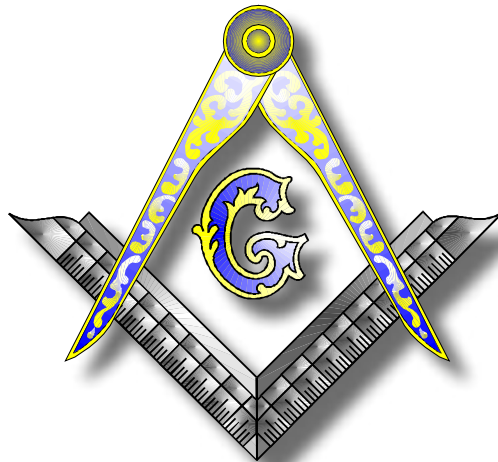


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From The East

Brethren,

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 30 in 2011). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

This Memorial Day please join us at the Ivy Lawn Memorial Park. Each year Channel Islands Lodge 214 takes part in a Color Guard March and a wreath laying. Not only the Blue Lodge participates. The Scottish Rite and the Commandery will be also present and participate in their own wreath laying ceremony. Also present will be the Boy Scouts of America, a Scottish bagpipe band, along with many other clubs and Veteran's organizations. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. The parking is limited so please arrive early. In the past years we have experienced hot weather. It's a good idea to bring water bottles and wear sun screen.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James C. Clay, Master



From The West

Brethren,

THE PRACTICE OF CIRCUM-AMBULATION

Circumambulation means “to walk around” some central point or object. In Masonry, the act is performed in a clockwise manner, patterned after the movement of the sun as it is seen from the earth, moving from east to west. The candidate's journey around the altar also enables the assembled brethren to observe that he is properly prepared and qualified to receive the degree being worked on. Circumambulation is an ancient practice following the same idea as the labyrinth in Crete. It equates the path of initiation to that of a physical journey—filled with twists, turns, dead-ends, and pitfalls for the unwary. In another sense, it symbolically aligns the traveler to his proper relationship in the order of the universe by outlining the circumference, or limits, of his life.

Fraternally,

Ramon Babilonia, Senior Warden



The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Lasagna

The dinner entrée will be Lasagna supported by a fine Green Salad, oven-toasted Garlic Bread, Green Vegetables, and finished with a dish of delicious Ice cream. Coffee, tea, and water will be the beverages.



Remember to look at our Lodge web site for more information:

<http://www.lodge214.com/>

From The South

Brethren,

Oncology Nurses' Month

We all have loved ones who have battled cancer and by their side were oncology nurses who made all the difference in their treatment. "By Your Side," Grand Master Bill Bray's 2010 - 2011 project, seeks to recognize the amount of hope and support these nurses provide to hundreds and aims to raise funds to cover the cost of oncology certification for twelve to fifteen nurses every year.



May is Oncology Nurses Month. Join our lodge at our May 5th stated meeting to further recognize and honor oncology nurses for being the frontline in the battle against cancer. Mark this event on your calendars!



Fraternally,

Mark Coker, Junior Warden



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

From The Secretary

Brethren,

I still have quite a number of dues cards to distribute. All I need is the dues. Please renew your membership, your money supports all of the community activities of the Lodge. We want to make a difference, we will make a difference but we need your help.



Fraternally,

Raymond Broomfield, Secretary



My Brethren,

As you may recall, Laura Hanson, wife of our Past Master Jon Hanson (2001), lost her life in a tragic automobile accident last year. Laura left behind two beautiful children: daughter, Lauren, and son Owen.

In order to make sure the memory of Laura is not forgotten, we established the Laura Hanson Memorial Scholarship Fund through the California Masonic Foundation. This fund provides for an annual one-time "Book Award" named in Laura's honor. This annual award of about \$500 will go to a deserving high school senior. The gift will occur in the student's freshman year of college, and will be granted to a new student each spring.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than \$11,000 and have been able to make the first scholarship award. Please see the pages 5-6 of this Trestleboard to learn more about this very deserving recipient.

And you can still make contributions to this very worthwhile effort. Please mail your tax-deductible contribution, of any amount, payable to California Masonic Foundation to:

