in 160 AD, and in agreement with [The Remaining Signs of Past Centuries](#), in which the Muslim chronologist [al-Biruni](#) identifies *anno mundi* as 3448 years before the [Seleucid era](#), though not with [Seder Olam Zutta](#), which dates it to 4339 BC and was compiled in 804 CE.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anno_Lucis

From Labor, a New Blue Light, to start 2016... continued from page 1

Recently we have installed a new HVAC system under the guidance of the expertise of our brothers. If you have extra time and would like to help with a project at the lodge please reach out to us. Should brothers need a ride or assistance to attend lodge please contact us so that we may assist. In the coming months, we will have a historical night event that will show the original movie of the lodge being built. The historical pictures show many brothers building the lodge so we are especially excited to have the original footage to show. Any brothers that may have any historical information or artifacts are encouraged to contact Tony Alarcon at 408-460-4845.

February Birthdays

Albert J. Matteroli	2/16/
Anastasios H. Conom	2/20/
Bruce A. Whitlock	2/27/
Charles R. Wharff	2/1/
David M. Tofte	2/10/
Dewain G. Azevedo	2/20/
Donald L. Jay	2/9/
Erik P. Matteroli	2/16/
Jesse E. Pack, Jr.	2/10/
John M. Owens	2/13/
Mervin C. Yue	2/6/
Nejat Aksoy	2/21/
Raymond V. Cuenca	2/16/
Richard N. Hill	2/24/
Robert C. Hollinger	2/24/
Robert W. Elliott	2/4/
Rollie F. Wells, Jr.	2/21/
Scott A. Schroeder	2/25/
Steaphen W. Pinther	2/5/
Wilfred L. Sanders	2/28/

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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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Denmark Presbyterian Church and Masonic Lodge # 154

The structure was built in 1854 by the Snipes brothers and their slaves with hand-hewed the lumber and nails made on site and originally housed Masonic Lodge # 154 on the second floor, as well as a Confederate prison during the war. Many of the Mason's signatures and dates are still visible on the lodge's wall and door from members in the 1800s, there are many on the wall and door leading into the lodge, and parts of the Masons' history are scratched into the walls and names of numerous Union Soldiers scratched into the baseboards. Those names, most of which came from the 30th Illinois, which was stationed in the region for most of the war.



Denmark, Tennessee was originally a Chickasaw village, it was settled by American pioneers around 1819, and incorporated in 1829; in January 1844, it was sufficiently populated that an academy was incorporated by the Tennessee General Assembly.[2] A female academy was later opened there by the Presbyterians. There are four Chickasaw Indian mounds just out of Denmark: Memphis State University is carbon dating items from this site and the date is 1000 AD. The Chickasaw village here had about 500 inhabitants. It is on the Estonallie Indian Trail from North Carolina. It was settled after the 1818 Treaty with the Chickasaw Indians and Andrew Jackson. The Denmark Presbyterian Church was organized here in 1823 and the present building was built in 1854. The Big Black Creek Baptist Church was organized in 1820 by Obediah Dodson. Estonallie means, "Here we cross in the Chickasaw language and is on the

Hatchie River, "Hatchie" means river in the language. Estonallie was also a favorite river crossing for General Nathan Bedford Forrest, he was here when he was promoted to Brig. General. At one time Denmark was larger than Memphis or Jackson, Tennessee. The Battle of Britton's Lane during the American Civil War took place near Denmark. The Battle field is four miles behind the Denmark Presbyterian Church, the 30th Illinois camped on the church grounds the night before the battle, and the night of the battle the Southern troops camped on its ground and put their prisoners up stairs in the Masonic Lodge. This lodge was organized in 1847. The church now belongs to The Big Black Creek Historical Association and has been restored, it was built in 1854.



http://bigblackcreekhistorical.com/17denmark_presbyterian_church_and_masonic_lodge__154
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark,_Tennessee

the Masonic certificates of John Blade

The story of Blade's initiation is a fascinating one. Likely a British merchant – no details are confirmed of his true occupation – Blade was imprisoned by the French during the Napoleonic War. By happenstance, his fellow prisoners included the troops of the British 9th Regiment of Infantry, some of whom were members of Royal Arch Lodge No. 183. On Nov. 12, 1806, in the city of Valenciennes, where the regiment was imprisoned, Blade became a Mason, as well as a member of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar – all on the same day. At the time, Royal Arch Lodge No. 183 was working under a charter from the Athol Grand Lodge (more popularly known as the "Antients"). Its records, which confirm the names and events recorded on Blade's certificates, are preserved at the Library & Museum of Freemasonry in London.

