

FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East,

Another year has come and gone and I would like to take a moment and

thank all my officers for their support and hard work this year. Brethren, it was a pleasure to serve as your Master for 2015 and even more of a pleasure to see that harmony prevailed as a theme in our Lodge. Thank you to those of you who have devoted so much of your lives to the benefit of our craft. Not only the Officers deserve recognition, but many people volunteered countless hours cooking, cleaning, serving, and working in the service of the Lodge. To labor for the Lodge is something that will bring so many benefits and rewards. The pride you feel for serving the Lodge you love and the people you respect is an internal reward that has no end. Just as our ancient Brethren labored for their craft as a profession, we labor to make ourselves and our community better. Let us continue to labor out of love in 2016.

I hope everyone had a merry and healthy holiday season and that your new year is prosperous. This year is already filled with energy and Masonic pride. As Master-Elect William Purdy is preparing to step up to the East, I have full confidence that this year will bring new and exciting events as well as solidifying our Brotherly Love throughout the Lodge. The time has come for our

Annual Installation of Officers for 2015. All Masons and their families are invited to this event as our Officers progress through the line. As our officers step into their new chairs, we learn to take on new and exciting roles. My journey through the officer's line has taught me many things.

The greatest lesson is to strive to exemplify the teachings of morality we learn and instruct. I couldn't ask for better Brothers to share in the journey I have made these past seven years.

For next year, I will be serving as Junior Warden of the Lodge. I will be in charge of the Stated Meeting dinners so please let me know if there are better ways I can assist you. As always, if you plan to come to the dinner please don't forget to call the reservation line at: 707-762-4171. Have a great beginning of the year!

Fraternally,

David Biggio
Master

Stated Meeting Dinner

Thursday January 7, 2016

6:30 PM

Reservations 707 762-4171

Please make reservations before
January 1st



FROM THE WEST



Happy New Years Brethren!

I would like to start by thanking our Worshipful Master David Biggio for his year as Master of our lodge. As his Senior Warden, I can state with confidence that 2015 was a Masonic year well spent in Petaluma. He has taught me about moderation in our Masonic journey, whereas, sometimes people can burn themselves out with taking on too much. With his guidance, we took our time, and did it right.

In addition, our Christmas party was a success, Santa made an appearance, and gave out almost 50 presents, with another 25 going to the Salvation Army! I have to commend Guy Chalmers P.M. for taking charge in the kitchen and seeing the mission through to the end, and also to Brother Scott Taylor for taking on a huge portion of the kitchen duties himself. Well done brethren, well done.

I have a lot of big plans for 2016, and it is my sincere hope that you will join with me to see those plans come true. If any of you are interested in participating in a committee, I would welcome it. Until then, I'll do my best to keep everyone up to date with the happenings in our lodge in our monthly publication.

Warm regards,

William "Woody" Purdy

Master-Elect

As we start this new year, let me look back on what was left behind and look forward to what we can expect.

We've begun to pass the torch to our younger members, first by advancing the youngest members into the progressive line and continuing to see fine ritual work as well as capable leadership. Even the Secretary's job, for so long the province of experienced Past Masters, has passed into the hands of the youngest Past Master, Christopher Wright, challenging him to handle the most detailed of jobs in the Lodge.

With the election of William Purdy to be our Worshipful Master this year, we are continuing to see new ideas and innovative plans to bring our traditional Lodge into a place that will attract new members while keeping the traditions of the fraternity firmly in our minds. I look forward to helping Wor. 'Woody' enact his schedule of events each month and anticipate having several educational opportunities where we can apply the beautiful lessons of Masonry in our lives.

I hope that together, with our line of Officers, that we can influence our established members to participate in the events of the Lodge and attract the new young members to our Craft by being the best examples of the effects of Masonry in our lives. I'm happy to be a part of that and wish the most success to our new Master.

Fraternally,
Guy Chalmers

Whereas,

for the past several years interest rates have been quite low, and

Whereas,

Grand Lodge has a pooled investment fund for its endowment fund and other investments that receives higher interest than Certificates of Deposit, and

Whereas,

Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 Life Membership Fund has been invested in low interest Certificates of Deposit, and

Whereas,

Grand Lodge is offering to accept funds to invest in their pooled fund with better returns, and

Whereas,

Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 Life Membership Fund can receive better interest rates than currently being paid,

Therefore,

be it resolved, that Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 transfer its Life Membership Fund to the Grand Lodge pooled investment fund and receive interest payments at regular intervals.

