



# The Trestle Board

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## NOVEMBER 2010

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### Stated Meeting and Dinner

**November 9, 2010, 6:30 PM – November  
Stated Meeting Dinner**

The Stated Meeting Dinner for November will be Dinner Rolls, Butternut Squash and Roasted-Garlic Bisque, Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Stuffing with Corralitos Sausage and Apples, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, and for dessert -- Pumpkin Pie. *Please R.S.V.P.* You can make a reservation by calling me at **831-479-7070**, or e-mailing me at [bryan\\_t\\_cupps@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan_t_cupps@yahoo.com).

Please come to this year's November Stated Meeting Dinner on November 9th, 2010 at 6:30PM.

Fraternally,

**Bryan Cupps**, Junior Warden

### From the East

Our November Stated Meeting and Dinner for 2010 has been  
**CHANGED TO THE SECOND TUESDAY  
OF NOVEMBER - NOVEMBER 9.**

Please remember that reservations are required for dinner. Remember that our stated meeting dinners start promptly at 6:30PM and **reservations** are required. Please contact our **Junior Warden Bryan Cupps** at **(831) 479-7070** or [bryan\\_t\\_cupps@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan_t_cupps@yahoo.com).

All officers of the lodge need to make reservations too, if they are attending the dinner.

Fraternally,

**Scott Mitchell**

Worshipful Master

# Santa Cruz Masonic Activities for NOVEMBER 2010

November, 2010							Expand All	Collapse All	1 Day	7 Week	31 Month
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
31	1 6:00 PM <b>Paideia Lodge UD</b>	2 7:30 PM <b>First Degree for Mr. Daniel Speziale</b>	3	4 7:00 PM <b>Rainbow Meeting</b>	5 11:30 AM <b>Daughters of the Nile</b>	6					
7	8 7:30 PM <b>OES Meeting</b>	9 6:30 PM <b>Stated Meeting Dinner</b> 8:00 PM <b>Lodge Stated Meeting</b>	10 7:30 PM <b>Paideia Lodge UD</b> 7:30 PM <b>Temple Board Meeting</b>	11 7:00 PM <b>DeMolay Meeting</b> 7:00 PM <b>Lodge Development Committee Meeting</b>	12	13 7:00 PM <b>Job's Daughters Meeting</b>					
14	15 7:00 PM <b>MOA/SOI (Confidence Lodge Host)</b>	16 7:30 PM <b>Lodge Activity (Open)</b>	17	18 7:00 PM <b>Rainbow meeting</b>	19	20 9:00 AM <b>Scottish Rite Club (monthly breakfast)</b> 10:00 AM <b>2:00 pm - Santa Cruz Redwoods - Order of Eastern Star - Annual Installation of officers</b>					
21	22 7:30 PM <b>OES Meeting</b>	23 7:30 PM <b>Lodge Activity (Open)</b>	24 7:00 PM <b>Job's Daughters Meeting</b>	25 <b>Sisters of Hiram (dark)</b> <b>DeMolay Meeting (dark)</b>	26	27					
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If you would like to have something added to the Lodge Calendar, please contact Todd Williams by email or phone (1-831-423-8904).

If you would like to rent the Masonic Temple, go online to [www.sc-slv38.org](http://www.sc-slv38.org) and click on "Lodge Calendar" to see if your preferred date is available. Then contact Todd Williams at 831-423-8904 to book the Center.



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## From the East

My Brothers,

Our November Stated Meeting and Dinner for 2010 has been  
**CHANGED TO THE SECOND TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER - NOVEMBER 9.**

November is the traditional time of the year when our lodge elects the five primary officers of the lodge, and this November is no different. Please give careful consideration to who you believe should guide our lodge in 2011 and the foreseeable future.



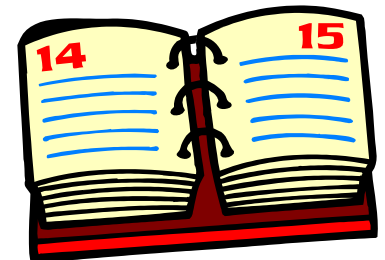
I do not have a speaker arranged for our November stated meeting; however, I am working diligently to locate an interesting presenter for our dinner. Please remember that reservations are required for dinner. Remember that our stated meeting dinners start promptly at 6:30PM and **reservations** are required. Please contact our **Junior Warden Bryan Cupps** at (831) 479-7070 or [bryan\\_t\\_cupps@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan_t_cupps@yahoo.com). Bryans e-mail address includes **\_t\_** between Bryan and Cupps. All officers of the lodge need to make reservations too, if they are attending the dinner.

Please remember that we are in the fall season and our dress code for the remainder of the year will

revert back to suit or coat and tie for all lodge meetings.

## Calendar Highlights

- Nov 2 First Degree for **Daniel Speziale**
- Nov 9 Stated Meeting and dinner**
- Nov 15 MOA/SOI at Confidence Lodge
- Nov 16 Open
- Nov 23 Open
- Nov 30 Open



Remember that changes do occur to our lodge calendar

and you can always find the most up to date information on the lodge website at [WWW.SC-SLV38.ORG](http://WWW.SC-SLV38.ORG). The entire Lodge *Trestle Board* is available on-line. You can locate it on the left side of the Lodge's home page under lodge communications. We have attempted to obtain all of our member's e-mail addresses so we can notify you that the trestle board has been posted on the lodge website. Please e-mail Todd Williams or myself at [TWilliams@BasicITSupport.com](mailto:TWilliams@BasicITSupport.com) or [scott\\_mitchell09@comcast.net](mailto:scott_mitchell09@comcast.net) so we can add your name to the lodge distribution list.

Fraternally,  
**Scott Mitchell**  
Worshipful Master

## Sick and Shut-Ins

Do you know another brother who is shut-in or is currently too ill to attend Lodge? Please let the Lodge know so we can stay in contact with him and provide assistance if need be. Thank you for your kindness.



Intellectually I know that America is

**no better**

than any other country;  
emotionally, I know she is

**better than**

every other country.

– Sinclair Lewis

## Your Masonic Member Benefits

### *An important reminder*

You're entitled to the following support services no matter where you reside – whether in California or out of state.

*Member 60 years or older and in good standing for five consecutive years, or his wife or widow:*

Referrals to senior care providers, financial assistance, and/or care management in your home community, provided by Masonic Senior Outreach, admission to a Masonic Homes of California continuing care retirement community, located in Covina and Union City

### *Member of any age and degree level:*

Help dealing with family issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other challenges, provided by Masonic Family Outreach

Contact Masonic Assistance at 888/466-3642 or [masonicassistance@mhccuc.org](mailto:masonicassistance@mhccuc.org) for information and support.

### *Some other member and widow benefits:*

Monthly lodge *Trestle board*

Inclusion on lodge phone tree and mailings

Bimonthly California Freemason magazine

Access to the Member Center on [freemason.org](http://freemason.org) (members only)

Masonic funeral or memorial service (members only, at the request of family)

Contact Lodge Secretary **Todd Williams** at [twilliams@BasicSupport.com](mailto:twilliams@BasicSupport.com) or **831-427-2000** with specific questions.

For general information, contact **Grand Lodge** at **415/292-9180** or [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org).

Visit [masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org) for information about all of these support services.

## Planned Giving Services Program

Are you aware that some of your donations to Lodge Charities may be tax deductible? Our Masonic Lodge is classified by the IRS as 501-c-10, which gives tax preference to donations made for the purpose of aiding children (think Scholarship) and certain other purposes.

If you have questions, talk to your tax advisor or Bro. **Jeff Bosshard**, PM, about our Planned Giving Services Program, 831-688-9012.



## November Birthdays

John Densem.....	Nov 03
Donald severance .....	Nov 04
Bob Biendle.....	Nov 06
Todd Hoffman.....	Nov 06
Harry Kane.....	Nov 09
John Brokaw.....	Nov 13
Vernon Bergstrom.....	Nov 14
Stanley Miller .....	Nov 18
Art lee.....	Nov 19
Michael Bates .....	Nov 20
Raymond Kranich.....	Nov 25
Robert Rocket .....	Nov 28
William Pardue.....	Nov 30
Larry Wolfsen.....	Nov 30

*Happy Birthday!*

## Youth Groups

Our future leaders can be found in the youth groups we sponsor. **DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls** rely on lodges and adult leaders for support and mentoring. Please consider supporting these organizations which our lodge sponsors by attending their meetings.

### OUR MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



**Santa Cruz  
Bethel #216**  
Job's Daughters  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday  
7:00 pm



**Santa Cruz  
DeMolay**  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays  
7:00 pm



**Santa Cruz  
Assembly #28**  
Rainbow for Girls  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursdays  
7:00 pm

Refer to the calendar for Youth Order activities planned for the month.



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Thanks to our *Trestle Board Sponsor!*

### Basic IT Support

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**Todd Williams, MCP** *Principal*



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## Grand Lodge Officer Celebrates with Family

Worshipful **Todd E. Williams** of **Santa Cruz – San Lorenzo Valley #38** had reason to smile as he celebrated with his family and close friends at the installation of Grand Lodge officers for 2011 on Sunday, September 26, 2010, at the Grand Lodge Temple of California in San Francisco.

Todd became the **Senior Grand Steward** of California Masons in a beautiful ceremony attended by family and friends from all over California. Thank you to his dear friends who were there for him on this very special day.



*From left: mother-in-law Jerri Minor; wife Virginia; Senior Grand Steward Todd E. Williams; daughter Laurene; and friend Josh Loundsberry.*

# Grand Lodge Officers of California F. & A.M. for 2011



**Front row** from left: Paul Henning, Grand Lecturer; Glenn Woody, Grand Treasurer; John Lowe, Senior Grand Warden; William J. Bray III, Grand Master; Frank Loui, Deputy Grand Master; John L. Cooper, Junior Grand Warden, Allan Casalou, Grand Secretary.

**Middle row** from left: AGL District X Frank Lee; AGL District IV Dave Allmuth; Assistant Grand Tiler Arthur Porter; AGL Division VI Cline "Cub" Jack; AGL District II Bruce Galloway; Grand Standard Bearer Arnel Paynita; Grand Orator Loyal Stark; Grand Marshal Michael Stovall; Grand Tiler Donald Taylor; Grand Chaplain Leonard Froomin; AGL District VII Doug Eichen; Assistant Grand Organist Christopher Putnam; Grand Bible Bearer Jr. Bishop; Junior Grand Steward Dave Smith.

**Back row** from left: AGL District III Bud Ramsey; AGL District I David Perry; Junior Grand Deacon Pete Cunningham; Senior Grand Deacon Skip Skipworth; Senior Grand Steward Todd E. Williams, AGL District IX Jim Kurupas; AGL District V Jack Rose; Grand Organist Steven Miller; Assistant Grand Secretary James Banta; Grand Sword Bearer Jeff Yates; AGL District V Lynn Wallingford; Grand Pursuivant Doug Rader.

## Masonic Formation (Light)

I could not obtain permission from the author of the attached link to reprint his article on the location of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, so I am providing the following link to the article. Although the article is the opinion of the author and not all of the statements can be verified or proven, it does make for an interesting read.

[http://townhall/.com/columnists/CraigShirley/2008/04/02/romancing\\_the\\_cornerstone](http://townhall/.com/columnists/CraigShirley/2008/04/02/romancing_the_cornerstone)



# GRAND LODGE ORATION

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

by Worshipful John Herring, Grand Orator 2010

Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, All distinguished guests and my brethren:

Good morning! And it is a good morning! However my Brothers I do have a problem! I don't know that anyone can help me with my problem; but, please permit me to share it with you.

You see, one year ago I was appointed and installed the **Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of California**. Little did I know what a hallmark year I would experience. Little did I know how much I would come to appreciate, admire, and hold in such high esteem this Grand Master who has guided us with wisdom, understanding, and a consuming desire to serve his brethren in Freemasonry.

## Little Did I Know

Little did I know that I would work as a team with my brother Grand Officers who would display charm, eloquence, friendliness, and a sense of humor. Throughout the year, they would also exhibit their over abundant energy and inspiring personalities to all.

Little did I know that my wife and I would have the privilege of traveling with and getting to know the Grand Officers, as well as their escorts, as we came together into a wonderful Grand Family. Our special thanks to both Ken and Kathy who together, led the Grand Family and allowed us to serve our Craft.

