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Mar 01 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Dinner Stated Meeting
Mar 08 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 6:30 PM	(Thursday) Hall Association Meeting First Degree Adv Practice OAM South Valley #187 Morgan Hill Masonic Center Annual Chicken Feed, Grand Master Visit
Mar 22 6:30 PM	(Monday) Hall Association Meeting



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Congratulations to Brother Randy Ristau on receiving the Second Degree of Masonry

From the East

Brethren, My congratulations to Bro. Randy Ristau on receiving the Second degree of Masonry. The Degree went very well. We are continuing to look at additional soundproofing for the dining hall, and investigating an A/V system which will both attract additional renters and provide opportunities for Lodge events which we have not been able to host in the past. This will complete the current round of renovations to our building.



Fraternally,

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History of Freemasonry in Florida

The History of Masonry in Florida cannot be traced properly until the source from which it derived its authority has been firmly established. Inasmuch as Masonry in Florida and in the various States of the Union was established by authority from Masonry in the British Isles, a brief review of the early Masonic activities there should be reported.

The historical records of Freemasonry in Florida were for many years hidden from the world, lying dormant in unmarked and forgotten files. Historians made various attempts to report the early Masonic activities on this territory. Their efforts were in vain. In 1898, the first authoritative record of Masonry in Florida came to light. This record was a rare and very old copy of "Preston's Illustration" which was presented to the Grand Lodge of Florida by Doctor F. F. Bond of Thorncliff, Brighthouse, England. On the title page of the prized gift, the following words were inscribed: "The Gift of James Murray to St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, West Florida, June 27, 1776." This was the first reliable information that a Masonic Lodge had existed in Florida at such an early date and was the spark that kindled the interest to search for the history of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. M. W. James M. Hilliard, Grand Master in 1898, appointed R. W. Silas B. Wright, Deputy Grand Master, to search for any additional information that might have a bearing on the history of Florida Masonry and to make a written report of his findings to the next Grand Lodge. Brother Wright made two appeals, one to the Board of Editors of the "History of Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders," and the other to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Board of Editors was unable to furnish any information that would be beneficial or that would support historical facts about Masonry in Florida, but the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported that there were documents and records in possession of that Grand Lodge that would prove the existence of Masonry in Florida during the early period of the country. The records, so the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported, had been found among the old records of that Grand Jurisdiction which had been boxed and placed in storage. These records were compiled by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania under the title "Old Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, Moderns and Ancients, 1730 - 1800."

March Birthdays

- Alex J. Adorador 3/15/
- Gus Anastole 3/25/
- Pavan B. Banda 3/6/
- James P. Burgard 3/2/
- Donald W. Burt 3/27/
- Thomas Caldwell 3/18/
- Edward L. Farmer 3/8/
- Iddo Hadar 3/11/
- Brian K. Johnson 3/26/
- Gilbert E. Orr 3/29/
- Robert W. Pryor 3/28/
- Richard C. Smith, Jr. 3/24/
- Warren R. Ullberg 3/13/
- Gary W. Wiegand 3/25/
- James R. Youngblood 3/3/



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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.

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

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its Grand Secretary, made the records and documents available to R . W . Brother Wright, who studied and copied documents and papers pertinent to Florida. Authentic copies of these papers are now filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Florida and are a part of its St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, of West Florida, and other documents which cover portions of the period from 1768 through 1785. Brother Wright prepared and gave a detailed report on his findings which was included in the 1899 Grand Lodge Proceedings. The charter of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 of West Florida was issued on May 3, 1771 by the "Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America." The petitioners for this Lodge were members of Lodge No. 108 of the register of Scotland and were attached to the 31st Regiment of Foot of the British Army stationed at Pensacola.

Ten Master Masons applied for the charter and are listed as charter members. The charter was signed by James Grand, Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America, and other officials of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In addition to the certified copy of the charter of St. Andrews Lodge, there were other documents and papers relating to early Masonry in Florida. There were records and minutes of St. Andrews Lodge which revealed the plight of this Lodge and its ties with its Provincial Grand Lodge.

These historical records were definite proof of the activities of the Masonic Fraternity in Florida and further revealed that its activity had emanated from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Brother Wright immediately wrote that Grand Lodge requesting confirmation of the authenticity of these records and any other information from the records of that Grand Jurisdiction. Their records not only confirmed the accuracy of the records found by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but also shed light on the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America. The following excerpts are taken from the reply of R . W . Brother Lyon: "In searching our Grand Lodge records, I find under date of March 15, 1769. . . 'Having read a petition from James Grant, Esq., Governor of the Province of East Florida, HenryCunningham, late Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and many other brethren residing in the province aforesaid, craving a charter for holding a Lodge there by the stile and title of Grant's East Florida Lodge, and also entreating that the Grand Lodge would appoint the said Governor, James Grant, Provincial Grand Master over the lodges in the Southern District of North America, the Grand Lodge granted the desire of that petition and authorized a charter to be made out accordingly, and likewise a commission appointing Governor James Grant, Provincial Grand Master, over the lodges in the Southern District of North America'."

