



TRESTLE BOARD

Natoma Lodge #64

February
2009



FROM THE EAST

I would like to thank everyone for such a great start to the new year! I would like to welcome our newest Master Mason **Scott Morrison** and our newest member by affiliation **Craig Peach**. I would also like to congratulate our 2009 Hiram Award Recipient **Fred Vefredo** and thank him for all the hard work he has given our Lodge over the years.

January was Great—we have a Budget that will address the issues we are all facing with the economy, and at the same still maintain the programs we have all worked so hard to build. The Rainbow girls hosted a “Shadow Night” which had the participation of many Masons—my thanks for the Brothers who participated and my special thanks to the girls for making this event possible and allowing us to participate. January was yet another month where the generosity of the Natoma family has been abundant. We pooled our individual resources together and were able to support a Brother who was in need, and for that I am truly proud!

February promises to be exciting! We have our annual Sweetheart’s celebration at the Stated Dinner, which our Sweetheart’s committee chair **Paul Tibbens** promises will be an event worth attending! Please come out and show your support for our Widows and bring your Sweetheart as well. This is the month to honor those who

have supported our Fraternity—our Masonic Widows—who supported our dearly departed Brothers while they were with us in this Earthly Lodge.

The 2009 Ritual Competition is approaching and we need you! Please see the Master or Wardens if you would like to participate—we want the trophy that was ours in 2007 back! All Master Masons welcome.

Our annual Youth Benefit Auction is fast approaching and we need donations as well as anyone interested in helping. If you are interested in being a part of our biggest fund raising event of the year please contact myself or Brother **Doug Roberts** for more information.

In closing, our Masonic Widows are so dear to us, and we need to honor them for all the sacrifice and dedication they have given us. Many of our Sisters are still active and have continued to support us in any way possible. As such, we have an obligation to support them any way we can. Sure, we have a charity fund designed to assist, but that does not address the independence and integrity of these wonderful ladies. We need to set aside some time and resources for checking up on them beyond February (our Sweetheart’s celebration) or when it has become necessary for the charity committee to investigate—if it gets to that, my Brothers, we have let them down. I propose, and will continue to seek support, that we initiate a

new committee/ club that maintains communication and support of our Widows. It is so easy to lose touch with those who we may only occasionally see at a Stated dinner or picnic.

I am calling for a few Brothers to work with me in starting up this committee and let’s keep our Sisters involved in the every day workings of the Lodge. If you have a special skill, I want to hear from you. If you have a desire to make a difference, I want to hear from you. Instead of writing a check for repairs, how about a friendly visit by a Brother who can do a little repair or maintenance for a deserving lady, and at the same time show how much we appreciate that they are still a part of our lives. This request is not about money and saving Lodge funds, this is about keeping our Widows involved and showing the appreciation and respect they have earned. By utilizing our internal talents as well as external resources can we make this a great program. Please see me if you have interest in becoming part of this great venture.

Travel Well,

...and assist those on the road side as we ourselves may be at that point some day.

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert James Lawrence

Born May 3, 1922
Initiated Apr 23, 1946
Passed Dec 17, 1946
Raised Mar 25, 1947
Entered into rest
Jan 18, 2009

Joseph Henry Isaac

Born Aug 23, 1920
Initiated Dec 08, 1958
Passed Mar 23, 1959
Raised Jun 08, 1959
Entered into rest
Jan 09, 2009

Edward Gabriel Robles

Born Aug 6, 1924
Initiated Nov 10, 1949
Passed Jan 24, 1950
Raised Feb 23, 1950
Entered into rest
Dec 27, 2008

Eugene W. Thompson

Born Aug 01, 1922
Initiated Mar 10, 1949
Passed Jan 26, 1950
Raised Apr 20, 1950
Entered into rest
Nov 09, 2008

*Supreme Grand Master,
Into thy hands we com-
mend the souls of our
dearly departed brothers.
Amen.*



FROM THE WEST

Worshipful Barbu opened the New Year at Natoma 64 with a great January Stated meeting and with his calendar for the year presented us with numerous opportunities to enrich our Masonic experience. Worshipful Scott has expressed many times to me, and others, his desire to involve a greater number of Brothers in active planning and management of our events and programs; his 2009 committee appointments reflect this goal. However, not all our programs and event planning committees are fully staffed; there remain many opportunities for your participation. The most striking open opportunity, and a position I personally request your consideration, is the Dirty Hands Committee.

