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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

“The Price They Paid”

Have you ever wondered what happen to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardship of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurist. Eleven were merchants nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means and educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ship swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas Mckean was also hounded by the British that he was force to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress with out pay and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnet, Heyward and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The house was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife’s bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His field and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forest and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingstone suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledge for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence mutually pledge to each other, their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. They gave us an Independent America.

Warmest congratulation to our newly raised Master Mason, Jeffrey P. Bautista, Prudencio O. Cuizon and Lawrence P. Salomon. You are mandated never to deviate from your obligations you took, because it will form part of your life till your passing through the Great Beyond.

Lastly, HAPPY INDENDENCE DAY TO ALL OF YOU.

Fraternally,

Cris S. Araula, P.M.
Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren, my message for this month is brief but definite. In order for us to keep the harmony in our Lodge, we should always be in compliance with the California Masonic Code (CMC) and never to act or suggest anything that could subvert the peace and good order of the Lodge. Let us not forget what we came through to get our Lodge to where it is now. The eyes of the Fraternity are now upon us. Let us forget those old traditional practices that are not in the compliance of the CMC. Be a true Mason by heart, spirit, and actions and not by stature only. Always remember those truly Masonic ornaments... brotherly love, relief, and truth!

DAD CLASSES FOR DEMOLAY

Brethren, our Lodge is in progress of reviving the DeMolay Chapter in Gardena Moneta Lodge. In order for this to materialize, we need brothers to volunteer and help us to realize these so great and glorious undertakings. The following have volunteered to attend the DAD DEMOLAY CLASS:

VOLUNTEERS

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| 1. Edgar De Leon | 11. Charlie Ponce |
| 2. Jeff Bautista | 12. Dean Prudencio |
| 3. Toni Halili | 13. Cris Araula |
| 4. Morel Callueng | 14. Andy Lajarto |
| 5. Flor Cabanatan | 15. Jun Valencia |
| 6. Cris Araula | 16. Del Macapagal |
| 7. Chris Cabanatan | 17. Jun Bernabe |
| 8. Adrian Formanez | 18. Jojo Teano |
| 9. Noe Rubio | 19. Gig De Jesa |
| 10. Rommel Macoy | 20. Dan Ibanez |

The DeMolay Class will be scheduled at Gardena Moneta Lodge one Saturday or Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I will notify the Lodge immediately once I receive the schedule.

Brethren, we are expecting that all the volunteers for this DAD CLASSES FOR DEMOLAY will attend this one time class event. We will see you in the class my brothers!

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA

AN-COM SEPT. 24 - SEPT. 26, 2010

Brethren, the list of brothers attending the annual communication in San Francisco, CA are as follows: If there are other brothers who are interested to attend... please let me know and call Flor at (310) 947-6744 or call the Worsh. Master Cris Araula at (818) 515 4951.

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| 1. Charlie Ponce | 11. Ben Ponce |
| 2. Flor Cabanatan w/ Isabel | 12. Morel Callueng w/ Cathy |
| 3. Manny De Guzman | 13. Rene Esmane |
| 4. Noe Rubio | 14. Tani Silva |
| 5. Travis | 15. Ian |
| 6. Del Macapagal | 16. Ed Labingpuno |
| 7. Nilo Senoria | 17. Jun Bernabe |
| 8. Jun Valencia | 18. Chris Araula |
| 9. Toni Halili | 19. Jig De Jesa |
| 10. Allan Dones? | 20. Rene Galeon |

Brethren, the three (3) lights will take care of the Hotel and the Junior Warden of Gardena and Beverly Hills Lodge will take care of the 2 lunches or dinners for the Brethren. Other expenses will be shared (Chip -in) by everybody.

Fraternally,
Bro Flor Cabanatan
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

This is a continuation of last month's information.

STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK:

No brother should sit while speaking in the lodge room, no matter whom he is addressing, whether to an officer or another brother.

Why? All lodge activity is based on every member in the lodge as being a servant of the Brethren. This includes the Worshipful Master and the officers.

While a brother, himself, who has been elected Worshipful Master, does not gain any special honor, personally, as the Worshipful Master, it is to the Worshipful Master as the Master or the presiding officer of the Lodge that a member stands to address. It is simply a form of respect . . . and no different than attending a board of director's meeting or a City Council meeting. It is expected that if you wish to address the audience, you will stand so all may see who is speaking.

I'm sometimes guilty of this infraction and so each one of us should be vigilant in reminding others in case of its occurrence. Once reminded, it should not be interpreted as an admonition, but rather, an extension of a brother's courtesy and respect.

Emmanuel Abellon

JW

NOT ONE PERSON

(Ref. Masonic Vibes)

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children. You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away.

Who, it didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.

Bro. Rommel Macoy
Junior Deacon

AN OPEN PLEDGE OF MONETARY SUPPORT TO GARDENA MONETA LODGE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

My Brethren,

For the past several months, you have been a witness to the transformation of our Second Floor Lounge and Dining area. A big screen digital TV with Direct TV subscription have been installed for the brethren and our guests' entertainment. Great chances are you were a part of the crowd of our mason family who enjoyed watching previous paperview boxing matches on this entertainment center, while sharing and partaking our favorite drinks and dishes.

