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Masonry a Way of Life

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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

This message is directed to each of you. Our March Stated Meeting agenda was full. We have many bridges to cross in our endeavors to bring our lodge back to its full ability to function responsibly for its members. Brothers the prime rib dinner was really good but even better than that was the great salad prepared by our inspector Worshipful Richard Pierce. Thanks Worsh.

Congratulations to Melissa Cronin, wife of our Tyler, George Cronin PM, on being elected Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star. Melissa, we are proud of you and wish you a great busy year.

We now have fifteen committees formed to set goals and accomplish the wonderful things Masonry has to contribute to society, our country and man kind.

The list of committees and their chairmen are in this Trestle Board. Take a look at them and ask yourself which committee you would like to serve on, and then ask yourself, what can I do for Masonry?

This may sound a little strange but I feel every member of our lodge should belong to and work on a committee. When you read the list, ask yourself, which committee am I interested in, If you don't see one then think of something Masonry is missing, one you would like to see happen.

Brothers there is a place for each of us even if you don't live in the vicinity of our lodge, you can send in articles for the Trestle Board, collect can pull tabs and send them in.

We are sponsoring two boys; Richard & Demetry Avery, brothers from a broken home into the Masonic home in West Covina. Thanks to Brothers Robert O'Dell and Morel Callueng for volunteering to be the committee that visits them and offers the needed friendship and guidance. We Masons are now their family; brothers please remember them on their birthdays and holidays with cards and gifts. When the paperwork is completed, the chairmen and I and who so ever desires can go with us to meet and greet them into the Masonic family.

The National Kidney Foundation has initiated a program for the benefit of children in need of kidney dialysis. Alcoa Aluminum will pay for one second on a dialysis machine for each pull tab returned to them. This is a great project for those who do not live in the vicinity of the lodge and also for those who do. Be a part of Masonry by collecting and sending them to the lodge.

Brothers I would like each of you to think Masonically. After you have read this message, think of two brothers you would like to set in lodge with, remember the good times you had together. Now give them a call and ask if they would like to go to lodge with you and have a good dinner and feel the fellowship only Masons feel for each other. Each of us are the keys to Masonry's future.

Brothers wear your ring and lapel pins in public to let people know you are a Mason and are proud of it. I fly a great deal on business trips, I was on my way to Milwaukee, as the flight attendant passed by me, she looked at my ring and said, my dad is a Mason. There was a great feeling of friendly respect during the flight, as I was leaving the plane she said, I am going to tell my dad met another Mason.

Ira Waterman PM

FROM THE SOUTH

Brothers...

On the CHILD ID EQUIPMENT, I have recently inventoried and checked to see if the one unit that is still onsite is operational and I'm happy to report that it is with a few minor needs (the printer ink is in need of replacement).

I contacted Grand Lodge to see if there is a newer version of the CHILD ID Software (we currently have Version 1.2) and there is.... Version 2.0.... I have not as of this writing, been informed of the cost, but will receive that information shortly.

If we upgrade to newer software, we may need to upgrade the computer that it runs on....(ie: it may require a faster CPU) we currently have a processor running at 400 mhz, and more Random Access Memory (RAM) (we currently have 128 mb and cannot increase that amount), and a larger hard drive (we currently have a 6 gig hard drive) these and other factors need to be discussed at the next Lodge Meeting, April 2nd, 7:30p. I hope that as many Lodge Members as possible will attend this meeting as this is an important issue.

Respectfully,

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

2008 Committees:

1. Public Schools:
Jose Berabe, Chairman
Members:
Ken Martin PM

2. Budget and Finance:
Dana Wyatt, Chairman,
Members:
Robert O'Dell

Masonic Education:
George Cronin PM, Chairman

4. Constitutional Observance:
Morel Callueng, Chairman,
Members:
Dennis Viola,
Rommel Mcoy

Sickness and Visitation:
John Rockwood PM, Chairman

Committee to Collect dues in arrears
Victor Lerma PM, Chairman

7. Avery Brothers:
Robert O'Dell, Chairman,
Members:
Morel Callueng

Child ID Program:
Al Fowler PM, Chairman
Members:
Ken Martin PM

Trestle Board:
Ken Martin PM, Editor

10. Web Master:
Rommel McCoy Chairman

11. Pull Tab:
Jerry Sato PM, Chairman

12. Widows:
Roger Garst PM, Chairman

13. Funeral:
Ira Waterman PM Chairman

14. Masonic Service Bureau:
Victor Lerma PM

15. Membership:
Fred Davis PM, Chairman

2008 Appointed Officers**Master**

Ira Waterman PM

Senior Warden

Ken Martin PM

Junior Warden

Alvin "Al" Fowler PM

Secretary

Victor Lerma PM

Treasurer

Dana Wyatt PM

Senior Deacon

Jerry Sato PM

Junior Deacon

Dana Ax

Senior Steward

Dave Gurski PM

Junior Steward

Jason Cronin

Chaplain

Bart Bardner PM

Marshal

Roger Garst

Tiler

George Cronin II, PM

Inspector 368th District

Richard Pierce PM

FROM THE EDITOR

We are going to try something new. Starting this month I will be publishing the Trestleboard in the middle of the month.

This will get the information from the Stated Meeting to you a little faster and it may also help spark an idea you may have had during the meeting on something you would like to see happen.

I am requesting that all articles for the trestleboard be submitted at the Temple Board meeting (second Wed. of the month) so I can get it out.

Ken Martin PM
Editor