The Dirty Hands concept was developed by W. Pat Flynn, and involved others who believe active hands on stewardship in our community and relief for our brothers their widows and orphans needs more emphasis in our lodge. From this concept a "Club" was established dedicated to this effort and as a proud member I began

promoting our activities within the lodge. We completed many hands on projects, one of the most successful, which has become a staple event on our lodge calendar, is participation in the nationally recognized "Make a Difference Day." Our annual make difference project is the collection of personal supplies for our troops overseas and mailing them as care packages. The time has come for the club to be an established committee within Natoma Lodge No. 64.

Worshipful Scott has recognized this by listing the committee in his January presentation, but the committee positions have not been filled. This committee cannot succeed in its endeavors by the appointment of members; the work of the committee requires commitment to participation borne of a desire to volunteer time and effort, not induced participation by arbitrary order. Please reflect on the obligations, principles and tenants of Masonry and contact me or Worshipful Scott to experience this opportunity. The Dirty Hands Committee is fully open, requiring a Chair and members.

This is an opening for newer brothers to engage and actively join-in. Watching the action never provides the level of satisfaction as that gained by playing in the game.

We especially need those not otherwise assigned to a committee. I will fully support the committee in all its efforts, especially in planning the "Make a Difference Day" event, and look forward to this chance to connect with you. Dirty Hands is Masonry in action.

Also for your consideration, the monthly Masonic Formation presentations (aka Masonic education) have not all been assigned. Five months remain open for a Brother to research and present a paper on a subject of special interest. I have suggested topics as well as months open for a subject of your choosing. This is another chance for you to enrich your Masonic experience and get off the bench.

I will end with an appropriate quote from John Heywood an English Playwright in the 15th century who eloquently reminded us, "*Many Hands Make Light Work.*"

Yours in Brotherhood and
On the Level,

Mike

LET'S EAT

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP YOUR STATED MEETING DINNER RESERVATIONS TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN SCOTT LEVENTON AT scott_leventon@sbcglobal.net

If You Forget To RSVP, Please Come Anyway...But You Will Be Charged The Full \$12.00 Cost Per Meal.



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Ladies and Brethren
Our next stated dinner is Sweethearts night so, brethren please bring your sweetheart(s). Our dinner menu is going to be catered by Granite Rock Grill and will serve for appetizer a spring mix salad with blue cheese crumble. Our main course is charbroiled sierra beef steak, a garden medley of vegetables, baked potato with sour cream and butter along with tomato focaccia bread. Our desert is a delicious cheesecake with strawberry topping. I would like to thank Brother Paul Tibbens, Chairman of the Sweethearts Com-

mittee for working with our caterer on our Sweethearts dinner menu. All of our Sweethearts will receive a small gift, a small token for all of their past support of our fraternity.

February is fast approaching and so is our first event the Folsom Eggstravaganza. This year's event will be held on Saturday April 11, 2009 at Lembi Park. I was asked if I can get some volunteers to come that morning at 6:30 AM to come help lay out all the stuffed eggs. We were also asked to have the Child ID booth set up like we do every year. The egg stuffing will take

place on Wednesday April 8, 2009 at the Folsom Community Center at 6:00 PM. Please email me or call me on any of my three phone numbers if you plan on volunteering for the egg stuffing, laying out the eggs or staffing the Child ID booth. I look forward to working with all of you on the events for 2009.

Travel well,
The "other" Scott,
Jr. Warden



M.O.S. MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

Description: Programs available to seniors in their area/county

Are you or one of our members or widows having difficulty finding information about programs and services available to seniors in your area?

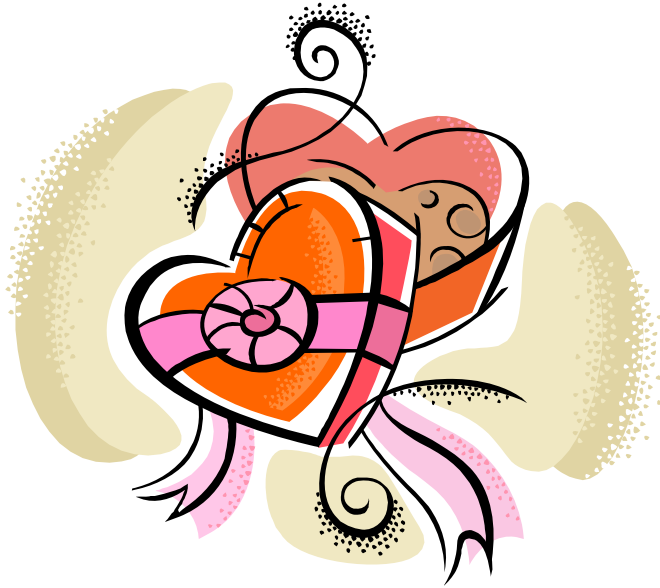
To negotiate the maze of services and providers can be daunting and confusing for seniors and their families.

