



TRESTLE BOARD

Natoma Lodge #64

January
2010

FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year!!

As I begin what certainly will be one of the most memorable years of my life, I naturally reflect on all who have helped me to this position. The constraints of space will not allow me to list them all by name, though they do deserve that recognition. Instead I say thanks to all my mentors, all the Masters I have served for and with, and especially the Past Masters and other learned Brothers of this Lodge who have given me their time, their insight, and their knowledge gained from Masonic experience far greater than mine. You know who you are; I thank you all and will be forever indebted. I look forward to your continued guidance gentle or not.

Last month as your Senior Warden, I outlined a bit of the coming year and called attention to Grand Master Nagel's request that all lodges celebrate and promote a 'Coming Home' stated meeting in February. I will share with you that when I received this request in mid-November, I was irritated that Grand Lodge would suppose to intrude on our traditions to celebrate and acknowledge our "Sweethearts" at the February dinner meeting. I stewed for more than a week before recognizing we had been handed an opportunity to try something different, to break out of our mold, and by doing so to exceed expectations. Therefore, first and foremost I dedicate this space to tell all our valued widows, wives and mothers, "Our Sweethearts" that they are being placed higher on the pedestal, their recognition will stand alone and not be watered down by the 'Coming Home' event. We have planned a special day just for you separate from any meeting. I invite all our "Sweethearts, Widows, and Mothers" to attend a luncheon just for you and your guest, served by the officers of Natoma 64 on February 20th at 12:30. Regarding the 'Coming Home' stated meeting event, please see the Trestleboard ad.

Otherwise how has the year begun – like gang busters! On Thursday December 17th, we initiated two new brothers. On behalf of our lodge membership, I welcome Brother Eric Martin, and Brother David (Matt) Cantrell, you have joined a fraternal organization and lodge with a long and rich history! We look forward to sharing Masonic light and getting to know you better

At our January family meeting, following dinner, we will present Grand Master Nagel's video presentation of his Grand Project for the year, "Operation Greatest Gift." The project hopes to raise \$400,000 or more to fund the travel and expenses of WWII veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.. I believe Natoma 64 shares Worshipful Nagel's commitment to our veterans, and I suggest you will find his message both compelling and interesting.

Our Rainbow Girls have invited us to their January 18th meeting for a "Shadow Night." Shadow Night is a special meeting where Masons "Shadow" a member of the Assembly as they conduct their ritual and business. It is great fun, and a wonderful way, to meet and get to know the young ladies of Natoma No. 90, whom we sponsor. ALL Masons are invited to attend. Spend an evening with the youth – our future.

This month we begin fulfilling our goal to make Thursday – most all of them – lodge night in Folsom at Natoma. Thursday the 14th we have planned a Pot Luck Dinner, to bring our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons to lodge as guests, and develop a personal plan to help each brother progress in Masonry. Thursday the 21st we will open on the First Degree, either to initiate (contingent on votes taken the 7th) or for a Lodge of instruction. In either case Lodge opens at 7:00 PM, I request all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to attend with their coaches. Thursday the 28th at 7:00 PM, we have scheduled a 3rd Degree for Brother Brian Tatro. All Master Masons, please consider attending as we raise Brother Tatro to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

As I said, the year has begun with a bang! We have plans that offer opportunities to all our members. It is my hope and prayer for the New Year that each of you find the time to enjoy even more fraternal fellowship than in the past. It is my belief that Masonry's supreme gift is fellowship and our greatest asset is you. I hope to see you soon!

Parting upon the Square...

Mike

IORG Presentation of the Flag at the
2010 Installation of Officers



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SUNSHINE

Along the path this past month I had the good fortune to meet up with Brother Bob Johnson and Ladies Zel Clark and Laura Green, all of whom are doing well! Brother Derek Jones is recovering from surgery, so let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers for a fast recovery. I have also received word that Brother Harvey Phillips as well as Ladies Beverly Graham and Barbara Thorne are battling health issues and are in need our continued thoughts and prayers.

I recently received a nice letter from Lady Laverne Puckett, who wanted to thank all those who have shown the Puckett family Love and kindness after the passing of our Brother Jim Puckett a year ago this month. I know Jim is still with us every time we meet at the Lodge, as it was a big part of his life!

