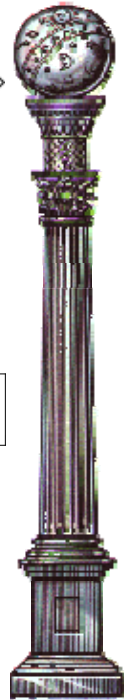


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Words from the East...

Brethren:

February was a very busy month with the 1st Degree Conferral of Brother Nik Petkov; the Reception by Job's daughters for their Grand Guardian, Worshipful Robert Beeson III; the OSI hosted by Simi Valley Lodge #806; The Annual Secretaries' Retreat attended by Worshipful Gary Hartjen; the LAMSB Meeting with DGM Kenneth Nagel as the Speaker; and the Southern California Past Master's Association Annual Meeting and Installation.

The month of March will also be very busy for our Lodge. The Stated Meeting Dinner will be resumed this month and I encourage all of our Brethren to attend with your wives, family members, friends, or significant others and to enjoy not only the brotherhood and fellowship of the meal, but to also hear first hand the announcements and reports from your Lodge and concordant bodies as well as to give your support to the Eastern Star Members who labor so diligently to prepare the delicious repast for your pleasure and enjoyment.

We have scheduled Conformations in all three Degrees this month which will keep our outstanding Degree Team both sharp and busy. On Saturday, March 7, a Double 1st Degree Ceremony is planned for Mr. Edward Thompson and Mr. Edward Murphy commencing at 10:00 AM. The very next Wednesday, March 11, a 2nd

Degree Conferral is planned, and then on March 25, we are planning to confer our first 3rd Degree of this Masonic Year. The latter two dates are contingent upon the readiness of the Candidates but I know that our Coaches are busy preparing the Candidates to meet these dates reserved for them.

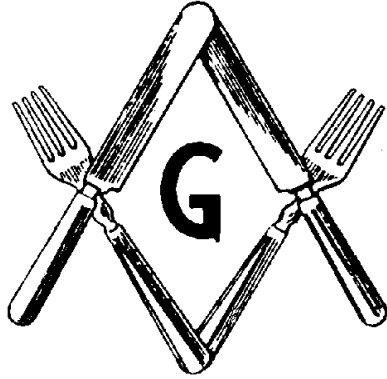


Again I would remind you that all of these scheduled events will increase our knowledge and will therefore improve ourselves in Masonry by providing continuing and outstanding Masonic Education for our Lodge. These Activities, along with others to come, will help fulfill My Vision for 2009 by emphasizing one of the major themes of that Vision; that of Masonic Education.

Please support All of the Activities (or at least as many as you can) of our Lodge throughout this Masonic Year of 2009.

S & F,

Tom White, Master



DAVE'S DINER

The March Stated Meeting Dinner, cooked by the brothers & sisters of the EMERA Club & served by the young women of Fidelity Assembly #242 will feature the following:

- Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Tossed Green Salad
- Biscuits
- A Special Home-Made Dessert
- Coffee & Lemonade

Dinner prices are: RSVP \$7/ person; or \$8/person at the door.

E-Mail your RSVP to Josephine Richter at k.richter1916@sbcglobal.net or call Josephine Richter at (805) 522-5601 by Tuesday, 3/3.

Words from the South...

Hello Brethren:

February and January were a busy month for the officers. I would like to thank all the officers for the effort put into preparing for the degrees. We got off to a rough start in the beginning of January, but greatly improved by the last 1st degree performed in February. I have confidence that we will continue to improve as everyone becomes more comfortable with their office.

I am looking forward to a good year with Wor. Tom in the east.

Hope to see many of you at the Dinner meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jay Monroe
Jr. Warden

Notes from the SVMBA:

I want to thank all the members of the Masonic Family here at Simi Valley for patience in accommodating two tenants in February. The DDA Distributing Company and the Life Screening both made use of the lodge facility this month. We are in negotiations with Life Screening for a potential date in May. These are important fund raisers for the SVMBA.

Plans were discussed in greater detail at the February SVMBA Board Meeting as to how to remodel the kitchen. Look for a new looking kitchen in the next few months. We will alert the various groups as to the dates of remodeling to best avoid conflicts.

