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FROM THE WEST

Happy Easter Holidays Brethren !

I wish that everyone else has observed the Easter Holidays in good spirits.

Brethren, our Lodge will soon undergo a major roof repairs in the days to come. The first thing that will happen is the shoring of the roof to prevent farther damages and will serve as a safety precaution for all of us while we are using the Lodge during our activities. This is an excellent move for the Temple Board while we are waiting for the decision of the Insurance company... if the damage is covered in our policy. And if not, then our Lodge has to shoulder all the expenses (estimated to be \$190,000.00 and maybe more) necessary to fix the roof and other items that needs to be repaired.

My Brothers, this roof repair expenses will come out from our principal and thus will affect the future budget of our Lodge, and while the construction is going on for the next three (3) months)...that we are not making any income to pay for the operational expenses of the Lodge. And so... if worse comes to worse , that we should move to increase our Annual dues to offset the operational expenses of our Lodge in the years to come. And with your support and cooperation , I strongly believe that we will overcome the difficulties upon which we now experience. My Brothers, I will leave this decision up to you . Brethren, with this in though, let me share with you with this prayer...

“GOD, GIVE ME THE SERENITY TO CHANGE THE THINGS THAT I CAN

AND THE COURAGE TO ACCEPT THE THINGS THAT I CAN'T

AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!”

Fraternally,
Flor Cabanatan
Sr. Warden

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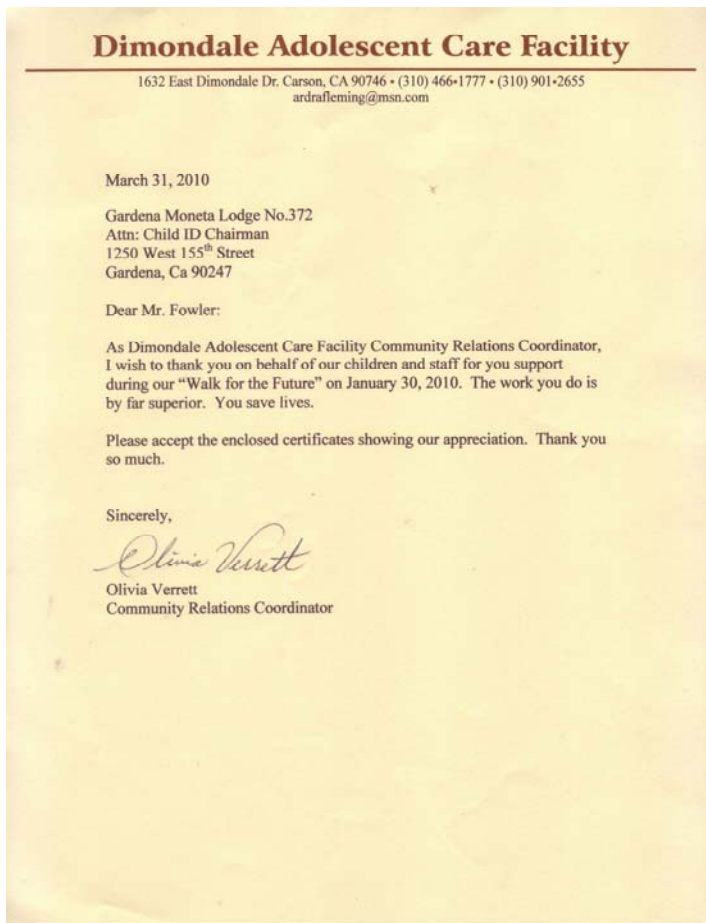
Brethren,

Our Lodge has recently received Certificates of Appreciation for our work in the Child ID Program. We received one Certificate from Long Beach Lodge 327 for the Child ID that was done at the Long Beach Scottish Rite on December 12th we scanned 128 people at that event. The Lodge received 2 Certificates from Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility for the Program that was run on January 30 for the "Walk of the Future" sponsored by the City of Carson... we scanned 68 people at that event. Yesterday, April 2nd, we again ran the program at the City of Carson Easter Egg Hunt held at the Home Depot Center Track and Field Stadium ... we scanned 136 people.

The Lodge has been invited to again run the Child ID on June 12th at the Veterans Park facility with the Sunnyside Lodge of Torrance. If you have the time and would like to see this Program in operation, any help would be appreciated.

