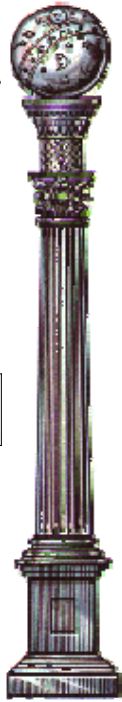




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Words from the East...

Hello Brethren:

First, my sincere apologies. It was I who wrote this article late and delayed the Trestleboard.

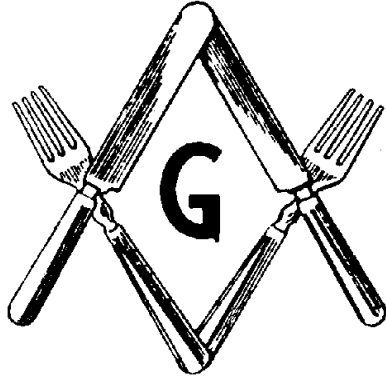
The year is moving along swiftly. Another month and summer will be here. First let me thank all who assisted in making April happen. We had a full schedule enjoyed by many. We raised Bro. Jeremy Johnson to 3rd Degree on March 31st and had a double 2nd Degree on April 28 for Bros. Roy Havens and Gary Boston. Congratulations to all three.



On April 24 we celebrated Simi Valley Masonic Lodge's 49th Anniversary with a Lodge Birthday Dinner and Youth Talent Show showcasing the talents of the young ladies of Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. They did an awesome job. Perhaps the most unexpected display was our own Mike Thompson's aerial display of a model airplane he designed and flew within the lodge. It weighed a little more than a penny and circled the lodge room several times using a rubber band style engine. It captivated the entire crowd. Hats off to Bro. Thompson and young ladies who entertained us that evening. The girls were given gift certificates for an ice cream treat at Baskin Robbins. I wonder, did Bro. Thompson get one too? Overall we had approximately 47 people in attendance. A SPECIAL THANKS to JEANINE MEYERS for preparing the dinner and cakes for us. Those that didn't attend missed out on a special evening.

The upcoming Stated Meeting Dinner on Wednesday May 5th we will vote on two applications for degrees and another for affiliation. The membership continues to grow! If all goes well we will

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DAVE'S DINER

Dave's Dinner for this month is a popular favorite among the brothers and their guests:

- * Green Salad
- * Beef Chili
- * Cornbread
- * Chocolate Parfait
- * Coffee and Iced Tea

Please e-mail or phone your May Stated Dinner RSVP for yourself, family member(s) and/or guest(s) to Jo at k.richter1916@sbcglobal.net or call her at (805)522-5601 by Sunday, May 2. If you have a 2010 Standing RSVP and can not attend the Stated Dinner, please cancel your RSVP. \$8.00 per person with RSVP; or \$9.00 per person without RSVP.

The daughters of Bethel #345 will be your servers this month and would much appreciate our kind generosity, appropriately placed in the red cups at each table.

Jo

Words from the West...

Hello Brethren,

As I continue my journey to the East, I attended the Junior Warden's retreat this weekend - it was a long but enjoyable and educational time. We had many group exercises and out of the 3 presentations that had to be given by the group, Brother Marin and I were selected to give 2 of the 3 - so Simi Valley lodge was well represented. We discussed what the lodge of the 21st century looks like, strategic planning, vision and mission statements, and a question and answer session with the Executive Committee from Grand Lodge. The next stop on my journey is the Senior Warden's Retreat.

I am in the process of putting together committees for next year - if you have a preference please let me know as I will be asking everyone to be on at least one committee. All officers moving up in June and next year should be studying hard their ritual - and remember there are a lot of brothers who can help answer any question you may have.

Thank you,

Bob Alexander
Senior Warden

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have a double 1st Degree on Wednesday May 12th. Attending degree nights is a great way to visit with your brothers and welcome new brothers into the fraternity. I hope to see a full lodge of sideliners at the Stated Meeting and Degree this month.

Don't forget to bring your ladies to the Stated Meeting Dinner as they can also participate in the Lodge's Ladies Program. The ladies are planning on playing Bunco that night if all goes well!

