

From The East



My Brethren,

Last month a new tradition in Sonoma County Freemasonry was started: The sitting Masters of all of the Lodges of the county got together and sat down to discuss our shared issues, as well as the possible solutions. Each Lodge brings something unique to the table, our own set of strengths and passions. By working together we can lend our strengths to other Lodges, strengthening all of us. Two major decisions were made: First, we will be building a database of who is willing and able to serve in each of the roles of each of the three degrees. This will let us more easily support other Lodges, and fill any holes in our roster. Eventually, we hope to build Traveling Degree Teams. If you are interested in offering your services to the other Lodges, please get in contact with me. Second, that we are all interested in an Inter-Lodge Community Service Event once a year. The next meeting has already been scheduled.

I am very excited about this work. For me it is the epitome of our Masonic values of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. For what shows the Love between Brothers more than coming to each other's aid, in the form of helping put on quality degrees? What shows our dedication to Relief more than coming together as a Fraternity to do good work for the betterment of our shared community? All of this supports a simple Divine Truth: we are all in this together.

This has been a busy year so far, and

will continue to be. At this point we have Initiated three new Brothers, and Raised one as a Master Mason. They were all high-quality degrees that Petaluma-Hamilton should be proud of. We have had one VERY successful fraternity night, where we came together as Brothers to enjoy each other's company. I'm looking forward to continuing our year with more successful events. We have another Initiation this month, and two Brothers ready to be Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. We are looking forward to participating in a few Community Service projects, and we also have many more Fraternity Nights planned. You, the Brothers, are what make all of these events a success, so keep your eyes peeled for announcements.

This has been a busy year, it is most people's response to try and muscle on. "If I just work hard enough, I can do this on my own" is a common thought, however, just as the different Lodges are coming together to help each other we can and should come together to help each other as individuals as well. We are all willing to help a Brother in need. We are not always willing, or able, to ASK for that help. I know this is something that many of us, myself included, struggle with. I challenge us all to ask for help with something this year that we would otherwise not have.

Just because you can make it work on your own, doesn't mean it couldn't be so much better with a help from your friends.

Fraternally,
Alex Saslow
Master

From The West

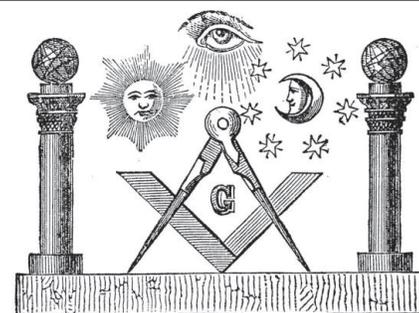


Brethren,

The lodge, our community of brothers, needs you to be more active and involved. We need you to come to the stated meeting and be a part of the activities that we will be undertaking for community improvement. This giving of your time is a charity that will last well into the future to help your children and your children's children. Masons do know how to have a good time while helping others, but we are also building our capacity to aid the future.

Certainly, anyone who attended the last stated meeting can attest to the great dinner that was met with rave reviews thanks to our head chef and Cryptic Mason Extraordinaire, Guy Chalmers. I heard one brother say that it was the best dinner he ever had anywhere. Masonry is getting better and better in Petaluma. The dinners and companionship for Masons and their families are a small but important part of the fraternal bonds that strengthen and support us. Masonry is part of our history that has produced our well being, our

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Hall Association



Brethren,

Just as the Tiler is charged with the care of the lodge, so is the Hall Association tasked with the care of our building. With this in mind, we are moving steadily ahead with both Capital improvements and increased security. With regard to the former, we are investigating the replacement of our antiquated display at the front door with an electronic bulletin board to better inform the public about who we are and what we do. Kudos to Brother Sonnenberg for taking the lead on this.

With regard to the latter, we are considering an upgrade to our video surveillance system and are working on a more robust "Building Use Policy." We continue to host the meetings of our Youth Orders and Appendant Bodies, as well as events by individual Brothers; although, the public has been less than enthusiastic about renting our facility. We of Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 are in the enviable position of having a well-established and reliable venue for our activities. Not all lodges are so fortunate.

The Hall Association will continue to care for our building and manage our tenants, who provide the income which enables us to maintain it.

Fraternally:

Tim Giddings, President

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democratic society, and the republic we treasure.

Brethern, I urge you to come out and be apart of the stated meetings. Take part in building our future by reading scholarship papers , being a DeMolay dad, assisting the brethern at one of our lodge work parties, joining one of our many committees striving to make a difference, or by being part of our river clean up day.

