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Natoma Lodge #64
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FROM THE EAST

Greeting Brethren,

Fun! Flag! Fireworks! With the warmer days and kids starting their summer recess marks that summer is here. So let's have some fun and good food at our Picnic (see the Junior Warden's article for further details), pay tribute to the Flag of our Country by flying the "Stars and Stripes" on June 14th, and round out the month by selling fireworks just in time for the celebration of our Independence Day.

WANTED! Calling on all salesmen, salesladies and all others of the Folsom Masonic Family! Your mission (should you chose to accept it) is to sell fireworks to the good peo-

ple of Folsom at our fireworks booth in the week prior to the Fourth of July. Our booth will start selling at noon on Saturday, June 28 and selling will continue until 9 pm on July 4th. Shifts are still available but the best shifts will be going fast. The benefits of this mission are 1.) Earn funds to assist our Lodge's mission in building men of good character and the bettering of our community; 2.) Build camaraderie and esprit de corps between brothers; 3.) Get our name out in the community; and lastly have fun while providing the finest quality of fireworks to the good people of Folsom for their Fourth of July celebrating pleasures. If you want to be a part of this mission,

Please contact myself, Bro. Scott Barbu, or Wor. Gordie Clark to sign up for a shift or two. Remember the best shifts are going fast, So Make the Call and Volunteer TODAY!

Finally, to those brothers traveling abroad during the summer, I wish you and your families a happy, safe, and restful vacation.

As always, remember, we are builders of men of good character and of our community. So let's continue the building.

Warmest Regards,

Geoff



FROM THE WEST

Brothers and Ladies,

I have been blessed to have had role models throughout my life, and I believe they have been instrumental in shaping me into the person I have become. As Masons, we have similar opportunities to influence others, no doubt. Last month we celebrated Mother's Day—the one-hundredth since its inception, in fact, and I would like to celebrate this fact with recognition of a role model truly worthy of emulation.

May marked the passing of Irena Sendler, a Polish woman who followed her conscience during the Second World War and saved thousands of Jewish children from certain death while risking her own life in the proc-

ess. She would utilize her position as a Social Worker to enter the Polish ghettos (the five largest being located in Warsaw, Łódź, Kraków, Lublin, and Lvov) set up by the Nazi's as a weigh station for their planned genocide, smuggle the children out and place them with families in Poland where they would be given new identities. It has been estimated that she smuggled out 2500 children in suitcases, boxes or anything accessible. She was eventually captured and almost died as a result of what she had done, but a bribe to some Nazi officials left her alive but unconscious, and with several broken bones from several beatings. Although she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize (2007) and was in fact a recipient of Israel's *Yad Vasham Righteous Among the Nations* medal (1965), she refuted her title as 'hero' saying she was somewhat ashamed that there was not more she could have done. As a role

model, Irena Sendler is most certainly worthy of imitation. Our ladies have not only bore us, they have raised us and have also set the standard for us what it means to be God-fearing people of character, that the right thing to do is not always an easy choice, but the only choice.

As Masons we can take our council and inspiration from great Masons, but we can also follow truly Masonic character from the other half of humanity, those who have been called the *weaker sex*—whoever it was that coined that phrase certainly did not know any women, for I see no weakness in the women that I know!

Travel well, and learn from whoever your travel companion may be—male or female.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES
15th OF EVERY MONTH

SPECIAL NOTES

Support our Rainbow -- Clear away the clutter and get rid of those old Monitors, TV sets, Cell phones, fax machines, printers, copiers, microwaves and other electronic debris from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday June 28, 2008. See the Rainbow article for more details.





FROM THE SOUTH

TIME TO RECHARGE OURSELVES IN THE MASONIC FAMILY

Brethren & Ladies,

The month of June includes the summer solstice and the celebration of St. John the Baptist, a patron saint of Freemasonry. At Natoma Lodge, this month has become the traditional time for our annual picnic, a time when the sun is at its brightest and marks the halfway point of our year, a time when we refresh ourselves with frolicking, fellowship and food.