And, today, these certificates are held safely within the archives of the Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry in San Francisco – a world away. Access more archival documents and artifacts at masonicheritage.org

<https://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10884>

From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, As the lodge has dealt with funerals over the last several years, one project that I would like to handle is to leave a note in the lodge files for what kind of service you would like, when the Great Architect comes calling. Usually we and the family have no clue. If you would drop me an email letting me know, I can save this for the lodge to have knowledge of when the time comes. Please also include where your apron is at your home so the family can find it. On a more pleasant note, members have been very good about paying their dues this year. I have heard from several however that did not receive the due notice. This year the dues notice and first time lodge directory, was mailed out in October to all members in a large white envelope. If you did not receive this package, please let me know. Last meeting, I brought up whether the lodge should consider not offering life membership, as it really cuts into the yearly budget. We should finish off the discussion this next meeting, so please bring your thoughts. The 2016 budget was approved, committees assigned, and Worshipful Diamond is thinking about a new place for the Sweethearts brunch this year.

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Greylock Lodge Wilson House North Adams

Greylock Lodge, at No. Adams, Mass., was constituted by the M. W. Grand Lodge, on the 1st of Oct. inst. The new hall was first dedicated, the Lodge was then constituted, and at a later hour in the evening the Officers were publicly installed in the presence of a large number of the brethren and their ladies, At the conclusion of these ceremonies, the company repaired to the "Wilson House," where the tables were spread for supper. The Lodge has been working for about a year and a half, under Dispensation, during which time it has been so highly prospered that it has been enabled to erect for its future accommodation, a neat and convenient hall with the necessary apartments. It is composed mainly of young and enterprising brethren, under whose careful management its future prosperity will undoubtedly be secured. The Grand Lodge was received with great cordiality and kindness by the brethren, and on the following morning were taken in carriages and escorted to the westerly end of the Hoosac Tunnel. <http://www.masonicgenealogy.com/MediaWiki/index.php?title=Greylock>



From the West Brethren, We have formed a committee to explore how we can better communicate with our members using the technology we have at our disposal. The two principal tools we have are e-mail and our website. E-mail has generally been how we have communicated in the past, but it has its limitations, especially since we have a large membership but only a small fraction of those are active. I would like to be able to use our website, www.mtmoriah292.org, more effectively. This is a very flexible site, but currently isn't used for much more than the official lodge calendar. I would like to get some feedback from our members on how we can use the website to communicate with you more effectively. Would you like to see surveys, message boards, or chat rooms? More frequent postings of recent events? Social media? As the lodge's webmaster, I can make it happen, but I need to hear from you. What kind of content and services can we provide for you? Currently, the website hosts the lodge calendar. You can also subscribe to the website to receive notifications when something new is posted. Please let me know how our website can serve you better. E-mail me at jeff@jeffpowell.com with your comments.

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From the South

Brethren, Inevitably I have been elected to server as your Jr. Warden for 2016, and so I will serve with honor. I was a bachelor for 44 years before marrying my wife Karen in 2008, and have neither before, nor after learned to cook healthy meals. What I cook, "will put meat on your ribs", as my Father used to say.. So.. Eat healthy for the rest of the month to prepare for my dinners. For February's stated dinner I will be preparing 'Breakfast for Dinner' with all the trimmings: bacon, sausage, eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and syrup. **Please Note:** As in past years I will ask that you please RSVP for yourself and guests, because unlike past years, I will not be cooking extra food in anticipation of those who do not RSVP. The cost remains at \$10.00 per plate for members and guests, and this year the children of a member who are under 16 eat free. I look forward to serving.

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