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THE RODS

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IDEAS are expressed only by signs. When ideas he may do so only by symbols. Our a man would convey to his brother his language is but a succession of signs. Words are symbols, signs of an idea. But we as free and accepted Masons choose also to speak to one another by material symbols. These stand for certain truths we hold as necessary to Masonry and fundamental to true manhood. **These rods, borne by the stewards, are of value only as they are signs of ideas.** As Masons we seek the interpretation of these ideas and desire faithfully to inculcate them in the minds of all who shall hereafter accept our vows.

The first idea they symbolize is that of protection. The stewards, bearing these rods, meet the candidate at the door. He is thus assured that all his interests are to be safe-guarded. He may commit himself implicitly to the stewards, for the emblems of their office signify security and protection. This is among the highest comforts of man, to feel the safety vouchsafed by the confident strength of his brothers. It is surpassed only by the protection man realizes as he commits himself into the safe keeping of his Creator. David expressed the confidence in such a trust by the symbol of a rod, "When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

There is corresponding obligation upon the part of the stewards. The implicit trust of a brother calls for a faithful discharge of your stewardship. The security you afford within the lodge must

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From the East**Brethren,**

As my final days as Master draw near, I just wanted to say it has been a privilege to serve Mt. Moriah again. I will be Senior Deacon next year and look forward to being able to step away from the burdens of responsibility for a while.

During my second term as your Master, we have seen significant increases in rental activity, slow but steady improvements in the furnishings and decoration in our building, and our long-awaited AV system is nearly ready to install.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year—sometimes it was challenging, and I could not have done it without you.

Fraternally,
Jeff Powell,
Master

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be widened by the daily conduct in society. Let it never be said of you as Emerson said of some of his generation: "What you are speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say."

The second symbol is progress. You are to meet the candidate, not as stationary guards but as those who shall mark the path of progress as you advance from knowledge to knowledge in Masonry. The advance you assist him in making is unhasting and unrelenting. You are ever urging him to further light and wisdom. The rods you bear represent the divinely appointed state of man. Truth comes slowly but eternally. Man can never attain to perfect knowledge here. He must always confess "Now I know in part." To indicate by word or conduct that full knowledge is ours, is to arrest the purpose of the Creator in us. To symbolize in unforgettable fashion the progress of the mind toward the light is to render a service of incalculable worth to any man.

The rods symbolize guidance. Neatly imbedded in the head of each rod is a star. From time immemorial the stars have been the guiding fingers for man. He has been guided by them across the trackless desert, through the tangled wilderness and over the snowbound waste of the long Polar nights. The deep sea has not been able to lose the sailor, for the friendly stars have led him unerringly to his port of entry. So the rods are set for the proper and true guidance in the truths of Masonry. But truth cannot exist apart from incarnation. A thousand blazing symbols of metal fashioned bring neither comfort nor light except they live in daily conduct. You who bear the emblem of guidance must of necessity incarnate the moral worth indicated by your high office.

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The symbols can only have meaning as they find the translation of their meaning first in the quality of merit in the men who bear them. Your dignity, fidelity and uprightness make meaningful and winsome all the moral virtue of protection, progress and guidance. Other offices, within the lodge, may be invested with more honor but your constant and necessary duties make incumbent upon you a most solemn and serious performance of the work assigned you. As you invest your office with this three fold significance, will you lift it out of mere perfunctory routine into high and noble symbolism. **Those who take their first steps in Masonry under your tutelage will catch a vision of the sublimer possibilities and conserve for succeeding generations, the value of our worthy order.**

Mt. Moriah New Lodge Rods

Worshipful Bud Ramsey was kind enough to e-mail a picture of the new lodge rods to me; I was taken aback by how beautiful they were and the evident care and attention to detail used to make them. Bud explained that Toby Vanderbeek crafted them so I asked Toby for some background on how he fabricated these rods – I was surprised by his response!

“It’s a long story so you can paraphrase. Pretty much boils down to struggling to figure it out for a few years until finding a simple solution I never thought about.”

Toby spent some time but finally settled on a shop in the Midwest that shaped the maple and walnut rods on a CNC lathe (i.e. computer controlled) that were designed to fit the top and bottoms that Toby purchased; he added 3 coats of polyurethane for durability; epoxied the tops and bottoms on and bought sand filled chrome bases. Very nice handywork, and a sizeable amount of work which is quite an addition to the Lodge!

However, this explained how they were fabricated but not how rods fit into Masonic tradition and what do they symbolize which I couldn’t explain. I felt obligated to do some research to ‘close the loop’ on Lodge rods and chose the above article from a Brother written in 1916!

Mark R



From the Secretary's Table

Dues for 2019
Are DUE on or Before
January 1, 2019

Dues payments are coming in slowly. The California Masonic Code states that Members must be in good standing to vote on Lodge business. You must have your 2019 dues paid to be in good standing next year. We appreciate your attention and cooperation.

