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| Sep 01 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | (Thursday) Dinner Stated Meeting San Jose Masonic Center |
| Sep 08 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | (Thursday) Hall Association Meeting First Degree Practice Adv |
| Sep 15 7:30 PM | (Thursday) First Degree Practice |
| Sep 18 6:30 PM | (Monday) Constitutional Observance San Jose Scottish Rite |
| Sep 19 6:30 PM | (Tuesday) OAM Golden Rule #479 |
| Sep 22 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | (Thursday) Hall Association Meeting First Degree Practice Adv |
| Sep 29 7:30 PM | (Thursday) Third Degree Practice |

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Chris Rohrs Sciots Cornerstone Award



Sciotry is a Masonic Organization established in 1910 dedicated to uniting all Master Masons in a closer bond of Friendship, Fellowship and Cooperation
Our Motto is "To help each other in the accomplishment of honest endeavors"
and to spread the doctrine of
"BOOST ONE ANOTHER"
Supporting all Masonic Lodges

From the East

Brethren, our September Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 1st, 2016. This Stated Meeting will again be held at the San Jose Masonic Center, as the repair and renovation of the Los Gatos Masonic Center continues. Please plan to join us for our Stated Meeting dinner at 6:30 PM in the red dining room, which will be another shared dinner with Friendship Lodge #210. The previous shared dinners have been very successful. It is a great opportunity to meet and get to know some of our fellow brothers and their families, not only from our Lodge, but also from Friendship Lodge. The Stated Meeting will follow at 7:30 PM in the red lodge room. For the Thursday evenings of September 8th, 2016 and September 15th, 2016 starting at 7:30 PM in the red lodge room at the San Jose Masonic Center, we will be practicing for our first degree advanced stations lodge proficiency. On Monday evening, September 19th, 2016 starting with a dinner at 6:30 PM, we will be participating in the Constitutional Observance event sponsored by the Zhora Grotto at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center. It is a great way to celebrate the U.S. Constitution. On Tuesday evening, September 20th, 2016 the Officers Association Meeting (OAM) for September will be hosted by Golden Rule Lodge #479 at the San Jose Masonic Center. The instruction for the evening will be candidate education, candidate proficiency, and funerals. On Thursday evening, September 22nd, 2016 starting at 7:30 PM in the red lodge room at the San Jose Masonic Center, we are scheduled to give our first degree advanced stations lodge proficiency with our Inspector, Worshipful Joe Campbell. On Thursday evening, September 29th, 2016 starting at 7:30 PM in the red lodge room at the San Jose Masonic Center, we will be having a third degree practice. As always, you can check the lodge online calendar for the schedule of upcoming events. Speaking of advanced stations lodge proficiencies, I have several stations that will need to be filled for the next year. If you would like to be one of our officers, please speak to me as soon as possible, so you can have the opportunity to practice for your station with the rest of the officers.

Fraternally,

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Celebrate 300 Years of Fraternity June 2017

June 2017 is an important landmark in the history of Freemasonry as it marks the three hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster; the first Grand lodge in the world. To celebrate this momentous occasion the members of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 are hosting a conference at Queens' College, Cambridge from Friday, 9 September 2016 to Sunday 11 September 2016. The lodge was founded by brethren who were intent on using an evidence-based approach to the study of masonic history and research into Freemasonry. This innovative approach was intended to replace the imaginative writings of earlier authors on the history of Freemasonry. This new style and approach was later to be referred to as the 'authentic school' of masonic research. Queens' College is one of the oldest and largest colleges of the university, founded in 1448 by Margaret of Anjou. The college, situated in the centre of Cambridge, spans both sides of the river Cam and has some of the most recognisable buildings in the city. <http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/news/lodges-chapters-a-individuals/tercentenary-international-conference-celebrating-300-years-of-freemasonry>

Quatuor Coronati is the premier research lodge in the world. It was founded in 1884 (and consecrated in 1886) by nine brethren who wished to use an evidence-based approach to study Masonic history and research the origins of Freemasonry. Their approach was intended to replace the more imaginative writings of earlier authors; it was later referred to as the 'authentic school' of Masonic research.