On March 15, 1768, a charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to "Grant's East Florida Lodge No. 143," to be located in St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida. This was the first Masonic Lodge to be established in what is now the State of Florida. On this same date the "Provincial Grand Lodge over Lodges in the Southern District of North America" was created and located at St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida. Honorable James Grant, Governor of the Territory of Florida, was named Provincial Grand Master. This Grand Body functioned until 1783 when it was suppressed by the Dominican Priesthood and the Spanish Government. All records of this Grand Lodge were destroyed or were carried away and are still missing. The meager information that is available was found in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The fate of the first Masonic Lodge, "Grant's East Florida Lodge," in the Territory of Florida, is not known, but it is assumed that it was suppressed at the same time as the Provincial Grand Lodge. The records found in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania gave a clear picture of the operations and the fate of Florida's second Masonic Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge of Pensacola. Pensacola and the Territory

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of West Florida were captured by the Spanish in 1781. The Masonic Fraternity again was suppressed by the Dominican Priesthood and the Spanish Government and the Masons were forced to flee. Even though the Masonic Brethren faced grave dangers, they did not leave until they had obtained the charter and records which included the minutes of every communication that had been held since the Lodge was chartered. After they reached the safety of Charles Town, the plight of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 was reported to the Provincial Grand Lodge on February 9, 1782. This report was assembled and prepared by the Worshipful Master, Thomas Underwood, the Junior Warden, H. Beaumont, and three other members, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master in St. Augustine. The Provincial Grand Lodge at St. Augustine acknowledged receipt of the communication, and on March 14, 1782, issued a dispensation to the Brethren of St. Andrews Lodge to work at Charles Town, South Carolina. This authorization stated: "Under your charter until it shall please God to restore you to the Ancient seat of your lodge in West Florida, provided you have the Master and a sufficient number of members of the same to form a lodge." It was signed by R. W. John Forbes, Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and the Junior Grand Wardens and the Grand Secretary.



<http://northsidelodge283.org/2017/03/02/history-of-freemasonry-in-florida/>

From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, Congratulations to Randall Ristau who received his second degree in February. A special meeting was held to discuss the budget, and it has been revised substantially. We did not have hard copies for the February stated meeting; therefore it will be presented at the March stated meeting. The financial reports were not ready for the February stated meeting, so they will be presented at the March stated meeting. The financial report for 2017 for both the Lodge and the Hall will be presented. A report from the Trustees will also be presented. The Hall Corporation reported on the three projects, and the bathrooms were reported \$12,000 over budget. Eric Horton has the web site for the lodge rental almost up and running. There was a long discussion about the sound suppression in the dining area. The experts thought it would cost \$24,000 to do it correctly, the current panels cost us \$1,600. No decision was taken.

We also had a long discussion about how many members should be on the Hall Corporation. In the end, we decided to keep the current bylaws and voted in three people. Congratulations and thanks to Richard Goldstein, Ron M Rundell, and David Samford for stepping up to the plate. We voted to contribute money to the three youth groups. Brian Carr volunteered to mail out the Trestleboard to those members without email. (A thanks for Nick Schilling, PM for doing this task for years).

Fraternally,

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From the West

Brethren, from the California Freemason 'Masonry is about liberating men, enabling them to experience true personal freedom. In doing so, it enables them to be better husbands, fathers, sons, and citizens. Better men all around.' In the first decades of the 21st century, just 40 percent of the world's population can be said to be free; 60 percent are either not free or are only partially so -Freeing the Mind, Freemasonry's key to a more conscious existence.

Ketan Jashapara, PM *Senior Warden*

From the South

Dear Brethren, friends and families of Los Gatos Masonic Lodge, Time really flies by so fast - can you believe that February is almost over and Spring, Easter and warm weather are just around the corner? If you feel that February passed by much quicker than January, you are right - it did. There are only 28 days in February, as there will be next year, however there will be 29 days in February of 2020.

What is the connection between leap years and Free Masonry? We are reminded that there are 7 liberal arts and sciences: grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. Grammar teaches us to write correctly, rhetoric to speak eloquently, logic to discern true from false, geometry to correctly measure, music to enjoy harmony, and astronomy to explain celestial bodies. Ancient religions typically described Moon phases as God's will, but work of Renaissance astronomers Copernicus, Kepler, and best summarized by Galileo's heresy "the Bible shows the way to go to heaven, not the way heavens go", radically changed our perception about fundamental natural phenomena. Astronomy, therefore, just like other liberal arts and sciences, critically depends on geometry. And geometry is admired by Masons.

On that note, I take pleasure in inviting you to our Los Gatos Lodge on Thursday, March 1. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm, and the Stated Meeting is at 7:30pm. On the menu we will have French onion soup, roasted chicken, a mouthful of healthy side dishes, crispy spring mix salad and fruit-based desert. please RSVP at your earliest convenience. You friends and dear ones are welcome to join us, as well.

Please come and join us. We are looking forward to seeing you,

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 1st @ 6:30 pm!

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