Until next we meet my friends, have a great month and remember those who are in need of our touch.

Scott B.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies of Natoma #64,

I would like to first thank the brethren for electing to serve our lodge as Sr. Warden for 2010. One of my last duties as Jr. Warden was our Christmas dinner and what a fine dinner it was - 90 dinners were served in all.

As Sr. Warden, one of my new duties is to provide Masonic Education and as I have mentioned in the past, Masonic Education is not my strong point. I am still looking for a few brothers to volunteer to write some articles. So, here is my attempt

Who is the Great Jewish Historian Josephus?

He is mentioned for the first time during the "Historical Lecture" in the Third Degree and is not mentioned in any other Degree. Josephus lived during the time of Christ. He lived in Galilee and also in the Judean Wilderness. As a young man he was a Diplomat in Rome. Now, remember that during the building of King Solomon's Temple there were many wars. During one of these many wars he served as an interpreter for the Romans. Afterwards, he wrote many books about wars and also wrote books about the history of the Jewish people. In particular, he wrote *The Antiquities of the Jews* which is a twenty volume series that includes works on Jewish Scriptures and also their post biblical history. These series of works are, to this day, quoted by historians and Religious Scholars.

Source About.com

If there are any topics that you would like me to research please feel free to contact me.

Travel well,

Scott



Celebrate our soldiers and veterans and learn what
Grand Master Nagel's Project
is going to achieve.



On January 7th, 2010 following our stated meeting family dinner we will have an outstanding presentation about **Operation Greatest Gift**.



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren:

Happy New Year to all.

2010 promises to be another wonderful year. Even with the economy down and a terrible war we have so much to be thankful for and Christmas and New Years is a great time to reflect on how fortunate and lucky we are; time to reestablish old friendships and establish new ones and celebrate with family. (Anybody for resolutions?)

Congratulations to our newly initiated brothers David M. Cantrell and Eric Martin. I look forward to witnessing their progress as Master Masons. Look for the announcement for their Fellowcraft degree.

Our next stated meeting dinner is January 7th and the menu is: Black Eyed Pea appetizer/soup, ham and scalloped potatoes, bread, mixed vegetables and pralines and cream for dessert.

As always, we need to count who is planning on attending dinner. Please email me at dannyl123@hotmail.com and put Stated Meeting Dinner in the subject line. In your message, please provide your name and how many will be attending with you and the names of any guests you bring. We need this information by January 3rd.

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, be safe and travel well.

Dan

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

SWEETHEARTS LUNCHEON



When: February 20 at 12:30 pm.

Where: Natoma Lodge

Who: OUR BELOVED WIDOWS, WIVES AND MOTHERS!!!

Our menu for this special event is :

Fresh Spinach Salad with Cranberry, Pecan and Blue Cheese Crumble

Baked Chicken Oscar (breast of chicken topped with asparagus, crab leg and hollandaise)

Creamy Country Potato Casserole

and for desert

An apple berry crisp with vanilla ice cream.

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NATOMA LODGE'S
MASONIC FORMATION PROGRAM
PRESENTS IT'S
QUARTERLY BOOK REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Where: Natoma Lodge

When: Wednesday March 24, 2010

Time: 7PM

Our subject Book: DAN BROWN'S MOST RECENT BEST SELLER:

"THE LOST SYMBOL"

Any member of our lodge is encouraged to read the selected book and attend.

Expect lively discussion and interesting insights!