Thanks

Jay Monroe
SVMBA President

Masonry in the American Colonies

The relatively new fraternity of Freemasonry was brought to America in 1733 by an Englishman named Henry Price who would become known, in later years, as the father of American Freemasonry. It is known that he was a successful merchant and tailor when he emigrated from London to Boston ten years earlier. He became associated with Masons who were operating without a charter from the Premier Grand Lodge of England. In 1732 Price sailed back to England to obtain a warrant allowing him the authority to form a chartered lodge in Boston.

Upon his return Henry Price immediately organized and established the new Provincial Grand Lodge that was

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named Saint John's Grand Lodge, the first officially constituted lodge in the colonies. This would become known as the "First Lodge".

Over the next year, Price's authority was broadened to cover all of North America and he went on to charter dozens of new lodges. One of these was in Philadelphia where Benjamin Franklin was appointed Grand Master in 1743.

The First Lodge in Boston, quite by coincidence, followed a similar path to the one taken by the Premier Grand Lodge of England. Membership of the First Lodge had become decidedly elitist, admitting only the prosperous upper class. This upper class was constituted largely of loyalists to the British Crown. The working class was turned away. Those who were denied membership soon formed a lodge of their own who applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, probably with great glee, agreed to the charter and suggested that the lodge be named St. Andrews Lodge. The new charter arrived in 1760 and one of the first initiates was a 24-year-old silversmith named Paul Revere.

St. Andrews Lodge joined ranks with three British military lodges stationed near Boston and successfully petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the appointment of their own Provincial Grand Master. Dr. Joseph Warren was installed into this high office of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge on December 27, 1769, which is St. John the Evangelist's Day. There is unsubstantiated speculation that this day was chosen specifically to irritate the rival St. John's Lodge.

During this time period Dr. Warren was one of the most outspoken critics of British authority in Massachusetts. He developed close relationships with John Hancock and Samuel Adams and published a number of articles that the British considered seditious. It was Warren who volunteered to speak publicly at the Old South Church after hearing from British officers that whoever dared to do so would surely lose his life. And it was Warren who, on April 18, 1775, dispatched William Dawes and Paul Revere on their famous midnight ride.

In that year Warren was appointed as the second Brigadier General for the Massachusetts military forces. When he heard of the British troops arrival in Charlestown he rode directly to Bunker Hill to offer his services. He was killed there and was unceremoniously buried in a mass grave by the British. His body was recovered some months later and identified by Paul Revere.

Finally, 17 years later in 1792, the rival lodges reached a diplomatic agreement and formed a single Grand Lodge known as the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Paul Revere served as Grand Master from 1794 to 1797. The union of the Grand Lodges created a great stir of confusion in the numbering system of their lodges. With 81 constituent lodges in place at the time of the union, the complications proved to be insurmountable. The numbers simply were all discarded and all Massachusetts lodges remain to be identified by names, unique in American Freemasonry.

Gary Trammell
"101 Things You Didn't Know About the Masons", by Barb Karg

Announcements!

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 Jay Monroe at (805) 660-4232, or Monroeappraisal@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

In Memoriam

Porter Lee Moore

March 30, 1918 - February 20, 2009

Porter Lee Moore, known to his family, friends and Brothers variously as "P.L.", "Curley", and "Lee" passed into rest on February 20, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Erlinda; his brother, Ovid Moore; his daughters, Carole Zamora and Willie Pearl Bell; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Porter was born in Altoga, Texas. He graduated from Texas A. & M. College with a degree in Air Conditioning. He had worked for NASA & Boeing. Retired from Rockwell International, he enjoyed gardening and working on his Genealogy program.

Porter was made a Mason in Garden Oaks Lodge #1306, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas. He affiliated with Simi Valley Lodge #806, Free & Accepted Masons of California in October 1984 where he served as Master in 1990, Treasurer from 1991 through 1993, and Secretary from 1995 through 1997. In 1991 he received the Hiram Award from the Lodge for his exemplary service to the fraternity and in January 2005, Porter was presented with his Fifty Year Anniversary Award.

