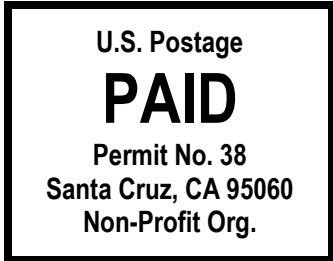




The Trestle Board

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MAY 2011

TIME-DATED MATERIAL

Stated Meeting Dinner

**Stated Meeting Dinner on Tuesday, May 3,
6:30 PM**

Chef Dick Tippett will prepare a wonderful meal for our May Stated Meeting dinner. The menu will include beef stroganoff, served with string beans, salad, bread and cherry pie for dessert. Yum!



As always please make your reservations for dinner to enjoy this wonderful time with brothers and friends.

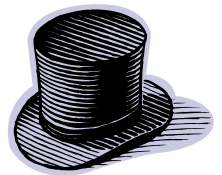
Just call or e-mail Brother Dick at **831-722-5307** or rtippett@got.net.

From the East

There will be a **special election at the MAY stated meeting** to fill the office of **Junior Warden** due to the resignation of Brother **George Turegano** for health reasons.

We need to fill this vacancy in our line so that our lodge can continue on with the good work and degrees that are in our immediate future.

If you are interested in filling this important position within our lodge, please contact Worshipful Master **Bill Rodden** at **831-688-1482** or e-mail to Brodden279@aol.com.



Santa Cruz Masonic Activities for MAY 2011

May, 2011

Expand All Collapse All | Day Week Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00 PM Paideia Lodge No. 852	3 6:30 PM Stated Meeting Dinner 8:00 PM Lodge Stated Meeting	4	5 7:00 PM Rainbow Meeting	6 11:30 AM Daughters of the Nile	7
8	9 7:30 PM OES Meeting	10 7:00 PM Lodge Activity - 3rd Degree - Brother Walter Simmons	11 11:00 AM (in Soquel) Santa Cruz Shrine Luncheon Club 7:30 PM Paideia Lodge No. 852 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting	12 7:00 PM DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Development Committee Meeting	13	14 7:00 PM Job's Daughters - Grand Bethel Officer Reception
15	16 6:00 PM Paideia Lodge No. 852	17 7:30 PM Lodge Activity - 3rd Degree - Brother Ryan Sturgeon	18	19 7:00 PM Rainbow meeting	20	21 9:00 AM (in Soquel) Scottish Rite Club (monthly breakfast) 12:00 PM Rainbow Installation at 7 PM (Practice at 3 PM)
22	23 OES Meeting (dark)	24 6:30 PM Santa Cruz - San Lorenzo Valley #38 F&AM Lodge Activity	25 7:00 PM Job's Daughters Meeting - Farewell meeting	26 7:00 PM Lodge Development Committee Meeting 7:00 PM DeMolay Meeting	27 11:00 AM Electa Circle	28
29	30	31	1	2 7:00 PM Rainbow Meeting	3 11:30 AM Daughters of the Nile	4

If you would like to rent the Masonic Temple, go online to 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.

*If you have not received this newsletter via e-mail,
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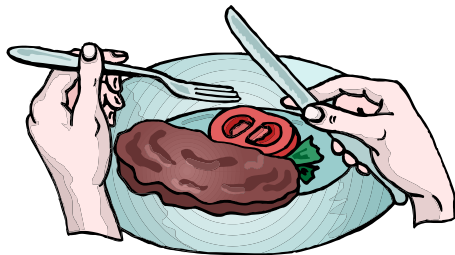
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From the East

Our May Stated Meeting Dinner will be beef stroganoff, served with string beans, salad, bread and cherry pie for dessert, all cooked by Brother **Dick Tippett**. At the time of publication, no speaker has been arranged.



Lodge Vote on Development Plans

After much discussion, the lodge voted to agree with the Lodge Development committee's recommendation. This means the committee will go back to work and further investigate the two recommendations.

Degree Work for the Lodge

Please notice that we have two 3rd degrees this month - both are young men from DeMolay. Your attendance and support for these would be especially appreciated.

At the end of the month, we will have a second 2nd degree for **Brother Mendenhall** who received his First Degree in January.

In June we expect to have about 5 first degrees. At the end of June we will have a visit from **the Right Worshipful John Cooper, Junior Grand**

Warden Brother Cooper will perform a special walk-about ceremony for all of our recent Entered Apprentices. This should be a special night on our lodge calendar, so plan to attend and enjoy this presentation.

Sincerely,
Bill Rodden
Worshipful Master



BY YOUR SIDE:

Remember a loved one and support others battling cancer.

Don't forget to plan programming and invite a local oncology nurse in honor of **Oncology Nurses Month** at your May stated meeting!

