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Natoma Lodge #64

March
2009



FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East—

I would like to welcome our newest Mason, Michael Ellenburg, as well as Brothers Rodney Lockett and Douglas Shultz who have joined our Lodge by affiliation. Please take a moment to welcome them when you see them. I would also like to congratulate our newest Master Mason, Christian Ramsey, who was raised to that sublime degree this past month.

February was our annual Sweetheart's celebration, and a special thanks to Brothers Paul Tibbens, Shawn MacDonald and Tiffany MacDonald for all of their hard work in making this event fun and meaningful. It was a pleasure to spend the evening with the wives of those Brothers who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides.

March promises to be eventful and entertaining as well. At our Stated dinner we will have a special guest speaker from one of our local elementary schools speaking on how Masonry has impacted her school. March is our annual Youth Observance, this should be a meaningful presentation and I look forward to seeing everyone there—please RSVP Brother Scott Leventon if you plan to attend. As we celebrate our youth I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the young ladies as well as the parents and leaders involved in our own Natoma Assembly #90 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls for all of the hard work and support they continually give us.

The Stated Meeting will be something not to miss as well—I invite all Brother Master Masons to attend as we will be presented with a discussion on Scottish poet and Mason Robert Burns, given by Brother Carlton Galbraith. Brother Carlton did much research and will have copies of the discussion available to all at the Stated Dinner. On Friday, March 20, we will be hosting the reception of the Senior Grand Steward, Worshipful Bill Miklos. This event, *An Evening in the Tropics* will be a great time and an opportunity to honor one of our own who represents us as a Grand Officer. Please contact Worshipful Wes Mindermann for more information or to RSVP. On Wednesday, March 25 we will also be hosting the Natoma Book Club to discuss *The Temple and the Lodge*. For more information please contact Worshipful Bill Miklos.

April is almost here, and with it comes our Youth Benefit Auction, scheduled for April 25. Our auction committee chair, Brother Doug Roberts, as well as the rest of the committee is hard at work to make this event as successful if not more so than last year. The auction will benefit our own Natoma Assembly #90, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, the Boy Scouts of America and the Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP), but we still need your support. I would like to see every Mason purchase tickets for this important event to support our youth, and if you cannot make the event, then give the tickets to someone who may in turn support our youth groups as well. The funds raised by this event have a powerful impact on the youth groups benefiting from it. For more information,

or if you have donations for this event, please contact myself or Brother Doug Roberts. April is also our annual participation in the City of Folsom's *Eggstavanza*. If you would like to be involved in this great event please contact Brother Scott Leventon for more information.

In closing, our youth are our tomorrow. What tomorrow becomes depends on what we do today. A perfect example is Mr. Matthew Davis, Master Councilor of Robert L. Wade Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Mr. Davis gave us the beautiful Flower talk last month at the Stated dinner, and I could not help but think how many others out there could be like Mr. Davis if we continue to support our youth. The kids of today are the leaders and moral compass of tomorrow—let's invest in our own future by investing in theirs. In the February/ March issue of the *California Freemason* magazine, Grand Master Larry Adamson calls for more youth involvement in our activities. I am interested in hearing from all of you—what would it take to make the first Thursday of each month to be a *Family Night* at Natoma Lodge? We have dinner and a business meeting, crafts for the ladies, and then what? What incentive can we offer to young families to bring kids and have fun while the meeting is going on? What will put that first Thursday back on everyone's calendar as a night the entire family looks forward to?

Travel well,
and let your
steps guide
those who
follow. S.



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SUNSHINE REPORT

Harvey Phillips is in Kaiser in Vallejo and has been there for a while with no improvement,

Earl Campbell is in Eskton on Madison and Fair Oaks, he has been there since last Monday,. Check with the front desk to find out which room he is in. Earl was in Mercy San Juan on Coyle having water removed from his lungs before going to Eskton

Rob Warrens Mom is doing better with her cancer treatments.

Paul



FROM THE WEST

Our membership, collectively and as individuals, are the cornerstones of the lodge and Masonry in general. A newly obligated brother receives this lesson when he enters the lodge to receive the 1st degree lecture, he is regarded as the first stone – symbolically the foremost building block of our Fraternity. In consideration of this, how significant is our investigation of perspective members? When you begin construction on the home of your dreams, you will certainly place considerable effort on the task of selecting the best materials and testing their quality. The choice of the first stone and each cornerstone for placement in the foundation of your dream home will especially be your concern. Do we as Masons dedicate the same care in our investigations of the applicants to Masonry and our lodge?

