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FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

On February 25, 2009, our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, approved the amendment to our By-Laws changing our Stated Meeting day to first Friday of the month. We held on March 6, 2009 our very first Stated Meeting on a Friday. I am happy to note that the change of Stated Meeting day has been very positive as we attracted more attendees and sideliners in our Stated Meeting. I am pretty confident that this trend will continue.

Our Grand Master has proclaimed the month of May as the Youth Order month. Masters are mandated to publish this in the Lodge Trestle Board and to read it in the February, March and April Stated Meetings. In consonance with this, I have recently appointed Brother Christopher E. Cabanatan as the Lodge Chair of our DeMolay Committee. It is my hope that with his able stewardship we will be able to revive a DeMolay Chapter in our Lodge. Being a former Master Counselor of DeMolay Torrance Chapter I am confident that he possesses the necessary tools to make it a reality.

Jose J. Bernabe, Jr., our Assistant Secretary and Chair of our Public School Committee have been in close coordination with the Management Officials of Gardena High School in connection with the usual recognition for the Outstanding Teacher of the School. We have scheduled April 24, 2009 as the day to honor the Outstanding Teacher of Gardena High School. Come and join us in this worthy undertaking.

We remain very busy in our degree conferrals. This month we conferred second degree to four candidates, namely: Brothers Rene Esmene, Ben Ponce, Jun Valencia, and Del Macapagal. Congratulations to you my Brothers on you passing to the degree of Fellowcraft. We are all looking forward to your raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We have degree conferrals coming up on the 20th and 27th.

Lastly, effective February 1, 2009, our Lodge has been assigned to the 717th Masonic District under Worshipful Charles Cross. OSIs are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Long Beach Masonic Center.

We have started a canned goods campaign. This will be donated to the City of Gardena to help the poor residents of the City. Dana Wyatt, PM, our Treasurer has volunteered to collect the canned goods donation and will be responsible of delivering the same to the City. I call upon your charitable instincts and support this campaign.

My worthy Brothers, let us continue to band together and shower our Lodge unconditional support so that peace and harmony will forever permeate the Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Morel R. Callueng
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren:

You talk about taking off like a Scalded Dog, your lodge has more things going on now than all the activities during the last three years before the merge. Rather than business meetings, ritual practice and Grand Masters Mandates (oh joy). Your lodge brothers are upgrading the Masonic Center they just redid the Rec. Room, they have a going basketball team, and doing more degrees than I can count. Come join us for a basketball game, watch or get involved in a degree, or go back to what was, attend the Stated Meeting. I'm sure you will see a major difference over what was.

Changing Hats.

There is nothing to report re: the Child ID, we are still waiting for the rest of the equipment from the City of Carson, they have most of it now, we are just waiting till the whole package is together. If you know for a civic, church, of school that could use this service, just give Worshipful Al a call and we will put it together.

Changing Hats.

Brothers, this is your Trestleboard, it's not just for the Officers. If you have anything to report, or maybe have a question you need an answer for, let me know, you have my E-Dress.

Ken Martin PM
Senior Warden

F.Y.I.

Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge #4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song for many years known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*. Then, some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, please welcome two more EAM, Bro. Dan Ibanez and Bro. Tony Halili who had been initiated in the first degree of Masonry last Feb. 27th. That was a very impressive degree work with so many Brethren from our Lodge and other Lodges that attended and participated including our District Inspector Charles Cross. PM Ernie Castillo delivered the First Degree lecture, in the long form, in flying colors.

In addition, of course the fellowship that follows has blended pleasantly and spiritually among the Brethren.

Brethren, things are moving right along the proper direction for our Lodge. Last March sixth Stated Meeting, our Worshipful Master has announced that our request to change our Stated meeting from Wednesday to 1st Friday of the month has been officially approved by the Grandmaster. It is now expected that there will be more Brethren sitting in the sideline during the Stated Meetings. Job well done Worshipful!

Our Lodge had been re-aligned to 717th District under the guidance and leadership of Inspector Charles Cross. We welcomed him on his official visit to our lodge during our March Stated meeting and we did attend the OSI last March 11th at Long Beach Lodge. Brethren, the attendance for Officers School of Instruction (OSI) is not limited to Officers only, so you are all welcome to attend all OSI meetings especially this coming April 8 and support our officers who will be performing the second section of the 3rd Degree. Take note Brethren, OSI is the best learning means for all the Degrees.

My congratulations to our newly obligated Fellow Craft Mason Brothers; Rene Esmane, Ben Ponce, Jun Valencia, and Delfin Macapagal. The officers have performed well despite of the long break in doing Fellow Craft degree. Brother Ben Ponce and Bro. Delfin Macapagal have returned their First Degree Proficiency in the long form with excellence and great performance. Again, my high regard to our Worshipful Master Morell Callueng, for his outstanding deliberation of the Staircase Lecture in the Second Degree.

