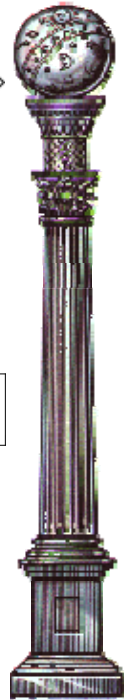


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Words from the East...

Brethren,

Another new year has come to Simi Valley Lodge. And this year has brought even more changes than normal. Not only do we have our normal Changing of the Guard in Officers, but our Masonic District has doubled in size. As of January 1st, the 318th Masonic District includes Oxnard, Anacapa, Simi Valley and Conejo Valley Lodges. Both of the new lodges are in Oxnard. The addition of the two lodges adds to the diversity of the district and the activities in the area. More on that in a bit.

The Lodge ended the year on a high note. We started the month with the Installation of Officers. This was a very well attended function. We had to break out the folding chairs to seat everyone. The Grand Master did a great job at keeping the ceremony moving and adding a bit of humor now and then. We then had a double 2nd Degree on the 12th. Congratulations to our newest Fellowcrafts, Bros. Purdum and Maren. Both Brothers are flying through their proficiencies already. We may even see one at the January Stated Meeting. And we wrapped up the year with the Annual Lodge Holiday Party. This year we went to Paul's Italian Villa for a very nice dinner. Thirty two people showed up for the festivities. Many thanks go out to Gary Trammell for arranging everything with the restaurant.

January brings even more events. On the 9th, we have a 1st Degree for Abel Mason. The 16th sees the officers visiting Oxnard for OSI. What a great way to start with the expanded District. Then on the 23rd, we have a 3rd Degree for Corey Beeson. And "Dad" (as in Wor. Robert Beeson, PM) will be conferring the Degree. The 30th hasn't been completely set, yet. But we plan on having another degree on that night as well. Emails will be going out as the plans firm up.

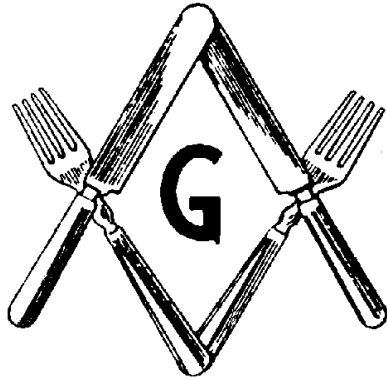


An event that we don't get to see very often is coming in January. Oxnard Lodge is hosting a double Cornerstone Laying on the 24th. Lodge will be opened at 8am. The first laying will be at 10am with the second at 1pm. The Grand Master will be performing the ceremonies.

The January Stated Meeting dinner will be a Pot Luck. This is a great opportunity to show off how good a cook you really are. Or you can just show up and appreciate the variety of foods.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Terry Baker
Master



DAVE'S DINER

Dave's Diner this month is a potluck celebration to kick off the New Year.

Some original favorites from the Lodge Brethren and their families will be prepared and brought in to be enjoyed by all.

There is no charge for this dinner, but RSVP's are **essential!**

Please contact Wor. Terry Baker at (818) 425-6145 and tell him what kind of dish you are bringing and how many are in your party. And if you can't bring a dish, that's okay, too.

The amount of people we can feed is directly related to how much food is brought, so get your RSVP in early!

Words from the West...

Welcome to the New Masonic Year. As your newly-installed Senior Warden I had both the honor and the privilege to sit in the East and preside over the first degree ceremonies given by the 2008 Officers. On December 12, 2007 we opened the Lodge and witnessed the First Degree Proficiency Examination of Brother Martin Maren in a job well done!



After that, we proceeded to confer a double Second Degree upon Brothers Robert Purdum and Martin Maren in ceremonies demonstrating the high standards of ritual quality which we have come to expect from the Simi Valley Masonic Lodge. I would be remiss if I did not thank our Officers' Coaches and all of the Past Masters who have guided us through our work to achieve the high degree of success which allowed us to Pass our two brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft Mason.

Following the degree conferrals we witnessed the Second Degree Proficiency Examination of Brother Corey Beeson in a job also well done!

Finally, those of you who did not attend the Masonic Christmas Party on December 16, 2007 missed one of the best ever! It was well organized and excuted but most of all it was FUN and a great chance to socialize outside of the Masonic Family Center. My hat is off to all who worked so diligently to pull off such a great party. but especially to those who attended and enjoyed the fellowship together.

Please check the January Calendar for all of the exciting Masonic Family Center events which have been scheduled. See you there.

Tom White,
Senior Warden

From the Secretary's Table...

This is a new feature that we will be bringing to the Trestleboard each month. Either Wor. Joe Reiner or his humble assistant will bring notes and items of interest to the brethren through this column once a month.

This month, there is not a lot, but there are a couple very important items:

- Mr. Abel Joseph Mason was elected by the brethren to receive the Degrees of Masonry in Simi Valley Lodge. His first degree will be held this month.

- Dues are due! This is the time of year to properly remit your dues for 2008. Look for your dues envelope and remit promptly!



Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Carl Swanson, PM
Asst. Secretary

PAST MASTERS

When a Brother comes to the point at which he lays aside responsibility of the Mastership of a Lodge, steps down from his rulership and is added to the roll of Past Masters, he begins a period where he can leisurely view the position of Master from a new angle.

