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Worshipful Master
Brethren,

We had a great month of practices and first degrees! Great practices? We practiced the long form closing of each of the 3 degrees. Why? Well, I and our well skilled Past Masters believe it to be one of the most beautiful parts of Freemasonry, we know that we absolutely have to open lodge the same way each time for the most part, so we get to see the Sunrise, when we close in short form and make a habit of it, we are really robbing ourselves and new candidates of the opportunity to rejoice in closure, and the beauty of seeing the Sun set which equates to the closing of the lodge. Masters, are you with me? In Masonry we are to taught to follow through in life and to accomplish our endeavors with zeal to achieve greatness for the greater good of mankind. Yes, I do have the ability to realize when a stated meeting has in reality gone too long, so there will perhaps be an exception or two where we close a meeting in short form. Brethren be prepared to be happy about completing our labors and following through as Masons. Let us not give the next generations the idea that closing is a worthless or insignificant part of ritual. It's an extra 5 minutes to spend within the peace and harmony of the lodge. I ask you brethren, to show your support and appreciation for the long form closing of all degrees this year, while I am Master.

We had an AWESOME 1st degree practice where we saw several of our young officers demonstrate their proficiency in advanced stations! Past Masters where impressed by the commitment and time that these up and coming and future officers put into this FUN evening of practice, this was truly inspiring and consistent with our commitment to upholding the great tradition of ritual at Greenleaf Gardens Lodge No. 670 Free and Accepted Masons of the great State of California!

Fraternally,
Jose Mercado
Worshipful Master



From the West

Bethren:

The Month of May has been proclaimed by the Most Worshipful Larry Adamson, Grand Master of Masons in California as “**Masonic Youth Month**”. This means that all Lodges in the State shall hold a function to support our Masonic Youth.

We are fortunate to have a Jobs Daughters Bethel, which meets at our building. The International Order of Jobs Daughters (Jobs Daughters International) Bethel Number 224 meets at our facility the first and third Mondays of the month at 7pm.

The Bethel has arranged a special meeting on May 18th at 7:00pm in which several “special” ceremonies will be performed. This event is an open meeting, which means that all are invited to attend. You, your wife, or significant other and potential young ladies between 10 and 20 who might be interested in membership. Other Lodges, and Masonic organizations have been invited to this event. We will be providing the refreshments, so please be there to support them. They are our future.

Our Hall Association will be hosting the use of our building for a Mothers Tea that they are holding on May 2nd in the small activity room. This event will be used to honor mothers, promote welfare of family values and allow the girls to demonstrate the skills that they have learned. Funds raised for this event will be used to support several philosophic projects, and also to off set some of the cost of Grand Bethel. If you are interested in attending this event, or making a donation, contact the Bethel Guardian, Mrs. Wendy Biddle at 562 644-1447 or myself. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$ 7.00.

Now, last but not least, I need to ask the following questions.

- (1) Do you know who our Masonic Youth Orders are?
(There are three in California)
- (2) Where they meet?

- (3) The requirements are for membership?
- (4) Have you ever attended one of their meetings?

If you call yourself a Mason, you should have answered YES to all the above questions.

If you have answered no to any of the above questions, then see me or any other youth order leadership, to support your obligation as a member of our Masonic Fraternity.

Also, this is VERY Important.

Have you:

Recommended anyone for membership?

Volunteered to help?

Please support our Masonic Youth Orders, as they are our future.

I am looking forward to seeing you there on May 18th, 7pm at our Lodge to support our Youth.

Fraternally,
Phill E. Mossey
Senior Warden



**Be proud to be
one of the few
So many will follow**



Brethren:

From the Secretary's Table

This month we will honor Brother George N. Thomas, a member of our Lodge for fifty years. We have invited George and his family and friends to be our guests at the Stated Meeting diner on May 6th. After dinner we will adjourn to the Lodge room for the presentation of his Golden Veterans Award. George was active in York Rite Masonry and we have invited members of those organizations to be our guests at dinner and to participate in the award.

George graduated from Texas A&M College in 1950. After graduation he worked as a practitioner of Veterinary Medicine in the city of Whittier. At the time of his retirement he was a partner in the Macy Thomas Veterinary Hospital. His Partner, Richard Macy was also a member of Greenleaf Gardens Lodge and received his Golden Veterans Award on March 4, 1998.

Last month I talked about how long I have been writing messages for the Trestle Board and complained a little bit about how difficult it is to come up with new and refreshing material. Even more remarkable is the job of assembling the Trestle Board, getting all of the officer's articles in on time and finding items of interest about and related to Masonry for each issue of the Trestle Board. This has been done every month, without complaint, for more than 15 years by Worshipful David J. Pickup. A few years ago he and his wife Kay moved to Milford, N.Y. and, in spite of the distance and snow storms, his work on the Trestle Board has continued without interruption. We are all very grateful for the quality and the quantity of the work Dave has done over the years. Since we don't get a chance very often to tell Dave how much we appreciate his dedication and work on our behalf I think it is appropriate that we use the publication he creates to do just that.

Special Note. On Saturday May 30th we are conferring a Third Degree on Henry Ong. Prior to the degree we will be having a luncheon to which

Henry's family members and friends are invited. Lodge members are also invited. We will need reservations so please let me know if you will attend by calling 562-695-2755. Lee Strong, Secretary

May Birthdays

Samuel G. Wells	5/1
Gerald L. Baker, P.M.	5/4
William F. La Valley, Sr.	5/10
Richard C. Watson, P.M.	5/11
Alfonso J. Suarez	5/11
Larry G. Larson	5/12
Ernest E. Symmes, P.M.	5/13
Douglas E. Penner	5/14
<i>Raymondo L. Wilcox, Sr. P.M.</i>	<i>5/15</i>
Thomas P. Lutsky	5/16
Mark A. Deckard	5/19
Willis C. De Bord	5/20
Louis Castillo	5/21
Robert A. Humphrey	5/22
Fremont E. "Monte" Wicker	5/22
David Robert Martin	5/22
Jerry F. Schenk	5/24
Michael R. Sanford	5/25
Donald D. Ver Steeg	5/26
Dan S. Romero	5/27
Wesley P. Howland, Jr.	5/30
Henry D. Sandoval	5/31

These Members are Entitled to a Free Dinner at the May Stated Meeting.

Raised to the Celestial Lodge Above

Gordon Eric Fryer

Initiated – September 14, 1960

Passed – December 5, 1960

Raised – March 22, 1961

Entered into Rest – January 23, 2009

Age – 85 Years, 6 Months, 10 Days

Until then dear Brother, until then farewell.”



**Remember
Memorial Day**

Fly your flag

May 25th