

From the Master :

Brethren,

It has been a great Masonic Year for our Lodge. We have had many successful meetings and new programs with the hope that they continue in the years ahead.

First and utmost our line of Officers is getting in shape and our Degree conferrals are of excellent quality. In the month of November we raised two new members, Scott Hernandez and Eduardo Hernandez, no relation, and elected to membership by affiliation William Lawrence "Trey" Faith III - these new members are helping with the new growth of our Lodge.

We have interested candidates in various stages of Degree work. On the Third of December, we conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees.

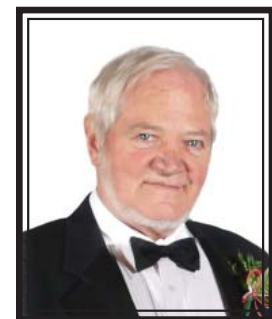
By having our Stated Meeting on the Second Thursday of the Month, we can visit other Lodges and have members of other Lodges visit us. Our Spring/St Valentines Ball is drawing attention and our Barbeque is still the Best in Southern California.

The Information table at Grossmont College and Open Lodge are to find its place on the Community Web pages. Our Annual Installation of Officers will take place as planned on the Sunday December 13th at 4.00p.m.

On Sunday December 27th Month we will exemplify from a "Page in Masonic History" a Table Lodge its Origin and Function friendly gathering of Lodge members their friends and family.

I wish you very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2010.

God Bless,
Mihailo O'Zdravkovic, P.M.
 Master 2009



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SPECIAL NOTES:

- **AREA INSTALLATION SCHEDULES** ~ See our web site "Special Events #3".



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EVENTS Calendar

December 2009	9 - 2010 Install Practice [7:00pm - 9:00pm] 10 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 10 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 13 - 2010 Officers Install [4:00pm - 6:30pm] 27 - INFO Table Lodge [3:00pm - 8:00pm]	MENU SIRLOIN TIPS BOURGUIGNON, LASAGNA, RICE PILAF, ORIENTAL STIR FRY, GARDEN VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD, BANQUET CAKE, COFFEE, REF & DECAF, MINI CROISSANTS
January 2010	14 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 14 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU (TENATIVE) SLICED ROAST BEEF, MAHI-MAHI OR, RED SNAPPER, BABY RED POTATOES, ASPARAGUS TIPS, GARDEN VEGGIES, APPLE PIE, COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA, ASSORTED ROLLS
February 2010	11 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 11 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU (TENATIVE) CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE ROLLS, BABY RED POTATOES, STEAMED CAULIFLOWER CAESAR SALAD, BLACK FOREST CAKE, COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH, ASSORTED BREADS, ICED TEA, ASSORTED ROLLS

MASONIC EDUCATION

A **CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY: (...Continued) Proven History - Pre 1700:** One can imagine the level of secrecy that must have surrounded the Invisible College in its early days and in the notoriously treacherous years before and after the Reformation – the consequences of taking the wrong sides or inviting criticism of any kind in those days was often fatal and is commented on frequently enough by Pepys in his famous diary. To get a flavour of the times in mid Seventeenth Century England, bear in mind that slavery was still universal and the gunpowder plot was in recent memory. Galileo was in deep trouble with the Catholic Church by insisting that the earth revolved around the sun, Bacon's works were banned by Rome and The Inquisition and the Courts, at least in Scotland, were still burning witches and heretics. These were still times of fear, state control and comparative intolerance. Personal safety therefore probably demanded that discussion of anything with an esoteric, moral or scientific flavour take place underground.

So why would Thinkers and educated classes quietly develop or promote the concept of Freemasonry? Might it be possible that those opposed to intellectual and political suppression went underground and retained their anonymity and safety by clothing themselves with the appearance of an operative organization afforded by an early masonic lodge structure? It is then easy to see that embellishment of that structure by the adoption of old stonemasons Manuscripts and a perceived pedigree dating back to King Solomon would have given their membership a certain degree of authenticity and appeal.

Given that non stone-masons (Speculatives) were clearly being initiated from this time in England, some historians believe that Freemasonry was in transition at this point from pure Operative Masonry to Non Operative or Speculative Freemasonry. Equally, it could be argued that around this time, England copied the Scottish Masonic structure and set up an entirely Speculative form of Freemasonry which merely bore allegorical likeness to much earlier Scottish Operative lodges. This opinion has value when one considers that a disproportionate number of early Premier Grand Masters were Scottish and that the Constitutions were written by a Scotsman, Anderson.

Proven History - Post 1700: Little is known of Masonic activity for seventy years after Ashmole's initiation in 1646 except that general London Club life became very popular. In 1717, four London lodges (the Apple Tree Tavern in Charles Street, the Goose & Gridiron Ale-house in St. Pauls Churchyard, Crown Ale House near Drury Street and the Rummer & Grapes Tavern in Channel Row, Westminster) formed The Premier Grand Lodge of England. The date was St John The Baptists Day, 24 June 1717. The Inaugural Festive Board was held at the Goose and Gridiron, St Pauls. (...*To Be Continued*)

This is a "NO MYTHS ALLOWED" section (FORUM). The topics covered in this forum are to facilitate a better understanding of the history, obligations and responsibilities of and for every Master Mason. If there's a Masonic Educational message you believe serves this intent, please submit the information, in writing, to the **ESD Trestleboard** for listing consideration.

RECEIPE OF THE MONTH

OTHER WHITE MEAT AND BEEF:

This recipe is for either / or. Have not done together.

Small, Medium or Large roaster.

Quantity: 3-4; 5-7; 8-10 lbs of meat. Best cuts are Picnic Shoulder (pork) and Chuck (seventh blade, beef)

Spices: dried minced onion, dried minced garlic, black pepper, salt. Glass of red wine (optional)

Preparation time 8-12 hours. Oven temperature 200-220 no more.

Wash meat cold, pat dry. Cover bottom of the roaster with 2/3 of spices, put meat in, top with remainder of spices and if desired pore wine.

Cover and slide in the oven, set temperature and pull out after six to eight hours, and if bones are not falling off clean and dry add few hours.

ENJOY

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- Jan., April, July, & Oct.

@ 7:00pm -

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