We rightly welcome all men to consider membership in our Fraternity whose hearts contain certain beliefs, values and character traits, and a proper investigation assures us of this. The investigation of an applicant is the responsibility of the whole lodge and not just the investigation committee. It begins with the first Brother to whom the man asks that he be made a Mason, to those who

sign an applicant's petition as a recommender or reference, and then to all who hear the presentation of his petition in the lodge. The greatest responsibility, however, lies with those hand chosen by the Master as the investigation committee, because by their recommendation most of us will cast our ballot. Therefore, if chosen to meet this responsibility you should regard it with honor, and apply the utmost care in conducting a thorough, unbiased, and impartial investigation. However, remember the care of our lodge rests on all of us because as Master Masons we have received the Third Degree Charge and should remember these words contained in it and look upon them with diligence and as our innate responsibility -- "To preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied must be your constant care."

I believe most lodges provide quality investigations of perspective members, and I'm confident Natoma 64 is among the best at doing so. There is not a man among us that I am not proud to call a Brother. However, I believe we can improve our investigation process. I especially suggest we must improve the assessment of each prospective member's interests in Freemasonry, his reason(s) for petitioning, his expectations of Masonry and our lodge, and his ability to meet our expectations. Like most lodges, Natoma has many men who have been initiated but fail to progress through the degrees. I suggest this, most often, results from a man not thoroughly investigating our Fraternity and our lodge prior to application. We owe all men petitioning

Freemasonry the benefit of our knowledge of the Fraternity, its benefits as well as the inherent responsibilities, the commitment of time necessary to becoming a Master Mason, the initiation and degree process, the dues as well as the belief in active charitable giving. In addition, we owe this to our Fraternity, because it serves no purpose to initiate a man who cannot, or has no desire to, meet the demands as well as enjoy the privileges of being a Mason. As it is mandatory that he believe in a Supreme Being and eternal life, it is also critical that he be a member and not an initiated but lost member – only shown in our records as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

For all these reasons, with the support of our Master, I am planning a Masonic Formation discussion and seminar on the methods and techniques of thoroughly conducting an investigation of a perspective Brother. We will address not only the formal requisite investigation, but how to welcome a man to examine Freemasonry and our lodge for his benefit and ours, to assure himself that he is duly and truly prepared, and us that he is worthy and well qualified. Specifics of the event are forthcoming, we desire the attendance of all interested in preserving the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied.

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 Brethren and Ladies,
We started off the month of February with our Sweethearts dinner. We had a total of seventy-one people show up for a nice steak dinner. I would like to thank Brother Paul Tibens and his committee for arranging our Sweethearts dinner program. For our March dinner we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corn beef and cabbage, a green salad with ranch dressing, red potato with carrots, dinner rolls and green velvet cake. Please RSVP with

me no later than the Monday before our stated dinner.

The Folsom Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday April 11, 2009. We need volunteers to assist with laying the eggs on the field at 7:00 am, and volunteers to work the child ID booths. Please contact me if you can volunteer. We will stuff eggs on Wednesday April 8th at the community center at 6:00 pm.

We have a tentative date for our annual picnic of Saturday June 20th time and location

TBA. I have a committee that is working on a fine menu spread. If you have any special request for a menu item please let me know and I will see what I can do.

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



NEW BOOK CLUB



**Please join us for the first meeting of the NATOMA
Lodge No. 64 Book Club!**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 7:00 PM

Bring your copy of: The Temple and the Lodge

Lively, topical and just plain fun as we explore various subjects regarding our Masonic heritage



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Please consider becoming an active member of the “Dirty Hands Committee!!” Be a part of the action...make “it” happen...experience a sense of satisfaction from involvement and active accomplishment of projects for the good of our community. Committee Chair and members needed -- full support provided. Contact Brother Mike Titus or Worshipful Scott Barbu

Brethren,

The Worshipful Master desires a presentation of Masonic light be given at our stated meetings.