This year's picnic will be held on June 7th beginning at 10:30 AM at Fair Oaks Park, on Fair Oaks Blvd just south of Madison Avenue. The event is open to all Masons their family and friends. We encourage you to use this event to involve your family and introduce friends to Freemasonry.

It will be a traditional picnic with typical food fair, smoked ribs, tri-tip, dogs, fruits, salads, corn on the cob, and strawberry shortcake. We will have traditional games and activities that you enjoyed at picnics as a kid, as well as a bounce house for the kids of

today.

The following up coming events deserve your attention and consideration; please attend as you are able:

Sacramento County Fair Child ID Booth, May 22-26.

We will again participate, by manning the booth for at least one 3^{1/2} hour shift on one of the four days, in this annual Masonic event organized by the Greater Sacramento Area Masonic Service Bureau. I have not yet received our assignment date or time. If you can be a part of this event please contact me by e-mail.

Stated Meeting Dinner June 5th at 6 : 3 0 .

Our dinner menu is as follows; Green Salad W/Ranch Dressing BBQ Tri-Tip, Corn on the Cobb, Potato Wedges, Rolls & Butter, and Strawberry Shortcake. Please contact me by e-mail if you plan to attend our dinner.

Natoma 64 Annual Picnic, Saturday June 7th

This year's event promises all that you can ask for in a picnic. We will have traditional games, fun, and food, as well as surprises to be announced at a later date. This annual

affair is not for Masons, but for their families, immediate and extended; invite them all, your neighbors, your work associates, your second cousin on you stepmother's side. Mark this date on your calendar and look for further announcements as the plans for this event are finalized.

Finally, June is sandwiched between Memorial Day and July 4th, two days that embody in their represented history the actions of a few that established and protect our Freedom. Remember this on Flag Day, June 14th, and as we celebrate all this summer with mom apple pie and picnics. Consider this Quote by David Mahoney

"Our heroes are those... who... act above and beyond the call of duty and in so doing give definition to patriotism and elevate all of us...America is the land of the free because we are the home of the brave."

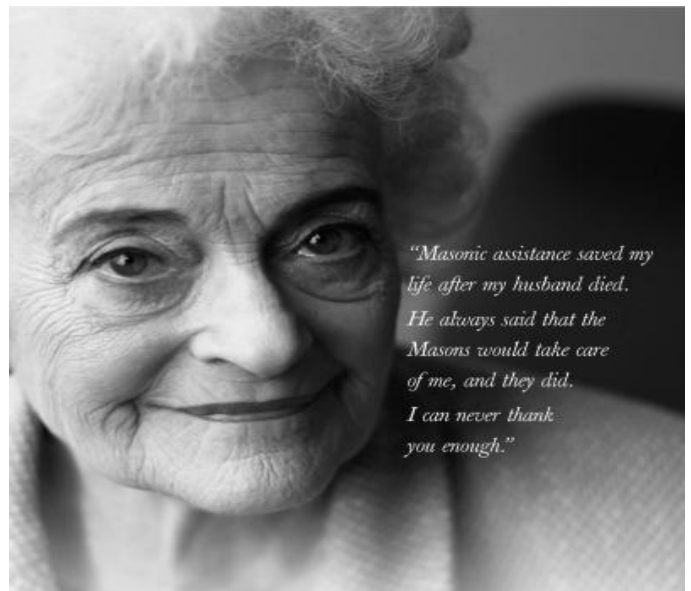
Fraternal blessings,
Mike Titus

IT'S TIME TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

June Dinner Menu:

- Starter;** Green Salad W/Ranch Dressing
- Entree & Side Dishes;** BBQ Tri-Tip, Corn on the Cobb, Potato Wedges, Rolls & Butter
- Dessert;** Strawberry Shortcake

Don't forget...RSVP your attendance to our Stated Meeting meal at michealtitus02@gmail.com . Masonic Widows are always no charge, Adults \$12.00, and children \$1.00 per year to age 12.



"Masonic assistance saved my life after my husband died. He always said that the Masons would take care of me, and they did. I can never thank you enough."



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

SURPRISES ARE NOT ALWAYS GOOD.



