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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

We have all worked very hard at completing the conditions, documents and requirements for the return of our charter, hopefully we will know by our next Stated Meeting if we are to enjoy the fruits of our labors. We still have a lot of work to do just in getting our committees functioning. Brothers it is very important that you attend our Stated meetings and be involved in supporting our committee chairmen. What we accomplish as Masons is the mark Masonry leaves on our society.

We have received three petitions for membership. Investigation forms have been given to brothers so they can meet and visit with the candidates and their families. It is very important that a candidate for membership in our fraternity have the full support of his family along with the other virtues, Masonry is built upon.

We are working together with two other lodges in celebrating Constitutional observance this year. It will be held September 20, 10 AM to noon in El Segundo at Library Park across the street from El Segundo high school. The park has a band stand surrounded by lots of lawn. parking is really close by.

Our Inspector Worshipful Richard Pierce will be the key note speaker, He dresses in the costume of the founders of our great country and delivers his speech in a very moving and dramatic way. He will make you proud you are Mason and an American.

Worshipful Al Fowler and his crew will have our child ID booth set up and working. Let your friends and neighbors know so they can get their children in the child ID program.

The Boy Scouts will be helping and will have a speaker (my grand son Charlie). So my brothers, pack a picnic lunch, chairs will be will be provided or bring a blanket and pillow and invite your relatives, neighbors and friends and don't forget your mother in-law.

My brothers, lets celebrate Constitutional Observance in the good old fashioned American way by just getting together and enjoying each others company and being proud we are Masons and Americans. Brothers join me at this event, together we can show Masonry and the spectators that Gardena Moneta #372 is an active working lodge.

Grand lodge is 26, 27 and 28th of next month, Our Assistant Secretary Victor Lerma PM, Moral Callueng, some other brothers and myself will be representing our lodge. I will read the proposals that will be brought to the floor and voted on at our next stated meeting. Brothers join with me that evening so we can discuss and reflect our feelings on the various issues, that way we will vote the lodges pleasure.

My brothers, our lodge is ethnically a melting pot of brothers of different races and nationalities and cultures as such our members tend to separate into groups. I don't feel this is Masonic as we are brothers sworn at the alter. I am working on overcoming this in several ways, one is at our stated meeting dinners, the tables are arranged making one long table. Brothers you can set at either end, opposite one another or side by side, but none at separate tables, if you bring your wife, a friend or potential prospect they will have a place at our table, share in and enjoy our banter, camaraderie and fellowship. I am told the dinner menu for our next stated meeting will be roast pig Philippine style.

Brothers I forming a lodge investment committee made up of four of our members that have some savvy in investments. The committee will audit all lodge assets and investments, make a quarterly report to the lodge with recommendations. This report will give the treasure the lodge present worth together with a profit or loss statement of our investments. The secretary can use the report to complete the lodge semiannual and annual reports to Grand Lodge. Brothers If you are interested in serving on this important committee please contact me.

We are taught at the building of King Solomon's temple harmony prevailed, except in one single instance. My brothers, harmony is one of the many virtues of Masonry.

To our editor; I am sorry this message is so short, maybe next month I will try to control myself.

Ira Waterman PM
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I am truly sorry for those brothers that are unable to attend Lodge, either for health reasons or distance, **YOUR LODGE IS REALLY COMING TOGETHER!**

Our committees seem to have everything under control and the Inspector is nothing but smiles. I can almost smell the return of our Charter. As you can see from Brother Worshipful Al, the Kid ID program is again a roaring success (with more to follow according to the Carson City Council). My thanks also the City of Carson for letting us participate in their "Crime Prevention Program". All the brothers attending enjoyed running the Kid ID Program and I am sure we will be hearing more from the Brothers at Torrance. I'll try to get the times and dates of up coming ID events in the Trestle-board. If you have time, your help would be welcome in running these events.

Our partnership with the other South Bay Lodges for the Constitutional Commemoration Picnic is gaining speed and should be a major Masonic event with fun had by all (maybe even some petitions?) see page three of more info.

We will have another roast pig, Philippine style for our next Stated Meeting Dinner, provided by Brother Cesar Delizo. Please come join us as we had an awful lot of left-overs from the last pig. This is a real treat for those who haven't had it before and even those that have.

Fraternally,
Ken Martin P.M.
Senior Warden

SICK AND VISITATIONS

Brothers, please keep Brother George Mayner in your prayers, he had surgery on 8-10 to install pins in his hip due to a hip fracture.

I hope to be able to start this insertion for your info. If any brother knows of another brother in distress, let me know and I'll try to get it into this section.

Ken

FROM THE SOUTHCHILD ID PROGRAM

Brethren,

Wednesday, August 13th, Worshipful Ken Martin, PM, 6 Brothers from the Torrance University Lodge, and **ONE** Brother from our Lodge and I, successfully ran the CHILD ID Program at the City of Carson's Crime Prevention program held at the Carson Sheriff's station. At the completion of this Event, **162** people were scanned and provided with documents. The people who were scanned ranged in age from several months old to 85 years of age... children, parents, grand parents, and even great grand parents. Councilman Lito Santorino informed us that we would be invited to run this most valuable service in their future events such as the 40th City Anniversary and other events.

I thank the Mayor of Carson Jim Dear, the entire City Council, Councilman Lito Santarino, City Administrator Ky Troung, and City Clerk Diane Wachi for their cooperation and support in making this event happen. I also thank Ms Vickie Wippel from Waste Management for their kind donation of a fingerprint scanner and Web Camera, Mr. Clinton Arnold for his kind donation of a 15 inch flat panel monitor and a laptop bag, and the City of Carson for providing 4 reams of card stock paper, 1000 6 x 9 envelopes and printer ink for our printers and finally, the Carson Sheriff's Station for allowing us to set our equipment up on the "front porch" of the Sheriff's station. I **HOPE** that **MORE** Brothers from our Lodge will volunteer to help with future events.

