

# On the Hour

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## From The East

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**My Brethren,**

What does it mean to be connected to your Lodge?

A variation of this question was asked a recent faculty meeting at the school I work at. It was very enlightening that all of the responses were equally applicable to both school and the Lodge.

Here are some of my favorites:

Shared experiences form the foundation for many relationships. For us, as Masons, it is the biggest unifying factor that can bring together so many people of so many diverse backgrounds. With something in common we can feel tied together, and our differences stop feeling like reasons for us to not belong. In fact, it is our differences that make the Lodge strong.

Spending time together, not just in work but in relaxation. It has been always been my belief that by strengthening our friendships we also strengthen the Lodge. This is what events like the BBQ, and the Holiday Party are all about. It is why we keep showing up to degree practices and work parties.

Being, and feeling, respected and well liked by our fellows. If you do not feel safe being true to yourself, you cannot feel connected to the community.

Shared purpose. When we all share a drive and reason for coming together then we not only are more effective

and enacting change, but we also feel more fulfilled. A life without purpose does not feel good. Masonry can give us a shared purpose, and one that can have much more tangible effects on the world.

Giving and receiving help. The recent Kincade Fire has reinforced this lesson. Providing or receiving help is sometimes stressful, but always fulfilling. It connects us together by giving us a shared purpose, it allows us to accept others and become accepted, we spend time together, and we all share the experience. In this way, Charity can help all parties involved.

Please remember, Brothers, that the Lodge is always here for you if you need a helping hand. And we can always use your help to make our Lodge fulfill its true potential.

Voting is happening this month. Please come and be an active part of the community. Be connected. Spend time with us, strengthen us with your individuality, and help us fulfill our shared purpose.

Alexander M Saslow

Master



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## From The West

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**My Brothers,**

We should feel proud to be part of a great lodge of freemasons in Petaluma. It draws men from many parts of Sonoma, Marin and beyond to participate in charitable programs that support the young and old in our communities. Our mission of supporting education, mutual aide and self improvement is a laudable one, but the social and fraternal activities of our lodge make our mission easier to accomplish by bringing together men of good will. Your further involvement is needed and desired.

Great work has been done in our lodge building in the past to further our fraternal and charitable activities. This is something that we should all feel proud of today. Your participation physically and financially in the activities of the Petaluma Hamilton Lodge allows us to continue and even improve upon the tradition of support for local education and Masonic relief. Our events and parties help to draw new men to our cause of supporting the young and old.

For example, the annual barbeque in early October was quite enjoyable. I'm sorry if you were not able to make it, but a good time was had by all who attended in order to honor our Mason of the Year, David Sonnenberg. There will be more opportunities

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that you won't want to miss this year and next including our Freemasons' family holiday party in December, our tribute to education at our April stated meeting dinner, and our first annual Feast for the Future on Sunday, July 12, 2020 with our special guest, John Trauner, next year's Grand Master of the state of California.

Eons ago it was recorded in the Bible that Jacob had a vision of angels ascending a ladder to heaven. One of the angels was Charity. Jacob learned what he could do through charity. As Masons, we know charity lasts beyond the grave and is a way to provide a lasting legacy for future men, women, and children of good will. The good works that we do today, whether it is helping a young student begin college, assisting a teacher with a small grant, or caring for a Mason widow all have benefits that can be magnified in the future. Next year our theme will be 2020, A Vision of Charity and we will attempt to magnify the good work that you have done in the past. The July dinner will be a big part of it.

That feast will be a thank you dinner for all those who respond to Petaluma's fundraising appeal for local education efforts, Raising a Reader and the Masonic Homes. This appeal will be sent through the mail and in person in the first half of 2020. It will also be our opportunity to honor a lodge brother who has set an example for many by the self sacrifice of his time, his involvement in mentoring brother Masons, and his encouragement of others to participate in fun lodge social activities.