Please give attention to the Lodge Records Update part of the 2019 Dues Statement. An alternate contact is important for our records if we are unable to contact you. Phone numbers, emails and addresses are changed without informing the Secretary. Having this information in our records is for your benefit.

Fraternally,

Gordon Markley *Secretary*

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From the West

Mt. Moriah Lodge cordially invites you to the one hundred thirty first installation of officers, Saturday December 15th 2018.

Dinner: 5:00 to 6:00pm
Installation: 6:15pm
Reception and cake to follow

Los Gatos Masonic Hall
131 Eat Main Street, Los Gatos Ca 95030

2019 Officers to be installed

Master	Ketan Jashapara, PM
Senior Warden	Damir Herman
Junior Warden	Allen Diamond, PM
Treasurer	Nicholas Schilling, PM
Secretary	Gordon Markley, PM
Senior Deacon	Jeff Powell, PM
Junior Deacon	Pavan Banda
Marshal	Ron Rundell
Senior Steward	Randall Ristau
Organist	Eric Horton
Tiler	James Dingman, PM

Installing Officers

Installing Officer	Randy Downey, PM
Master Of Ceremonies	Bud Ramsey, PM
Installing Chaplain	Allen Diamond, PM

Fraternally,

Ketan Jashapara *Senior Warden*

- INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

 - Host Remarks
 - Entrance of the Worshipful Master and Installing Officers
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Entrance of 2019 Officers
 - Invocation
 - Presentation of the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Installation of Officers
 - Proclamation
 - Special Escorts
 - Introductions
 - Presentations
 - Acknowledgments
 - Master's Remarks
 - Dessert / Reception

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From the South

Dear Brothers, Friends and Families of Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge,

You are cordially invited to the last State Meeting Dinner of 2018 to be held at our lodge on Thursday, December 6 from 6:30 pm.

On the menu we will have ham and usual selection of vegetables. It seems that everybody loves corn, so we will double down on it. In addition, we will have mixed green salad, more vegetables, and a desert. For our esteemed guests over 21, we will provide gluehwein. Water, soda and alcoholic-free cider will be available for our younger guests.

The Stated Meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 pm around which time the Brothers will excuse themselves and retreat to the Lodge Room. Our guests are welcome to stick around, enjoy the Christmas atmosphere and if they wish, help clean.

Please kindly RSVP to this invite with the size of your party and any food allergies you may have. If ham is not your favorite and your dietary preferences forbid you from consuming meat, we may be able to prepare fish for you.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 pm!

Fraternally,

Damir Herman

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Brethren,

This will be my last month as Treasurer of the lodge, it has been an honor to serve. Over the last three years we have completed many tasks. We integrated the Grand Lodge accounting system Intacct which memorializes our accounting and files the taxes on behalf of the Lodge. We installed new taller building entry doors and completely renovated the interior of the building due to a roof leak. We installed new flooring, modernized the three bathrooms and created a separate candidate's room. Our new audiovisual system in the dining hall will be capable of showing sporting events and movies projected on a 7' x 10' screen. This will be finally completed in the coming weeks. The lodge room will also have a new speaker system installed for future presentations. We chose to keep the lodge room historic in tribute to those that traveled through these doors before us.

In the coming year, I will continue to be active serving on the Hall Board and as a Trustee for the Lodge. My focus will be increasing our rental income revenue and organizing social events for the Lodge. I hope these events will promote brotherhood and create awareness of our Craft. It has been many years since our Lodge has been socially active and I hope to restore this tradition.

If possible please join us for the December dinner and the decoration of our Christmas tree. If you wish you may bring an ornament to adorn the tree.

Travel Well Brothers,

Tony L Alarcon

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December Birthdays

Alexander Cassimus	12/4
Thomas Shafer	12/4
Raymond Bernheim	12/5
Ketan Jashapara	12/5
Robert Duncan	12/6
Brad Holmes	12/6
Nicholas Siersema	12/6
Carlos Cofre	12/7
Kim McEuen	12/7
Jason Sekab	12/7
Fred Wach	12/7
Jim Ulam	12/8
Howard Dingman	12/9
Robert Taylor	12/09
John Bannister	12/12
Rich Goldstein	12/12
Robb Walker	12/12
Bud Ramsey	12/17
Bruce Rollin	12/17
Ron Rundell	12/18
Paul Knowles	12/19
Jim Bettencourt	12/20
John Dods	12/21
Robert Zeroun	12/24
Will Coops	12/25
Wayne Price	12/25
Ray Terry	12/27
Frank Hibbitts	12/28
Richard Irion	12/28
John Carolan	12/29
Ed Weal	12/29

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In Memoriam



**Thankfully, nothing to report
here this month!**

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Calendar
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Dec 06	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Stated Meeting Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Dec 13	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Hall Association Meeting
Dec 15	(Saturday)
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:15 PM	2019 Officer Installation Reception to follow
Dec 27	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Hall Association Meeting

Changes Happen!
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