The rewards of your involvement and activity will not only benefit your community but you and your future as well. In addition, its important to recognize the rewards of working together in harmony for our community are more beneficial than we can imagine.

I can see that our lodge can do a better job of supporting Masonic charity in California. We can be proud of what we have done in the past, but we can do more. A vision of Charity - how we can improve support for education and the Masonic Homes will guide our work in the future. As an active member or leader, I hope you can be proud of what we will create as we move into the third decade of the twenty-first century.

Don Nicodemus, Senior Warden

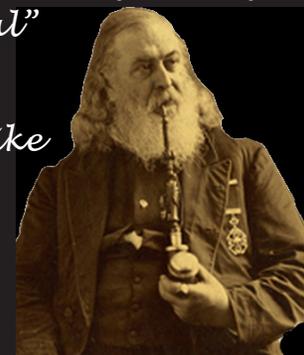
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- * Dennis Van Rees May 3rd
- * Jimmie Hinson Jr. May 10th
- * Michael Delzell May 12th
- * Royce Van Bebber May 13th
- * Rich Rochlin May 25th
- * David Biggio May 30th
- * Christian Kjeldsen May 31st

MASONIC WORDS OF WISDOM

"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us: what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal"

Brother
Albert Pike



Stated Meeting Dinner

Thursday May 2nd, 2019

Masonic Dinner Southern Style

Collards, Black-eyed peas,
Cornbread, Catfish (or Pork Loin)

Dessert: Peach Cobbler

Reservations 707 762-4171

Please make reservations before

March 31st, 2019

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Masonic Youth Update

Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180 offers its congratulations to Chloe Helton, PWA of Petaluma Assembly #6, I.O.R.G on being appointed to Grand Immortality and Grand Representative to Illinois.

Petaluma Assembly #6 was also recognized as having the most volunteer hours and contributing the highest amount to the Grand Service Project, Megan's Wings.

Congratulations to both!

Upcoming Masonic Events

Thursday May 2nd:

Family Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Meeting at 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 9th:

Entered Apprentice degree at Petaluma Hamilton at 7 pm

Saturday May 11th:

Masonic Work Party 8am

Wednesday May 22nd:

Officers School of Instruction La Fayette Lodge 6:30 pm

Thursday May 30th:

Fellowcraft Degree at Petaluma-Hamilton at 7 pm.



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email: intake@mhcuc.org
or call: 888/466-3642.

From The Editor



Brethren,



I am excited to share that the Annual Masonic BBQ and Chili Picnic is returning on Saturday, September 7th, 2019. Save the date and pull out those old secret family recipes and fire up those those grills. The location will be announced next month. This is going to be fun filled day of family, friendship, comradery, and cooking. We will be raising money for our local youth organizations including Masons 4 Mitts.

Mason 4 Mitts supports the San Francisco Giants program called Junior Giants. They do this with our help through donating gloves and financial support to the program.

Junior Giants is a free, non-competitive program that reaches out to children and young adults ranging from the ages of 5 to 18 years old, with the intent of assisting those that may not have had the opportunity to play Baseball otherwise.

Participants of the Junior Giants program learn how to play baseball in addition to valuable lessons in teamwork, respect, integrity, and confidence. They also learn about lessons in education, health, and bullying prevention.

Junior Giants furnishes leagues with everything they need to play. This includes Jerseys, hats, and baseball equipment.

We hope that you will come join us for a day of barbequing and fundraising for this awesome program.

Unlike past events, this year will not focus on competition but rather a masonic fundraiser and gathering of brethren.

We encourage every lodge in the North Bay to help support this event by putting together a BBQ team to participate in the event

For more information about this year's Masonic BBQ, please email NorthbayMasonicbbq@gmail.com or visit www.masonicbbq.com.

If you would like more information about Masons 4 Mitts please visit their website at <https://www.masons4mitts.org/>

We look forward to your contributions and help in making this Masonic event a success.

Fraternally,

Brother David Sonnenberg



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			1 Hall Association	2 Family Dinner & Stated Meeting	3	4
5	6 Royal Arch Stated Meeting	7 Rainbow #6	8	9 Entered Apprentice Degree	10	11 Masonic Work Party
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 2st Degree Practice	17	18 Council #46 K.T. # 14
19	20	21 Rainbow #6	22 OSI @ La Fayette Lodge	23 2nd Degree Practice	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Fellowcraft Degree	31	