



TRESTLE BOARD

Natoma Lodge #64

December
2008



FROM THE EAST

Seasons Greetings to All,

The Christmas trees and lights are starting to appear around town, Christmas music is being heard everywhere you go, and we're all rushing about like chickens with our heads cut off trying to cross that last gift off of our lists. All signs that another holiday season is now upon us and another Masonic year has passed.

Rumor has it that Santa will be making an early stop off in Folsom on the evening of December 4th. Furthermore, my sources informed me that he will be stopping at 1000 Duchow Way that day as a Holiday celebration will be going at that specific address on that specific day by coincidence. So join us as we all enjoy good food and fellowship at the celebration while Santa gives out gifts to children in attendance. The Stated Meeting scheduled for that evening will be "short and to the point" to allow everyone to enjoy the festivities.

At some point during the evening of December 6th, my duties as an Officer of this Lodge will cease and I will be returning to the sidelines as a member. I want to thank all of the officers and members that help me make the year 2008 another successful one for the Lodge. It has been a pleasure serving you this year as your Master and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. The installation of the 2009 officers is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. I hope many of you will be able to attend the event and I

wish the new Master, Worshipful Scott Barbu, and his Leadership Corps every success in the coming year. I know that the under his leadership, the Lodge will continue to prosper in the coming year.

Finally, I want to wish all the brethren and their families a safe, joyous, and restful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Warmest Regards,
Geoff

FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West—

The time has come my friends for the changing of the guard. I owe so much to my mentors, who for these past few years, since I have been involved in Masonry, have allowed me to learn and grow by making mistakes. After these mishaps, it was these same mentors who have given me their hand, helped me back to my feet, dusted me off and then told me how better it can be done the next time.

I owe so much to the Past Masters who I have served under, as well as those many Brothers and Ladies who have taken such an unselfish role in guiding me at every step. I hope to remain as humble in the months ahead, for we do have challenges to address. I ask for your continued patience while we, your Leadership Corp look at every possible angle in dealing with these issues. I am counting on every Brother to communicate to your

2009 Leadership Corp ways in which we could be better addressing Lodge issues. The Lodge is a living Entity, and your Leadership Corp are merely a small part of that Entity. The membership is the consciousness, the breath and the pulse of Natoma Lodge. In order for all of us to be held accountable, it is critical that all of us together be involved in the decision-making process, even if it is just input to an idea that is contributed.

I want to get as many Brothers and their families involved as possible. The quality of the undertaking is far more rewarding than the sheer quantity of work undertaken. It is too easy to assign too many tasks to Junior as well as Senior Officers that they become overwhelmed, whereas we can draw talent, nay expertise, from the membership in assisting as well as leading these many ventures. We need your guidance, we need your leadership to compliment ours, and we will need your assistance in whatever capacity is available.

As I move Eastward, I will need more than ever the continuation of the support and wisdom that has been imparted upon me. I welcome your voice, I welcome your conscience when it leads you to address an issue that involves us and I welcome your experience, since no one wants to repeat past errors. Santayana once stated that to not learn from history is tantamount to repeating it. If I err, I want it to be on the side of good intention, not on a lesson that was not learned from past experience.

Travel well, and know that we are one with each step.

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2007/2008 OFFICERS

HALL ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies,

As we set in motion preparations for the holiday season and the door begins to close on 2008, it is essential that I thank all of you for making this year and the job of Junior Warden a pleasure. It is by the collective efforts of many that our Lodge is successfully operated and we all should take pride that Natoma 64 is highly regarded by many brothers beyond our Lodge.

Our most recent success was the third "Make a Difference Day," where we collected upwards of 800 lbs and over \$1,600 for our troops in the Middle East. Thank you all who helped with this fantastic project.