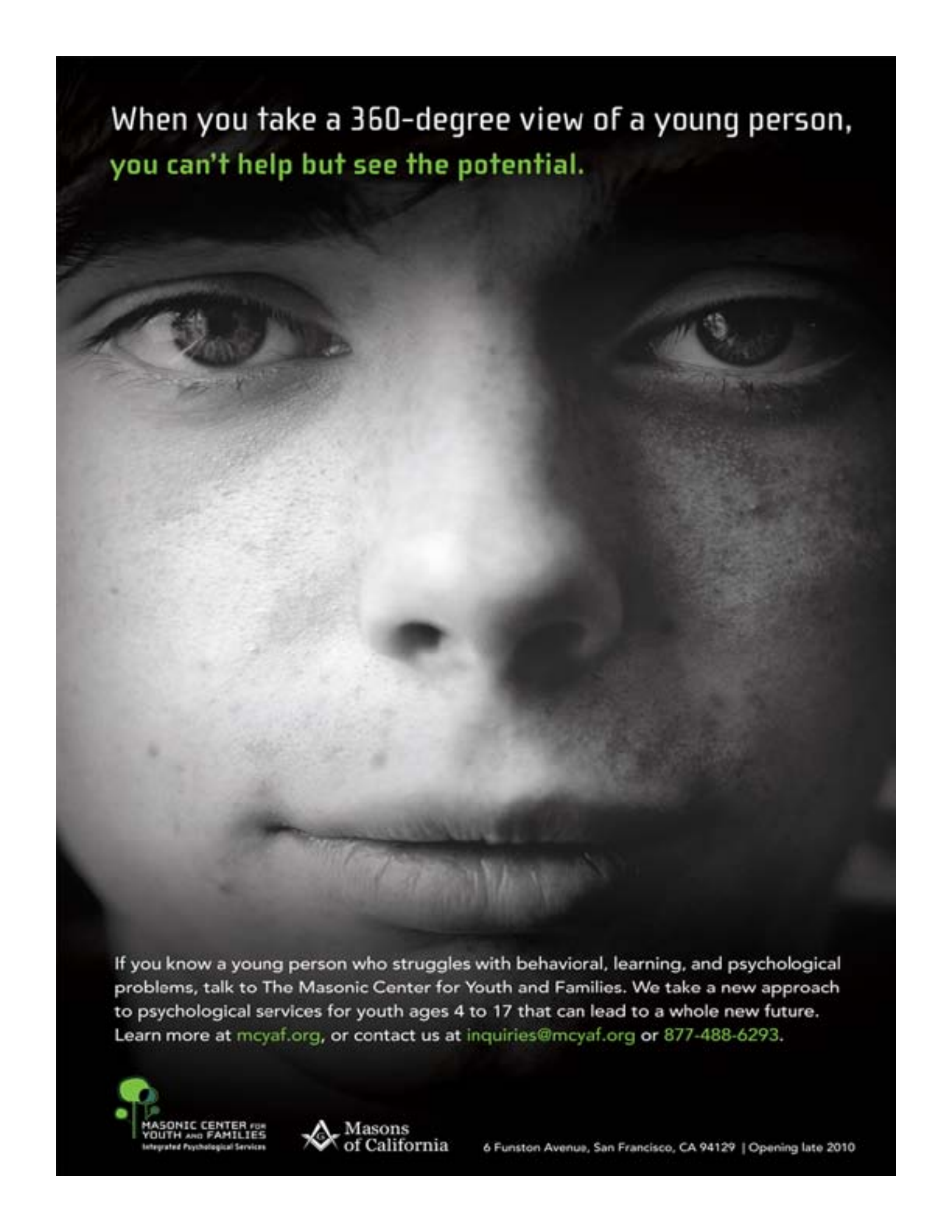
Russ Charvonia, PM
5536 N. Bryn Mawr
Ventura, CA 93003-2224

Or you may call me at 652-6940 or e-mail Rcharvoni@aol.com should you have any other thoughts or questions.

I hope you will join us in demonstrating that greatest of Masonic tenets: Charity.

Gratefully and fraternally,

Russ Charvonia, PM



When you take a 360-degree view of a young person,
you can't help but see the potential.

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 4 to 17 that can lead to a whole new future. Learn more at mcyaf.org, or contact us at inquiries@mcyaf.org or 877-488-6293.



6 Funston Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129 | Opening late 2010

The California Masonic Foundation Board
approved the selection of Kaitlyn Chorbi
as the recipient of the
Laura Hanson Memorial Fund Book Award

Kaitlyn is an active member of Job's Daughter (Bethel 86 of Arcata) whose grandfather, Clayton Andrew Van Deventer, was a member of Ferndale Lodge No. 193. She's a top-notch student at Eureka High School with a 3.90 GPA and a 1360 SAT score. She's actively involved in her local church, her school choir as well as various community organizations such as the Eureka Chamber of Commerce and COSMOS (California Summer Camp for Math & Science).

Attached is a copy of Kaitlyn's personal statement, it is pretty incredible.

In the next couple of weeks, we will send out award announcements and we will have a local Mason recognize her in front of her family, peers and teachers for all of her accomplishments.

Thank you for all of your work with this award. I'm sure Kaitlyn will greatly appreciate it!

Fraternally,

Russ Charvonia, PM



California Masonic Foundation

California Masonic Foundation The California Masonic Foundation's mission is to apply Masonic principles in support of education, leadership and communities through several important programs that touch the lives of thousands each year.

The Challenge that Lay Ahead

By Kaitlyn Chorbi

My academic experiences at Eureka High School have greatly affected the direction in which my life is going. When I started 9th grade, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life, I had no direction. This did not mean that I was not motivated to do well in school; to the contrary, doing well in school was the one thing that came easily to me and I excelled in all my classes.

During my second year in high school, I took my first advanced placement class, AP World History, and it changed the way I would look at school forever. The curriculum challenged me and I enjoyed the challenge; I learned and grew from it. It felt good to do well in that class because all of my classmates were academically oriented and the friendly competition drove us all to do our best. I learned to pace myself, to push myself, and to be proud of myself. My classmates became my friends as we shared the journey that was AP World History. We studied together, we worried together, and we celebrated together. It was the first time that I had been in a class that had become its own community. It was the start of something wonderful.

I enjoyed AP World History so much that I was eager to take more AP classes. My next year of high school, I enrolled in three AP classes: AP English, AP US History and AP Biology. I learned a lot about myself in AP English as I was pushed to explore my own thoughts and opinions to become a better writer. My AP US History class was the most fun AP class I took because I had a fun teacher who knew how to have a good time. That, combined with some of the more animated students in the class, made it a great class in which I enjoyed learning. As wonderful as those classes were, my affinity for them came nowhere close to the love I felt for my AP Biology class, by far, the best class I have ever taken. Like AP World history, it became its own community built from the bonds my classmates and I formed as we embarked on the adventure of AP Biology. We became very close as we struggled together, helped each other through the hard times, and rejoiced with each other during the good times. It was one of the most challenging classes I had taken. I think that's why I liked it so much; because when I did well I knew how hard I had worked and how much it meant to succeed. I loved the subjects that we studied in AP Biology so much that they became my passion. The more I grew to love biology, the more I realized that I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I realized I wanted to study biology in college. My teacher, who was one of the best role models I had ever had, discussed with me possible areas of study and future careers in this field. I was eager to continue my studies in biology.

My AP Biology class has been my best educational experience so far and I miss it every single day. I miss my classmates, my friends. I miss my teacher, my mentor. I miss the material we studied, my passion. Together, they form the best community I have ever been a part of, and I am truly lucky to have belonged to it. This class, more than any other, has made me extremely excited for college. I no longer feel uncertain about my future. I know, deep down, that I have found what I am meant to do. I can feel it with all my heart and it is wonderful. I have found direction in my life and it is as if a huge veil has been lifted and I can finally see the many possibilities that lay ahead in my future.



Image "From Darkness to Light added by your Editor

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, Gary Adkinson, 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
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2011 Calendar

April

28 **Third Degree, Brother John Helchowski** 6:30 P. M.



May

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

5 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Golden Veterans** 6:30 P. M.
Award Harold Ripley -
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.

7 Memorial Service Peggy Coy 2:00 P. M.
First Christian Church 38 Teloma Dr., Ventura

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

12 **Third Degree, Brother Jay Peterson** 6:30 P. M.

17 Offices' School of Instruction 7:00 P. M.
Year 2011 Planning Status, 1st & 2nd Sections
of 1st Degree, Lecture. Anacapa No. 710 Hosting.

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

19 Officers' Practice

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

26 Second Degree, Possible



30 **Memorial Day Service** at Ivy Lawn Memorial 10:30 A. M.
Park - participants in Tuxedos to arrive at - - 9:30 A. M.

June

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

2 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Golden Veterans** 6:30 P. M.
Award Dee Matson -
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.

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

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

17 **Hiram Award, Brother Terry Holts** - dinner to 6:30 P. M.
precede the presentation

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



Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Officers for 2011

Master	James C. Clay (Jeanine)
Sr. Warden	Ramon D. Babilonia
Jr. Warden	Mark Coker (Kathlean)
Treasurer	Butch Hafstrom (Sally)
Secretary	Raymond Broomfield, P.M. (Christine)
Chaplain	Bill Downey (Anita)
Sr. Deacon	Charlie Vanoni (Jewelyn)
Jr. Deacon	John McBride
Marshal	Gary Adkinson (Leslie)
Sr. Steward	Jedidiah Smith (Kimberly)
Jr. Steward	Max Sanford
Tiler	Norm Fielding
Offrs. Coach	David VadBunker (Laura)
Can. Coach	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)
Organist	Thomas R. Ewing Reseda No. 666

MAY 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Representing
The Years
1918 - 1965



2 Jack E. McKinney 1918

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| 3 Robert D. Matson | 21 William J. Garner |
| 3 Jon H. Hanson | 21 Ricky L. Fueher |
| 4 Craig R. MacClean | 23 Norman R. Hawkes |
| 4 William M. Coe | 23 Donnie A. Karns |
| 6 Dallas A. Petersen | 23 Manfred J. Tiedemann |
| 9 Terry C. Root | 24 William J. Van EE, III |
| 11 Robert M. Scott | 26 Robert E. Farish |
| 13 Eugene F. Hankinson | 26 James E. Lotspeich |
| 14 Charles L. Curtis, Jr. | 27 Woodrow A. Moldenhauer |
| 14 Richard L. Myatt | 27 Eldon D. Peterson |
| 14 Johan P. Vandenberg | 27 Thomas F. Dullam, Jr. |
| 16 Bernard C. Milligan | 28 John V. Collings, Jr. |
| 18 William S. Downey | 29 David D. Awery |
| 20 Richard E. Stroup | 30 Gerald I. Farrar |
| 20 James R. Weatherly, Jr. | 31 Donald E. Gluyas |

