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CONGRATULATIONS

GARDENA MONETA

LODGE #372

ON THE RETURN

OF YOUR

CHARTER!

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From the East

My brothers

I have great news this month! During our stated meeting our Inspector, Worshipful Richard Pierce gave a very inspiring speech then returned our charter to its rightful place in the East in front of the Masters lectern. There was cheering and a great round of applause from all the brethren. I want to thank those brothers who gave so freely of their time and labored many hours in putting the pieces back together, thus making our lodge whole again.

The evening began with a sumptuous dinner of roast pig Filipino style, rice and many other items. I don't know the names of all dishes but together with the salads they were all delicious, we even had that great Filipino chicken soup with long rice. Many of the items had that woman's touch, I suspect the wives that attended the dinner had a hand in them. Our inspector must have enjoyed the dinner as he was seen going for second helpings. Brethren there was a lot of camaraderie and fellowship. We even had to set up an extra table to seat all the brothers

During the meeting I read the propositions that will be presented at Grand lodge to inform the brothers and invite them to discuss and comment, thus giving us their guidance on voting for or against the propositions. Our Assistant Secretary, Victor Lerma PM, Morel Callueng and I will be representing our lodge at the Grand Lodge session 26, 27 and the 28th of this month.

After the meeting, everyone returned to the dining room, toasted the event and took many pictures. Brothers this was one the most happy gratifying events I have experience in my thirty some years in Masonry.

I and many of the members of our lodge in conjunction with El Segundo lodge and several other lodges attended and worked at putting on the Constitution Observance program, Saturday September 20th at the park in El Segundo. There were somewhere between eighty and a hundred people in attendance. The speakers, General Richard Pierce PM key note speaker, MC Fred Davis PM, Chairman Darr PM, Jobs Daughters, the Boy Scouts, and of course my grand son Charlie Nicholson all gave excellent and moving renditions of the birth and history of our great constitution. The Scouts marched in, presented the flag of our country, then led us in the pledge of allegiance. A young girl with a wonderful voice sang our national anthem, gave me that warm patriotic feeling, the Master of El Segundo lodge sang solo, "I am proud to be an American", The child ID committee, brothers Al Fowler PM, Ken Martin PM set up and took many pictures, even offered to take mine in case I should become the missing Grandpa. The whole event was really moving, made me feel like I was in a park in some little town in Iowa where every one comes out and enjoys each others company. My brothers, this was not just Masonry in action, it was in reality a wonderful tribute to the American way of life, protected by our constitution.

The members of Gardena-Moneta Lodge were really the main participants in moving equipment, chairs and tables from the lodge to the park and setting them up and when the event was finished took them all back to El Segundo lodge. Many many thanks to Chairman Morel Callueng and the brothers who came out and gave of their time to make this event a success, my brothers, each of you are truly the heart Masonry.

Brothers we meet and work together as Masons with a purpose, we dine together as brothers with a desire to show our camaraderie, now let us show the world that Masonry has an important purpose and that is, making good men better men for the benefit of not only America, but all mankind.

Ira Waterman PM, Worshipful Master

From the West

Brethren

As one who grew up in the Masonic Family I am VERY pleased and proud of the brothers that came together to get 372 it's charter back and our lodge returned to the active rolls. MANY, MANY thanks to all those that have make this possible. A special Thank You to our Inspector Worshipful Richard Pierce for his efforts on our behalf with the Grand Lodge.

Brothers, you should make every effort to attend the varied outings that your Lodge is taking part in. I for one have enjoyed each activity that I can attend. The fellowship and camaraderie with each other and the other lodges makes it that much more enjoyable.

Our Lodge will be hosting a full day of Degree work for Worshipful Roy Steinfeld of Sunnyside Masonic Lodge.

They will be conducting their 3rd degree conferrals (5 candidates) on October 25, 2008 (Sat) from 8 am to finish. Free lunch & dinner. Brothers, if you have time, sideliners make degree work that much better for the candidates and officers, it's sad when all the candidates see is the officers doing the work.

Worshipful Al Fowler and I have been real busy with the Child ID Program, running it almost every weekend. The city of Carson has invited us to provide this valuable service at all their city functions. We will be attending the Carson Unity Day this weekend Sat. the 27th at Congresswoman Juanita Millender-cDonald Community Center (formerly the Carson Community Center) - 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, from noon to 6 p.m. We will be using both of our ID Kits so if you would like to learn how to set-up and run this program, please join us. We ran the Kid ID at the Constitution Observance and were well received.

Fraternally
Ken Martin PM
Senior Warden

From the Secretaries Table

Brethren:

This 2008 has been a very good year for me. One of the most important jobs I ever have is the held the position of secretary of the Gardena-Moneta Lodge. I enjoy this job, because brings me in contact with every member of the Loge specially about the dues. Some brethren had expressed surprise the Lodge still alive. Those brethren are proud to belong to the Lodge and without hesitation once they found there is some one administrating the Lodge, cover their dues with gladness. Sometimes because the communications have not been too clear I sent some of you an improper past dues notice. That is not the worst, imagine sending some brother a notice just to find out he took the trip "to that undiscovered country to the house not made by hands eternal in the heavens".

This year marks the ten anniversary when I was the master of the Lodge and still remember with great pleasure the songs that were sang the day of my installation, and the pleasure through the year to lead an organization full of determined men to serve their fellow men.

Currently a am also serving on the same capacity for the only Spanish speaking Lodge, Panamericana # 849 now 513, it is with the same enthusiasm those officers want to become officers. In this Lodge we have several initiations, Fellowcrafts, and Masters, precisely by October we have another third degree, most likely then a second degree and before the year is over another third degree. The reason this Lode exist is because we want to open the doors to good men that otherwise feel overwhelmed asking admission into a Lodge speaking other language then their native. Once this candidates, get their requirements in the third degree they visit other Lodges, that is how this Loge have lost some members, but they are more comfortable in the English Lodge.

Also I am serving as a secretary for the newly formed San Fernando Valley Scottish Rite, here we meet one a month, and every time we have a lot of fun. Last Friday we served 56 dinners, out of those 14 were ladies.

Since 2005, I been pursuing a professional degree, this year it finally is coming to be. The reason it took so long it because I was self funded and some times I was not able to support the schooling. I want to show my children and now my grandchildren that it can be done. This degree makes me view things from a different perspective and feel more confident in my occupations.

I care

Fraternally:

Victor M Lerma PM Assistant to the Secretary.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Ray Almirol PM
 02 Garner King
 03 Ali De J. Guinto
 04 Frank Morgensen
 05 Vincent Oliva
 Dick Paramore
 07 Roman Castaneda PM
 09 David H. Dupree
 10 Howard W. Keller
 12 Bob Reed
 14 Jaime Ponce De Leon
 17 William Chant PM
 19 Frank L. Lemuel
 Clifford E. Dunham
 20 Gerald L. Easton
 Arthur L. Hibben
 22 Robert W. Holder PM
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Junior Deacon

Dana Ax

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Junior Steward

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