Previous to becoming an installed Master he was merely the aspirant for the office, but having occupied the position of Master and being now relieved of its anxieties, he reflects on the position and surveys the range of its influence in a way he never could before. He then discovers that it is invested with traditions and powers far in excess of what he had previously conceived, and that the unqualified obedience, loyalty and unfailing respect shown him and the special privileges extended to him during his rulership were due to the position rather than to its occupant.

Thus having completed his term as Master, and passed the insignia of his exalted position on to his successor, he is now numbered with the Past Masters of the Lodge, a kind of unofficial body-guard, with no specified duties assigned to him, and yet with the understanding that he must hold himself in readiness to answer any call for assistance that may reach his ears.

The extent to which Past Masters count depend very largely on their personality and character, and whether by counsel, good leadership and efficient administration, they have won confidence and esteem. Having themselves occupied the Master's chair it is incumbent on them to uphold and support the present Master, and to do all in their power to radiate a healthy influence and inspire the rank and file of the Lodge with the spirit of goodwill. Their past experience as Masters and their accumulated Masonic knowledge, should make them invaluable to the Lodge.

Past Masters largely determine the character, spirit and success of a Lodge and its influence will depend much on their experience and considered judgment.

Happy is the Lodge which has a united band of loyal and devoted Past Masters.

Editor's note: This short article was taken from the booklet "Masonic Information for Stated Meetings", which was compiled by MW Jack R. Levitt, Past Grand Master of Masons in California.

Announcements!

RV Parking:

Need to get your RV off the street? Contact Mike Thompson at (805) 522-8736 for information on RV parking at the Lodge.

Masonic Apparel:

Plan to purchase your Lodge Hat, Jacket, or shirt today! It makes a great gift for that "special Mason" in your life. New shirts with an embroidered logo are available. Contact Dave Smith, PM, at (805) 526-4594.

Building Reservations:

Need a place for your own reception, meeting, banquet, or other special function? Contact Gary Hartjen, PM, at (805) 306-1240, or glhartjen@sbcglobal.net for information.

High 12 Luncheon:

I would like to invite all Masons in our Lodge to attend a Masonic luncheon. Our lunches are held on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at high noon. We meet at the Plug Nickel in Westlake Village.

High 12 is International and has a scholarship philanthropy. We invite the brothers to come and find out about us. Any questions, call me at 526-4594.

Dave Smith, PM

Pictures from around the Lodge...



It's Worshipful Santa!



Our hard-working Secretary Joe Reiner receives his due reward at the end of the year holiday party...



Two officers from the Moorpark office of the California Highway Patrol joined us for dinner in December. They were present to accept our donation of toys for the “**CHiPs for Kids**” program. Many thanks go out to all the members of the Masonic organizations who donated generously to help this program.

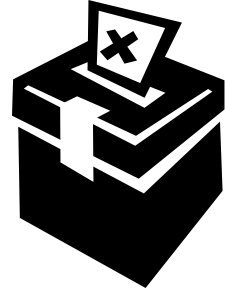


Wor. Carl poses with the two Moorpark area CHP patrolmen.



2008 ELECTION INFORMATION

Come work the polls with us!



Ladies and Brothers,

With the consent of our Worshipful Master, I have signed the Lodge up to perform "Adopt-A-Poll" election services for all three elections in 2008. The elections are on **2/05/08**, **6/03/08** and **11/04/08**. We will again be at the Simi Library. The work day runs from about 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The requirement to be election workers are that you be registered to vote in Ventura County, and that you attend a training session to learn how to work the new voting machines and handle the various forms.

We especially need one Spanish speaker for each day.

Please contact me with your preferred work-shift times, if you are willing to serve on any or all of the above dates, at 805-306-1240 or glhartjen@sbcglobal.net.

Fraternally,

Gary Hartjen, PM

Our Appendant and Concordant Bodies:

All groups meet at the Simi Valley Masonic Center, unless otherwise noted.

Fidelity Assembly #242, Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.
Donna Drivere, Mother Advisor, (805) 526-7785
Abby Mytych, Worthy Advisor (805) 492-1499



Bethel #345, International Order of Job's Daughters

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
Barbee Groshko, Bethel Guardian, (805) 582-0974



Simi Valley Chapter #637, Order of the Eastern Star

Meets 2nd Thursday at 8:00 pm.
Jeanine Meyers, Worthy Matron (805) 279-3213



Conejo Valley Chapter, Order of DeMolay for Boys

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:30pm at Conejo Masonic Lodge,
2786 Crescent Way, Thousand Oaks



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January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>5:30pm: Stated Meeting Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm: Stated Meeting</i>	3	4	5 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow Grand Reception</i>
6	7 <i>12:00pm: High-12 club Meeting at the Plug Nickel in Westlake Village.</i>	8 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow meeting</i>	9 <i>7:00pm: 1° for Mr. Abel Mason</i>	10 <i>8:00pm: OES Meeting</i>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>7:30pm: Jobs Daughters Meeting</i>	16 <i>7:00pm: OSI @ Oxnard. (Opening, Stated Mtg Protocol, Balloting, Closing)</i>	17	18	19
20 <i>9:15am: LAMSB meeting At Pasadena Scottish Rite (Installation)</i>	21 <i>12:00pm: High-12 club Meeting at the Plug Nickel in Westlake Village.</i>	22 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow meeting</i>	23 <i>7:00pm: 3° for Bro. Corey Beeson</i>	24 <i>10am & 1pm: Double Corner- stone Laying at Oxnard Lodge</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1 <i>2nd Annual Secretary's Retreat</i>	Feb. 2 <i>2nd Annual Secretary's Retreat</i>