Support our Grand Master **Bill Bray** and his 2010-2011 project, **By Your Side**. As always, we're hoping for 100% participation from our lodges!

Download the "**By Your Side - Oncology Nurses Month Guide**," located in the secure Member Center under Lodge Support.

By your side: Bringing the best nursing care to cancer patients and families.

Aphorisms on Freemasonry

As shared by a brother, excerpts from **Bro. Oliver, George** (1782-1867); *The Book of the Lodge*:

I: Freemasonry is a beautiful **system of morality** veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

II: If you remain silent when Freemasonry is attacked, you condemn by your actions what your conscience approves.

III: As you are a Christian Mason, you must on all occasions study to perform the duties of Christian morality, which are comprehended under the triple category of God, your neighbour and yourself.

IV: The benefits to be derived from Masonry are well described by Ovid and Horace, when they say, "*Ingenuas didicisse fideliter artes emollit mores. Asperitatis et invidiae corrector et irae*" which may be translated thus: "*To have learnt the liberal arts faithfully, softens the manners and operates as a fine corrector of ill-nature, envy, and anger.*"

V: To subdue the passions has been the universal aim of all mankind. All have placed their hopes upon it; and hence sprang the first idea of the **Γνωθι Σεαυτον**, which was inscribed on the

portal of heathen temples, that it might prove a stimulus to virtue, of which it was the first lesson, and lead to the desirable consummation, in which all excellence was blended, of subduing the passions.

VI: If you intend to pursue the study of Masonry to any beneficial result, it is indispensable that you attend the Lodge regularly. This is your apprenticeship, and without it you will never become a bright Mason. There is no royal road to science.

VII: A Lodge is not to be understood simply as a place where Masons assemble for the dispatch of business, but of the **aggregate body of its members**. The latter is, strictly speaking, the Lodge; the former is only the Lodge-room.

VIII: An incompetent person in the chair of the Lodge, is like a hawk on the wing, from which all the inferior birds hasten to escape, and leave him the sole tenant of the sky. In the same manner, such a Master will cause the Lodge to be deserted by its best Members, and be left alone in his glory.

IX: If you mean to attend your Lodge, be there at the hour mentioned in the summons. Whoever is late disturbs the Brethren, and interrupts the business of the Lodge.

X: When seated, recollect your situation. If you are an Officer, do your duty, and



nothing more. If you are simply a Brother, your business is to hear, and not to speak. An officious interference is unbecoming in a Mason: it may do harm, and cannot, by any possibility, be productive of good.

XI: Be always obedient to the Chair. Obedience is a virtue of the greatest importance to your own character as a Mason, and to the general welfare of the Lodge. Without obedience Wisdom would be inoperative, Strength would lose its power, and Beauty its grace; and confusion and discord would soon banish the occupants of the holy ground.

XII: Never by any chance or persuasion suffer yourself to be inveigled into a party hostile to the Officers in charge of the Lodge. If you do, you will be a marked man, and your progress in Masonry will be rendered doubtful, if not altogether prevented.

XIII: During the period when serious business occupies the attention of the Brethren, you must not leave your seat, or engage in conversation with your neighbours, not even in whispers; neither should you move the chair or bench on which you are seated, or make any other noise to disturb the Master or his Officers in the orderly execution of their respective duties. Silence is the leading characteristic of a well-regulated Lodge. I have known many good Lodges spoiled for want of a due attention to these trifling particulars.

XXV: Never enter into a dispute with a cowan. Like the deaf adder he will stop his ears, and refuse to hear the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely. No matter how clear are your facts, or how convincing your arguments, still he will turn an incredulous ear to your reasoning. Though you anxiously cry out, "Oh, Baal, hear us," and even cut yourself with knives and lancets to bespeak his attention, there will be neither voice nor any answer, nor any that regardeth. You may as well

endeavour to extinguish the sun by pelting it with snowballs, or to cut rocks in pieces with a razor, as to make any genial impression on the mind of a professed cowan.

XXVI: What is the reason Bro. _____ makes so little progress in Masonry? Indolence. Why did Bro. _____ fail to establish a good character as the

Master of his Lodge? Because he was not an industrious person. Do you inquire why Bro. _____ never passed to the Second Degree? I answer, because he was constitutionally idle. Indolence is the prolific parent of numerous other vices. Bad habits may be subdued, selfishness may be reformed, and passion held in check, but indolence is rarely, if ever, conquered.

XXX. Silence, secrecy, and calmness of temper, are the unmistakable marks of a



genuine Mason. If you hear anyone make an incessant boast of his knowledge, you may set him down as an empty chatterer. Noise is not wisdom. Those who ostentatiously proclaim their own merits may for a time enjoy the satisfaction of deceit, yet in the end their pretensions are sure to be unmasked.

XXXII Do you hear a man boast of his abilities, his attainments, his dignity, or his position in life? Intrust him not with your secrets.

