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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

As this year comes to a close I am reminded of the many accomplishments completed by our dedicated Officers, members of the Temple Board, and our hard working members.

When we began this year, the lodge did not have its charter, the lodge records and books were in poor condition. The rental house at the rear of the building was in poor condition, the tenants had not paid rent and our lodge building needed repairs.

Due to the hard work and dedication of Brothers Fred Davis PM, Ken Martin PM, Al Fowler PM, Dana Wyatt PM, Victor Lerma PM, Jerry Sato PM, Dana Ax, Dave Gurski PM, Jason Cronin, Bart Bodner PM, Roger Garst PM, George Cronin II and our inspector Richard Pierce PM. Our charter has been returned by Grand Lodge and Gardena, Moneta #372 is now functioning in the tradition of Masonry.

I would be remiss if I did give my thanks to our committee chairmen, Public Schools Jose Berabe, Budget and finance Dana Wyatt, Masonic Education George Cronin II PM, Constitutional Observance Morel Callueng, Sickness and Visitation John Rockwood PM, Collection of dues in arrears Victor Lerma PM, The Avery brothers Robert O'Dell, Child ID Program Al Fowler PM, Trestle Board Editor Ken Martin, Web Master Rommel McCoy, Pull Tab Jerry Sato PM, Widows Program Roger Garst PM, Masonic Service Bureau Victor Lerma and Membership Fred Davis PM.

Brothers Victor Lerma PM, Morel Callueng and myself attended The Annual Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco. I really enjoy the pomp and ritual displayed by the grand lodge officers, listening to different individuals and groups who see each other only once a year. Grand Master Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper is an excellent speaker and ritualist, he is the type leader that maintains order but in a friendly manner that invites participation. Victor and I attended the grand banquet, Wow what a crowd, I think they said there were about six hundred brothers and families. For those of you who want to know more about the Grand Lodge events it is on the Grand Lodge web site under the menu heading 'Forms' and then "Annual Communication".

The election of our 2009 officers will take place during our November Stated Meeting. I sincerely invite every member to set this night aside, come to lodge, break bread and take a part in selecting those brothers who will assume the reins of leadership and set and attain the goals for our lodge in 2009.

The installation of our newly elected officers will take place December 13, 2008 at 6 PM. The installing officer will be Fred Davis PM, The Master of Ceremonies will be Richard Pierce PM, Chaplain will be Oscar M. Leus PM. Brothers, mark this date on your calendars, lets have a full house that evening to show support and welcome our new officers to their stations.

Brothers this has been truly a great year! Masonry is alive and active. It is on the road to expansion, and prosperity. Masons are regaining enthusiasm for our craft as we return it to a position of leadership in a life guided by those wonderful principles of Masonry, as envisioned and incorporated by our fore fathers in our constitution. It is a way of life dedicated to the fulfillment of their dreams of freedom, which served to incite and enhance their spirit of dedication to our country and the principles it stands for.

The American dream and way of life is the envy of the world.

Ira Waterman PM
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren:

How do you possibly begin to thank everyone that assisted in bringing Gardena Moneta Lodge from darkness to our present state.

We got our Charter back, the 2009 Officers are ready to be elected or appointed, and the Lodge looking forward to both the near and distant future.

All our committees have answered the call of the Grand Masters challenge, bringing our Lodge back in line. The Trestleboard has been a challenge, trying to get all the articles together and trying to make them all fit (some articles are longer than others), but it's worth the effort, and the Child ID Program, what can I say, it seems to have taken off again like it did the first time Al and I launched it back in 99.

The City of Carson informed us that they would like to see all the children of their fair city ID'd and to that end they have graciously loaned the Lodge TWO complete Child ID Systems. With this additional equipment, we will be able to handle any and all requests for this program. Thank You to the City of Carson.

