



FROM THE EAST



Happy Halloween!

Take a moment and reflect back when you were an Entered Apprentice Mason, spending hours toiling over the proficiency

and learning the intricacies of The Craft. Did you spend it alone poring over old dusty books, hours of conversation with your candidate coach, talking with your fellow Masons in a group setting?

Back then you were just learning how to frame your thoughts so that you could understand the complicated nature of what we do in our ceremonies and our rituals. Really tricky stuff, right?

I have started something new, a class which I call the Masters class where all of the Masons who are striving to learn their proficiencies can come together and study in a group environment. This way the candidates can ask questions and benefit from the camaraderie of learning together. In the Master's class we've been going over the first degree proficiency, focusing on the obligation and recreating their first steps that they took when becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason. So far it's been successful and our entered apprentices seem to be enjoying it.

Masonry is a progressive moral science taught by degrees only, it's understanding and interpretation can be discovered by studying under several Masters. So I put the call out to any of you who wish to advance our craft to join with me at the

Masters Class on Sundays from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the brethren who traveled to Santa Rosa and Healdsburg helping them out with their degrees. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to long hours at work but I really appreciate the guys picking up the slack and representing Petaluma Masonry. I love hearing the tales of their travels and acknowledge that it is a benefit to all of masonry in the county.

Continuing this tradition we are planning a trip to a Prince Hall Lodge in November for a third degree, more information will be had in next month's trestleboard article.

On October 13th we're going to have a little informal get-together to celebrate friendship and brotherly love in Petaluma. So I'm pleased to announce a BYOB Oktoberfest at 7 p.m. Due to the strict regulations of alcohol and our fraternity as designated by the CMC any alcoholic beverages must be brought, donated, and removed at no expense to the lodge. Bring your friends! Maybe one of them might be interested in joining our craft? The Lodge will be providing sausages and other savory munchies.

October is also the time for annual communication and I expect a caravan to join with me in attending at least Saturday's event. If you're planning to go, let's chat at the

From the West



"Yes, I Will"

Commitments are sometimes hard to fulfill yet are held so high on our to-do lists as

to make us feel uncomfortable when ignored. As school age kids, we promise our mothers to eat everything in our lunch boxes and be home immediately after school. When we get our drivers license we promise to obey the laws and drive defensively. In college, we agree to repay our loans, study and get a degree. All commitments to perform honestly and faithfully and, when ignored, cause numerous problems for us to explain and account for.

Today, we use the phrase, "Yes, I will" to obligate ourselves to a standard of behavior acceptable to all parties involved. We make a promise, sometimes only to ourselves, to complete the "I will" part in a way that satisfies those to whom we make the pact with but also to our own conscience. It's a way of expressing our honesty and character to others. If we complete the task, we're honorable. Go beyond the task and we are congratulated for being better than expected. But don't fulfill your assignment or ignore it and we're branded as unreliable, unfaithful, or even dishonest. That's how important even the smallest commitments can be.

For us as Masons, character is the primary goal of everything we learn

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October Birthday's

next stated meeting.

Our lodge has been growing we've been seeing new applications and other brothers advancing in their degrees as such I expect that we will have a first, a second, and the third degree in our future. If you can help out, your attendance at our practice would be greatly appreciated remember it takes a community of Mason's to raise a Mason.

By the square,

William "Woody" Purdy

Master

through the symbols and metaphors of the degrees. The bible teaches us the lessons of love through examples and stories. Society exists on the promises we make to each other. But the devil creeps into our thoughts and tells us ways to shortcut things or ignore those nasty little promises, you can get along nicely by going around those commitments. But he's wrong. You'll lose business, friends, money, freedom, and even your sense of self. It's hard to keep our promises and commitments, difficult to do the right thing sometimes, and to be continually vigilant to do what we say. Masonry helps us in so many ways personally, the bible tells of the consequences and rewards, and our Brothers whisper good counsel in our ears. It's up to each one of us to live up to our commitments.

Guy Chalmers PM

Happy Birthday Brethren!



John Anderson	October 4
Stuart Tyler	October 5
Marvin Mc Allaster	October 9
Robert Martin	October 13
George Trefz	October 13
Ralph Burns	October 14
Jonathan Finkle	October 14
Salathiel Roos	October 16
Terry Snygg	October 18
Anthony Timmer PM	October 18
Christopher Wright PM	October 24
Richard Fonseca PM	October 26
Jack Rolston	October 26
Howard Goodman	October 27
Claiborne Whittaker	October 27
Allen Tipton	October 30

FUND RAISER

Brethren:

Petaluma Rainbow Assembly is having a fund raiser to help their Grand Officer (Gillian Tinsley) with her traveling costs. They are taking orders at the October and November stated meeting dinners for "fry pies", an Amish Country treat, similar to a single serving pie. Those who were at the September stated meeting dinner had a chance to taste these delicious goodies. They are \$3/each or 4 for \$10. Filling flavors are Blueberry, Apple, Cherry or Peach. The girls will be taking orders at the October and November stated meeting dinners and payment will be required at the time of ordering. Delivery will be at the December stated meeting dinner. Help the girls out and enjoy a great tasting treat at the same time! Thank you.