MOS has compiled a list of resources for seniors in each county in California. They can answer questions about providers in your area and will help you track down and locate appropriate resources in your area.

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



SWEETHEARTS MONTH



**IN HONOR OF
SWEETHEARTS MONTH
WE ARE HAVING A
SPECIAL SWEETHEARTS
DINNER AT THE
FEBRUARY STATED
MEETING !!!**

WHEN: FEBRUARY 5TH, 6:30PM

WHERE: NATOMA LODGE, FOLSOM CA

WHO: YOU AND YOUR SPECIAL LADY

HONORED GUESTS: OUR MASONIC WIDOWS

**PLEASE RSVP WITH OUR JUNIOR WARDEN—
scott_leventon@sbcglobal.net**

BIRTHDAYS					
		Robert Walden	25-Feb	Dennis Davis	19-Feb-1981
Starr McConnell	1-Feb	Rene Morales	12-Feb	Robert Clarke	13-Feb-1991
Robert Flores	14-Feb	Daniel Joseph	26-Feb	Rolfe Glashan	21-Feb-1969
Albert Manaresi	5-Feb	Wayne Lowery	14-Feb	Edwin Greenhalgh	13-Feb-1985
Mike Osborne	17-Feb	Erick Kirjola	26-Feb	Daryl Wolfe	24-Feb-1995
Robert Williams	6-Feb			Russ Stevenson	15-Feb-1984
John Keene	19-Feb	ANNIVERSARIES		Richard Williams	26-Feb-1976
Earl Campbell PM	6-Feb	Edwin P. Ratcliff	2-Feb-1954	Carl Buchan	16-Feb-1966
Richard Hall	21-Feb	Mike Osborne	17-Feb-1982	Donald Palmer	26-Feb-1953
Charles Berkness	7-Feb	Robert Reynolds	8-Feb-1968	Jerry Buck	16-Feb-1977
Harold Graves PM	21-Feb	William Burnham	18-Feb-1999	Cecil Williams	27-Feb-1963
Wayne Killius PM	7-Feb	Rene Barthel	10-Feb-1982		
Terence Tennis PM	24-Feb	Woodrow Bagwell	19-Feb-1965		
Bill Boyce	10-Feb	Bill Boyce	11-Feb-1988		



ODDS AND ENDS

Scholarships for College – Applications now Available!

Do you have a (grand) son or (grand) daughter or friend who is a high school senior and could use financial assistance to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college?

Grand Lodge and Natoma #64 are now accepting applications for scholarships. Grand Lodge scholarships range in value from \$1,500-\$10,000 per year, some renewal for three years. Natoma #64 has ten (10) scholarships with a value of \$1,000 each. Applicants related to a Master Mason or a Masonic youth group are given preference.

Information regarding Grand Lodge scholarships maybe found at www.freemason.org, scholarships. Information regarding Lodge scholarships maybe obtained at the Lodge or from David Barnekoff, Lodge Ambassador, dbarnekoff@aol.com.

When finished with your **California Freemasonry** magazine, please bring it to the lodge. We will include these magazines in potential membership packages and provide them to men interested in Freemasonry.

We are now **WIRELESS**—Yes, it is hard to believe, but we have joined the 21st Century and are now connected to the outside world via DSL!! **THANK YOU HALL ASSOCIATION!!** The connection is password protected. You can get it from any of the lodge officers or Hall Association members.

If you happen to have an extra, relatively current, **computer** lying around that you wouldn't mind "storing" at the lodge, we would love to set it up in the library so our poor tyler has something to occupy his time with while guarding the outer door... and provide "guest" services to others.

Speaking of the Library, we could use some new donations of current literature...and a good cleaning out of the old! What have you got just lying around collecting dust??

Travel well!

Ed.



"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 mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing..."

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

February 2009

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Rainbow 7:00PM	3	4	5 Stated Meeting 8:00 SWEET- HEARTS Dinner 6:30 	6 American River Stated Meeting	7
8	9 Rainbow Board Mtg 6:15 PM	10 Amaranth 7:00PM	11 Hall Associa- tion 7:00 PM	12	13	14 Folsom Shrine Club 8:00AM
15	16 President's Day Rainbow 7:00PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 York Rite 7:00PM Sutter Creek	24	25	26	27	28

**To love someone deeply gives you strength.
Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.**
- Lao-Tzu (570?-490? B.C.)

Return Service Requested



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

02/02 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
02/05 6:30pm	Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Festive	Public
02/05 8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
02/06 8pm	American River	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
02/10 7:30pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
02/11 7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
02/14 8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
02/16 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
02/23 7:30pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons