

From The East

Brethren,

Masonic Grand Lodge of California Youth Orders Month Proclamation May 2011

The past is our heritage. The present is our responsibility. The future is our obligation.



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 a place in the lodge Trestleboard 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.

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim 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 Trestleboard. 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.

Sincerely and fraternally,

William J. Bray III
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

From The West

For Ramon -

In Search of Hiram Abif

The Third Degree of Freemasonry is the degree that confers the status of Master Mason on a candidate, the references to Hiram Abif and the Old Testament are baffling when the Worshipful Master first introduces the ancient character to the candidate in the following manner:

'Death has no terror equal to that of the stain of falsehood and dishonor. Of this grand truth, the annals of Freemasonry afford a glorious example in the unshaken fidelity and untimely death of our Grand Master, Hiram Abif who lost his life just before the completion of King Solomon's Temple, at the construction of which, as you are doubtless aware, he was the principal architect.'

There is a very clear assumption that the educated candidate should be aware of this character from his existing knowledge, presumably from the Bible. But no research has ever exposed such a person and no version of the Bible that anyone has come across yet makes any mention of an architect for Solomon's Temple named Hiram Abif.

Because Hiram, King of Tyre provided the labor and the cedar, some have connected the two, but there is no possible link apart from the fact that they share a name. All Freemasons accept the Masonic hero despite knowing that he was not recorded as being involved in the creation of King Solomon's Temple. Usually it is passed off or dismissed as an allegory.

If the authors of the Book of Kings, especially in the light of his murder, had known the name of the master builder it seems almost impossible that they would ignore such a key person when telling this story. At first this suggest that he must be a much later invention, possibly representing another important character whose role had been played down in history for the sake of a single-strand drama. The only reasonable explanation regarding the actual name of the Masonic hero was that Hiram meant 'noble' or 'kingly' in Hebrew, while Abif has been identified as old French for 'lost one', giving a literal description of 'the king that was lost'.

Fraternally,

Woody French



The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Dinner will consist of:

- A fresh salad and rolls
- Beef Stroganoff over egg noodles
- Green beans
- and Cake for dessert!



From The South

For Mark Coker -



If you know a young person who struggles with behavioral, learning, and psychological problems, talk to The Masonic Center for Youth and Families. We take a new approach to psychological services for youth ages four to seventeen that can lead to a whole new future. Learn more at mcyaf.org, or contact us at inquiries@mcyaf.org or 877-488-6293.



From The Secretary

Channel Island Lodge 214
Would Like to Congratulate
Brother Terry Holts
His Dedication and Service
Makes Him the 2011
Hiram Award Recipient
June 17, Tri-tip Dinner at 6:30pm
Award Ceremony to Follow
Dinner Reservations, please call
James C. Clay 805-312-5538
or E-mail at jclay23@msn.com



Hiram Award Committee:
Chairman: Ramon Babilonia
Members: Mark Coker,
Chuck Batterson PM., Don Hauser,
and Tom Ewing

BY YOUR SIDE GRAND MASTERS PROJECT 2010-2011



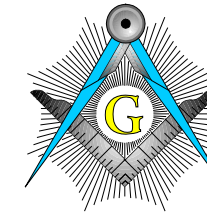
Today, there are more than 11 million cancer survivors living in the U.S. and it is Grand Master Bill Bray's hope that "By Your Side" will provide those still in the fight with more comfort and care by raising funds to cover the cost of oncology certification for California nurses. Join your lodge at the June stated meeting to celebrate survivorship, to celebrate being alive, to celebrate the moment. Recognize cancer survivors on June 5th, National Cancer Survivors Day, and demonstrate that life after a cancer diagnosis can be a reality.

If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Worshipful James Clay at 805-312-5538

Lodge No. 214

2011 Calendar

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May

25 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

26 **Second Degrees: Bro. Jim Brady and Bro. Michael Lee** 6:30 P. M.

June

1 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

2 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Dee Matson, PM Golden Vetrerans Award** 6:30 P. M.

Stated Meeting - Installation of new Chaplin: PM Thomas J. Phillips, II 7:30 P. M.

8 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

9 **Frist Degrees:** If elected Mr. Sergio Rosado and Mr. Damian Rocha 6:30 P. M.

15 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.

16 **OSI** - Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Hosting - Qualifications & Installation Schedules, 1st & 2nd Sections of 1st Degree & Lecture. 6:30 P. M.

17 **Hiram Award:** Brother Terry Holts, dinner to follow. RSVP James Clay 312-5538 6:30 P. M.

22 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

23 Officers' Practice

30 Possible Second Degree 6:30 P. M.

July - DARK

7 **Stated Meeting Dinner** Jobs Daughters International will be providing dinner, all proceeds go to the girls 6:30 P. M.

August - DARK

4 **Stated Meeting Dinner** International Order of Rainbow for Girls will be providing dinner, all proceeds go to the girls 6:30 P. M.

20 Annual Lodge Barbeque 11 A. M. - 04 P. M.
Camarillo Grove Park

New Applicants For Degrees

Mr. Sergio Rosado of Port Hueneme and
Damian Christian Rocha of Oxnard

For Affiliation by Plural Membership

Brother Joel Bernard Kelman

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 (Katie)	654-1801
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

JUNE 2011 BIRTHDAYS

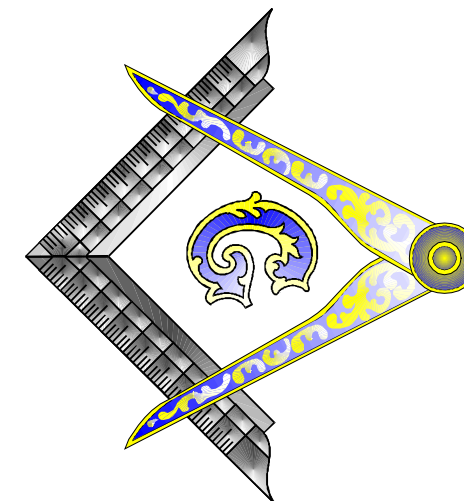
Representing
The Years
1918 - 1981

1 Joe F. Storment, III	19 Mark S. Busch
3 Dennis L. Porter	19 Travis M. King
4 Robert Velasquez	20 Leland J. Albee
5 David J. Ayub	21 Roscoe L. Stewart
5 James R. Deardorff	21 Robert L. King, Jr.
5 William S. Dunlevy	22 Charles C. Carroll
6 Leonard K. Wyatt	22 Roger K. Kreutz
6 Donald H. Thomsen, Jr.	22 William E. Cornell
6 William K. Georgia	23 Allan D. Stampa
6 Jedidiah T. Smith	23 John J. Untalan
7 Keith W. Brandon	23 James C. Clay
8 Nelson E. Cooper, Jr.	24 Roger M. Harvey
10 Michael F. Glennon	24 David A. Gomez
12 Bert R. Seymour, Jr.	26 Bobby L. Biggers
13 Carl J. Lauber	27 Harlow E. Peck 1918
14 Haskell W. Chandler	28 Brice R. Wade
14 John N. Grahovac	29 James P. Findley
16 James D. Wyman	30 Andrew H. Killion
16 Stephen G. Zermeno	30 Husam M. Hishmeh
18 Robert W. Ruggles	

Hiram Award

Brother Terry Holts
June 17th with dinner @ 6:30 P. M.
following the event
RSVP - James Clay 312-5538

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