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February

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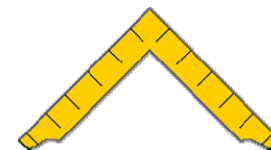
Worshipful Master

Brethren,

Here we go again! The New Year is in full swing and we are ready! I want to encourage you all to come out to lodge enjoy the fellowship and make our new brethren feel welcomed and heard. This is a year for new ideas and concepts. All suggestions will be considered; together we can make our lodge the place to be. Remember, you do not have to be a lodge officer to voice your opinion. Times have changed and we must adjust with them, our new brethren are thirsty for knowledge and information so let's make an effort to share what Masonry means to us who have been for while.

Attendance, attendance, attendance!!! Brethren the strength of our lodge lies in its members. How much more impressive is a degree when our sidelines are full of men who have shared the same experiences? Every member from the youngest entered apprentice in the northeast corner of the lodge to the Worshipful Master in the east are key components of the overall big picture of Free Masonry. Our lodge is a beautiful place, our dinners are amazing and there is plenty of parking! If you have trouble getting around and would like to attend our reenergizing meetings then just feel free to contact myself or any of our officers and we will find a way to get you to your lodge. UNITY brethren! Let's inspire the next generation of Masons! Let's be present and make it happen!

Fraternally,
Jose Mercado
Worshipful Master





From the West

Brethren:

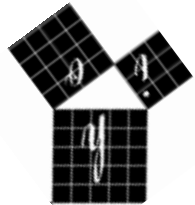
With so much work in progress, and much still to do, let us not forget the brethren that need to learn more of the craft. There are several brothers in the state of transition from Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft, or Fellowcraft to Master Mason that we have not heard from. Why is that?

We are all busy in our lives, with family, work and social activities that we sometimes lose track of some of the things that we can do to make ourselves better individuals. Now that the holidays are over, let us remember why we petitioned a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry in the first place.

As we are taught "Masonry is a progressive science, taught by degrees only" If one has not progressed through the three degrees, there is still so much to learn. The lessons that are taught have a real effect on your life, the outlook not only on ourselves, but on brothers, family, and friends.

There are also several brothers to whom we also have not seen or heard from in quite awhile. You are missed. Please let us know how you are doing or if there is something you may need from us.

The Inspectors official visit as well as sweethearts night is February 4th 2009. Please plan on attending.



Looking forward to seeing you!

Phill E. Mossey PM
Sr. Warden - 5 -

From the South

Brethren,

Thank you for electing me as your Junior Warden. I will be finishing up my work responsibilities soon and will be happy to be back.

The New Year holds many new and wonderful adventures for our lodge, as Worshipful Mercado has a full calendar, and many items are being added as I write this article.

The February Stated meet will host our Sweethearts dinner, as well as our Inspectors official visit. Officers will be dressed to impress, and you and your sweetheart are invited. Please put this important date on your calendar.

Fraternally,
Anthony Casalicchio
Jr. Warden



Brethren:

From the Secretary's Table

For many years we have designated a special evening and dinner as Sweethearts Night. The theme of the evening represents our efforts to recognize the many contributions of our ladies in the performance and success of our Lodge. Traditionally we have focused on the widows of our members by extending special invitations to them for this dinner and by inviting them to be our guests at all of our dinners and special meetings.

However, it is also important that we continue to recognize the importance of all of the ladies and family members who support the men in their life as they pursue their Lodge activities. This year we are making a special effort to invite the all of the above to the dinner scheduled for Wednesday February 4th. We are asking every Lodge member who attends the dinner to bring his wife, or his mother, his daughter(s), his significant other or whomever he feels he should bring. It would be helpful if all who are planning to come to the dinner and will bring a guest, or guests, to please call and make a reservation. Please call the Lodge (562-695-2755) and talk to the Secretary or, if I am not available, please leave a message. Just to reaffirm, all ladies in attendance will be guests of the Lodge.

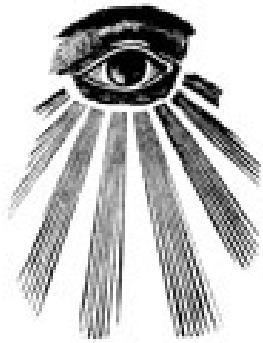
A reminder to all Lodge Officers - The District Inspector will make his official visit on Wednesday February 4th. This means that all officers will be asked to wear their tuxedos for this visit. Also, Greenleaf Gardens Lodge is no longer in the 370th Masonic District. In the new Divisional structure of the Grand Lodge we are now in the 741st District.

Lee Strong, PM Secretary

February Birthdays

Thomas E. Irving	2/1
Hugh M. Topping III	2/2
Elie N. Maalouf	2/4
Marc H. Green, P.M.	2/6
Kelly Ngo	2/6
Harvey J. Robertson	2/8
Charles F. Trent	2/9
John W. Hellerich	2/13
Melvin E. Fernandez	2/13
Billy J. Bohannon	2/14
Stanley W. Costales	2/16
Edward C. Becerril	2/18
David J. Pickup, P.M.	2/22
Douglas L. Brownyard	2/23

Members who have birthdays in February will be entitled to a free dinner at the February Stated Meeting.



Raised to the Celestial Lodge Above

Lewis Ray Sugg

Initiated – November 18, 1953

Passed – May 4, 1954

Raised – February 23, 1955

Received Golden Veterans Award February 23, 2005

Entered into Rest – December 31, 2008

Age – 92 Years, 7 Months, 28 Days

Until then dear Brother, until then farewell.”