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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East Brethren,

Our Stated Meeting this month is on October 4th. Attire is to be business suit for Officers please. Columbus Day is Monday 10/10, and Halloween is also on Monday 10/31 this year.

Looking back to September, during the reception of Grand Master of California dinner event, Bro. Bob Gale received our Lodges' Mason of the Year Award on the 10th. We had twenty four persons attend, and Marti Haslim provided the table center pieces for the event with over 450 persons in attendance.

On the following Tuesday, we passed Brother Jeremy Weber to Fellowcraft. Dennis Stahr, PM, presided in the East from gavel to gavel, and JR Knight, PM, performed the position of Senior Deacon throughout.

Steve Laurvick, PM, hosted a Chargers Game Smoker Party at his home in La Mesa on Sunday the 25th.

We are investigating one applicant, and have another application to be read at the October Stated Meeting. Brother Horatio Johnson will give the Entered Apprentice Proficiency at that time, and his Second Degree is scheduled for Tuesday the 18th.

At the end of this month, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will take place in San Francisco on the 28th through the 30th. The Legislation for the communication is published, and I will give a brief on the content during the October Stated Meeting. Many members of our Lodge are traveling to the event in anticipation of the appointment and installation of one of our Lodge Members to the Grand Lodge of California. If you want to know the details, stay tuned for an announcement in the November Trestle Board.

On a different note, I had the opportunity this month to meet a visiting Brother, David Diaz PM, who was traveling in San Diego from Panama. Brother Mario Urbino and I gave him a tour of our Lodge Room and the Scottish Rite Center, and had the



2016 OFFICERS

Master	John Fitch
Sr. Warden	Charles Caskey
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Jr. Deacon.....	Robert Gale
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Jr. Steward.....	Phiny Phiasivongsa
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District:	
.....	William R. Stokes, PM

OCTOBER EVENTS

4 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
11 Second degree Practice	6:30 pm
18 Second degree	6:30 pm
25 Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm

OCTOBER STATED DINNER MENU

Traditional spinach salad
Italian & honey mustard dressing
Chicken cacciatore, Baked cod
Rice pilaf
Tiramisu cake

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420 or email to: hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com.

opportunity to discuss similarities and differences between Masonry here and there. We took a quick tour of Balboa Park, with the Panama Exhibition of 1915 in mind, and I learned that the currency of Panama is equal to the U.S. Dollar, and is called the Balboa.

Incidentally, the XVI World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges will be in Panama City in 2018.

Stay safe and best wishes to all.

John F. Fitch, Master

A Blast from the past - September 2009 Trestleboard

AERONAUTS TO ASTRONAUTS – MASONS IN HISTORY.

Flight has been a dream of men in our recorded history and with many learned men of their time who postulated ideas to achieve it. On November 21, 1783, Joseph M. and Jacques Montgolfier, brothers, both members of the Lodge of Neuf Soeurs (Lodge of the Nine Sisters) two Frenchmen severed the string of gravity for the first time in a hot air balloon in a 25 minute flight over Paris. As a side note to that event Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Past Grand Master, witnessed that flight. When asked of what possible use a balloon could be replied "of what use is a newborn baby".

September 15, 1784 the first flight in England was made by Italian Vincent Lunardi, also a Freemason. His passengers were a pigeon, a cat and a dog. The pigeon flew off, the cat jumped out, but man's faithful friend the dog stayed with him.

The first American passenger to fly was Dr. John Jeffries of St. Andrews Lodge of Boston, the charter Senior Warden who financed the first English Channel crossing flight by Jean-Pierre Blanchard on January 7, 1785. During this adventure everything was thrown overboard including the contents of their bladders. In 1793 Blanchard also made the first flight in America at Philadelphia. On hand was George Washington who presented Blanchard with a passport that he might show to natives if he landed in a remote area. Also present were most of the Cabinet, the French Minister and many Congressmen.

It was Jules F. C. Ferry, a member of the Lodge of Alsace-Lorraine, who, during the siege of Paris 1870-1871 by the Prussians became the father of air mail with 65 balloon flights taking out nine tons of mail and more than a hundred French leaders from the city.

During the modern era notable flight achievements by Masons are Charles A. Lindberg, Edward V. Rickenbacker, Elliot W. Springs, Richard E. Byrd, Brent Balchen, Henry (Hap) Arnold, James H. Doolittle, and Russell L. Maughan.

