

From The East

Brethren,

GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT 2010-11

BY YOUR SIDE, the Grand Master's Project for 2010-2011, seeks to bring the best nursing care to cancer patients and families in California. "We'll do it by putting more oncology certified nurses by their side." **BY YOUR SIDE** answers a critical need for these nurses in California.

The project will establish a permanent fund to cover the cost of oncology certification for 12 to 15 nurses every year. Oncology certified nurses have an overall mastery of cancer. They have attained the highest standards of experience, knowledge, and skills. Their professionalism and know-how is a source of hope and support. They make a difference in every aspect of a patient's treatment: pain management, discussing results and expectations, counseling loved ones. A single oncology certified nurse reaches hundreds of patients and their families. By putting more oncology certified nurses in hospitals, clinics, and medical centers throughout the state, we will provide comfort and hope for thousands of patients and their loved ones. For more information go to: www.freemason.org/byyourside

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James C. Clay, Master



National Cancer Prevention Month

Every year more than 500,000 people die from cancer in the U.S. and many researchers and specialists believe up to 60% of those deaths can be prevented if Americans slightly adapt their lifestyles. By Your Side, Grand Master Bill Bray's 2010-2011 project, aims to raise awareness about oncology so as a part of February, National Cancer Prevention Month, join your lodge for a healthy, delicious meal, and learn more about cancer prevention during the February stated meeting!

Don't miss this event!

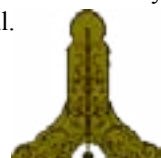
From The West

Brethren,

Remember, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts cannot visit another Lodge unless they are accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat in Lodge with the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft. Nor can a Master Mason coach an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft of another Lodge without the other Lodge's permission. Not only is it common courtesy, but the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may be an imposter. Recently an individual claiming to be an Entered Apprentice wanted to visit our Lodge. A check with the Entered Apprentice's "Lodge" revealed they had no record of the individual. It does pay to be careful.

Fraternally,

Ramon Babilonia, Senior Warden



2011 Lodge Committees

Budget	Ray Broomfield, Don Hauser, WM, SW and JW Butch Hafstrom
Charity	Andy Little, WM, SW and JW
Trestle board	Larry Young, Ray Broomfield, WM, SW and JW
Audit	Andy Little, Don Hauser, SW and JW
Delinquent Dues Member Retention	Ray Broomfield, WM, SW, JW and Dee Matson
Investments	Ray Broomfield, Don Hauser, Dee Matson, Butch Hafstrom, WM, SW and JW.
Public Schools	Bill Kavanaugh, Charles Rudd, Terry Holts and Dee Matson
Masonic Education	David VadBunker, WM and SW
Masonic Homes	Roger Ferris and William Downey
Child ID	Chuck Batterson
Social	David Hopkins
Meals	Ray Broomfield, David Hopkins and Mark Coker
Widows	Dave Contreras and William Downey
Youth Telephone	Dee Matson Woody French

The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Dinner will consist of:
A fresh Green Salad
Tender Pork Roast
Quartered Red Potatoes
Roasted Zucchini and
A Deliciously Baked Apple Cobbler



From The South

Brethren,

Iam very pleased and honored at the confidence you have given me by electing me your Junior Warden for the ensuing year. I will, to the best of my ability, serve you with honor and leadership. I must point out that without your help and support I would not have been able to walk "a just and upright Mason." We will work together at all times to achieve the ultimate, and by precept and example we will succeed.

Each of us as Masons have our part to play. By the great and glorious teachings of Freemasonry we have learned the precepts of brotherly love and affection, and to direct our life by the light we shall find the great light we display upon our altar.

We experience great truths and many lessons, sometimes so many, some of us become confused by their numbers.

If we will search our memories and experiences, we will recall that lesson woven through all the teachings of our Fraternity: the great precept of brotherhood.

Teach these lessons in your daily lives, and the rewards will be overwhelming.

Fraternally,

Mark Coker, Junior Warden



I HATE MASONS

A convicted murderer was standing on the gallows before the hangman. The hangman said, "Before sentence is carried out, do you have anything you'd like to say?" The convict said, "Yes, I think I do... I hate Masons." "The guy I killed... he was a Mason. "The sheriff who arrested me and hauled me in... he was a Mason. "The jailer who locked me up... he was a Mason. "The prosecuting attorney who got me convicted... he was a Mason, too. "The 12 man jury who found me guilty... every one of 'em was a Mason. "The judge that pronounced sentence on me... even he was a Mason.

"I hate Masons."

The hangman said, "Are you sure that's all you'd like to say? The convict said, "Yeah... I guess that's all." The hangman said, "Then you will advance one regular step with the left foot..."

ED

From The Secretary

Brethren,

The Secretary hasn't any comments or an article for this month. Brother Woody French has provided the following piece. ED

Is The Cable Tow a Symbol?

When a rope is put around the neck of a candidate, of what can he suppose it to be a symbol, but slavery, degradation, the choking of life out of a malefactor? If he submits to it, hoping to learn its symbolic meaning by and by, what estimate must he set upon the symbolism of Masonry, when he is told afterwards that the purpose of putting it around his neck was that if he should refuse to proceed in the Degree, he might, by means of it be taken out of the Lodge and into the street without making a disturbance, that is, if he resisted, he could be choked down by it and dragged out.

