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FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

We opened 2010 on a positive note. At our stated meeting in January we received five (5) applications for degrees of Masonry and two (2) for membership by affiliation. Our Lodge will again be busy conferring degrees in the coming months. In addition to these five (5) applicants, we have inherited four (4) candidates for advancement in the fellow craft degree. The Lodge is functioning very well and the harmony that permeates its halls is indeed a sight to behold.

We recently held our Masonic Information Night. The turn-out was very good. The quests and visitors actively participated in the Q & A portion. They surely showed their enthusiasm to know more about the Craft. Thank you to our Inspector Fred Davis for being our Guest Speaker on that night. We indeed appreciate your unconditional support to our Lodge Worshipful.

On February 13, 2010, we will again hold our Valentine's Day Party jointly with Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528. This event was a hugely successful one last year and I have no doubt that we will duplicate it this year. Come and join us with your ladies and enjoy this event of love and affection.

I am looking forward to an active and successful year. This however can only be achieved with the support of the members of the Lodge. I have no doubt that as all of us are lovers of the fraternity, we will surely move forward all the activities I planned for this year. I therefore urge all of you to continue to shower our Lodge with the same enthusiasm and love so that it will continue to grow and meet its mandate of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fraternally,
Cris S. Araula, P.M.

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

As we embark our Masonic journey to the new decade of our lifetime, allow me to commend each and every one of you... for all your support, participation, and dedication, in bringing back the harmony in this Lodge. Many thanks also to the outstanding leadership of our Junior Past Master Morel Callueng for his fraternal guidance and brotherly directions in achieving this goal. And now, as our new Worshipful Master Cris Araula started the year with five applications for degree and two affiliations, we should continue our good work and dedication to the Fraternity in raising brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I would like to close my message by wishing you all the blessings of the Great Architect of the universe, peace of mind, and happiness, throughout the ensuing Masonic year.

Fraternally,
Flor Cabanatan
Senior Warden

February 2010 Calendar

Feb. 5 FridayStated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12, FridayThree First Degree, at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 13, Saturday.....Valentine's Day Party 6:00 p.m. to midnight

Feb. 19, Friday.....Two First Degree, at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 26 Friday.....Two Second Degree at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 27, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. O.S.I. Redondo Masonic Center, 501 S. Catalina Ave. Redondo Beach

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Although nature in its angry mood poured more rain in an unusual California weather that Saturday event, our installation of officers was indeed a successful one. We have a lot of people in attendance. We have the musical band whose leader is a brother Mason and who have generously extended to us their services for half their usual fee.

We have now passed the transitional stage after two years of turmoil and distrust. The leadership of Morel Callueng, PM, including the officers, in my sincerest opinion, has certainly brought back the aroma of brotherly love, relief and truth in our Lodge. This is really what Masons stand for. We should instill in our hearts and minds the fundamental principles and tenets of our fraternity. If we do all these things and set aside our personal agenda and interest, there will always be harmony in the Lodge.

With the new Worshipful Master, Cris Araula, I know that the Lodge will continue to grow and will emulate the legacy that Worshipful Morel Callueng has left us.

Emmanuel (Manny) Abellon
Junior Warden

KID ID

Just a note for the local brothers. If you have some time on Saturday Jan. 30th, we are holding the Child ID program for the City of Carson. Place: 603 University Drive Suite D Time: 10 am thru 2pm We will be inside with 2 tables and 6 chairs...

I suggest we meet at the Lodge at 8:30 am to load 2 sets of Kid ID equipment and leave from the Lodge to be at the event by at least 9 am to set up etc.

If you have any questions or know of any Brothers who will be available to help, Please contact them and me as soon as possible....

If you know of any children that have not gotten this important document yet, suggest their parents bring them down on Sat. and get it done.

Thanks...
Al Fowler, PM,
Child ID Chairman

From Victor M Lerma PM.

First and most important I want to thank the e-mails and cards wishing me for a prompt recovery. Currently I am still not able to perform my regular occupation. I am getting better as time goes by.

As a the General Secretary of one of the California Scottish Rites in California, I have the pleasure to receive mail from different places. Today, "The Rite News" from the Valley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, inside the pages I find an interesting article reporting about the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the George Washington Memorial. I take the liberty to make a summary of it.

On February 22, 1910, due to George Washington's 178th many Masonic leaders met in Alexandria Virginia and formed an association for the purpose of building a great memorial to honor America's foremost Freemason. On February 22, 2010 the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Memorial will be marked with a day of great festivities.

In honor of the occasion, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, hosted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, will be held in nearby Arlington. At the Annual meeting, a new portrait of George Washington as a Freemason will be unveiled, painted by a local artist: Christopher Erney. Complementing the portrait is new educational documentary which will be available on DVD, or download from the Memorial's website for Masonic Education. It presents George Washington as the inspiration for the founding of America and more.

Following the Annual Meeting, the International Order of DeMolay will dedicate a bronze statue of George Washington in the Memorial Hall, reaffirming the role of DeMolay young men in Freemasonry. The statue was a gift to the Memorial from the DeMolay, and this year marks the 60th anniversary of its unveiling by President and Past Grand Master Harry S. Truman.

Also on display will be the Trowel and Gavel used at the 1793 Cornerstone Laying of the United States Capitol by George Washington and the 1752 Frederickburgh Lodge # 4 Bible upon a young Washington took his Masonic obligations.

The new White House Stones Exhibit will inaugurate. Each stone is marked by one of the Scots Masons who helped build the White House in the 1790's. These stones were discovered by President Harry S. Truman in 1948 He had the stones labeled as one was sent to each U.S. Grand Lodge and other Masonic organizations. The Exhibit includes minutes books from Lodge No. 8 of Edinburgh recording the stonemasons' marks and those who have "gone to America". A matching Minute Book of Federal Lodge No. 1 showing those Scots Masons forming the first Lodge in 1793 on White House grounds.

2010 is a unique celebration year for the Memorial Association. It celebrates 100 years of dedication to Freemasonry's greatest brother and honors the countless brothers who built as sustain the Memorial.

Equally important, 2010 marks a pledge of rededicated service, trusting in God that the century ahead, will be filled with success and achievement.

To learn more, please visit the Memorial's website: www.gwmemorial.org
Reference: article by Bro. Mark A. Tabbert 33°, Valley of Boston and Director of Collections, George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Fraternally I care:
Victor M Lerma P.M.

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The Test

Several years ago the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip when he sat down he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount. Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door. Then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theatre, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic. Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Birthdays

01 Garry Taylor
 01 Godofredo B. Lucero
 02 Lawrence Lobach
 04 Geoffrey Rogers PM
 05 Reynaldo C. Dela Pena Jr
 06 Thomas A. Elliott
 06 David Harrington
 09 Antonio M. Halili
 09 Victor Medina
 09 John Parker
 10 Reynaldo Verdugo PM
 12 Robert Trulove
 13 James R. Collier
 13 Johnny Thorne
 13 Nick V. Pagaduan
 14 Floro G. Luna
 16 Marcelo S. Samson
 16 Noel H. De La Rosa PM
 18 Manuel D. De Guzman
 18 Glenn E. Quillin
 19 Jerry Sato PM
 21 Rommel Macoy
 21 Niceas A. Cassillan Jr
 23 Robert Anderson
 24 Ken Hope PM
 26 Harold Franzlick
 26 Rulon Stephenson
 27 Vernon Sprankle
 28 William Cox
 28 Dennis Iiao
 29 Willington Ho PM

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Stated Meetings

First Friday @ 7:30

Dinner @ 6:30

All Master Masons are welcome.