Masonic brethren among the Astronauts are Edwin E. Aldrin (the second man to walk on the moon), Leroy Gordon Cooper, Don F. Eisle, Virgil (Gus) Grissom (who perished in the Apollo 1 fire whom Deke Slayton in charge of assigning Apollo crews said was his first choice for the first man to walk on the moon), Wally Schirra, Thomas P. Stafford, Edgar D. Mitchell, Paul J. Weits and James B. Irwin. John Glenn and Vance Brand were members of Demolay in their youth.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Kyle Dau, PM, SW.

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

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2016 COMMITTEES

Audit	Charles Caskey
Budget & Finance.....	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching.....	Steve Laurvick, PM
Charity	John Fitch, Master
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Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership.....	James Campbell, PM
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Masonic Youth	Phiny Phiasivongsa
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

WOR. ROBERT SALINI, PM - SENIOR DEACON



Brother Dustin Capps, our installed Senior Deacon for 2016 resigned as he had to relocate to Virginia. Wor. Robert Salini, PM, graciously consented to accept the appointment, qualify and be installed in the Senior Deacon's chair for the remainder of 2016.

When asked how he came to be a Mason, President McKinley explained: "After the battle of pequam, I went with the surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back to camp I asked him: 'Did you know these men or ever see them before?' 'No,' replied the doctor, 'I never saw them before.' But, I persisted, 'You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?' 'Well,' said the doctor, 'if they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty.' "I said to myself, 'If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself.' " - *"The Truth is Stranger than Fiction," by Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association, 1934.*



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies:

This year is flying by. We celebrated the passing to Fellowcraft of Brother, Jeremy on September 13th. As I was listening Worshipful Dennis Stahr, P.M. give the lecture to Brother Weber I felt as if the words were meant just for me, as if I was alone in a lodge room and the Great Architect was speaking just to me.

Hearing something “new” during a candidates lecture or learning something “new” during a degree is indeed nothing new for me. I think that is the beauty of being in the Lodge and having the privilege to attend and better yet participate in the degrees. That one night renewed my sense of desire to learn. So much so I revisited the monitor given to me after my first degree. I wanted to know what else I had missed. Trust me brothers, making the time to come to lodge can have a profound effect on you. You, like me, may have forgotten some of the things you have learned but don't let that stop you from beginning to learn again.

I look forward to seeing the “old” faces that have been away, as well as some “new” ones that have also been away. I'll see you in the lodge.

Brother Ben Bridges, Junior Warden

Is it Liberty or Freedom for "A Man Free-Born"?

What is Liberty, what is Freedom, are they different words meaning the same thing? What was the fine point of understanding these two words that provoked a revolution and is so interwoven into Masonic Tools and Ritual?

Let us consider the word Freedom. Might it be best expressed as a state of being of making decisions without external control and if we all had complete freedom could Harmony or even civilization exist? Consider the word Liberty, is it best defined as a Freedom which has been granted to a person or a people by external control within limits. Thomas Jefferson observed “Rightful Liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add within the limits of the law, because law is often the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual.”

Consider the Wisdom, Strength and Beauty of our founding documents by the consent of the Governed enumerating and restricting the powers of government setting forth a Bill of Rights for its Citizens Granted to us all by "the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle us".

The next time you're in Lodge consider a deeper meaning of what you are seeing and what is taking place, and also this November consider your sacred duty to preserve Liberty and freedom by voting.

Submitted by: Clint Black, PM

BROTHER ROBERT GALE, MASON OF THE YEAR



On the evening of September 10th, Brother Robert Gale was honored at the Grand Master's reception and Mason of the Year event as S.W. Hackett's Mason of the Year for 2016. Here he is presented with the Award by Most Worshipful M. David Perry on the right and Wor. John Crago, PM.

BROTHER JEREMY WEBER FELLOWCRAFT



Another important and fun evening as Brother Jeremy Weber was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Weber was obligated by Worshipful Dennis Stahr, PM, who also gave the lecture and delivered the charge. Worshipful “JR” Knight presented the Middle Chamber lecture.

EDITOR'S NOTE / REQUEST

Please submit articles. Everyone is requested to submit articles for the Trestleboard, in fact, it is encouraged. Please email them to info@freemason574.org on or before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM, Trestleboard Editor

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	John	Farrell
2	James	Sprague
5	David	Garcia
7	James	Livingston
8	Dennis	Mac Dade
13	Horatio	Johnson
20	David	Willer
22	Eric	McDonald
23	Robert	Hutchinson

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
George Sorensen	1954	62
Jack Miller	1962	54
Kenneth Hilburn	1968	48
Otto Drum	1971	45
David Haslim	1974	42
Robert Smith	1990	26
William Knight	1993	23
Joseph Pollard	1995	21
Kyle Dau	1995	21
Michael Allen	1996	20
Sean Mac Dade	2005	11