I do not suppose that it has ever occurred to one Mason in a thousand to ask whether "cable-tow" is an English word at all: or that one in a thousand has ever been moved to inquire what he had sworn to, in swearing that he would do certain things: if within the length of his cable-tow."

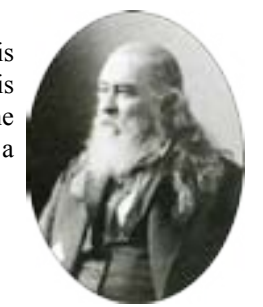
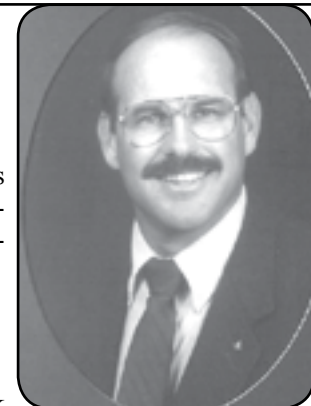
And if one in a thousand ever ask the meaning of this phrase, I venture to say that, as he had not known what the phrase meant to which he had solemnly sworn to Almighty God, under an awful penalty, to conform his conduct, so neither did any one of those who exacted it from him know its meaning.

"Cable-tow" is a word not met with in the English language outside of Masonry. It is not treated or spoken of as a symbol in Masonry; and the use to which in case of need it was, as I was told, intended to be put, divests it even of a semblance of a symbol.

In Hebrew, Khabel meant, "a rope, cord, cable attached to an anchor"; in Proverbs 23:34, and tu or to as a suffix meant "his." In Ezekiel 18:12-16 and 23:15, and in Job 22:6, the same word, Khabel meant "binding," or "a pledge." In Ezekiel 18:7, is the word Khabel-to, meaning "his pledge."

"The length of one's pledge; and this is hinted at when at the Altar the candidate is relieved of the halter around his neck, the Master saying, "he is now bound to us by a stronger obligation."

By Albert Pike



Lodge No. 214

2011 Calendar

January

- 27 **Annual Roll Call & Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
Only Master Masons attend the Roll Call
- 30 San Buenaventura Assembly No. 107 Rainbow for Girls **131st Installation of Officers** 1:00 P. M.

February

- 2 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 3 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Sweethearts' Night -** 6:30 P. M.
**Sweethearts' Night - Please RSVP, James Clay 805-312-5538*
- Golden Veteran's Award: Worshipful**
Jerry L. Callaway
- Stated Meeting** 7:30 P. M.
- 9 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
- 10 Officers Practice (all Master Masons Welcome) 6:30 P. M.
- 15 Officers' School of Instruction - Oxnard Anacapa Lodge No. 710 is hosting 7:00 P. M.
- 16 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 17 **Third Degree: Brother Thomas J. Spisak** 6:30 P. M.
- 24 **Third Degree: Brother Nelson E. Cooper, Jr.** 6:30 P. M.
- 23 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

March

- 2 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 3 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Youth Observance -** 6:30 P. M.
Speaker: Tom Waite, PM DeMolay
- Stated Meeting** 7:30 P. M.
- 9 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
- 16 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 23 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.



Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Officers for 2011		
Master	James C. Clay (Jeanine)	312-5538
Sr. Warden	Ramon D. Babilonia	646-9091
Jr. Warden	Mark Coker (Kathlean)	649-7275
Treasurer	Butch Hafstrom (Sally)	797-1082
Secretary	Raymond A. Broomfield, P.M. (Christine)	482-6756
Chaplain	Bill Downey (Anita)	646-2573
Sr. Deacon	Charlie Vanoni (Jewelyn)	857-1573
Jr. Deacon	John McBride	
Marshal	Gary Adkinson (Leslie)	642-7167
Sr. Steward	Jedidiah Smith (Kimberly)	320-6550
Jr. Steward	Max Sanford	405-1727
Tiler	Norm Fielding	746-7652
Offrs. Coach	David VadBunker (Laura)	382-2289
Can. Coach	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)	647-6728
Organist	Thomas R. Ewing Reseda No. 666	522-0810

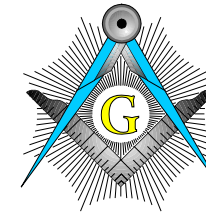
FEBRUARY 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Representing
The Years
1915 - 1974

2 Leonard A. Miskel	17 James W. deGraffenried, Jr.
3 Richard L. Kerr	18 Joshua F. Kienitz
4 Richard W. Whaley	18 Richard S. Hersey
4 Robert W. Gregorchuck	19 George W. Varnum, Jr.
4 Wade C. Edwards	19 John C. Gray
5 George E. Morris	19 Leo D. Butts 1915
5 James R. Satterfield	19 Steven T. Cockerham
5 Jeffrey P. Taylor	22 Barton R. Holcomb
5 Rocky A. Phelps	24 Jimmie H. Ross
7 Glenn D. Bult	25 Charlie A. Vanoni
11 Harold D. Fargo	26 Porterio L. Gonzales
15 Gordon Boggs	27 Dwayne L. McWaters
15 Paul K. Fraser	27 Leo D. St. Hilaire
16 Rafael K. Longo	27 Thomas A. Christy, Jr.
16 Thomas D. McConica	27 William H. Rice
	29 Jack N. Fritchey

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Annual Roll Call, Jan 27th, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Sweet Hearts Night Feb. 3rd at 6:30 PM
(Masonic Widows are treated to Dinner)
Please RSVP, James Clay 805-312-5538

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