Brothers, this just goes to show that if we come together, we can accomplish that which we set out to do. Let us not drop the ball, but keep the High Spirits we have and continue it into 2009. Show your support for the Lodge, the new line of Officers, and your love of Masonry by becoming involved.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Fraternally,
Ken Martin, PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Here it is the middle of October already.... Its been a busy year with all that has been accomplished ... We regained our Charter Got the Child ID Program back up and running with a lot of success thru the efforts of Worshipful Ken Martin and myself with GREAT support in obtaining NEW equipment, setting it up and running it at a lot of events for the City of Carson and at the Constitution Observance Ceremony in El Segundo. I wish to thank the membership for their support in this Program that has been mandated by the Grand Lodge.

The City of Carson has obtained 2 sets of Child ID Equipment and has loaned this equipment to the Lodge on a permanent basis, with the equipment to be returned to the City when the Lodge has ceased running the Child ID program with the understanding that ALL CHILD ID SOFTWARE is to be REMOVED before the return of the equipment. I personally hope that the Child ID Program continues to run **ANYWHERE, ANYTIME** (the members can be available to do so), and **ANYWHERE** (within a reasonable distance from the Lodge). All it takes is for the Brethren to realize just how valuable the Documents are that are created and the **PERSONAL COMMITMENT** to continue its funding and operation. As was said recently, **WHAT IF IT WERE ONE OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WAS MISSING..... HOW MUCH WOULD YOU GIVE TO GET THEM BACK ?????** It starts with **YOU!!!!**

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

CHILD ID

Brethren,

Saturday, September 27th, from 11 am until 6:30 mp, Worshipful Ken Martin, PM, and I ran the Child ID Program at the Carson Community Center for the City of Carson's Unity Day. I had to leave at 4 because of work schedule. Worshipful Ken continued on in my absence and completed the Program ALONE for the remainder of the day. SEVERAL BROTHERS signed a Volunteer Sheet at the Constitution Observance Ceremony In El Segundo on Saturday, September 20th, (5 in all) and FAILED TO SHOW UP OR CALL !!!!

We had an equipment failure on the one machine... the Camera has failed... it wont work on any of 3 machines. ... we did manage to Scan 160 people on the remaining machine that is working perfectly. At this writing, I have notified the manufacturer of the Camera for replacement under warranty.

It is my suggestion, that if we are to continue with the Child ID Program, **MORE BROTHERS BECOME INVOLVED** with the running of this most valuable program. Heaven forbid something should happen to either Ken or myself that would make it **IMPOSSIBLE TO COMTINUE** this program and I feel it would fall by the way side for LACK OF VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITMENT !!!

Alvin "Al" Fowler, PM,
Child ID Chairman

CARSON KID ID

Christmas Comes In October.

On Oct. 3rd, Worshipful Al Fowler and Ken Martin met with Carson City Administrator Ky Troung to sign the papers necessary to allow Gardena Moneta Lodge the use of the two complete Child ID systems purchased for our use by the City of Carson. Many thanks to Mayor Jim Dear, the entire Carson City Council and Council Member Brother Lito Santarino (a member of the Torrance Lodge) and City Clerk Diane Wachi for their cooperation and support in making this event happen.



CHRISTMAS?



Al , Ken, and Ky signing agreement for the Carson CHILD ID Systems transfer.



City Administrator Ky Troung and Worshipful Al Fowler
Discussing the Child ID Program.



City Administrator Ky Troung and Worshipful Al Fowler
making it legal.

THANK YOU CITY OF CARSON

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 LeRoy Sana
 05 Charles E. Gallagher
 05 John Tanner
 08 Arthur M. Fuentes
 10 Bienvenido C. Go PM
 11 Roger Garst PM
 11 Johathan Bartran
 12 Wayne R. Welch
 12 Arrturo A. Garilo
 13 Marking A. Bowley
 13 Sydney G. Huston
 13 Eugene W. Swacker
 14 James J. Nix
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Jerry Sato PM

Junior Deacon

Dana Ax

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Jason Cronin

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Bart Bardner PM

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Roger Garst

Tiler

George Cronin II, PM

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