<https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/>

September Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------|
| Allen Diamond | 9/5/ |
| Bernard L. Martinsen | 9/12/ |
| Brian P. Caminada | 9/22/ |
| Daniel A. Van Hook | 9/8/ |
| Donald L Church | 9/8/ |
| Edward C. Rose | 9/8/ |
| Edward D. Foley, Jr. | 9/25/ |
| Eric E. Horton | 9/11/ |
| Erwin R. Anderson | 9/4/ |
| Fred L. Jones | 9/9/ |
| Harold C. Lowney | 9/7/ |
| Jeffrey S. Powell | 9/14/ |
| Joe E. Darnell | 9/10/ |
| Lewis E. Hinchcliffe | 9/6/ |
| Melvin F. Loop | 9/26/ |
| Michael D. Nesterenko | 9/16/ |
| Michael W. Brooks | 9/19/ |
| Nicholas L. Muhlhauser | 9/12/ |
| Otis C. Blake | 9/29/ |
| Patrick G. Cooper | 9/18/ |
| Pete G. Thrappas | 9/29/ |
| Phil E. Baker | 9/16/ |
| Randy R. Downey | 9/30/ |
| Richard W. Bothman | 9/9/ |
| Robert L. Howe | 9/16/ |
| Roy B. Nelson | 9/1/ |
| Semyon T. Solomon | 9/7/ |
| Thomas A. Wold | 9/20/ |
| Warren F. Bates | 9/9/ |
| Wayne B. Heimsoth | 9/3/ |
| William M. Hadaya | 9/1/ |

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In Memoriam

We lost Virgil Land earlier this month. He was 101 years young, and coached Officer's and Candidates right up to the end. The Masonic Service is Sunday, September 11th, at the Siminoff Center Chapel, Masonic Home, Union City, and a reception after in Sedam Auditorium. Contact Scott Walsh 925-212-4243 for any questions

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

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Freemason Major Zebulon Pike

The first Mason known to have entered Texas was Major Zebulon M. Pike, a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. He came in 1806 and 1807, scouting the headwaters of the Arkansas and Red rivers, and the Spanish settlements of the Rio Grande.

Captain Zebulon Pike's 1807 entry point into the Spanish province of Texas was probably not anywhere he had originally planned, and his traveling companions were probably not who he had expected. As scholarly debate continues to color the Pike expedition with the tinge of espionage; he was either extremely lucky, or haplessly unlucky, depending on one's interpretation of his ultimate mission. Either way, it had far-reaching consequences for the future of the American and Spanish Southwest.

A major component of Pike's mission involved locating the headwaters of the Red River and following it back to U.S. territory and the military post at Natchitoches, Louisiana. Since that river formed the ostensible boundary with Spanish Texas after the Louisiana Purchase, this would involve skirting Texas' northern boundary until finally arriving at Natchitoches. Despite the extraordinary rigors that the expedition had endured on their 1806-1807 mid-winter odyssey through the Rockies, they could reasonably expect to bask in the afterglow of the vaunted Lewis and Clark expedition that had preceded them.

Instead, Pike and his men entered Texas almost as far south of the Red River as geographically possible, fingered as principal characters in an incident with potentially serious international consequences, and accompanied by a contingent of Spanish dragoons who were turning the interlopers over to the nearest American cantonment. Ironically, it would be the post at Natchitoches.

Pike's sojourn through Texas, however, had less of a sanguine tenor than might be imagined—and much more profound consequences than the temporarily triumphant Spanish might have envisioned. Prior to 1807, Spanish Texas was largely hidden from the westward gaze of citizens of the burgeoning United States, and foreigners of all stripes seeking to penetrate its territory when captured remained Spanish prisoners in one degree or another to thwart filibustering and military or economic intelligence-gathering.

Pike's Texas trek, and his subsequent published report on the province, proved to be a vast canvas on which the alert and observant officer painted revealing portraits of people and cultures, landmarks and landscapes, of a rich land ripe with promise.