Speaking of Holiday preparations, our annual Christmas party will again be held in conjunction with the December Stated Meeting Dinner – please see the Trestleboard announcement. We are asking the Brethren and Ladies to bring canned and non-perishables to donate to the Folsom Food Closet. With your donation, the meal will be \$7.50 per person, without a donation \$15.00.

I close by sharing a story for the

season written by someone more talented than I;

Three Little Trees (Anonymous)

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world." The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world." The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain. The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of

his shining axe, the first tree fell... "Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold wonderful treasure!" the first tree said. The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings." The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven. But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me." He muttered. With a swoop of his shining axe, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feed box for animals. The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, nor with treasure. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals. The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead, the once

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP YOUR STATED MEETING DINNER RESERVATIONS TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN MIKE TITUS AT

michaeltitus02@gmail.com

If You Forget To RSVP, Please Come Anyway...But You Will Be Charged The Full \$15.00 Cost Per Meal.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Brethren



We Will Celebrate The Holidays Thursday, December 4th At Our Annual Christmas Party To Be Held In Conjunction With The Stated Meeting Dinner.

You Are Especially Encouraged to Bring Your Family

We Will Enjoy A Dinner Buffet That Includes Roast Barron Of Beef, Lasagna, And All The Fixins. A Special Visitor Will Arrive Following Our Dinner.



During The Holiday Season We Should Especially Demonstrate Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; Therefore You May Enjoy This Holiday Dinner For The Reduced Price Of \$7.50 Per Person With A Canned Food Donation Of Equal Value.

All Donations Will Be Given To The Folsom Food Bank.

As Always Widows Are Free, (please bring a canned food donation).

Children Under 10 Are Free With A Canned Food Donation.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

M.O.S. MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

Would you know who to call if you or one of our members or widows needed help identifying and gaining access to no or low cost government programs for seniors?

MOS has extended their services to help answer those questions. They provide information and referral to government senior services available in each county in California e.g. nutrition programs (e.g. Meals on Wheels), in-home services, minor repair services, legal services, transportation services.

Their goal is to provide our fraternal family members access to the services and resources they need to stay healthy and safe in their homes or in retirement facilities in their own communities.

For more information, contact MOS at: (888) 466-3642 or intake@mhcus.org



NATOMA MSAP EVENT

Did you know that *We, at Natoma #64, hosted a Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP) class* this past November 18-20th? This effort was jointly sponsored by several local lodges which raised \$16,000 of the **\$25,000** necessary to put one class on. Our Grand Lodge Masonic Foundation contributed the balance of the funding. The result is that the ***class is free*** for those teachers fortunate enough to attend.

MSAP is an innovative three-day training course that builds educators' skills in **identifying at-risk students** and providing appropriate guidance. Behavior issues are often symptoms of a bigger problem. Because students in distress may not ask for help, it's **often up to their teachers** to read the signs and intervene before it's too late.

MSAP helps good teachers become even better by training them to **work as teams**. The MSAP approach considers the child as a whole, identifying all the factors that might contribute to the student's behavior or inability to learn. The **team collaboration** is what leads to a solution, giving these students a greater chance of staying in school and becoming productive members of society. Providing a class locally reduces the impact on teacher's lives, allowing greater participation of our area schools and thus **stronger teams**.

A partial list of the schools who participated in the program: Theodore Judah Elementary-Folsom, Folsom-Lake H.S., Folsom-Cordova Health Programs, Vista Del Lago H.S., Mills Middle-Rancho Cordova, Peter J. Shields-Elementary-Rancho Cordova, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, 5- Grass Valley schools participated and 6-Sacramento area schools also participated

The **limit of 115** was the maximum our dining hall could hold & I understand that there was still a **40-person waiting list**.

Suffice it to say: **MSAP is a major community event** and another reason to be proud of our lodge. **We are making a difference** in our communities!

If you like what the program does, then go to www.freemason.org and create a giving plan to our Masonic foundation. Check it out **today!**

THIS IS WHAT NATOMA MASONS DO!!!