**November Stated Meeting  
Dinner Menu:**

**Thursday, October 3rd , 2019 6.30 pm**

**Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup  
Turkey Tetrazzini Casserole with Peas  
Fruit Sunday**

**Dinner prepared by Cryptic Council  
and served by the girls and adults of  
Petaluma Rainbow Assembly #6.**

**Please call in your reservations  
As soon as possible to 707-762-4171**

In July, we will honor Guy Chalmers not only for what he has done for Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge 180 Free & Accepted Masons as Past Master, Secretary, and in other roles, but also for his involvement at the Grand Lodge of California in his new office as Grand Junior Steward. This tribute dinner to honor all brothers who have supported lodge programs and Guy Chalmers, who has certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty, is an event that you do not want to miss. Please mark your calendar today for the Sunday July 12, Let's Write the Future feast at our lodge building in downtown Petaluma.

Fraternally yours,  
Don Nicodemus,  
Senior Warden



**The Hall Association**



Brethren

One of the more significant accomplishments by the Hall Association has been the installation of AED units in our building. Our contract with Petaluma Health Care District includes a yearly group training session for our members. At this point, it looks like Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:00 PM will be the day. The group class will be held in the Family Room on the third floor of our building. There is no charge for members as it is part of our contract. Our commitment to safety and welfare of our members, as well as to our visitors, is consistent with the Tenets of the Craft.



- David Kinnison      November 1st
- Patrick Paglen      November 6th
- Willis Phipps      November 6th
- Dennis Metcalf      November 9th
- Jim Larsen      November 10th
- Fred Talmadge      November 11th
- Vernon Christensen November 11th
- Randy Huling      November 25th
- Timothy Giddings    November 28th
- Richard Mogel      November 29th
- Glen Hallaway Jr.    November 30th

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## Guy the Senior Grand Steward



Congratulations to Guy Chalmers on being installed as the Senior Grand Steward in the State of

California. During our Grand Communications last month Guy Chalmers was installed in this prestigious role within our very own grand lodge.

Guy joined Freemasonry in February of 1996. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in April of 1996 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in June of 1996 within the halls of our sister Lodge, Vitruvius in Beautiful downtown Bloomfield, California

Since then he has been an active member within Freemasonry, and apart of Petaluma Hamilton Lodge No. 180. He has served in countless rolls including but not limited to Senior Warden, Worshipful Master and Secretary within the years that I have been a member.

He is an active member within the York Rite and the several accompanying

bodies that make it up, serving many roles there as well. This last year at Compche he was one of the last people to leave site making sure that all was packed up and the site was restored to its natural beauty as if nobody had even set foot on the property.

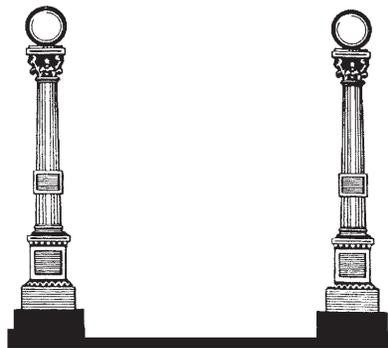
While the rest of his distinguishing roles within Freemasonry may illude my knowledge and memory, what distinguishes him the most in my mind is his active role in being a coach and mentor to fellow masons. He truly embodies the heart of what it means to be a mason by offering a helping hand and listening ear to a brother in need of guidance. The Grand lodge is blessed to have him serving among them.

Many of nights he has cooked and stayed late cleaning after our stated meeting and family dinners. It seems only just that he now sits as an example to his fellow brethren as the Senior Grand Steward.

The Grand lodge is blessed to have him serving among them. Again, Congratulations to Brother Guy Chalmers on his achievements.

Sincerely,

Brother David Sonnenberg



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## From The Editor



Brethren,

I would like to take a moment to honor our brethren who have served our country within the ranks of the Armed Forces.

I thank you for your service and commend you for your duty. America would not be the land of the free without your dedication and contribution.

I also encourage all members of our fraternal organization to take a moment to appreciate and thank a veteran, whether it be a brother or a stranger on the street. Take a moment to shake their hand and acknowledge them. Let us not forget the service and sacrifices that have been made in the name of liberty and justice.

Sincerely,

Brother David Sonnenberg  
Trestleboard Editor

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