The Spanish knew very well the value of such a report for their U.S. neighbors, and had confiscated portions of the expedition's notes and other documents prior to their entrance into Texas. Captain Pike was likewise warned by this Spanish escort that he was forbidden to take written notes or take navigational bearings on their trip from Chihuahua through Texas. The canny Captain circumvented this problem, however, by daily making a "pretext to halt" on the march, where he would repair to the bushes and make his notes on the sly. As insurance that they wouldn't be discovered and confiscated, the pages were rolled up and either secreted in the men's clothes, or tapped down the cavernous barrels of their smoothbore muskets. <http://zebulonpike.org/pike-in-texas.htm>

"I take this opportunity likewise to assure you, soldiers generally, of my thanks for the obedience, perseverance, and ready contempt of every danger which you have generally evinced. I assure you nothing shall be wanting, on my part, to procure you the rewards of our government and the gratitude of your countrymen." Pike Journal - Jan. 24, 1807 Muddy Creek Wet Mtn. Valley CO



Masonic, California

Masonic (formerly Lorena) is a ghost town located about 10 miles (16 km) northeast of Bridgeport, Mono County, California, USA. The town consists of an upper, middle, and lower town; most of the few ruins remaining are in the middle town. Gold was first discovered in the 1860s, but production ceased near start of the 20th century. The town's population peaked at about 1,000. The town was founded by Freemasons, hence its name. Middle Town, the largest of the three towns, had a post office, boarding house, and a general store. It also housed the offices of the town's newspaper: The Masonic Pioneer. The Lorena post office opened in 1905, changed its name to Masonic in 1906, closed in 1912, re-opened in 1913 and closed for good in 1927. Masonic's population in 1906 was about 500. The principal mine, called the Pittsburg-Liberty Mine, produced \$700,000 in gold before closing in 1910. By 1911, Masonic was in decline, although some mines kept in production until the 1920s.



2014 Colloquium: The California Gold Rush and the Freemasons
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjNX00dCtBetHKJNAsHMYTzHsXN6odNID>

From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, At our August meeting, which was held at the San Jose Masonic Center, we again joined Friendship lodge for dinner. Our AGL, Worshipful Jeff Wilkins presented our charter to us. (We never received one for the combined lodges into Mt Moriah). The Hall financial report was presented, as well as the membership report. Congratulations for Nick Schilling, PM who was voted in as Trustee to finish out Jack Kempf, PM term.

Third degree proficiency cards were presented to Ronald M Rundell, as well as Ronald C Rundell. Apparently they are related. Worshipful Jeff Wilkins then spoke to us about division III and how glad he was to visit our lodge again.

By the time you read this, the demolition of our lodge should be complete, ready for the reconstruction. It was estimated to take 10 days; it took more than eleven weeks. The Hall Corporation is busy getting ready to put it back into shape with many improvements.

Fraternally,

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Hornitos Masonic Hall No. 98

The Hornitos Masonic Hall No. 98 is a historic Masonic Hall building in Hornitos, Mariposa County, California. It was built in 1855 by Italian stonemasons who worked in the gold mines of the Mother Lode of the California Gold Rush. It is classified as an unreinforced masonry building because its walls have no metal support. All rock, granite, and brick materials came from local sources. During the first twenty years of its existence, the building served many different purposes, operating as a photography studio, a jewelry and watch store, tailor shop and finally as the Fashion Saloon. It was purchased by Masons in August 1873 for \$220, and they renovated it for a Masonic Hall. Sometime in early 1875, the Masonic Hornitos Lodge No. 98 began holding regular meetings in the building and have occupied it ever since. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hornitos_Masonic_Hall_No._98



From the West

Brethren, Please join the Grand Lodge of California for its 167th Annual Communication, taking place Oct. 28-30 at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. At this yearly gathering, Masons, family members, and friends will convene to reconnect, celebrate the past year's accomplishments, and draft the course for the new fraternal year. We look forward to seeing you in October. This year's special events offer new, fun ways for fraternal family members to build connections and fellowship. On Saturday afternoon, Jeanette Perry will host Masonic friends and family members of all ages at "A Magical Afternoon" in the historic Peacock Court at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins hotel. Guests will be treated to intriguing illusions in a magical act that is sure to delight all ages. A delicious lunchtime menu will accompany the festivities. Special kids' pricing is available for our Masonic family members who are 12 and under.

<http://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm>
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From the South

Brethren, This coming dinner before the Stated Meeting of September 1st, will be again shared with Friendship Lodge #110 on the Hill, and will include Lasagna, Cesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Since I just got the menu moments ago; this is short notice, and I apologize. Please RSVP by Tuesday so I can get the head-count to Friendship in time to purchase enough food. According to our insurance carrier: the repairs should be finished soon, and we should be back in our own Lodge for the next stated meeting and dinner for October. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Not that it hasn't been great having dinner with our Brothers from Friendship, but it will be nice to get home again. I appreciate your quick response.

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