One day I met a sweet gentleman and fell in love. When it became apparent that we would marry, I made the supreme sacrifice and gave up beans.

Some months later, on my birthday, my car broke down on the way home from work.

Since I lived in the countryside I called my husband and told him that I would be late because I had to walk home.

On my way, I passed by a small diner and the odor of baked beans was more than I could stand.

With miles to walk, I figured that I would walk off any ill effects by the time I reached home, so I stopped at the diner and before I knew it, I had consumed three large orders of baked beans.

All the way home, I made sure that I released all the gas. Upon my arrival, my husband seemed excited to see me and exclaimed delightedly: "Darling I have a surprise for dinner tonight."

He then blindfolded me and led me to my chair at the dinner table. I took a seat and just as he was about to remove my blindfold, the telephone rang.

He made me promise not to touch the blindfold until he returned and went to answer the call.

The baked beans I had consumed were still affecting me and the pressure was becoming most unbearable, so while my husband was out of the room I seized the opportunity, shifted my weight to one leg and let one go.

It was not only loud, but it smelled like a fertilizer truck running over a skunk in front of a pulpwood mill. I took my napkin from my lap and fanned the air around me vigorously.

Then, shifting to the other cheek, I ripped off three more. The stink was worse than cooked cabbage.

Keeping my ears carefully tuned to the conversation in the other room, I went on like this for another few minutes. The pleasure was indescribable.

When eventually the telephone farewells signaled the end of my freedom, I quickly fanned the air a few more times with my napkin, placed it on my lap and folded my hands back on it feeling very relieved and pleased with myself.

My face must have been the picture of innocence when my husband returned, apologizing for taking so long. He asked me if I had peeked through the blindfold, and I assured him I had not. At this point, he removed the blindfold, and twelve dinner guests seated around the table chorused: "Happy Birthday!"

I fainted!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COACH'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out and took the first step in becoming a Candidates Coach and/or Mentor last month. With all of your help I am sure we are on our way to successfully passing on the necessary light in making well educated and

well equipped Master Masons for the future. Over the next several months we will be working out all of the bugs and I remind you that this team can not succeed without commitment, cooperation, and communication, it is up to all of us. We are not out of the woods yet. As we have made a

serious dent in our need we are still short on Coaches and we are in serious need of Mentors. If you were unable to attend last month's seminar please contact me as we will be putting on a "quick course" in July. Again thank you all.



RAINBOW DREAMS

WHAT'S YOUR WISH?

Greetings from Natoma Rainbow Girls. "When You Wish Upon a Star" will be the theme for the evening Friday May 23. You are all invited to attend our Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm where Carolyn Sweeney will be installed as Worthy Advisor.

Natoma Lodge has been so supportive of the girls, and we truly appreciate it!!! We love to have visitors for all of our events, and Installations are open to the public. If you know a girl between age 11 and 20, the installation would be a great place to come meet the girls and see some of what Rainbow has to offer.

We have some exciting events on our calendar in the near future we wish to share with you. The girls and adults are busy planning the first e-waste recycle collection day where all TV's, computer monitors,

laptop computers, cell phones and ink cartridges can be dropped off free of charge to be recycled properly. Other electronics can also be dropped off for a small charge of \$5. Spread the word to all your family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, co-workers and even the people standing in front of you at the grocery store check out. The event will be held at the Folsom Middle School on Saturday June 28 from 9 AM to 4 PM, so save up all your old electronics and bring them over to help us with this community service event. If you can't make it to the event, call Dennis Davis at 203-9479 to arrange a pick up. The girls are wishing for this to be a super successful event and that we get tons of recyclable waste.

The girls are also having a fundraiser, selling Party Lite Candles to raise money for the Grand Officer to travel to the jurisdictions she repre-

sents. With three Grand Assemblies to attend, and travel costs up, every tealight helps. If you'd like to see a catalog or purchase some candles, please call Karen Marshall 849-6677 or Natalie Ballard 257-1280 (be sure to mention it's the Natoma Rainbow Girls fundraiser)...make a wish and blow out the candles.