We are continuing with Proficiency Practice nights on Wednesday when other activities are not scheduled. Come on out and get your 3rd Degree proficiency completed, or your 2nd or 1st. You will be notified by e-mail about those nights. Be looking for my e-mails to inform you of other activities as they are planned.

I look forward to seeing you all at lodge.

**REMEMBER:
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS LODGE NIGHT!**

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jay Monroe
Wor. Master

Bobbie Tilden 1928—2010

I regret to announce the passing of Wor. Bill Tilden's wife of 63 years, Bobbie.

Bobbie was born in Little Rock, Ark., on Sept. 3, 1928, to Fleda and John Bennett. On Jan. 14, 1946, she married her childhood sweetheart, Bill Tilden. Bill was in the Navy and on leave from his destroyer. They were blessed with twins a year later and Bobbie started her 20 year career as a devoted Navy wife and mother. Two more children came along during years three and four. As a Navy family, they moved around and, during their 20 year career, called San Diego, Pearl Harbor and Key West, Fla., "Homeport."

Bobbie was very involved in the children's school, sports and social activities, often both as father and mother during Bill's long deployments at sea. She and Bill retired from the Navy in 1963 and moved to Simi Valley where they have lived for over 40 years. She became active in her church teaching children's Sunday school and a women's club supporting the Simi Valley Masonic Lodge. As the children left home the "empty nest syndrome" set in and her interest extended beyond the home. She became a realtor, working in that profession for over 10 years. Bobbie loved to sing and joined Sweet Adeline's. She sang in the Champion Channellaire Chorus for 15 years.

Bobbie was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 63 years; children, Bobbie Reno, Bonnie Payte, Richard Tilden and Carol Tilden; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She will be sorely missed.

And Baby makes three...

One of our newest members, Gary Boston, and his wife Brandee wish to announce the arrival of their son, Connor James, on 4/22 at 1pm. He weighed 8 1/2 lbs, and was 19 inches tall.

Congrats to Bro. Gary and his wife on the growing family!

Poll Workers Needed at the Lodge

We will be operating a polling place at our Lodge as a fund raiser for the June Primary Election

When: June 8, 2010.

Available Hours: from 6:00 a.m. until after we close and count, about 8:30 p.m.

Eligibility: you must be a registered voter in Ventura County.

To Volunteer: via phone - 805-306-1240 and leave a message

via e-mail:
glhartjen@sbcglobal.net.

Let me know what hours you would like to work.

Fraternally,

Gary Hartjen, PM
Secretary

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 Mike Thompson at (805) 404-6173, or mrmikefla@pacbell.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 Greenhouse Café in Thousand Oaks.

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

Our Masonic Heritage

Submitted by Gary Trammell, H.A.

Our Masonic travels have not always been on the smoothest roads of convenience. Along the route of our development there has always been conflict and schism.

Throughout the early years of the new Grand Lodge in England there were many lodges that never affiliated with the new Grand Lodge. These unaffiliated Masons and their Lodges were referred to as "Old Masons," or "St. John Masons", and "St. John Lodges".

In 1725 a Lodge in York founded the rival "Grand Lodge of All England" as a protest against the growing influence of the Grand Lodge of England in London. During the 1730s and 1740s conflict increased between the London-based Grand Lodge of England (hereafter referred to as the Premier Grand Lodge) and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. Irish and Scottish Masons visiting and living in London considered the Premier Grand Lodge to have considerably deviated from the ancient practices of the Craft. As a result, these Masons felt a stronger kinship with the unaffiliated London Lodges. The aristocratic nature of the Premier Grand Lodge and its members alienated other Masons of the city causing them also to identify with the unaffiliated Lodges.

On 17 July 1751, representatives of five Lodges gathered at the Turk's Head Tavern, in

London and formed a rival Grand Lodge, "The Most Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons". They believed that they practiced a more ancient and therefore purer form of Masonry, and called their Grand Lodge "The Antients' Grand Lodge". They called those affiliated to the Premier Grand Lodge "The Moderns". These two unofficial names stuck. A new constitution was written for the Antients, the "Ahiman Rezon", as an alternative for the "Anderson's Constitution" of the Moderns.