BIRTHDAYS

	Derek J. Crangle	19-Dec	Cohen, Michael	1-Dec-93
	Foster Maxwell	19-Dec	Downer, Matthew	16-Dec-03
Geoffrey D. Risse	Darin Schrum	20-Dec	Golden, Thomas	PM18-Dec-97
Robert W. Peterson	Paul Van Sickle	20-Dec	Kovacs, William	21-Dec-57
James D. Grovhoug	Craig C. Weaver	24-Dec	Kramer, Wayne	3-Dec-56
Tom Fusselman	Darren R. Marin	25-Dec	Messerli, John	28-Dec-55
Mike Cohen	Joseph De Fazio	27-Dec	Milbrandt, Ben	7-Dec-85
Douglas A. Roberts	Harvey L. Phillips	28-Dec	Moeszinger, Philip	16-Dec-48
James M. Burns	S. E. Spas Jr.	30-Dec	Nichols, William	12-Dec-02
Glen Edward Snell	Corky Holden PM	31-Dec	Orphilla, Rudy	5-Dec-75
Chris Houge			Perez, Ruben	11-Dec-85

ANNIVERSARIES

	Brooks, Clifford	12-Dec-63	Richie, George	13-Dec-72
Stanley R. Solid	Canfield, Claude	27-Dec-45	Smith, Ryan	18-Dec-03
Steven Jones	Chapin, Glenn	18-Dec-56	Veffredo, Fred	1-Dec-78
James O'Hara			Williams, Robert	2-Dec-70



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strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail to an ocean, or even a river instead she was taken to a little lake. The third tree was confused when the wood-cutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard. "What happened," The once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God...

Many days and nights passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams. Then one night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feed box. I wish I could make a cradle for him." her husband whispered. The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and the sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful." she said. And, suddenly, the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The Little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain. The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And, suddenly, the second tree knew he was carrying the King of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel. But, on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And, every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. That was better than being the tallest tree in the world.

So, next time you feel down because you didn't get what you want, just sit tight and be happy because God is thinking of something better to give you.

Wishes and Prayers for You and Your Family This Holiday Season - Mike

Santa Claus is Coming to Town ...



At Nimbus Winery
Hazel Avenue and Highway 50

Each and Every Saturday and Sunday,
between December 6th and December 21st
from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$5 Each 2 for \$9 3 for \$12
\$4 per picture if over 3

Brought to you by the Shrine Clowns and Natoma Assembly
#90, International Order of
the Rainbow for Girls, a Masonic Youth Group

*The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a
Masonic youth order that performs public service, supports
the Shrine Hospitals and raises funds for this year's
Grand Service Project, Family Soup*



*Scott Barbu
Master-Elect*

*Michael Titus
Senior Warden-Elect*

*Scott Leventon
Junior Warden-Elect*

*The Members
of
Natoma Lodge No. 64, F. & A.M.
Cordially Invite You and Your Guests
to the
155th Annual Installation of Officers
on
Saturday, December 6th, 2008
at
Seven O'clock in the Evening
at the
Charles F. Anderson Masonic Center
1000 Duchow Way
Folsom, California 95630
(Reception & Light Refreshments Immediately Following)*

Make your
gift to the
Annual Fund.



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"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, ... and though I have all faith, so that I could remove moun-

Does this sound familiar? It should, as it is a part of our Masonic rituals! You don't have to wait for the annual giving requests,

You may go to www.freemason.org and create a giving plan to our Masonic foundation today!!

"...And now abideth faith, hope, & charity, these



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We're on the Web:
www.calodges.org/no64

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/01 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
12/04 6:30pm	Christmas Party	Natoma Lodge	Festive	Public
12/04 8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
12/05 8pm	American River	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
12/06 7pm	Installation of Officers	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
12/09 7:30pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
12/10 7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
12/13 8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
12/15 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
12/22 7:30pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons
12/30 7pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.