We also wish to send out a HUGE thank you to all the lodge members and friends who came to our car wash on May 10. Thanks to you it was a smashing success, raising well over \$200 to help the girls go to Rainbow Camp in June. Bravo!

Finally, the Natoma girls are no strangers to participating in ritual competitions, so we WISH Natoma Lodge loads of luck at the upcoming ritual competition. We've heard great things about the men's ritual work, and know you'll be fantastic.

MASONIC CHARITY

Planned Giving to Masonic Philanthropies

Your rewards will be more than the potential tax savings. In helping others can be found unequaled personal, emotional, and spiritual fulfillment.

There are as many different ways to support our Masonic charities as there are needs for your support. If you are new to planned giving, you might want to look at the Planning Giving Goals page on the Grand Lodge web site, www.freemason.org, contribute, planned giving, Planned Giving Goals. This page provides an overview of many of the common planned giving opportunities and matches your goals with the resulting benefits.

For more information, contact Doug Ismail, Director of Masonic Philanthropy, (800) 831-8170 x142, dismail@freemason.org -or- Erik Peterson, Manager of Planned Giving, (800) 831-8170 x136, epeterson@freemason.org



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Walker B. Robinett	6	1950	Robert H. Stewart	18	1998
Joseph H. Isaac Sr.	8	1959	S. E. Spas Jr.	19	1974
Allen Waldrop	8	2006	Lloyd M. Parker	19	1996
Harlie R. linley	8	1966	Charles R. Bonnes PM	19	1970
Kenneth E. Taylor	8	1983	Star McConnell	19	1971
Harvey L. Phillips	10	1981	Joseph A. Bellacerra	19	1971
Pat Flynn PM	11	1998	Craig Wilson	19	2003
Brad Horn\	12	1990	Craig C. Weaver	21	2006
Melvin R. Warren	12	1996	Fred Johnson	23	1993
Glen E. Snell	13	1973	Ronald R. Freed	23	1953
Eric A. Wulff	14	2007	Edward W. Vandiver	24	1999
Huey P. Smith	14	1963	Max M. S. Josan	24	2004
Jerry G. Blevins	15	1983	Morgan d. Roberts Lnc Cpl	27	2007
Rufus E. (Rusty) Hinton Jr.	15	1972	David R. Clark Sr.	27	1966
Charles R. Berkness	16	1982	Jere A. Jacobs	27	1962
Jakob Hopp	16	1993	Theodore G. Barnes Jr.	27	1979
Theodore C. Mitchell	17	1954	Clarence M. Shew	28	1955
Kenneth L. Lopez	17	1987	Jerald Lee Clements	28	1976
J. G. Bittner	18	1975	James D, Maitland	29	1983

BIRTHDAYS

Geoffrey Podgorny	June	5	Michael J. Titus	17
Herbert A. Blomquist		6	Elvin L. Roach	17
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June 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Rainbow 7pm	3	4	5 Stated Meeting 8pm Dinner 6:30pm	6 American River Stated Meeting 7:30pm	7 Picnic 10am til 4pm
8	9	10 Amaranth 7:30pm	11 Hall Association 7pm	12 First Degree 7pm	13	14 Shrine 8am
15	16 Rainbow 7pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Eldorado Commandary K. T. 7:30pm Sutter Creek	24 District Officer's S. O. I. 7pm Natoma	25	26	27	28 Fireworks Booth
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Place	Dress	Who May Attend
05/02	7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
05/05	630pm	Stated Dinner/Hiram	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Public
05/05	8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
05/06	730pm	American River Lodge	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
05/07	7pm	Lodge Picnic	Fair Oaks Park	Casual	Public
05/10	730pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
05/11	7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
05/12	7pm	First Degree	Natoma Lodge	Officer Tux	All Masons
05/14	8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
05/16	7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
05/23	730pm	EIDorado Commandary	Sutter Creek	Uniform	Sir Knights
05/24	7pm	District School of Inst.	Hiram #25	Casual	Master Masons
06/28 thru 07/04		Fireworks Booth	Folsom	Casual	Public