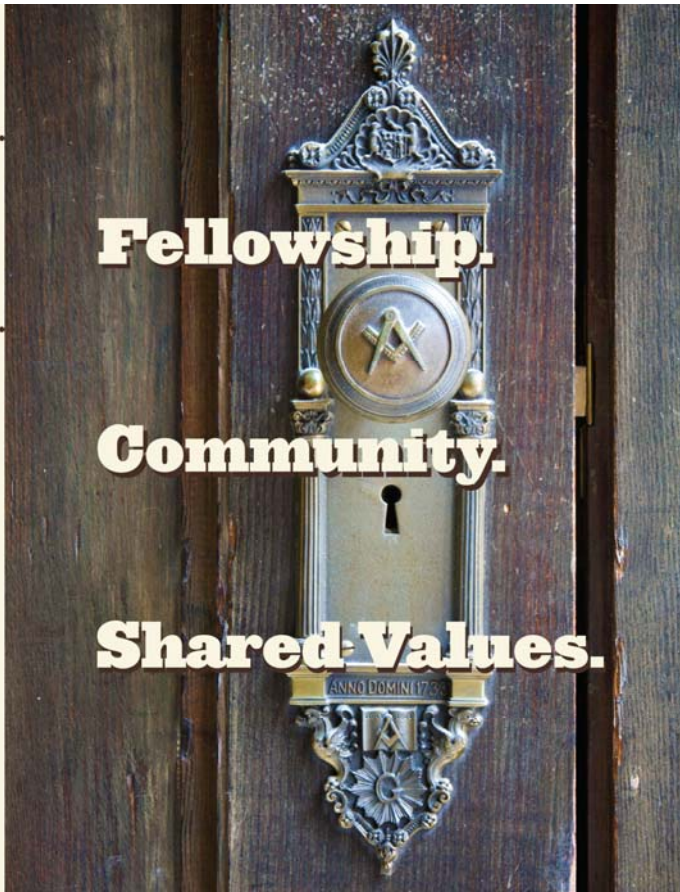
Questions can be directed to Bill Miklos at billmiklos@sbcglobal.net

COMING HOME
February 2010

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!





CONTINUE
THE CELEBRATION
WITH
MIMOSAS!!



**HAVE YOU MADE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
ON JANUARY 2ND??**

8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

**PANCAKES, OMELETS, FRENCH TOAST, HOT
BISCUITS AND GRAVY, SAUSAGE & BACON,
SERVED HOT OF THE GRILL!**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR OUR PLANNING PURPOSES...
BUT IF YOU FORGET COME ANYWAY!!**

**EMAIL JOE FREIDSON @ JFREIDSON@HOTMAIL.COM
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to a new feature in the Trestleboard. The Worshipful Master has requested that Brian Wegesser (my co-coach and partner) and I provide you will a continuing update of our candidates and their progress thru the year including some bios so that you can get to know them better.

We are also looking for a “few good men and true” who would be interested in Coaching.

Your participation is essential for these candidates to move forward and we welcome all those who are willing to step up and take the challenge. Just know that without coaching, candidates fail to progress, lose interest, and finally drop out. Let’s not see this happen this year.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. 916-065-3953 or

jfreidson@hotmail.com.

Fraternally Yours.

Joe Freidson , SD

Head Candidate Coach

BIRTHDAYS

Walker B. Robinett	1-Jan
Dennis E. Parham	3-Jan
Harlie R. Linley	3-Jan
Rudy P. Orpilla	4-Jan
Woodrow W. Bagwell	6-Jan
Walton E. Skinner Sr.	8-Jan
Ted McCade	13-Jan
Ben Milbrandt Jr.	14-Jan
Robert H. Stewart	15-Jan
Bryon Schrum	15-Jan
Rodney L. Hagan	21-Jan
Leon R. Ford	21-Jan
Kyle Edward Crangle	25-Jan
Melvin R. Warren	25-Jan
Herman D. Graham	29-Jan

ANNIVERSARIES

Barnekoff, David	19-Jan-2006
Barnekoff, Gregory	5-Jan-2006
Bergen, Joseph PM	26-Jan-1966
Brown, Christian	31-Jan-2008
Center, Jerry L.	25-Jan-1962
Lapilusa, Joseph	10-Jan-2008
Loughridge, James	25-Jan-1957
Miklos, William III PM	26-Jan-2001
More, James	17-Jan-1973
Morrison, Scott	22-Jan-2009
Nickens, Thomas	1-Jan-1982
Norwood, Tallmadge IV.	11-Jan-1968
Vagg, Gerald	18-Jan-1963
Vagg, William Jr.	11-Jan-1957
Warren, Robert	17-Jan-2008

Return Service Requested



DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DRESS</u>	<u>INVITEES</u>
01/04	7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
01/07	6:30pm	Stated meeting Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Public
01/07	8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
01/08	8pm	American River	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
01/09	8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
01/12	7:30pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
01/13	7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
01/18	7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
01/25	7:30pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons
<u>Special Events</u>					
01/02	8:00am & 01/30 8:00am	Natoma Lodge Pancake Plus Breakfasts	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Public
01/14	6:30pm	EA/ FC Potluck Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Public