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FROM THE EAST

Brethren

Happy 4th of July, I hope each of you enjoyed celebrating Independence day, the birth of our country. We Masons should really appreciate it with a deep sense of being proud as there were and are so many of our brothers involved in gaining and maintaining our freedom. Masonry was very instrumental in laying the foundation then building the wonderful edifice we call The United States of America.

Things are moving along well in our endeavors to bring our lodge back to an active status. Our committees are starting to function, however the committee chairmen need help in fulfilling their committees plans. Brothers, our lodge and Masonry needs you come to lodge and take an active part in it. I feel we should be as dedicated to our country and Masonry as our forefathers were when they founded our country.

Brothers I would like the Trestle Board to become a medium each of us can use to communicate with each other. There are many of our brothers who have moved out the area making it very difficult to attend meetings and maintain our ties. The problem is we don't hear from these brothers, we would like to know how you are and what you are doing. Brothers, if you have e mail send a message if you don't, send us a letter.

Your brothers want to know how life is treating you and your family. I will make the letters a part of my monthly article. Together we can strengthen the links that bind us together as Masons and Americans.

Our 2009 officers have qualified for their stations, there ritual will make you proud. We are now working on the budget for this year as that is one of the final requirements by the Grand Master before returning our charter. It should be completed this month which means we hope to have our charter returned next month. The 2009 officers will probably use this budget for the basis of the 2009 budget.

This message is a little long, the editor, Ken Martin PM will probably be telling me I have said enough, so brothers proudly wear your Masonic pins and jewelry, let the world know you are proud of being a member one of the worlds oldest and revered fraternities.

I would like to hear from Worshipful Bob Christ and his lovely wife and Worshipful Zeke Martin and his lovely wife, let me know how you are.

Ira Waterman PM
Worshipful Master

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

I attended a meeting with the City of Carson's City Council on July 1st to demonstrate the Child ID program with a lot of success. The Council was really impressed with the program and the document it generates... especially the color photograph of the person on the document. We were invited to attend another meeting for demonstration of the program in the City Manager's Meeting Room on July 9th.

I scanned every person in the room to demonstrate the Program and was again met with enthusiasm. Questions were asked about the cost of each document that is generated and how many documents could be generated in an hour. On average, from the time a person sets down to be scanned, until they stand up from the chair, is about 3 minutes and the cost of each document at today's cost for printer ink, card stock paper, the DNA envelope, and the 6X9 envelope to store the document in is \$0.25 per copy.

I informed those present at this meeting the Lodge was in the process of acquiring a 2nd Child ID set and the funding for the finger print scanner and camera was not yet acquired. One of those in attendance, Ms Vickie Wippel from Waste Management, asked what the cost of those items were. I quoted a ball park figure of \$227. Ms Wippel asked if those items could be purchased locally... that the Company she represents would donate the funding for each. I provided the trade names and model numbers with actual cost via E-Mail on July 10th and the contact information for the scanner.

Council Member Lito Santarino (a member of the Torrance Lodge) asked how much an entire system would cost.

From the South Cont.

The cost of the system from Grand Lodge for \$5000 and the cost of the system we purchased separately was given to the group. Councilman Santarino then offered to approach the City for the funding of another system for the Gardena Moneta Lodge and funding for a system for the Torrance Lodge.

The 1st event the City of Carson has invited us to participate in will be held on August 13th from 6 - 9p (a Wednesday). A finalization meeting for this event is scheduled for August 5th in the City Managers Conference Room at 4p. I am requesting help from the Brethren to set up and run this event.

Al Fowler PM
Jr. Warden / Child ID

Brethren.....

The U.S. Constitution Observance will be held on September 20, 2008 at Library Park in El Segundo. The chairman of the event is Brother Dar Weston from South Bay Lodge 521. Our Lodge will join the other Lodges in this worthy joint undertaking.

Brother Weston has proposed that our Lodge provide a check for a simple breakfast of coffee and beverages and a simple lunch of \$300 to all the Brethren who will be helping in this event. Our Lodge has approved this in our June stated meeting. A booth will also be placed therein to be used by our Child ID program. Our able co-chairs, Ken Martin, PM and Al Fowler, PM will spearhead the child ID program. Seven strong Gardena brothers were also requested to be there at 9 a.m. to help move chairs, tables, podium, flag pole, etc. from the lodge across the street to the park and back. Bro. Weston is also anticipating that DeMolay and the Boy Scouts will also help

The chairman will request a DeMolay speaker for 3 minutes and the Jobs Daughters participation, such as the skit performed last year.

Music: Kathleen Moran, Richmond Street elementary school will sing two songs.

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Gayle England will favor us with his music. Kathleen's participation is another effort for us to attract students to this event – the word should get out more actively among her teachers and fellow students.

The El Segundo City Government speaker will be Councilman and former Mayor Carl Jacobson. The featured speaker for the event is Richard "Dick" Pierce, PM of Culver City Foshay Lodge and the current Inspector of 368th Masonic District with special jurisdiction of our Lodge.

Please come and enjoy with us in the celebration of the U.S. Constitution.

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Senior Warden

Ken Martin PM

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Alvin "Al" Fowler PM

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- 06 William Gurski
- 14 Allen S. Dohner PM
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- 15 Romeo Belmonte
- 16 Rene Villaroman
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- 18 Paul Strahl
- 18 Richard Propster
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- 23 Fred Smith
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