XXXIV. When in the Lodge, beware of contentions, brethren. Truth is as little an object with them as brotherly love. They will wrangle against truth as freely as against error, whether defeated or victorious, they will still argue and quarrel, question and dispute, until they have banished every right-minded Brother from the Lodge.

LVII: How many disputes arise out of trifles! And how greatly would they be diminished if everyone would deliberately ask himself this question -- whether is it better to sacrifice a point which is of no value, or to lose a friend more precious than rubies?

LIX: Before you pronounce a man to be a good Mason, let him pass the Chair. That is the test which will infallibly display both virtues and failing, mental imbecility and moral strength. If he pass through his year of apparent honour, but real trial, creditably,

he will have nobly earned the character of a worthy and intelligent Mason.

LXII: When a cowan criticises (*sic*) the science, answer him not, but listen attentively to his words. They may perchance recall some point, part, or secret to your recollection, which has escaped your notice, for the castigations of the cowan are not without their use and benefit; "Like the toad -- ugly and venomous, Which wears a precious jewel in its head."



LXV: Esteem the Brother who takes a pleasure in acts of charity, and never babbles about it; take him to your bosom, and cherish him as a credit to Masonry and an honour to mankind.

LXIX: Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you introduce a disputatious person, confusion will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial.

LXXI: He is a wise Brother who knows how to conclude a speech when he has said all that is pertinent to the subject.

XCIII: The great secret for improving the memory, may be found in exercise, practice, and labour. Nothing is so much

improved by care, or injured by neglect, as the memory.

XCVII: As the Lodge is opened with the rising sun, in the name of the G.A.O.T.U., and closed at its setting in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, so, if you have any animosity against a Brother Mason, let not the sun sink in the West without being witness to your reconciliation. Early explanations prevent long-continued enmities.

Oliver, George (1782-1867)
The Book of the Lodge

May Proclaimed as Youth Orders Month

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California is dedicated to the support of the young men and women of our Masonic youth orders: **DeMolay International, the International Order of Job's Daughters, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.**

These youth orders represent our roots; they are where many of us began our Masonic journeys. In recent years our fraternity has made it a priority to rebuild them. Thanks to the dedication of many lodges and members, it's working.

We must continue that mission. Reach out to youth orders in your community, and find ways to become involved. Serve on their advisory teams. Attend their meetings. Invite them to attend yours. Make them partners in lodge activities.

Above all, offer them the friendship and encouragement that should always be a part of our fraternal family. Take time to talk with these young men and women about their hopes, dreams, and challenges. Pay attention to the kind of support they need most: It might be financial assistance to attend

leadership training, or it might be a place in the lodge *Trestle Board* to share their news. It might simply be your presence at their events.

Let's each find a way to honor our obligation to Masonic youth orders. After all, these young people are tomorrow's leaders. Their ideas and innovations will change how we live. Their values will make the world a better place.

They're also the future of this Masonic family.

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2011 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH** and I direct that this Proclamation be read by the master at the May stated meeting and included in the lodge *Trestle Board*.

I urge every lodge in this jurisdiction to demonstrate its support for Masonic youth by planning a special meeting or program to include youth orders.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2011.

Sincerely and fraternally,
William J. Bray III
Grand Master

Upcoming Events

- Apr 26 OAM - SOI 1st Degree**
- May 3 Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 8 pm**
- May 10 3rd degree -Walter Simmons**
- May 17 3rd Degree - Ryan Sturgeon**
- May 24 2nd Degree Practice**
- May 31 2nd Degree - Mendenhall**



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**.



**2011 Dues of \$152.00
were payable by
December 31, 2010**

Sick and Shut-ins

Remember to take a few moments and say hello to a Brother who may be ailing or unable to get out and about. Send a card, an e-mail, or make a phone call. It will be hugely appreciated to be thought of by your Brother Masons.



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@mhcuc.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 (members only)

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

Contact Lodge Secretary **Todd Williams** at twilliams@BasicItSupport.com or **831-427-2000** with specific questions.

For general information, contact **Grand Lodge** at **415/292-9180** or memberservices@freemason.org.

Visit masonichome.org for information about all of these support services.

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 2nd Saturday
and 4th
Wednesday
7:00 pm



Santa Cruz DeMolay

Meet 2nd and 4th
Thursdays
7:00 pm



Santa Cruz Assembly #28

Rainbow for Girls
Meet 1st and 3rd
Thursdays
7:00 pm

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

Job's Daughters Activities for Spring

- May 14 7:00 pm - Grand Bethel Officer Reception for **Lisa Slater**, Grand Bethel Inner Guard
- May 25 7:00 pm – Farewell meeting for Shannon Swanson, Honored Queen
- June 11 7:00 pm – Installation of Officers



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