Stated Meeting Dinner

Thursday October 6, 2016

6:30 PM

Butternut squash ravioli

Rolls

Pork tenderloin

Roasted veggies

Green salad

Please make your reservations with our Junior Warden by calling 707-287-2001 by October 3rd. Also, if you have special dietary needs please let him know so he can make arrangements. We want everyone to be happy and not go away hungry!

October Fest



BYOB

Celebrate friendship and brotherly love!

October 13th 7:00PM

Petaluma Masonic Lodge

Bring a friend have fun in the tradition of October Fest.

2016 GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION

CARRY-OVER LEGISLATION FROM 2015

Grand Master Charvonia's Recommendation No. 8 Changes the 12-month Residency Requirement for Eligibility to Apply for Degrees
 Grand Master Charvonia's Recommendation No. 9 Provides Membership Continuity for Members of the Uniformed Services While on Active Military Combat Duty

Grand Master Charvonia's Recommendation No. 10 Updates Ritual and Ceremonies to Use the Term "Holy Writings" When Describing the Volume of the Sacred Law

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01: CREATES AND CLARIFIES PROCEDURES FOR LODGE APPROVAL OF BUILDING SALE

The proponents of this Resolution seek to establish a procedure for Lodge consent before a Masonic Hall Association may sell its Masonic Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-03: MODIFIES THE PAYMENT STRUCTURE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLANS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify the sum of money required by age level to purchase a life membership.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11: ALLOWS LONG FORM LECTURE OF THE FIRST DEGREE TO BE DELIVERED BY TWO PROFICIENT MASON'S The proponents of this Resolution seek to permit the long form Lecture of the First Degree to be delivered by two proficient Masons.

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 16-02: RESTORES BILLY DOUGLAS UBER TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MASONRY The proponents of this Resolution seek to restore Billy Douglas Uber to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03: ALLOWS RESEARCH LODGES TO HOLD STATED MEETINGS IN ANY DEGREE The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Research Lodges to hold Stated Meetings on any of the three degrees of Masonry.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04: ALLOWS ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION TO BALLOT SECRECY The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow an exception to the rule on ballot secrecy when reporting, preparing, investigating and/or adjudicating charges of alleged unmasonic conduct relating to a ballot.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-07: ALLOWS FOR ALTERNATE APPROVAL OF MINUTES The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Lodges the option of distributing the minutes prior to the Stated Meeting and then approving them as previously distributed.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-08: AMENDS THE INVESTMENTS IN WHICH A LODGE MAY INVEST The proponents of this Resolution seek to amend the investments in which a Lodge may invest.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-09: CREATES AND CLARIFIES PROCEDURES FOR LODGE APPROVAL OF BUILDING SALE The proponents of this Resolution seek to establish a procedure for Lodge consent before a Masonic Hall Association may sell its Masonic Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-10: REQUIRES A MEMBER TO BE IN GOOD STANDING TO OBJECT TO AN APPLICANT The proponents of this Resolution seek to require a member to be in good standing in order to object to an applicant.

From The Hall Association

Brethren:

Your hall association is diligently maintaining our building. We are getting bids to do some touch up painting as well as complete repainting of the lobby or "fan" room on the third floor and the second floor ladies room. We have formed a committee to look at purchasing new furniture for the family room. We held a work party on the 10th and took care of several projects as well as putting things back in the attic. We will have a work party in November to "Winterize" the building and prepare for the (hopefully) rainy season. Let me know if you would like to participate. A fire sprinkler system will be required in the building in a few years once the new water main has been installed on Petaluma Boulevard (Spring 2017). We are making long term plans for that project as well as others that will be coming due in the next 5 years.

Thank you.

George F. Whitten PM

PMHA President





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Royal Arch Masons Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30	4 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM	5 Hall Association Meeting 7:00PM	6 Lodge #180 Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting 8:00 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 October Fest 7:00 PM	14	15 Council Assembly 9:00 Commandery Conclave 10:30
16	17	18 Petaluma Rainbow Assy #6 7:00PM Prince Hall 3rd degree	19	20 Practice 7:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Practice 7:00 PM	28 Annual Communication	29 Annual Communication
30 Annual Communication	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!					