To show off our singing prowess, two karaoke systems complete with superb sound system have also been installed. Who will not be watching and listening in awe when "Mayor and now VP Amador Binay" is belting out his favorite ballads; or the "strict Tiler" softly dishing out his ONLY YOU; and to the savvy music of the WM who now is a convert from ritual master to "Professional Songer".

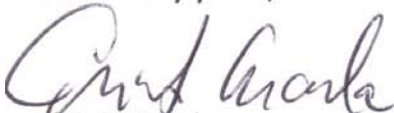
Very recently, we were all again extremely impressed and delighted to see the rearrangement cum refurbishing done by the Lodge "Curators"(Bros. Dan, Jaime, Justino & Rene) to the lounge. Everybody seems to appreciate the new ambience and aura emanating from this room with the new amenities in place – an executive conference table complete with reclining chairs, a double door refrigerator and a steel cabinet (which will cool and store our most valuable social commodity), and combination ceiling fans and lighting system, to cite a few.

Planning is also underway to convert the room across the Lounge to a Recreation and Game Room. The Billiard Table as well as the Table Tennis will be set up in that room, where we could hold our tournaments. Suggestions are also being considered to provide and set up tables for our guests or spouses could enjoy in leisure while we are in meeting or degree sessions.

All of these improvements, are geared to the benefit and enjoyment of all brethren spending their quality time in the Lodge. However, these improvements would not be possible without **FUNDING**. As you are all aware, these facility improvement projects are not part of the Lodge's budget. Through the magnanimity of some Lodge Members, required fund were advanced to realize above transformations, with the understanding that actual costs would be reimbursed through members donations. It is for this reason that we are setting up a **GARDENA-MONETA FUND FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS** and initiating this campaign to solicit your voluntary monetary donation/pledge to support this fund.

One of the cornerstones of our Lodge's success is our ability to build partnerships. Let us all not only be brothers, but be partners as well towards the success of this endeavor, by signing up as a donor or a pledger on the attached sheet . We look forward and appreciate your generosity and thank you for your commitment to bringing this spirit of change to our Lodge.

Fraternally yours,



Cris S. Araula

Woshioful Master

Birthdays

- 02 Frank Billingsley Jr
- 03 David Gurski PM
- 04 Myron Schlaegel PM
- 06 Myles Morris
- 08 Florante V. Cabanatan
- 08 Peter C. White PM
- 09 Dana Ax
- 11 Billy Brown
- 13 John Tolliver PM
- 13 Bill Burnett
- 14 Charlie A. Ponce
- 14 Enrique F. Reola
- 17 Ronald E. Powell Jr
- 18 Bradley J. Young
- 21 John Sparks Jr. PM
- 23 James Slayton
- 24 Frank Ussery
- 27 Chester Bajak
- 28 Carroll Dailey, Jr. PM
- 29 Jeff Gance
- 30 Donald Bell

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

In a few weeks, we will receive the annual per-capita invoice for our Lodge. The current per capita being charged by Grand Lodge for each member in the active roster is \$33.00. We are required to pay each member even if said member did not pay his dues for the current year. It is for this reason that I am calling on those able brothers who for one reason or another have not paid yet, to send your dues payment check now, payable to Gardena Moneta Lodge # 372. Your cooperation to sustain your membership in this Lodge in good standing is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,
Del Macapagal
Secretary

2010 Committee Chairmen

- Audit:**
Lee Razalan
- Budget and Finance:**
Dana Wyatt, PM
- Child ID Program:**
Al Fowler PM,
Alvin@mason372.org
- Civic Recognition Day:**
Ed Labinpuno
- Constitutional Observance:**
Jigs Dejesa
- Entertainment:**
Cris Bayani
- Funeral:**
Ira Waterman, PM
- Hiram Award:**
Flor Cabanatan
- Investment Committee:**
Dana Wyatt, PM,
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- Masonic Education:**
Oscar P. Leus, PM
- Masonic Service Bureau:**
Victor Lerma, PM
Delfin Macapagal
- Membership/Retention:**
Delfin Macapagal
- Photographer:**
Chris Cabanatan
- Public Schools:**
Jun Bernabe
- Refreshment :**
Manny Abellon
- Restoration:**
Ted Sandel
- Sickness and Visitation:**
Roger Garst, PM
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Ken@mason372.org
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Rommel Macoy
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- Widows:**
Roger Garst, PM

Stated Meetings

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

2010 Lodge Officers

- Master**
Cris Araula PM
- Senior Warden**
Florante Cabanatan
- Junior Warden**
Emmanuel Abellon
- Treasurer**
Dana Wyatt PM
- Secretary**
Delfin Macapagal
- Assistant Secretary**
Dan Ibanez
- Chaplain**
Renato Esmane
- Senior Deacon**
Jose Bernabe
- Junior Deacon**
Rommel Macoy
- Marshal**
Rolando Arillaga
- Senior Steward**
- Junior Steward**
Benjamin Ponce
- Tiler**
Antonio Halili
- District 713 Inspector**
Freddie Davis PM

July 2010 Calendar

- July 2, Stated Meeting
Diner at the Dining Hall...6:00pm
Stated Meeting Start at 7:00pm
Attire: Hawaiian Shirt
- July 9, Practice all three degrees
but more emphasis on 2nd section
3rd degree at 7:00pm
- July 16, First degree conferral at
7:00 pm
- July 23, Second degree at 7:00pm
- July 30, Second degree at 7:00pm