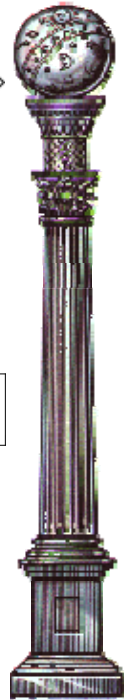


THE TRESTLEBOARD



OF SIMI VALLEY LODGE #806 FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

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Words from the East...

Brethren,

Fall is here already! By the time you read this, the Annual Communication in San Francisco have just started this upcoming weekend. We'll report on the happenings at the October meeting and in the Trestleboard.

Last month we had our Annual picnic. We had a nice turn out, and Mother Nature decided that we needed some good weather. Everyone had plenty to eat and drink. The games turned into water fight. Even the team water relay had a bit of a surprise for the teams.

After the picnic we had a little time to go home and change clothes. Then it was up to the Lodge for a Hiram Award

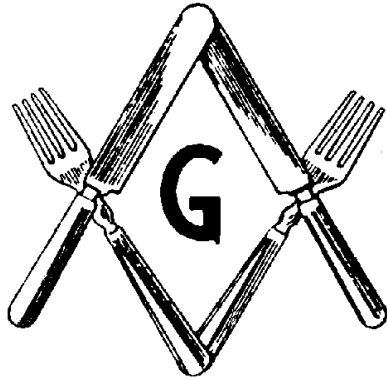
presentation. We had a great turnout. Wor. Reiner did a great job as MC.



The officers are in the middle of their qualifications. They're already qualified for the 1st Degree. Second Degree is coming up this month. I think they are doing a great job. There have been some last minute shuffles, but that hasn't slowed them down much. Please come out to see them do their work.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terry Baker
Master



DAVE'S DINER

Chef Dave has cooked up a menu for October that will get your mouth watering!

- Green Garden Salad
- 1/2 Roasted Game Hen in Orange Sauce
- Baked Potato
- Fresh Vegetables
- Rolls & butter
- Dessert
- Hot & Cold Drinks

Get your reservation in to Dave at (805) 526-4594. Dinners with RSVP are a bargain at \$7/person with reservation, and \$8/person without.

Words from the West...

Hello Brethren:

It's difficult to realize that we are approaching the end of another Masonic Year and the Officers for 2009 are all diligently preparing themselves to learn new ritual and new responsibilities for their respective stations in the Lodge.



Your Senior Warden was no exception. Having completed training in both the Junior and Senior Wardens' Retreats earlier last Spring, I was able to earn Certificates of Completion during the Summer in three of the courses which are part of the Lodge Management Certification Program. I found all of the training put on by the Grand Lodge Trainers to be of the highest quality in terms of course theory, content, and application and encourage all Lodge Officers to take these courses as soon as they are offered in 2009.

Most of the 2009 Officers we able to qualify for the First Degree work at the Officers' School of Instruction on September 17, 2008, which was hosted by the Simi Valley Lodge. Of course our District Inspector, Worshipful Lynn Wallingford, offered us good counsel and endeavored to bring about reforms – especially where they were obviously needed.

The next OSI will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM and will be hosted by the Conjeo Valley Lodge. All Simi Valley

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Notes from Joe...

Brethren: The following was sent to me by our Worshipful Secretary. I found it very moving and decided it needed a place of honor in this month's Trestleboard. —editor

I was called out by the Los Angeles Fire Department to assist their personnel at the site of the Metro Link crash in Chatsworth last Friday evening. Although it was a major tragedy I witnessed acts of sheer love and kindness for our fellow man. Live TV and photographs could not capture the magnitude of the crash, the suffering of the passengers, and the sheer determination and heroism of the firefighters to save and assist those they could rescue.

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Even the community came together and offered their assistance to help in any way they could. They brought cold drinks and food and coffee in an almost steady stream. If we could have suited them up and sent them to the site to assist in the rescue I don't think anyone of them would have turned down the offer.

