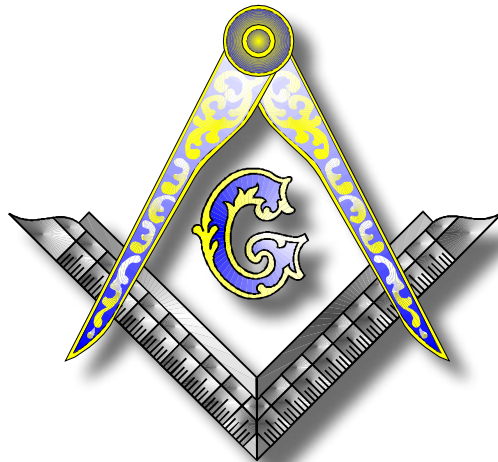


The Trestle Board

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Lodge No. 214



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Ventura, California 93001-2758

From The East

Brethren,

According to the Ancients, and the oldest surviving Masonic documents, the Old Charges, our craft can be traced back to an ancient biblical origin. The Book of Enoch tells us that he was the first human educated in the seven liberal arts and sciences by the Angels, thus making Enoch the first Grand Master of what would be considered by today's standards Operative Masonry.



After Enoch had been fully educated in the seven liberal arts and sciences he was sent down to Earth to initiate the worthy. Enoch was the great Grandfather of Lamech. In Hebrew Enoch means "to initiate."

According to the Old Charges' account, before the Flood, the sons of the patriarch Lamech invented geometry and all the other sciences. Fearing that God would punish them for their sins, they inscribed their discoveries inside two hollow pillars; a marble pillar that could endure fire and a bronze pillar that could survive flood. One of the pillars survived the flood and was eventually found



by Hermes Trismegistus, the great-grandson of Noah, who deciphered it and taught its wisdom to the Egyptians.

Several generations later, King Nimrod of Babylon first set out the rules of Masonry for the builders of the Tower of Babel, and the first use of signs and gestures came after the confusion of languages during the building of the Tower, when Masons unable to

speak to one another learned to communicate by gesture.

The regulations established by King Nimrod remained in force until the time of Solomon, who reformed the craft during the building of his temple. When 80,000 Masons employed in building the temple returned to their home countries, they took Freemasonry to the four comers of the earth. "The dunces who led primitive Christianity astray, by substituting faith for science, reverie for experience, the fantastic for the reality; and the inquisitors who for so many ages waged against Magism (magic and sorcery--what science is today) a war of extermination, have succeeded in shrouding in darkness the ancient discoveries of the human mind." Albert Pike [33rd Degree Mason] 'Morals and Dogma.'

Fraternally,

Ramon Babilonia, Master



From The West

Brethren,

BARE FEET?

Taking off the shoes has a three-fold significance in Scripture. First, it was usual to take them off in token of mourning and grief, as David is said to have gone from Jerusalem barefoot when he fled from Absalom. Secondly, it signified the yielding of one's right to another, and is so prescribed in Deuteronomy, and matured by Boaz. The third was as a token of respect and reverence, as appears by the command of God to Moses, and the reason assigned for it was that the ground whereon he stood was holy, sanctified by God's immediate presence.



Fraternally,

James C. Clay, Senior Warden



Fifty Years a Mason



50 YR Pin Presentation



Brother John Weiss

February 2nd, 2011
at the
Stated Meeting

6:30 PM Dinner, Presentation to follow



The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Of importnat note: The Stated Dinner Chefs are:
James C. Clay P.M., Michael Blodgett, and Dave Contreras

The dinner begins with a Mixed Green Salad, followed by the entree consisting of Boneless Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Vegetables and Dinner Rolls.

Dessert will consist of Ice Cream and Cookies



Notify Woody French at 643-5022 or by e-mailomg @ woody.french@ventura.org, with your dinner reservations.

From The South

Brethren,

Your Blue Lodge

When someone receives their Entered Apprentice Degree, there is always much celebration and congratulation. The brothers in attendance are always appreciated and are quick to participate. Turn out for all degrees is paramount; our new brothers need to see and feel the kind of brotherhood they are entering into. The energy they receive from such a gathering is unparalleled. I can tell you from experience that even in darkness a candidate can feel a large presence in a room. He knows that a packed lodge room has convened for one purpose--the support of that candidate's journey. This is an exceptional and unique feeling.



Fraternally,

Charlie Vanoni, Junior Warden



From The Secretary

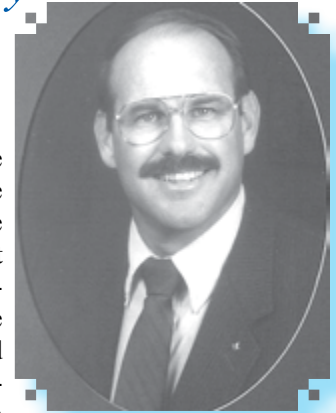
Brethren,

As I stated in the January The Trestle Board, Grand Lodge has made a profound change to the Application for Degrees as a result of legislation passed at the last Annual Communication. The old blue forms can't be used any longer and must be destroyed. Effective January 1, 2012 Grand Lodge will run a background check on all applicants. The new application form contains the legal waiver the applicant has to sign; as well as statements that the \$15 fee for the background check is non-refundable. At present, Grand Lodge is working on further information about the Application for use by the Applicant and the Lodge. I expect to learn more at the Secretary's Retreat in February. I will keep you informed.