Fraternally,

Alvin "Al" Fowler, PM,
Jr. Warden,
Child ID Chairman

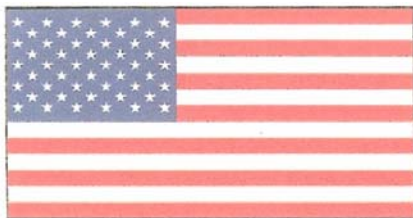
Brethren:

Please be informed that our Constitution Observance will be held on September 20, 2008 in El Segundo Public Park (in front of El Segundo High School). The Main Speaker will be our very own Inspector Worshipful Richard "Dick" Pierce.

We need at least seven able bodied Brothers to help in moving the tables, chairs, etc for the event. Our Child ID Program co-chaired by Worshipfuls Martin and Fowler will be on hand for the event. We will also share with Culver Foshay Lodge the cost for the light breakfast and lunch for our Brethren who will serve in this worthy undertaking.

Please show-up to support this event.

Very truly yours,
Morel Callueng,
Observance Committee



United States Constitution Commemoration

Saturday, September 20, 2008

10 AM to 12 Noon

Library Park

On Main Street across from El Segundo High School

Open to the Public

This annual observance celebrates the anniversary of the signing of our U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The event is held to assist Masons, their family, and the community to understand and appreciate our Constitution as a vital contract between each American citizen and our government. Of the 40 signers of the Constitution, 15* were or became Masons and 13 others may have been Masons.

DRAFT PROGRAM

“A Republic If You Can Keep It.” - Benjamin Franklin

Freddie Davis ----- **Welcome and Introductions**

F. & A. M. Inspector., 366th District

Boy Scouts of America ----- **Presentation of Colors**

Armando Enrico ----- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Master, El Segundo Lodge 421

Kathleen Moran sings ----- **Star Spangled Banner
America the Beautiful**

Carl Jacobson ----- **The Constitution and the City**

El Segundo City Council Member

BGen Richard Keith Pierce ----- **The Constitution – A Marvelous Document**

California Military Department; Past Master, Culver City Lodge 467

BGen Richard Keith Pierce ----- **El Segundo Middle School Essay Winners**

Logan Mitchell, Natasha Hamilton, Tessa Barbee

TBD & TBD ----- **The Constitution and Scouting**

Boy Scout Troops 267 and 762

Gayle England sings ----- **Selected Music**

Past Master, El Segundo Lodge 421

Jobs Daughters, Bethel Chapter 295----- **TBD**

Tyler Davies ----- **The Constitution and DeMolay**

Louis Gross ----- **The Constitution & Shrine Hospitals**

Al Malaikah Shrine, Los Angeles

Dar Weston ----- **American Ambassador -2**

Gayle England sings ----- **Selected Music**

Note 1: Masons from El Segundo, Gardena, and Manhattan Beach, the Order of DeMolay and the International Order of Jobs Daughters will staff the child’s protection photo and fingerprint identification booth.

Note 2: The Boy Scouts of America will collect flags for retirement this evening.

The Devil and the Tyler

This happened in ancient times, when Adam filled the chair;
 He wore the hat and swung the gavel with true Masonic air;
 He made the deacons toe the mark, his wardens he kept at their station,
 And at the banquet always took his full Masonic ration.
 One dark and stormy winter's night, old Adam's work was done;
 He closed the lodge, took several drinks and stated off to home,
 His form a little out of plumb, his step not truly level,
 And on the way he chanced to meet his majesty the Devil.
 "Hello," says Satan. "Who is this? I think he is a Mason,
 Now here's a chance to get the word of that foul combination."
 And in the road he placed himself, old Adam stood astounded;
 and thus his majesty began to seek for what he wanted;
 "My friend" said he "will you tell me how I can get into a lodge of Masons
 for I am anxious to become one of that noble congregation?"
 And if you will the secret tell how I can pass the Tyler,
 In Hades you shall have the post of foremost brimstone boiler."
 "All right" said Adam. "I will show you how you can pass the portal
 and take your seat within the lodge like members who are mortal."
 "This word you give, this sign you throw, this step just like a gander,
 and don't forget your tail to show, without it you can not enter."
 Off started Satan, full of glee, resolved the lodge to visit,
 and soon he stood before the door and tried to enter in it;
 the sign he threw, the step he gave, the word he interjected.
 His tail he shook around the Tyler's head like he was demented.
 And with one quick and mighty swoop, he cut off Satan's tail.
 Old Nick ran howling down to hell, a clipped and battered Satan,
 And swore he'd never try again to fool an Ancient Mason.
 While Adam and the Tyler lived three hundred years or more,
 and as a trophy Satan's tail hangs on the outer door.

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Tiler

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09 Gary Vance

13 Angle J. Ouano

13 Eduardo Cenica

15 Patrick Marble

17 Mark Ball

17 Victor Lerma PM

18 Frank L. Peluso

19 Roger Yolton

20 Robert Crist PM

24 Ernest M. Schwertfeger

25 John M. Golia

27 Scott W. Carter

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Now here is health to Adam's sons,
 wherever is their station,

in every clime in every land of language or
 of nation:

Hurrah! Hurrah! For the Tyler!

From "Uncle Jake's
 Masonic Odds & Ends"

by Bro. Jacob F. Hetzel 1899.