In terms of response, there were 100's of emergency responders at the site within several hours of the crash. I saw firefighters and police officers from agencies as far away as Glendale. Tons of ice, pallets of water, tents for shelter and rest, portable latrines, lights, heavy equipment and vehicles were brought in and set up within 100 yards of the site, and all within hours of the occurrence. Although we have our own supply of MRE's and water, Ralphs, Frito Lay, Burger King and several other restaurants sent over hundreds of sandwiches, water, soda, boxes and boxes of chips, apples, bananas, and blankets. All of those that delivered the food had kinds words of respect, and I heard many say "God bless you."

The responders worked hard and put in long hours without a complaint. Everyone did their part and there were

no slackers. My team was there from Friday evening to midnight Saturday. At 10PM Saturday, although exhausted and soaked with sweat, I saw firefighters and police officers working side by side to get every piece of fire and emergency equipment and all supplies loaded onto trucks, then without resting, police the entire area of the command post to leave it cleaner than when we arrived.

As a volunteer for the Los Angeles Fire Department I have been called out to many major fires and catastrophes throughout the city. At almost everyone of them I witnessed acts of kindness and love from the citizens in the community. Those that think we have communities that don't care about their fellow man will change their thinking if they could accompany me to just one occurrence. Having served as a police officer for twenty five years in two major cities I saw the horror that people can do to one another. But at scenes such as this train crash I saw the love, kindness, and respect that people have in their hearts for their fellow man. Unfortunately, it usually takes a catastrophe to bring it out.

Joe

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 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

Greetings from Fidelity

Wow where do I start?

What a summer, we initiated two new girls and we are getting ready for a new term of officers. Nikki Phillips will be installed as Worthy Advisor on October 4th at 2pm.

I want to thank all the brothers and other Masonic family that attended Dave Smith's special day. It was an amazing turn out and I know he was overwhelmed. We had Masonic family and past Rainbow girls that go back 10 years or more. It was a wonderful day.



We are all getting ready for Relay for Life on October 11 & 12. We would love to have you join us, especially since it is in October which has been Masonic Family make a difference month. We have joined the Eastern Star team and it is growing daily. If anyone is interested just go on the Relay website and find the "Simi Stars" and join in.

As always we thank you for all your love and support!

Sincerely,

Donna Drivere
Mother Advisor

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Lodge Officers for 2008 and 2009 must attend. Meanwhile we are now scrambling to get prepared for the Second Degree Qualifications which will take place October 15, 2008 in our Lodge Room.

Finally, congratulations to Worshipful Terry Baker, Brother Jason Thompson, and the Picnic Staff for an outstanding Masonic Family Picnic last month AND to Worshipful Gary Hartjen who received his well-deserved Hiram Award.

Fraternally,

Tom White
Sr. Warden



2008 ELECTION INFORMATION

Come work the polls with us!



Ladies and Brethren,

We have committed to run two election precincts on November 4th, which will allow us to help serve our community while also earning money to support our Lodge's programs. This will undoubtedly be a very busy and challenging election for poll workers. Each of the precincts must be continuously staffed by at least 4 people for the 15 hours of set-up, operation, and close-out time that day.

We still need more people to volunteer to work a 4-hour shift. Diane and I will act as the Precinct Inspectors. Masoud Shafa will again act as our Spanish language translator. When you read this, there will be about 5 weeks left until the election. Some volunteers have come forward, giving us 12 total, which leaves us with 11 more shifts to fill. Please consider joining us in this service to both our community and our Lodge. Training will be available through the County of Ventura, "on line" or "hands on", your choice. To serve, you just need to be a registered voter in Ventura County. I have registration forms if you need one.

Please email me at ghartjen@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 805-306-1240 if you would like to volunteer. We need to get the list of volunteers together as soon as possible.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Gary Hartjen, PM, HA



YOU ARE INVITED!!!



When: Saturday, October 18

Time: 11:00am—Presentations followed by lunch

Where: Oxnard Masonic Temple
341 South K St.
Oxnard, CA 93030

CALIF. MASTER MASONS, WIVES, WIDOWS AND MOTHERS:

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU AND PROVIDED IN THE NAME AND ON THE BEHALF OF EVERY CALIFORNIA MASON.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MASONIC HOMES & ACACIA CREEK AT COVINA WILL BE PRESENTING INFORMATION ON THE MASONIC HOMES, MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES, CHILDRENS' PROGRAM AND THE NEW EXCITING ACACIA CREEK PROJECTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON EASTERN STAR PROGRAMS.