I also would like to welcome Wor. Bill Kavanaugh as the Assistant Secretary. He has taken on several tasks, including updating information on our widows. Updating the widow information is something that needs to be done. Over the last several months we have learned of widows who passed away years ago. Updating our records will also give us a chance to provide information about how to contact the lodge if they need Masonic assistance. I commend Wor. Bill for taking on such an important task.

Fraternally,

Ray Broomfield, Secretary



Our Secretary recently received information that **Worshipful Sidney C. Moore, P.M.** passed away September 22, 2011 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 80. Wor. Moore was Master of Ojai Lodge No. 663 from 2001 until its consolidation with Ventura-Poinsettia Lodge No. 214 (now Channel Islands Lodge) in April of 2004.

Initiated December 13, 1988 in Ojai No. 633
 Passed June 26, 1990 in Ojai No. 633 and
 Raised March 19, 1991 in Ojai No. 633

If the link is still active one can read Brother Moore's personally written life summary from the 2004 N. Dallas High Class of '49 reunion.
http://northdallashigh.com/fiftyfifth_reunion_of_north_dal.htm



Brother Thomas H. Williams (1955-2011), a 33-year resident of Camarillo and second-generation native Californian, was born Jan. 2, 1955, to Alpha and Harry Williams in Oildale, Calif. He was tragically taken from us in an auto accident on Dec. 14, 2011, at the age of 56. Tom was a member of Camarillo Lodge prior to consolidation. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 35 years; his son David; his brother John Williams. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one of his favorite charities, the Pacific Legal Foundation or the Ventura County Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Applications for February

Steven Pallais of Oxnard, a Student



Annual Roll Call & Dinner Master Masons only January 26th - 6:30 PM

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Annual Pancake Breakfast and Prize Drawing
March 10, 2012
8am-12pm

At the Ventura Masonic Center
482 E. Santa Clara St.
Ventura Ca 93001

All you can eat @ Adults \$10 and Children (ages 4-10) \$5, with
Children under 4 free

For tickets, please see a Rainbow girl or contact
Mrs. Susan Luckey 844-7664 & Ms. Rebecca Carpenter 794-2729

2012 Calendar

January

- 21 **Conejo Valley Chapter DeMolay Installation** 6:30 P. M.
Ventura Masonic Center - open to all
- 26 **Annual Roll Call and Steak Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
- 28 International Order of Rainbows for Girls 11:00 A. M.
Installation, Ventura Masonic Ctr, open 2 all

February

- 1 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 2 **Stated Meeting Dinner** - Dinner \$10 - 6:30 P. M.
Sweethearts' Night - Please RSVP, Woody French @ 643-5022.
- Golden Veteran's Award: Bro. John Wiess Stated Meeting** 7:30 P. M.
- 8 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
- 9 **Third Degree for Brother Jim Brady** 6:30 P. M.
- 15 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 16 **Officers' School of Instruction** 6:30 P. M.
Lodge No. 214 hosting - 2nd section of 3rd Degree, Lecture 3rd Degreee Proficiency
- 22 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
- 23 **Third Degree Brother Peter Parsons** 6:30 P. M.

March

- 1 **Stated Meeting Dinner** - Dinner \$10 - 6:30 P. M.
- Youth Observance Speaker -
Golden Veteran's Award: Bro. Harry Hunt Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.
- 7 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 8 **Third Degree Brother Roger Mohan** 6:30 P. M.
- 14 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
- 15 **Practice for the Second Degree** 6:30 P. M.
- 21 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
- 21 **Officers' School of Instruction**, 6:30 P. M.
Oxnard Lodge No. 341 hosting
- 22 **Second Degree Brother Scott Phillips** 6:30 P. M.
- 28 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

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Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Officers for 2012

Master	Ramon D. Babilonia	482-2182
Sr. Warden	James C. Clay, PM (Jeanine)	312-5538
Jr. Warden	Charlie Vanoni (Jewelyn)	857-1573
Treasurer	Darle Clinton 'Butch' Hafstrom (Sally)	797-1082
Secretary	Raymond Broomfield, P.M. (Christine)	482-6756
SecretaryAsst.	Bill Kavanaugh P.M. (Betty Jo)	482-3642
Chaplain	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)	647-6728
Sr. Deacon	Thomas J. Phillips, II (Harriet)	382-0086
Jr. Deacon	Max Sanford	405-1727
Marshal	Gary Adkinson (Leslie)	642-7167
Sr. Steward	Norm Fielding	746-7652
Jr. Steward	David Contreras (Larisa)	201-5962
Tiler	Jerry Callaway, PM (Joyce)	648-6354
Offrs. Coach	David VadBunker, PM (Laura)	207-4486
Can. Coach	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)	647-6728
Organist	Jedediah Smith (Kimberly)	320-6550

FEBRUARY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

Representing
The Years
1915 - 1974

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

