



TRESTLEBOARD

Natoma Lodge #64
Folsom, CA

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FROM THE EAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Greeting Brethren and Ladies

The month of July is here and with it brings the Fourth of July and the many days of the mercury peaking pass the century mark. This Fourth of July marks the two-hundred and thirty-second birthday of the United States of America. Let us keep in mind and be thankful of the rights and freedoms we enjoy as Americans while we are celebrating (or selling fireworks in our booth) on the Fourth of July.

A few kudos need to be given out to some of the brethren and ladies for making our June events a success. First, from speaking with so

many brothers and their families at the annual Lodge picnic, it appears a good time was had by all at the picnic. The bounce house and the food were especially a hit. So I think we all owe a round of applause to the hard-work of Brother Mike Titus, his wife Kim, and his crew for their efforts in continuing the tradition of highly successful Natoma Lodge picnics by adding another fine picnic to that tradition. Secondly, I would also like to thank Worshipful Gordie Clark and members of the fireworks booth committee for making the first year operation of our own fireworks booth a success. I also want to thank all of the brothers, ladies and their friends

who volunteered in the booth. Your generous donation of your time and sales talent has generated additional funds to assist in further our mission of building men of good character and betterment of our community.

Finally, remember, my brothers that we are builders of men of good character and of our community. So let's continue the building.

Warmest Regards,
Geoff



FROM THE WEST

CHARACTER MEANS EVERYTHING!

Greetings from the West—

July is upon us and so is the celebration of our nation's independence. Not so long ago (in the grand epoch of time) we declared our independence as a sovereign nation for reasons that not only seemed appropriate, but necessary. America had the character to separate itself from tyranny and come into its own being.

As people, we look into the abyss and what looks back at us can define our character. Character expresses itself in our personalities, and it materializes itself in our conduct and in our actions. To speak, we display our knowledge, but to act, we display our character,

and that is what the world sees and is what we are judged by. The vices and superfluities of society are powerful influences that lead many into shallow, non-noteworthy lives. Many of us are challenged by resources—time resources, financial resources, etc., and there are shortcuts available. There were similar shortcuts available to the great ones who founded this nation, but they decided to follow their conscience and disregard the shortcuts that tyranny offered. Character is not always an easy thing to display.

As Masons we are under scrutiny from the non-Masons, so what we see in the mirror is what the world sees. The world does not read my article *from the West* (I am not sold the members even read it every month), but that's okay, because the world does see *me* every day, and I

have to ask myself, *what image did I project?* Did I display good character for the world to see? I like to think that my character is as responsible for getting people interested in Freemasonry as is the rich tradition and history of our fraternity. As a person, I want to be judged by my character.

Hence, while we enjoy this month and all the accolades associated with being Free Citizens, as Free Masons, let us remember what the currency for those privileges are. Let us show the world that by being Masons we have the character to be better men.

Travel Well, and always take a moment to look into the mirror and be proud of what you see.

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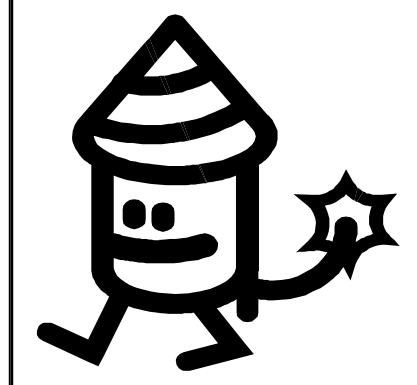
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SUBMISSION DEADLINES
15th OF EVERY MONTH

SPECIAL NOTES

**COME ONE, COME ALL!
HELP OUT WITH YOUR
FIREWORKS BOOTH. YOU
CAN WORK AND YOU CAN
BUY, WE HOPE YOU DO
BOTH!**

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Brethren & Ladies,

The month of July should be taken at a slower pace; the more extreme heat of another Sacramento summer is fast approaching. I have been told our Lodge slows down during the summer months, although we do not go dark as many lodges do. It appears that this year we will also slow down, but remember everything is relative. Compared to our first six months, a fireworks stand, our stated meeting, and only one or two special meetings is slowing down

As this is written, plans and recruiting for the fireworks booth, June 28th to July 4th, are a primary focus of Worshipful Risse and the booth Chairman Worshipful Gordie Clark. If you have not yet volunteered for your shifts, please do so. Our successful and trouble-free operation of the booth will require participation from the full membership. Also, remember to tell your friends and family to buy their fireworks from us, the booth will be located at East Bidwell and Wales, in Folsom.

FROM THE SOUTH

SLOW DOWN? YEAH, RIGHT!

One more significant event closes the month of June, the E-Waste collection on June 28th to benefit the Natoma Rainbow. They will be collecting old computers, TV's, printers, cell phones, etc for recycling. This event may be their greatest fund raiser this year, but only with your support. Bring your E-Waste to Folsom Middle School Saturday June 28th from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Our July Stated meeting falls on July 3rd. Our pre meeting dinner will be Minestrone Soup, Chicken Penne Pasta w/Alfredo Sauce, Garden Medley Vegetables, Olive/Scallion Foccaccia Bread, and Ambrosia Fruit Salad for desert. Adults are \$12.00; widows and guest are always free. Make your reservation by email at michaeltitus02@gmail.com.