~ VIEWING ~

*February 27, 2009 5-9 pm
Reardon Simi Valley Funeral Home
2636 Sycamore Drive,
Simi Valley, CA 93065*

~ MEMORIAL SERVICE ~

*February 28, 2009 10am
Simi Masonic Lodge #806
1541 Patricia Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93065*

Announcing

“A Ton of Food”

Project

Collecting food for local food banks has been an on-going charity for many of us over the years. I know the masonic youth groups have participated in this endeavor in the past .

I propose, (and it has been approved by the Worshipful Master Tom White) that we broaden this undertaking as an on-going charity project by our larger masonic family. This should be simple and not overly invasive on anyones time.

I say We, as in collectively as a Masonic body within Simi Valley - OES, Jobs, Rainbow and the lodge, take on a recurring challenge which can appropriately be called "A Ton of Food Project". Each dinner meeting we will ask the brethren and their families, along with the other masonic groups, to donate some type of non-perishable food items. We then can donate this to one of the local food banks. I'll have a large chart made up and will bring scales to each dinner meeting and we can track how long it takes to raise a Ton of Food, thus the name. Cash donations can be made and count as one pound per dollar (\$1.00 = 1 Pound).

Then, this is the really good part, after we reach our first Ton.....

We can challenge the other lodges, masonic bodies, youth groups, etc. in our district, State, and so on to “Step-up to the challenge”. Other local non-masonic charities should also be welcomed to “Step-up to the Challenge”.

Collecting food is nothing new as a charity....putting it with a name and challenge will encourage better participation.

The local food banks must be getting hit hard with this economic downturn. More people in need and less people being able to donate.

Remember, faith, hope and charity, these three...but the greatest of these is Charity!

Thank You

Jay Monroe, Jr. Warden

Simi Lodge #806

Greetings from Fidelity

Well the grand year is winding down and it is just a little over a month until Grand Assembly. We are proud not only to have Nikki Phillips on the Grand Floor but also our youngest member Jessica Monroe is a member of the Grand Choir. We also just got notification that Jessica was selected as a member of the special Octet and will also have a solo. How exciting!



We just had a garage sale and it was pretty successful, we will have two more this term...one in March and one in April. We are also going to have an initiation this term. Please join us at a meeting if you can. As many of you may know we did not have an installation and will continue another four months with the same officers.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Driver

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 7:00 pm.
Donna Driver, Mother Advisor, (805) 526-7785
Nicole Phillips, Worthy Advisor



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.
Shari Swanson-Madison, Worthy Matron (805) 807-7925
Dan Madison, Worthy Patron



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March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>12:00pm:</i> <i>Hi-12 meeting at Plug Nickel in WLW.</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>SVMBA meeting</i>	3 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Job's Daughters Meeting</i>	4 <i>5:30pm:</i> <i>Stated Meeting Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i>	5	6	7 <i>Double 1° Conferral</i>
8	9 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>2° practice</i>	10 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Rainbow meeting</i>	11 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>2° conferral</i>	12 <i>7:30pm:</i> <i>OES meeting</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>12:00pm:</i> <i>Hi-12 meeting at Plug Nickel in WLW.</i>	17 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Job's Daughters Meeting</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>OSI @ Conejo. (GO Escort, 2° Prof., 1st Section of 3°</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>3° practice</i>	24 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Rainbow meeting</i>	25 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>3° conferral</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>LAMSB Annual Breakfast honoring the Grand Master @ the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.</i>	30 <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>SVMBA meeting</i>	31				

April 2009

Tentative Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> <i>5:30pm:</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i> <i>Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i>	2	3	4
5	<i>6</i> <i>12:00pm:</i> <i>Hi-12 meeting at</i> <i>Plug Nickel in</i> <i>WLV.</i>	<i>7</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Job's Daughters</i> <i>Meeting</i>	8	<i>9</i> <i>7:30pm:</i> <i>OES meeting and</i> <i>Initiation</i>	10	11
12	13	<i>14</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Rainbow meeting</i>	<i>15</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>OSI @ Oxnard.</i> <i>(1° prof., 1st &</i> <i>2nd sections of 2°)</i>	16	17	18
19	<i>20</i> <i>12:00pm:</i> <i>Hi-12 meeting at</i> <i>Plug Nickel in</i> <i>WLV.</i>	<i>21</i> <i>7:00pm:</i> <i>Job's Daughters</i> <i>Meeting</i>	22	23	24	25
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