The following list provides suggested topics and assignments. You will notice opportunities exist for your presentation. Please contact the Senior Warden, Mike Titus, if you would like to present on a given date and or have a topic suggestion. michaeltitus02@gmail.com

Month	Date	Topic	Assignment
January		Fixing the Duration of Time and Seasons	Mike Titus
February		De Molay Flower Talk	
March	5-Mar-09	Robert Burns	Carlton Galbraith
April	2-Apr-09	Freemasonry's Support of Public Education	
May	7-May-09	The Masonic Relevance of the Number Three	Joe Freidson
June	4-Jun-09	The Historical Relevance Saint John the Baptist	
July	2-Jul-09	Freemasonry and the Revolution	Kyle Crangle
August	6-Aug-09		
September	3-Sep-09	Freemasonry and the Constitution	Mike Titus
October	1-Oct-09	Freemasonry and American Baseball	Geoff Risse
November	5-Nov-09	What can we tell our friends about Freemasonry	
December	3-Dec-09		

BIRTHDAYS

Hollis Beckett Jr.	2-Mar	Mathew Downer	23-Mar	D. W. Camden	17-Mar-1976
Patrick Flynn PM	4-Mar	William Vagg Jr.	23-Mar	Ernest Gardner	19-Mar-1986
Bill Miklos PM	4-Mar	Carl Buchan	25-Mar	Todd Reyes	20-Mar-2003
George Richie	6-Mar	Rick Boyd	28-Mar	Scott Leventon	23-Mar-2000
Joel Johnson	8-Mar	John Ludington	29-Mar	Vernon Keller PM	23-Mar-1994
Craig Wilson	8-Mar			Geoffrey Risse	26-Mar-1997
Fred Veffredo	11-Mar			Kyle Crangle	27-Mar-2008
Donald Walden	13-Mar	Howard Keene	4-Mar-1953	Rich Hall	27-Mar-2003
Dale Rogers	13-Mar	Robert Pullen	2-Mar-2003	James Clarke	30-Mar-1983
Darryl Petker	18-Mar	James Grovhoug	9-Mar-2000	William Haines	30-Mar-1959
Robert Clarke	21-Mar	John Ludington	9-Mar-2006	Rene Morales PM	30-Mar-1991
Theodore Mitchel	22-Mar	Gary Sanders	15-Mar-1972	Henry Smith	30-Mar-2006
Jeffrey Thompson	23-Mar	Lance Rifenburg	15-Mar-1995	John Holkko Sr.	31-Mar-1953
		Terence Tennis PM	16-Mar-1983	Aubrey Winn Jr.	31-Mar-1976

ANNIVERSARIES



FESTIVE BOARD

You are invited to attend
 Northern California Research Lodge's
 Festive Board
 Hosted by Volcano Lodge# 56
 16180 Charleston-Volcano
 Volcano, CA 95689



Saturday, April 18, 2009

11:00 am Meet at the lodge in Volcano
 12:00 pm Lunch/Festive Board/Ladies invited
 and Special paper presentation
 "Freemasonry in the Mother Lode"

Cost is \$10.00 per person
 This can be paid by Pay-Pal or
 Mail a check to:

NCRL
 c/o John Cooper, PM, Secretary
 543 Green Ridge Drive, #6
 Daly City, CA 94014



Questions contact: Bill Miklos, at 916-533-3317



"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 three; but the greatest of these is charity."



March 2009

SUN DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Rainbow 7:00PM	3	4	5 Stated Meeting 8:00 St Patty's Day Dinner 6:30	6 American River Stated Meeting	7
8	9 Rainbow Board Mtg 6:30 PM	10 Amaranth 7:30PM	11 Hall Associa- tion 7:00 PM	12	13	14 Folsom Shrine Club 8:00AM Potentate Visit 6 PM
15	16 Rainbow 7:00PM	17 St. Patty's Day 	18	19	20 Bill Miklos Reception <i>GL Sr Grand Steward</i> 6:30 PM	21 Amaranth Installation of Officers 7:00pm
22	23 York Rite 7:30PM Sutter Creek	24	25 Book Club Meeting <i>7:00pm</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Shadow Night at the Rainbow Girls Meeting



I am sure glad our ritual is much simpler to execute ... But then it was fun to see our WM try to keep up with the Worthy Advisor. Thank you Natoma #90 for inviting us out for the evening—it was a blast!

Return Service Requested



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

03/02 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
03/05 6:30pm	Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Festive	Public
03/05 8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
03/06 8pm	American River	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
03/10 7:30pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
03/11 7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
03/14 8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
03/14 6pm	<i>Shine Potentate Visit</i>			
03/16 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Hawaiian Shirts	
03/20 6:30pm	Reception for WJ "Bubba" Miklos, PM, SR Grand Steward	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
03/21 7pm	Amaranth Installation of Officers	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb
03/23 7:30pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons
03/25 7pm	Book Club Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults