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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

There has been a realignment of the different districts under Division 7 as of October 5, 2009. Beginning October 5, 2009, our Lodge will now be under the Inspectorship of Worshipful Fred Davis with Angels Gate 198, Torrance University Lodge 394, Redondo 328, and Sunnyside 577. We welcome back Worshipful Fred Davis as our Inspector.

I was out of the country from October 1-11, 2009 due to a family situation in the Philippines. As a result, I was not able to attend the Annual Communication in San Francisco from October 2 - 4, 2009. With the conclusion of the Ancom the new set of officers of the Grand Lodge of California were installed on October 4, 2009. We now have a new Grand Master in the person of Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel. Our previous Inspector, Worshipful Charles Cross was installed as Grand Bible Bearer, while our interim Inspector in 2008, Worshipful Richard Pierce, was installed as Grand Pursuivant. I am also happy to inform you that our new Grand Master has reappointed me as member of the Trial Review Committee. It has been a very meaningful experience for me serving our former Grand Master Larry L. Adamson as member of the Trial Review Committee for 2009 and I am looking forward to another meaningful year as member of the Trial Review Committee under Most Worshipful Ken Nagel.

The Lodge continues to progress. We recently held a very successful Fire and Police Recognition night on September 25, 2009. We had the Chief of Police, City Council members of the City of Gardena, Police Officers of the City of Gardena, Fire Officials and firemen stationed in the City of Gardena, and other civic leaders. The band composed of Brother Jun Bernabe and his friends serenaded the event with their music and did it for free. Thank you Brother Jun Bernabe. We also participated in the joint Constitutional Observance with other Lodges in the South Bay area on September 9, 2009.

Due to the devastation brought by typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng in the Philippines, there has been a strong clamor among the members to donate to help the victims of these calamities. We shall be reaching out to our members who are willing to donate to this worthy undertaking. As individuals, we have an obligation to help out fellow human beings in times of need. This is a defining moment for each one of us to show that we indeed practice charity in our daily lives.

As I wind up my affairs in the East, I would like to thank all the members for your unconditional support. It made my job in the East easier. I shall always treasure your brotherly love and affection.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Morel R. Callueng  
Worshipful Master

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren,

Our 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication were very well attended by 1,352 Masons from through out California and far away Country. It was a record year in attendance achieving a five percent increase over 2008. Brethren of Gardena Moneta Lodge and Beverly Hills Lodge have jointly traveled to San Francisco to attend this yearly Masonic event and were very delightful and highly impressed about the solemnity of the ceremony. The fellowship that followed in the residence of Bro. Tuballa , who provided the Saturday dinner for the whole crew was very much appreciated. Thank you so much Bro. Tuballa for your kindness and warmed welcome but most of all to your hospitality. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Kenneth Nagel has invited us to come again and attend the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication on Sept. 24-26, 2010. Brethren, let us again participate on this occasion and invite more brothers to come with us. The more the merrier...

Brethren, the Philippines have been devastated by two killer storms. The first one was on September 26 by typhoon Ondoy that brought Metro Manila ( Marikina) underwater. Followed by Typhoon Pepeng that devastated the Northern Luzon and Central Luzon (Pangasinan). The calamities that was brought by these typhoons has claimed hundreds of lives, tens of thousand homeless , hundreds of thousands has been evacuated , and over 3 million residents has been affected. Indeed, our Worshipful Master's house in the Philippines has been ravaged by floodwater and his father -in- law was one of the casualties of these killer storms. Thereby...in behalf of the Brethren of Gardena Moneta Lodge, I would like to extend our condolences and deep sympathies to our Worshipful Master Morel Callueng but most of all to his wife...Cathy.

**RESCUE, RELIEF, AND RECOVERY!**

Brethren, the victims of the typhoons have already been rescued and now they need relief. As Master Mason, we can now practice Charity and help these victims of tropical depression in their way to recovery. Let us all together bring our cash donations on October 16,23, & 30, 2009 (which is our Degree Conferrals) as advocate by our Worshipful Master. "Abideth Faith, Hope and Charity but the greatest of these is **CHARITY.**"

Fraternally,  
Flor Cabanatan  
JR Warden

**Refreshment And Entertainment Committee**

Brethren, our Lodge Fellowship Basketball Tournament has been re-scheduled to start on October 18, 2009 at Gardena YMCA. Games will start at 12:00 noon every Sundays. The teams will be compose of the same players from our last tournament. My Brothers, please bring in your basketball uniforms and see you at the YMCA court on Sundays.

Billiard Championship schedule will be announce on our meeting. And for those who are interested on pistol shooting, we are again invited by Norco Running gun Club on October 31, 2009 at Mike Raahauge's Complex, 14995 River Road, Corona CA 92880. Please contact our shooting team chairman Art Fuentes at (562) 743-3872 for more information.

Fraternally,  
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## From Your Treasurer Dana Wyatt PM

### This Month The Cost of Membership

My Brothers, As Treasurer of your Lodge, I am constantly thinking about and working on the financial records of our Lodge, and while we are not in bad shape, we could be in better shape. The current administration is doing a good job as far as the Lodge budget is concerned, but then we can always do better. One of the things that Worshipful Morel Callueng is doing to help manage our budget, is to have a "POTLUCK" Stated Meeting dinner every other month and then having our Eastern Star Ladies prepare the meal in the other months. So we as a Lodge are only spending money on six dinners a year and then limiting the cost to \$250 a month for the other six. That is a big change from how it was done in past years. He has also joined with Beverly Hills Lodge 528 to host our two very successful Valentine and summer dance parties as well as joining with Culver City-Foshay Lodge 468 for our Constitution observance program to reduce the financial impact on the Lodge. So then what is my article about? It is about our membership. We just paid our Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax. That is \$7,626.00 out of our checking account to Grand Lodge. We have 263 Members,

subtract the 17 that have had their dues remitted due to financial hardship and that leaves 246 members at \$31.00 per member. But we are getting new members and that is a plus for our Lodge, but not as big a plus as you might think. The current cost of membership in our Lodge is just \$200.00 and that might sound like a lot, well in fact it is, but it does not add a great deal to our bottom line. When a candidate applies, he must present a check for \$200.00, as part of that \$200, he is making a Masonic Homes Contribution of \$25.00, California Masonic Memorial Temple (Grand Lodge) contribution of \$9.00 and George Washington Masonic National Memorial Contribution of \$5.00. So now we are down to \$161.00 for membership, but wait, We also present him with a new Lambskin Apron which costs us \$25.00, an engraved trowel on his third degree at \$6.00 and a family Masonic Bible on his third degree at \$34.00. That leaves our Lodge with and increase of only \$96.00 for each new candidate, our dues are a similar story, we pay \$50 in dues and then send \$31.00 of that to Grand Lodge for Per Capita Tax, that leaves us with \$19.00 from our membership dues to run the Lodge on, and that is difficult to do. Well Brethren Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings on our finances. Not bad, but not great. Next month I will, if Worshipful Ken has room, show you our current budget status. You know what the budget was and if we are over or short for the first six months of the year. I had planed to have that ready for publica-

tion already, but my hospital stay short circuited some of the things that I had planed on.

Till next time, Remember that Masonry is more than just a ring.

### Child ID

Brethren,

We have been rather busy with the Child ID Program of late. Our Lodge was invited to run the Child ID at the Carson Unity Day Festival on September 20<sup>th</sup> and at that event, Worshipful Ken Martin, PM and I, scanned 132 people.... Again we were invited to run the Program at the Home Depot Community Awareness Day on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brothers Jun Bernabe and George Cabradilla, Worshipful Ken Martin and I scanned another 133 people.

At this writing, we have also been invited to run this program at the Chapman Elementary School in Gardena on October 13<sup>th</sup> and at the Carson Halloween Nite within the Home Depot Center on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

ANY brothers that are available to help run the program at the Home Depot Center Event, are requested to participate. We will meet at the Lodge at 2pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> for this event.

Currently, the Child ID Program is self sustaining financially for items such as paper and printer ink. Any other items that may become necessary, such as equipment replacement due to failure will be handled at that time. Hopefully that will not be the case for some time to come.

We PRAY the documents generated thru this Program will NEVER be used... but in the current atmosphere of today's society, it is better to be prepared.

Al Fowler, PM,  
Child ID Chairman

**Birthdays**

01 Ray Almirol PM  
 02 Garner King  
 03 Ali De J. Guinto  
 04 Frank Morgensen  
 05 Vincent Oliva  
 05 Dick Paramore  
 07 Roman Castaneda PM  
 09 David H. Dupree  
 10 Howard W. Keller  
 12 Bob Reed  
 14 Jaime Ponce De Leon  
 17 William Chant PM  
 19 Frank L. Lemuel  
 19 Clifford E. Dunham  
 20 Gerald L. Easton  
 20 Arthur L. Hibben  
 22 Robert W. Holder PM  
 24 J. Herm San Luis  
 25 Ponciano R. Santillana  
 26 Chuck Abellon  
 27 Thomas Hammond  
 28 Jaydee Anderson  
 28 Benjamin Kazarian, Jr  
 31 Louie H. Oglesby

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First Friday @ 7:30  
 Dinner @ 6:30  
 All Master Masons are welcome.

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Freddie Davis PM

November 6 (Friday)  
 Dinner - 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm  
 Stated Meeting - 7:30 pm

November 14 (Saturday)  
 9:00 am - 3rd degree

November 20 (Friday)  
 7:00 pm - OSI

November 25 (Wednesday)  
 6:30 pm - 2nd degree