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND ENJOY A MEAL!

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING (866) 559-0444.

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LODGE FOR CARPOOL ARRANGEMENTS.

Still more Masonic Trivia...

- Hiram Abiff Boaz, born Dec. 18, 1866 in Murray, Kentucky, received his degrees in 1922 before an usually large crowd and served as Grand Chaplain in Texas in 1953.
- Joseph A. Gilmore (1811-1867), former governor of New Hampshire was made a Mason at Sight on April 28, 1863. He received Scottish Rite degrees and was awarded the 33rd Degree on May 7, 1863 - only nine days later.
- Between 1890 (when it became a state) and 1951, every governor of Wyoming, except one, was a Mason. The one, Mrs. William A. Ross, was the wife of a Mason and a member of Eastern Star.
- Every President from Tennessee was a Mason (Jackson, Johnson, Polk).
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt raised two of his sons on the same night, Nov 7, 1935, in Architect Lodge #519 in New York.
- In 1951, while President, Harry Truman served as Master of his Lodge.

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
Trisha Armstrong, 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.
Jeanine Meyers, Worthy Matron (805) 279-3213



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**Emera Club of Simi Valley Chapter No. 637
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Invites you, your family and friends to our
Annual Potato Bake and Auction**

**Saturday October 11th, 2008
From 11am-2pm
Donation \$7.00**

**Simi Valley Masonic Center
1541 Patricia Ave.**

**Menu
Baked Potato
Dessert
Beverage**

Items auctioned in the past included:

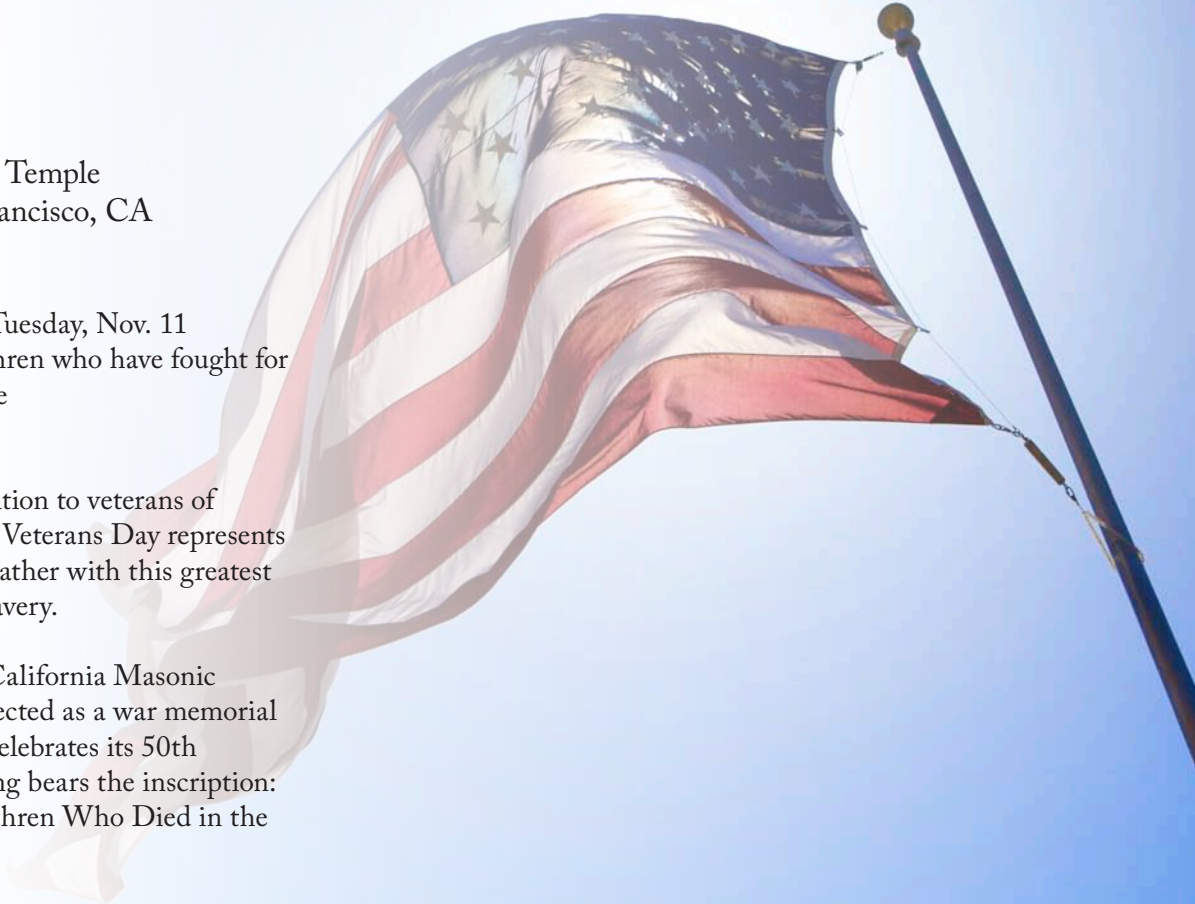
**Gift certificates from Hometown Buffet, Costco, Joe's Cleaner's,
Carmella's Beauty Salon, Theresa's Country Feed, Gene Autry
Museum admissions, Regal Cinemas tickets, and unique gifts from more
local merchants.**