Fraternally,
Flor Cabanatan
Junior Warden

Basketball Fellowship

In the early part of this year, Brother Arnold Infante suggested that we hold a friendship Basketball Tournament among the Brethren. This was received by so much interest by the Brethren. As a result, an informal meeting was held in the latter part of January. Brother Flor Cabanatan was tasked to draft the rules; Worshipful Fred Davis was requested to coordinate with Gardena-Carson YMCA for the availability of the Gym.; Brother Clifford Tube volunteered to take care of bringing the Team uniforms from the Philippines upon his return; Brothers Arnold Infante and Morel R. Callueng were tasked to organize the teams.

As a result of the concerted efforts of the Brethren, four (4) teams were organized and ready to play friendship games. We opened the tournament on March 8, 2009 at 12:00 noon at YMCA Gym in Gardena. It was so touching to see a lot of Brethren and their families supporting this event.

After the games, everybody trooped to the Lodge for sumptuous refreshment prepared by Worshipful Cris Araula and his wife, Vevçs Araula, Brothers Rolly Arillaga and Flor Cabanatan. Thank you Worshipful Cris and Sister Baby. Thanks also should be showered to Brothers Flor and Rolly for bringing additional refreshment. It was indeed a sight to behold seeing Brethren enjoying the fellowship.

These games will run until May 17, 2009. The results of the games on March 8, 2009 are as follows: White Team bannered by Inspector Charles Cross beat the Yellow Team of Brother Rene Galeon. The Red team spearheaded by Worshipful Fred Davis beat the Green Team of Brother Satur Duenas. Games are played from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Come and join us in this Fellowship Basketball Tournament and watch your Brethren huff and puff.

Fraternally,

Organizing Committee

2009 Fellowship Basketball Games

**GARDENA-MONETA TEMPLE
BOARD MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27,
2009**

The Secretary read minutes of the previous meeting, there were two corrections, Date of February meeting date was corrected to 2/27/2009 and the spelling of Cris Araula was corrected. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Ken Martin PM, SW, seconded by Dana Wyatt PM Treasure, vote to accept was unanimous.

The President read February Income/Expense report. Motion to pay bills made by Ken Martin PM, SW, seconded by seconded by Ira Waterman PM, Secretary. Motion passed unanimous.

Old Business :

1. The master reported the snooker table was removed from the recreation room. A group of brothers have volunteered to purchase and paint the ceiling and walls.
2. The parking signs are pending.
3. Security door for house at rear is pending.
4. Estimate for building repair is pending.
5. Lodge Inventory of building chattels and equipment is pending.
6. Heating/air-conditioning inspection and filters is pending.
7. Repair of crack in ceiling is pending, no leakage from rain was reported.
8. Roof repair or replacement pending.
9. Procurement of Building replacement cost is pending.
10. Church liability insurance is pending.
11. Typewriter is pending.
12. Cleaning of closets by Master is pending.
13. Discussion concerning paying to the lodge excess cash is pending due to anticipated cost of building repairs.
14. Cleaning or replacing hall drapes. Motion by Waterman to purchase new drapes, 2nd by Dana Wyatt, motion carried.
15. There was some discussion concerning the "I Member" computer program, action pending.
16. Discussed using Grand Lodge Security Form.

Temple Board Minutes Con't.

New Business:

1. Hall rental agreement should include clause for customer obtaining insurance.
2. Discussed upgrade rental contract to include expenses.
3. The Treasure suggested raising hall rental rate from 1600.00 dollars to 2,000.00 dollars. There was some discussion, no decision.
4. Discussed Rommel's commission for handling rentals, no decision.
5. Discussed upgrading office on second floor for use by the treasure and building manager.

There being no more business the president closed the meeting at 7:25 PM.

In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:

**"I will serve to live with love & care
Upon the level, by the square."**

**Entertainment And refreshment
Committee**

Thanks to all the Brethren who took care of our Lodge Dinner during the March Stated Meeting. Also for those that brought in food and refreshment during the opening of our intercolor Fellowship Basketball league. Green team will take care of the food and refreshment on March 22nd basketball game.

Bro. Flor

MASONIC MEMBERSHIP CARD

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in work and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendos; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

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Birthdays

01 Feliciano Alvarado
 03 Gonzalo A. Paez
 03 Ricardo B. Adonay
 03 Charles C. Ngwudile
 04 Edward Perlick
 05 James Harrison
 08 Charles Reagan
 11 John Rockwood PM
 12 Bernardo C. Bato
 15 Steven Patterson
 16 Conrado Del Rosario
 16 Ralph Barnard
 17 James H. Kenworthy
 21 Stephen M Byork Jr
 23 George Gillyatt, Jr
 25 Robert Young
 25 Harold H. Hart
 25 Mark Bradley
 29 Arnold M. Infante
 30 Ron Wood PM
 30 Donald Patterson

APRIL Calendar

April 3 - Friday
 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm
 Stated Meeting Dinner
 7:30 pm - Stated Meeting

April 8
 7:00 pm - OSI -
 3rd degree, 2nd Section

April 11 - Saturday
 9:00 am - 3rd Degree Conferral

April 18 - Saturday
 9:00 am -1st degree conferral

April 24
 6:00 pm - Temple Board Meeting
 7:00 pm - Public School Recognition Day

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Stated Meetings

First Friday @ 7:30
 All Master Masons are welcome.

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