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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

My message this month has great enthusiasm because so many positive things are happening at our lodge and Masonry in general. Twenty six brothers attended our April dinner and stated meeting. (Thanks Worshipful Dick for the salad, it was great! I will order more prime rib for the next dinner) After the meeting many brothers stayed and enjoyed each others company in the dinning room.

Brother Robert I. Johnson was present, we celebrated with him, his 90th Birthday. My brother, again I wish you a happy birthday and many more. Brothers celebrating together, events like this is Masonry in its purest form

Our committee chairmen are working hard on their projects. I will take this opportunity to thank all the brothers for signing the get well card. It reflects how we feel about our own, Brother Rockwood chairs the Sickness and Distress committee, please let him know about a sick or distressed brother by letter or e-mail to the lodge, Great job John.

Worshipful Al Fowler is revving up the Child ID program with a new computer and miscellaneous equipment. Al is a real go-getter.

Chairman Robert O'Dell and Brother Morel Callueng are handling our sponsorship of the two Avery brothers into the Masonic home in Covina. I am looking forward to meeting the boys and reporting to you through the Trestle Board information about them.

Brother Macoy, our Web Master, is working at getting our web site up to speed so everyone can sign on and get the latest info.

Brother Bernabe Chairman of our Public Schools Committee is setting things in motion for a great year.

Worshipful Brother George Cronin, Chairman of our Masonic Education Committee, is collecting and preparing information for articles in our Trestle Board.

Worshipful Brother Jerry Sato, Chairman of our Pull Tab Collection Committee, request that you save the pull tabs from cans and mail to him at the lodge so he can turn them in. Brothers this a very worthwhile project all of our members can be involved in, as this wonderful project is for kids needing kidney dialysis. Lets show them Masons care.

Our Constitution Observance Committee Chairman, Brother Morel Callueng and his committee members, Brothers Dennis Viola and Brother Rommel Macoy are working with our inspector Worshipful Brother Dick Pierce in joining with his lodge to put on this event.

Worshipful Brother Victor Lerma, Chairman of our Masonic Service Bureau Committee, will have a report on our Annual Breakfast honoring our Grand Master, Honorable Richard Wakefield. This event will take place April 13, 2008 at the Sportsman's lodge in Studio City. This is always a great event.

Brothers, I feel Masonry in general is letting the world know we are an active, progressive organization. I read in the El Segundo newspaper, the El Segundo Masons have invited the public to a Masonic information evening. It features An Insight Into The World of Freemasonry.

They also have a featured entertainer, David Tinoco. It will take place at their lodge in El Segundo April 12 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Sounds like a very interesting, enjoyable evening, we could also attend and show our support.

Officers and Committee Chairmen, please e-mail copies of your monthly reports to me at [h2osba@aol.com](mailto:h2osba@aol.com). You don't have to make long reports just enough information to allow me to report your committees progress in the Trestle Board to our membership.

My Brothers, I can go on and on about our projects but our Trestle Board editor has reminded me this not the New York Times. I will have more on our lodge activities and committee work next month.

And last but not least, my Brothers, you have my e mail address and the lodge web site, let me know how you and your family are and what you are doing as we are all members of the Masonic family and care deeply for each other.

Ira Waterman PM  
Worshipful Master

**FROM THE WEST**

Brethren,

I am pleased with the turnouts of our Stated Meetings and think that we have taken the first three steps on the winding staircase to getting our charter reinstated.

At our last meeting on April 2nd, half of the stations were filled by brothers from the old Moneta Lodge. Thank you brothers for a job well done and filling in at the last minute.

The reports we received from the committee chairmen present, leads me to believe that the Lodge is in good hands and that the general public will very soon be hearing about the good things that the Masons do in and for the community. I will not go into detail as the chairmen may have their own articles in this Trestleboard.

Brothers, please include in your prayers our Worshipful Master, Ira Waterman, he is undergoing cancer treatment and will be under the weather for a couple months. The Great Architect willing he will be back with us soon.

Our Inspector, Worshipful Richard Pierce informed me that he will personally prepare our Stated Meeting dinner on the night the Grand Master returns our Charter. If you are in the area and a little bit hungry, we can really put our Inspector to work on something other than Masonry. Thanks for the Salads Richard, it's surprising how good rabbit food can taste.

Fraternally,

Ken Martin PM  
Sr. Warden

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

01 Felipe Badiola  
02 Gene D. Provinse  
02 Richard B. Pingarron PM  
04 Terry Young  
05 Nelson T.  
07 Edgardo L. Golpeo  
07 LeRoy Forehand PM  
08 Sidney Brickman  
11 Thomas Cantwell  
15 Alton G. McQueen

**FROM THE SOUTH**  
**Child ID Chairman**

Brethren,

At the last Stated Meeting of April, 2<sup>nd</sup>, I gave my report on the Child ID Equipment that is currently at the Lodge, along with information obtained from Ron Lee, Grand Lodge Child ID Chairman. I recommended the Lodge UPGRADE our current computers, Digital Cameras, and Fingerprint Scanners to accommodate the latest Child ID Software. There is \$600 still in the ID account from years ago that could be used for this purpose and of course, at today's prices, additional funding is required. The total estimated cost for the upgrade of ONE machine is \$1000 ( we have 2 of the older machines and will hopefully acquire funding for a second system if and when needed). A motion was made, seconded, and then voted upon, passing unanimously. At this writing, I have placed an order with Toshiba Computer Corp. for a new laptop and it will be delivered before the next Stated Meeting ( hopefully). I have also received the model numbers and locations with approximate cost for the Fingerprint Scanner and Digital Web Cam. Worshipful Victor Lerma is in the process of providing the necessary papers to obtain the newest Child ID software from Grand Lodge. Hopefully, by the next Stated Meeting, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the equipment will have arrived, the software loaded and the minor kinks worked out for a demonstration of this Program for the Brothers in attendance.

Fraternally,

Alvin R. "Al" Fowler, PM,  
Jr. Warden

**MAY BIRTHDAYS** (con't)

21 Manuel T. Quitevis  
21 Edy M. Tuballa  
22 Mervin W. LaFond  
23 Arthur Howard  
25 Harold Perong  
26 Ronald Hawkins  
27 Casey Callender  
28 Kenny Pouder  
29 Serafettin Bayraktar  
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