Resolution proposed by George F. Whitten PM, Treasurer

Petaluma Hamilton Lodge

#180

**Annual Installation
of Officers**

Saturday January 9th 2016

Two O'clock PM

Petaluma Masonic Lodge

9 Western Avenue

Petaluma, California

January Birthday's

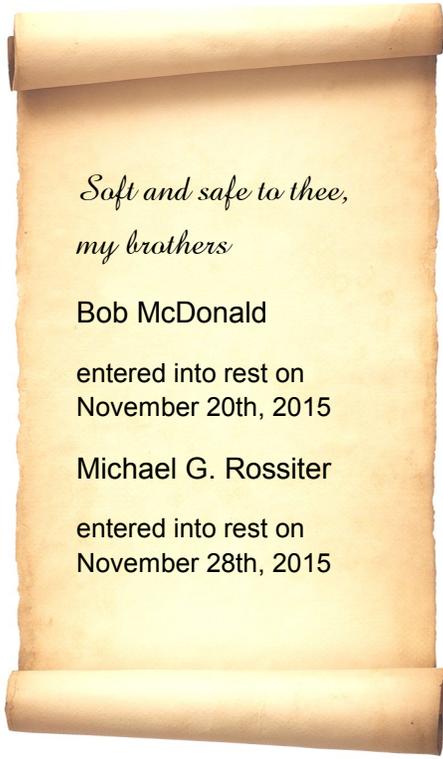
Happy Birthday Brethren!



Peter Ballantine	January 6
Jason Cannata	January 6
John Groff	January 6
Ned Mc Faddin	January 9
David Adams	January 15
Harris Jackson Jr.PM	January 16
Johnathon Norgrove PM	January 20
Barry Rosen	January 20
James Casarotti	January 22
Lars Noren	January 22
David Lopez PM	January 24
Joseph Zusin PM	January 25
Michael Hunt	January 28
James Frizzell	January 29
Angus Mac Lir	January 29
Clyde Nelson Jr.	January 29
William Sovel	January 29
Leroy Bean	January 31

From Your Secretary

From your Treasurer:



Brethren,

I will be stepping down as Secretary of the Lodge and Brother Christopher Wright PM having been elected as your Secretary will be serving for the next year. I am sure Brother Wright will serve you well. I have enjoyed being your Secretary for the past 4 years. Thank you for your cooperation and making the job fun and the great memories I have of serving as your Secretary.

Thank you,

Joe Zusin PM

Secretary

Brethren: In this issue of the Trestle board there is a resolution proposing to transfer the Life Membership funds to the Grand Lodge pooled investment fund. For several years now interest rates have been quite low. Grand Lodge has offered to "pool" lodge funds with their large, well-managed fund, which offers a higher interest rate than we are getting currently. As your Treasurer, I highly recommend this transfer so that we may grow this fund and utilize the interest from it to offset the per capita tax of our life members. Please read the resolution and be prepared to vote your conscience at our February stated meeting. Thank you.

George F. Whitten PM

Treasurer

From The Hall Association

Brethren:

2015 is now behind us. I want to thank all of the board members for their hard work in keeping our building one of the finest in Northern California, along with the many lodge members who helped at the various work parties. We maintained the building, made improvements when financially feasible and generated revenue for the blue lodge.

2016 is now upon us and Old Man Winter has arrived. Your hall association is working to "weather" the months ahead. The drought is not over and neither is the winter. We are prepared for it.

I want to congratulate the new corps of blue lodge officers and look forward to working with them and wishing them a prosperous year. I look forward to serving another year with the hall association and serving the brethren and the lodge. I wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year as well.

George F. Whitten PM

PMHA President





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JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4 Royal Arch Masons Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM	6 Hall Association Meeting 7:00PM	7 Lodge #180 Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting 8:00 PM	8	9 Installation of Officers 2:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14 Practice 2nd Degree 7:00PM	15	16 Council Assembly 9 AM, Command- ery Conclave 10:30 AM
17	18	19 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM	20	21 Practice 2nd Degree 7:00PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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