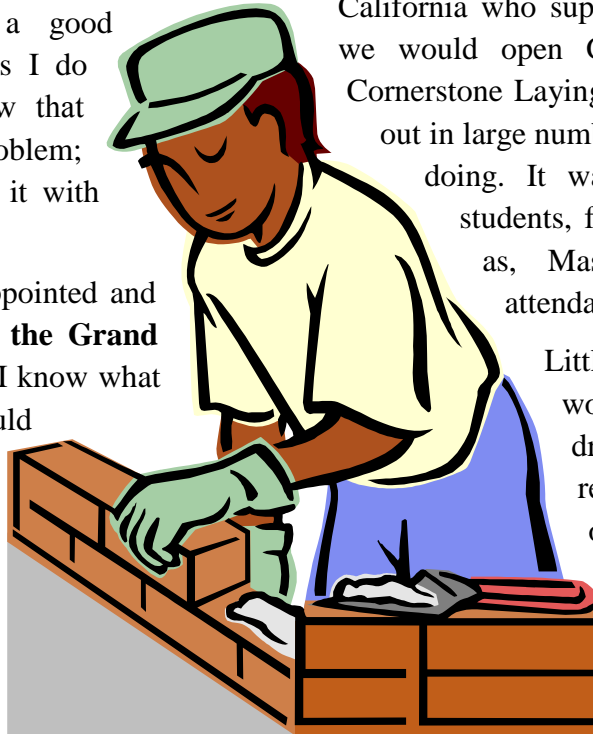
Little did I know how totally impressed I would be with the devotion and dedication of *hundreds* --- no make that *thousands* --- of Masons throughout California who supported us this year. Each time we would open Grand Lodge and perform a Cornerstone Laying, the Masons in the area came out in large numbers in support of what we were doing. It was exciting to see the many students, faculty, public officials, as well as, Masons and their families in attendance.

Little did I know that I personally would enjoy, beyond my wildest dreams, the extreme privilege of representing our great Fraternity outside this lodge room and be allowed to testify to the world about the precepts, principals, teachings, and honored ideals we as Masons practice daily.

## Heart and Soul

Little did I know that my heart and my very soul would be so touched by our Grand Master's vision and the incredible devotion and generosity of our members to "**Operation Greatest Gift**." Just the thought of over 600 World War II Veterans, who put their lives on hold to protect our freedom, being able to visit the World War II Memorial. What a wonderful, wonderful gift for our veterans to be able to say good-bye to their fallen comrades, to bring to a close the horrors of war, and to experience final peace. This should move us all.

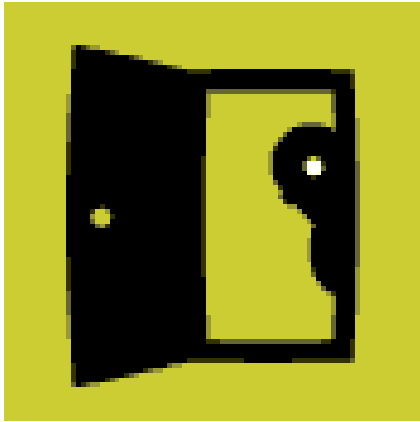
Little did I know that "**Coming Home**" would have such a far reaching impact on me personally, on my



lodge, and to every Mason and Lodge in California. **“Coming Home”** speaks to the return of inactive Masons to their Lodges. Tens of thousands of our craft pay dues yet do not darken the doors of our lodges or participate in our activities. The truly sad part of this is that many of these members went for decades without receiving so much as a phone call.

## Community Leaders

My brothers, in this tragedy we are all remiss. Every man who becomes a Mason does so for a reason. I grew up in a small town near Fresno of about 5,000 people back in the ‘50s and ‘60s. The movers and shakers of the community all belonged to the Masonic Lodge. The Little League coach, the Scout Master, Sunday school teachers, club members, firemen, policemen, teachers, and business owners all participated and enjoyed the



benefits Masonry had to offer; yet, about two decades later that lodge closed their doors.

What happened? Where did we go wrong? How does a vibrant,

alive, thriving community organization consisting of good men who were leaders in that very community cease to exist? You and I both know this is not an isolated incident. This downward turn of events repeats itself in our lodges and in our communities again and again. Every mason, me included, must do their part to reverse this trend and revive our craft. ***Operation “Coming Home”, though very effective, should be just the beginning of renewed dedication and involvement on all our parts.***

## Reconnect

My brothers, we must reconnect with each other. We must reconnect our inactive brethren and get them back. We need to identify the reasons why

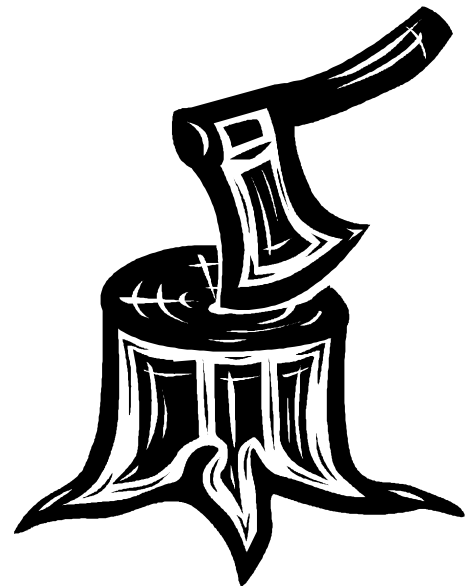
they sought membership and proceeded through the degrees. We need to unite them with other masons giving them a purpose if we are to survive. This will take a lot of work but the return on our investment will be worth it. We also need to be the instrument of needed change. Not our basic core values and traditional ritual; but, the way we operate and do business.