Veterans Day Observance
Tuesday, November 11
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
California Masonic Memorial Temple
1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA

Please join us on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor all of our Masonic brethren who have fought for our country, our families, and the cause of freedom.

This year, we give special recognition to veterans of World War II, mindful that this Veterans Day represents one of our last opportunities to gather with this greatest generation in thanks for their bravery.

The event will take place at the California Masonic Memorial Temple, which was erected as a war memorial shortly after World War II and celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The building bears the inscription: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i></p> <p><u>5:30pm:</u> Stated Meeting Dinner & 60-year Masonic pin presentation</p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> Stated Meeting</p>	2	3	4
5	<p><i>6</i></p> <p><u>12:00pm:</u> High-12 meeting At the Plug Nickel in WLW.</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p><u>7:30pm:</u> Jobs Daughters meeting</p>	8	<p><i>9</i></p> <p><u>7:30pm:</u> OES meeting</p>	10	11
12	13	<p><i>14</i></p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> Rainbow meeting</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> 2° qualifications</p> <p>OES GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>OES GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>OES GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>OES GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS</p>
19	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><u>12:00pm:</u> High-12 meeting At the Plug Nickel in WLW.</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> OSI @ Conejo. (Flag Pres., Elec- tions, 2° Deg. Prof., 1° Section of 3°)</p> <p><u>7:30pm:</u> Jobs Daughters Meeting</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> 2° conferral</p>	23	24	25
26	27	<p><i>28</i></p> <p><u>7:00pm:</u> Rainbow meeting</p>	29	30	31	

November 2008

Tentative Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>12:00pm: High-12 meeting At the Plug Nickel in WLW.</i>	4 <i>7:30pm: Jobs Daughters meeting</i>	5 <i>5:30pm: Stated Meeting Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm: Stated Meeting</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow meeting</i>	12 <i>7:00pm: 3° qualifications</i>	13 <i>7:30pm: OES meeting</i>	14	15 <i>Al Malaikah Shrine reception for the Grand Master & French 1° conferral.</i>
16 <i>9:15am: LAMSB meeting @ Pasadena Scot- tish Rite (Midnight Mission Clothing Drive)</i>	17 <i>12:00pm: High-12 meeting At the Plug Nickel in WLW.</i>	18 <i>7:30pm: Jobs Daughters meeting</i>	19 <i>7:00pm: OSI @ Oxnard. (Installations, 2nd Section of 3° & Lecture, 3° Profi- ciency)</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>7:00pm: Rainbow meeting</i>	26	27 THANKSGIVING 	28	29
30	Dec. 1 <i>7:00pm: SVMBA meeting</i>	Dec. 2	Dec. 3 <i>5:30pm: Stated Meeting Dinner</i> <i>7:00pm: Stated Meeting</i>	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6