Look for opportunities to enrich yourself in Masonry by attending a degree meeting, which are generally held on Thursday evenings. We are blessed to have many new applicants, their progression through the degrees provide you many occasions to experience our ritual. If the last time you heard a degree lecture was your initiation, passing or raising, you are cheating yourself. The candi-

dates and our officers would love to see the lodge full for these special events.

Looking ahead to August and the State Fair, we anticipate manning the Child ID Booth the Saturday prior to Labor Day or August 30. I will be looking for volunteers to participate in this annual event, another fantastic opportunity to contribute to our community and showcase Masonry in action.

As always, I close with the wise words of others: The preamble of the Declaration of Independence begins...

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Happy Forth of July,

Mike Titus

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

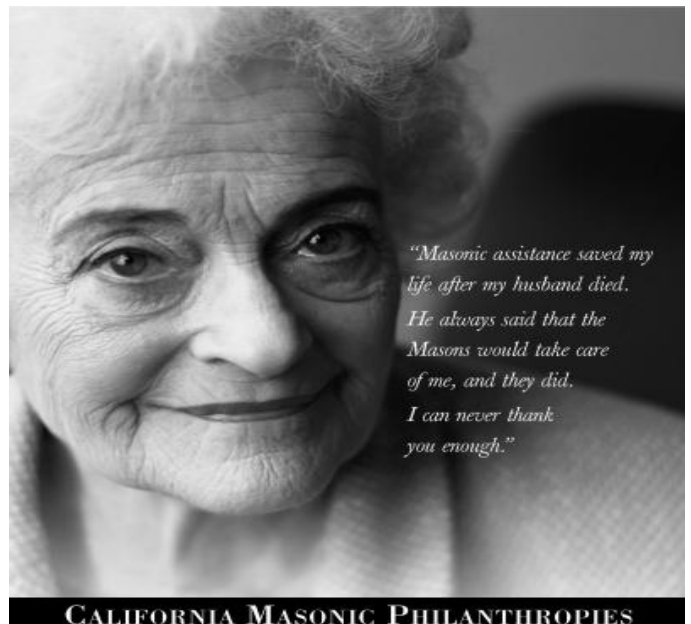
July Dinner Menu:

Starter; Minestrone Soup

Entree & Side Dishes; Chicken Penne Pasta w/Alfredo Sauce, Garden Medley Vegetables, Olive/Scallion Foccaccia Bread

Dessert; Ambrosia Fruit Salad

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.





Natoma Lodge #64

Fireworks Booth



Date: 06/28/08 Thru 07/04/08

Time: 09:00 until 21:00 Daily

Location: East Bidwell / Wales
Folsom, CA

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to staff our fireworks booth. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join us, as we enjoy all of the fellowship, and fun as we get to know some of the great people in our community and they get to know us!

Contact: Gordie Clark at kinghiramoftyre@yahoo.com or (916) 715-6614 to sign up.





SAVE THE DATE

“Ladies at the Table”

The 2nd Annual Festive Board
Hosted by Natoma Lodge No. 64

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Special Guest Speakers: John and Heather Cooper

Details to follow soon!

DIRTY HANDS!

TIME AGAIN, TO GET A LITTLE DIRTY!

We are assembling work parties to complete minor “Honey-Do” projects for two of our esteemed widows. We

need a spackle and interior painting crew, as well as a landscape and irrigation system repair team. All interested

in getting a little Masonic dirt, and maybe a little real dirt, on their hands, please email me at michaeltitus02@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Roy Elmer Kanoff

Born-January 6, 1924

Initiated-February 14, 1946

Passed-March 14, 1946

Raised-May 9, 1946

Entered Into Rest-March 21, 2008

ALMIGHTY FATHER, INTO THY HANDS WE COMMEND THE SOUL OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHER.
AMEN.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?



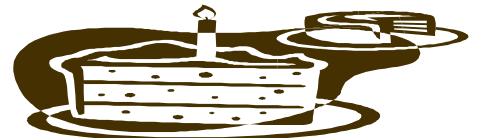
What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

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BIRTHDAYS

Ron Stromstad	July	2	Donald P. Cotton	18	Ray E. Milam	23
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July 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Fireworks Booth	2 Fireworks Booth	3 Fireworks Booth Stated Meeting & Dinner	4 Fireworks Booth	5
6	7 Rainbow 7pm	8 Amaranth 7:30pm	9 Hall Association 7pm	10 1st Degree 7pm	11	12 Shrine 8am
13	14	15	16	17 2nd Degree 7pm	18	19
20	21 Rainbow 7pm	22	23	24 Coaches Corner 7:30pm	25	26
27	28 York Rite Bodies Sutter Creek 7:30pm	29 Amaranth 7:30pm	30	31		

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DATES TO REMEMBER

07/03 630pm	Stated Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Public
07/03 8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
07/07 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
07/08 730pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
07/09 7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
07/10 7pm	First Degree	Natoma Lodge	Officer Tux	All Masons
07/12 8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
07/10 7pm	Second Degree	Natoma Lodge	Officer Tux	All FC Masons
07/21 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
07/24 730pm	Coaches Corner	Natoma Lodge	Casual	All Masons
07/28 730pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons
06/28 thru 07/04	Fireworks Booth	Folsom	Casual	Public