Identify the needs of your individual lodge and go to work on what it will take to make your lodge better. Work with a core group in your lodge to begin with small steps, one step at a time, bringing others on board with each step. Never change “just for change,” but always be open and ready to make changes when and wherever needed.

## Abe’s Axe

It’s like the historian who heard of a farm family in Illinois that possessed the axe that Abraham Lincoln used when splitting logs as a young man. The historian found the farm and found the farmer in the yard splitting wood for his fireplace. He asked him about the axe and the farmer said, “It’s true. Abe Lincoln lived around here and split wood for my great, great, great grandfather. It happened that my great, great, great Grandpa bought a new axe from a peddler the day before Abe Lincoln came to work.

He loaned the axe to Lincoln to use. We’ve kept it ever since.” “That is a real historical treasure,” said the historian. “It should be in a museum. Would you mind going into the house and bringing it out so that I may see it?”



“Well,” said the farmer, “I don’t have to go into the house. I’ve got it right here.” He handed the horrified historian the very axe he was using. “You mean you still use it?” the historian asked. “Sure do,” said the farmer. “An axe is meant to be used.” The historian looked it over carefully and said, “I must say, you’ve certainly taken good care of it.” “Sure,” said the farmer, “I’m protecting history. Why I’ve replaced the handle three times and the head twice!”

## Involved in Change

Brethren, our beloved fraternity is like Abe Lincoln’s axe. We tend to assume that it has always been the way it is. But the truth of the matter is we’ve done more than replace the handle three times and the head twice. We need to realize our lodges and our Craft in particular have had frequent and even sometimes dramatic changes. We need to reach out and become a part of what is happening, be involved in changes that are being made, and make sure that they are for the betterment of not only our lodges, but also our Craft.

We must always remember . . . and I believe the lodge in my hometown forgot to remember . . . that in spite of the many changes which have already happened in the past, changes are bound to occur in the future. Get on board! Bring others with you. Be a part of what is happening or you just might find you will be left behind. Masonry is like any other living thing . . . it must evolve and grow or it will die.

We need to be willing to work to have more “Coming Home.” We need to make contact with all our members and revitalize them too. Just like Abraham Lincoln’s axe, *Masonry is best when active and used by all its members and not just allowed to “rust away” in*

*some historical museum.* The return of our members and “use by all” will keep us bright and sharp no matter how often we replace the handle or the head. Remember the active, growing fraternity of Masonry has and will change the world.

## Burning Brightly

We need to experience “Coming Home.” We’re like hot coals in a fire. Together touching each other continually, we burn bright and hot. But when the red hot coals don’t touch and are separated, we, like the coals, begin to dim, lose our glow, and eventually the fire goes out. We turn from glowing red to flat black and our world turns cold. Just like the burning coals, we need each other to keep the glow strong and warm.

We need the relationships with each other, with all our brethren, to keep our fraternity strong and warm. Should we see a member separating from the warm glow of our fire, we need to bring them back.

Brothers, we need to do all we can to keep our fire alive, to keep each other bright and burning, and to bring light and warmth to an otherwise cold and uncaring world.

## Share our Principles

Brothers, we need to share our warm glow with not only our members but with our communities as well.

Imagine all we can accomplish if we would just “reach out” to those around us who are not a part of our fraternity, sharing our principles and our teachings. Encourage

members to go out into the community and make a difference by doing. Masons don’t just give “lip service.”

Masons get involved! Make your world and your community aware that

it is richer and better because “Masons step up and get the job done!”



My Brothers, the problem I alluded to earlier should be obvious. The Grand Family of 2010 is just not ready to give it up. But on second thought, after a closer examination, there really is no problem. Masonry is the greatest fraternity on earth and even though the 2010 Grand Officers must reluctantly give up our positions we were so honored to have, isn't it *exciting to know that together, working with all of you, we will continue to make a difference?*

Brethren, greater things are yet to come! Greater things are still to be done! May God bless America, our great country; may God bless the Masonic Fraternity and the great works we do; and may God bless each of you and those you hold dear. And yes it is a grand and glorious day to be a Mason! Thank you for your kind attention and thank you, Most Worshipful.