An illustration of how deep the division was between the two factions is the case of Benjamin Franklin who was a member of a Moderns Lodge in Philadelphia. During his stay in France, he became Master of the Lodge Le Neuf Suoers in 1789 and was re-elected in 1780. Upon returning from France it transpired that his Lodge had changed to (and had received a new warrant from) the Antients Grand Lodge; no longer recognizing him and declining to give him "Masonic Honours" at his funeral.

For many years, "The Great Masonic Schism" was a name applied to the sixty-two year division of English Freemasonry into two separate Grand Lodges. Some even attempted to attribute the division to the changes in passwords made in 1738-39 by the Premier Grand Lodge. However, the United Grand Lodge of England, demonstrated in the 1887 book "Masonic Facts and Fictions" that the Antients' Grand Lodge

was formed in 1751 primarily by Irish Masons living and working in London, never affiliated with the older Grand Lodge. Of the first 100 names on the roll of the new Antients' Grand Lodge, 72 were Irish. In 1776, the Grand Secretary of the Moderns' Grand Lodge referred to them as "The Irish Faction ("Ye Antient Masons", as they call themselves). And so the myth of a Great Masonic Schism in English Masonry was laid to rest.

The Premier Grand Lodge of England and the Antient Grand Lodge of England were amalgamated into the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) on 27 December 1813 (day of Saint John the Evangelist) by "The Articles of Union".

The Union largely confirmed the Antients' forms and ceremonies, and therefore considerably revised the Moderns' rituals.

Following the union a "Lodge of Reconciliation" (1813-1816) was established to complete the rationalization of the ritual into a form acceptable to both parties forming the newly constituted United Grand Lodge.

Upon the union of the Antients and Moderns, the UGLE also created a new Constitution, based on the "Anderson's Constitution" of the Moderns and the "Ahiman Rezon" of the Antients. Both the Antients and the Moderns had "daughter" Lodges throughout the world, and because many of those Lodges still exist, there is a great deal of variety in the ritual used today.

In Memoriam
Brother Paul Krantz
1925—2010

Brother Paul Krantz was initiated as an Entered Apprentice 4/23/1949, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on 5/28/1949, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 6/25/1949, when he was made a full member of Mitzpah-Mount Moriah Lodge #40, Grand Lodge of Missouri. Paul and his son, David, are recent members of our lodge, having being elected to membership by affiliation in July of last year.

Bro. Paul ascended to the Celestial Lodge above on 4/23/2010.

Our deepest condolences go out to Bro. David and his family in their time of loss.

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 Mondays at 7:30 pm.
Donna Drivere, Mother Advisor, (805) 526-7785
Samantha Thomson, Worthy Advisor



Bethel #345, International Order of Job's Daughters

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



Simi Valley Chapter #637, Order of the Eastern Star

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.
Shawna Swanson-Shirk, Worthy Matron (805) 813-2321
Dan Madison, Worthy Patron (805) 758-4500



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May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>8:00am: Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge.</i>
2	3 <i>12:00pm: High 12 meeting @ Greenhouse Café in Thousand Oaks. 7:00pm: SVMBA meeting</i>	4 <i>7:30pm: Job's Daughters meeting</i>	5 <i>6:00pm: Stated Meeting Dinner 7:00pm: Stated Meeting</i>	6	7	8
9	10 <i>7:30pm: Rainbow Meeting</i>	11	12 <i>7:00pm: Double 1°</i>	13 <i>7:30pm: OES Meeting</i>	14	15
16  <i>9:15am: LAMSB @ Pasa- dena Scottish Rite.</i>	17 <i>12:00pm: High 12 meeting @ Greenhouse Café in Thousand Oaks.</i>	18 <i>7:30pm: Job's Daughters meeting</i>	19 <i>7:00pm: OSI @ Simi. (2011 Planning Status, 1st & 2nd sections of 1° & lecture)</i>	20	21	22
23	24 <i>7:30pm: Rainbow Meeting</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					