Thank you for your help and support in this most worthwhile endeavor

Alvin "Al" Fowler, PM,
Child ID Chairman



Good News Shriners Hospital for Children

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 6:50 AM

I just got some of the best news I have had in a long time in regards to Shriners Hospital for Children - Los Angeles. The Shrine Hospital System is one of the largest displays of Masonic charity in the world. Consisting of 22 hospitals for children, Shriners Hospitals have been providing free operations for children for nearly 100 years. This specialized hospital system for children works in the areas of orthopedics, burns, burn reconstruction, plastic surgery, cleft lip and palate and spinal cord injury. Shriners Hospital - Los Angeles also provides prosthetic devices for children who, for whatever reason, have lost hands, arms or legs. The Los Angeles hospital takes care of children from New Mexico, Arizona, Southern Nevada, Southern California, Northern Mexico and around the world. All this costs about 2 million dollars per day! This has been done without charging the parents for a cent. No government money has been accepted. No money from insurance companies (although this may change soon)... and of course no co-pays ever have been charged. In fact, Shriners Hospitals have no way of billing the families or anyone else for our services, yet we are always looking for more children we can help.

Now that I have given a bit of a 'plug' for you to go out and find more children who can be helped by our hospital... The Good News... For the past few years we have been in a bit of a flux as to how we were going to make our hospital in Los Angeles earthquake proof for the California requirements of 2013 and beyond. Rumor has been heard that we might close the hospital in Los Angeles. Other rumors said we might turn the hospital into a day clinic. Still other rumors said that we would spend the money necessary to retrofit the current 55 year old building. Today, after a lot of work by the Los Angeles Hospital Board of Governors, and Chairman Stu Wright, the decision has been finalized! **WE ARE BUILDING A BRAND NEW, FULL-SERVICE, HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY!**

The new hospital will be located at the corner of I-5 and I-10, with an excellent view by hundreds of thousands of people traveling both of those freeways each day! This will be located on the new LA County/USC Health Care Campus. For the next year, we will be working with architects. After that point we should be able to break ground and commence construction. It has taken a long road to get to this point, and we have a very long road to the cutting of the ribbon and the admissions of our first patient to the new hospital, but rest assured, it is being worked on by your Board Members. Much of this work could not have been done without the dedication of past board members, but a lot of credit does go to Chet Gordon, Member of the Board for Zelzah Shrine and Representative of our hospital. This will be a very costly effort to complete in approximately 5 years. Believe me when I say it will be worth it as we have approximately 4,000 children from Southern Nevada currently enrolled as patients of this hospital. Many thousands more from our community have benefited from this hospital in the past.

You may see capital campaign fund-raisers being held to help build this new hospital. Many more will be helped because of this decision. If you do, please give as generously as you can. Whether it is a dollar or thousands of dollars... each will be greatly appreciated. Even if you cannot donate now, but might leave a contribution as a future bequest, every cent will go toward building this much needed hospital. I am particularly proud of the fact that only about 6 percent of funds raised go towards fund-raising expenses. This low cost of fund-raising is something of which we all can be proud.

This message, however, is not a solicitation for funds. It is simply my way of getting the word out to all I know that we will soon have a wonderful new hospital of which we, as Masons, can all be proud. If you would like to discuss more about what children medical problems we can help, please contact me at either of my email addresses in the header of this message. I will gladly fill each of you in with more information. If you know of a child we can help, please let me know and I'll see to it that he enters our hospital system with the least amount of fuss. Remember, we Shrine Masons of the Shriners Hospital do not care how much the family earns. We work on the wealthy children as well as some of the lesser fortunate. The only requirement is that it falls within the scope of our work and that we can make life a little bit better for child. We are always looking for more children we can help!

I apologize for this email becoming so long, but I am excited at his new development. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Fraternally,
Michael L. Rodgers,
Vice Chairman, Shriners Hospital for Children - Los Angeles
Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Lodge of Nevada

PS. Please send this along to all of your friends! This news is 'hot off the press'!

Birthdays

01 Crisogono G. Bayani III
 02 Robert Johnson
 06 Mark M. Rangle
 06 Ken Martin PM
 07 Donald David
 07 Al Habbal
 11 R H Beadles
 11 Lamberto Legaspi
 15 Manolito T. Moreno
 18 Elmer N. Valdez
 19 Earl D. Eason
 19 Paul Youtsey Jr
 20 Noe Rubio
 20 Eduardo T. Labinpuno
 22 George Froom Jr
 22 Harol McConnell
 24 James Kennedy
 24 Leo T. De Guzman
 28 Oscar P. Leus PM
 30 Emmanuel A. Abellion

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Constitutional Observance:

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Entertainment:

Cris Bayani

Funeral:

Ira Waterman, PM

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Stated Meetings

First Friday @ 7:30

Dinner @ 6:30

All Master Masons are welcome.