

From the Master :

Brethren,

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

This is to remind you that we will have our first [this year] social event of the year on Saturday February 13th; we will have a dinner-dance commencing at 6:00 pm and going until 10 pm; donation will be \$20.00.

As we go to press, the dinner menu is not firm yet; please check the web site, the bulletin board in the Lodge, or call the Secretary or any officer for the latest changes.

This social event is being put on for the benefit of our members and their guests. It is hoped that many of you will take advantage of this event and enjoy yourselves. You don't have to dance; you don't have to eat if you are on a diet – just come and enjoy the fellowship of your brothers and friends. This is an informal event for your benefit. It is also a great opportunity for you to invite prospective members to our Lodge.

The Grand Master has initiated a program to honor WWII veterans; below is the article that appears in the Grand Lodge web site. If you or any other mason you know are interested please contact the Secretary at [619] 589-7272

• *World War II ended in 1945, but it wasn't until 2004 that a memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to the 16 million who served in the armed forces during that war.*

Health and financial obstacles have prevented most surviving veterans, now well into their 80s, from taking the long trip to honor their fallen friends and their years of service.

Operation Greatest Gift, the Grand Master's Project for 2009-2010, will make this dream come true for hundreds of California's World War II veterans.

We will organize several three-day trips to Washington, D.C. designed to provide what many veterans cannot provide for themselves: an assisted visit to the memorial, at no cost to them. Because of our support, they will have an opportunity to say goodbye to fallen friends, be recognized for their service to our country, and come to terms with an important part of their lives.

The Grand Master's Project will also raise funds to support the work of the Masonic Hospital Visitors



Program Committee. This committee of dedicated Masons ensures that there is always a presence at our state's veterans' hospitals by providing friendship, social programs, and regular visitation.

Together, we can show our veterans that their service has not been forgotten.

Supporting Operation Greatest Gift

We expect to raise \$400,000 to make this dream a reality. The Grand Master will be traveling throughout the state, and will be honored to accept gifts from both lodges and individuals.

Sincerely,
Abelardo Parra, P.M.
Master 2010



REMEMBER OUR SICK & DISTRESSED BRETHREN:

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EVENTS Calendar

February 2010	04 - 2nd degree [7:00pm - 9:00pm] 11 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 11 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 13 - St. Valentine's Dinner/Dance [6:00pm - 10:00pm] 18 - Tentative 2nd degree [7:00pm - 9:00pm] 25 - Practice 1st degree [7:00pm - 8:30pm]	MENU <i>(TENTATIVE) 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</i>
March 2010	04 - Practice Grand Officer reception and Flag presentation 11 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 11 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU <i>(TENTATIVE) CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE ROLLS, BABY RED POTATOES, STEAMED CAULIFLOWER, CAESAR SALAD, BLACK FOREST CAKE, COFFE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH, ASSORTED BREADS</i>
April 2010	08 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 08 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU <i>(TENTATIVE) BAKED FISH [MAHI MAHI], HONEY BAKED HAM, BAKED POTATOES, ASPARAGUS TIPS, CAESAR SALAD, ICE CREAM COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH ASSORTED ROLLS</i>

MASONIC EDUCATION

A **CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY: (...Continued) Proven History - Pre 1700:** The popularity of Freemasonry grew with great speed throughout the UK and around the world from 1717 following in the wake of British settlers, merchants and the military. In 1731 the first American Grand Lodge obtained its Constitution, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, making it the first Grand Lodge in the United States of America. Over the next 100 years, Freemasonry attracted many leading lights forming the cream of the intellectual and scientific establishment including Sir Robert Walpole, Robert Burns, Mozart, Darwin, Frederick the Great and from the USA, Franklin, and Washington. Interestingly, the Duke of Wellington was initiated in 1790 at a cost of £2 5s 5d

However, initial successes in the UK were followed by a bad patch. This was caused by Premier Grand Lodge making drastic changes to the ritual and passwords and the creation of a third degree out of the previous two-degree ritual system. The reason for this change is unclear. One explanation might be Premier Grand Lodge's exasperation with increasing requests for alms from poor and distressed immigrant Freemasons arriving in increasing numbers from Ireland and Scotland prompted by the Industrial Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars. Fraudulent claims exploiting Masonic charity from information gleaned from the recent media "exposures" probably also upset them. Either way, the changes in the ritual effectively barred most Scottish and Irish Freemasons because they no longer had the right passwords; however, what they saved in misappropriated charity was lost in the goodwill of the established membership. Some traditionalists were so upset, they broke away and set up splinter groups.

The minor splinter groups included the "Grand Lodge of All England held at York". They claimed roots from the Saxon King Edwin who supposedly presided over masons meeting at York. Other Freemasons simply never recognized Premier Grand Lodge in the first place and remained on their own.

The next and much more significant group broke away in 1751 and was called The Grand Lodge of England, nicknamed the Antients, those whom they left behind in The Premier Grand Lodge of England were nicknamed the "Moderns". The break-away group called themselves "Antients" because they felt they were adhering more faithfully to the old ritual, passwords and customs. They also welcomed and heard numerous charitable petitions from Scottish and Irish Freemasons which contrasts markedly with Premier Grand Lodge priorities. (...*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.*

Masonic Tid-Bits

MATH - Calculus: Seven hundred years ago, a French monk needed some parchment for a prayer book he was copying. So, he reached for an older scroll of parchment, scraped off the existing ink, and went on with his work. What he wrote over was a long lost manuscript of the Greek mathematician Archimedes. For centuries, the book was passed from one library to the next, until it vanished in the early 1900s.

After some 70 years in a closet, the book resurfaced in 1998 and was sold for \$2 million to an anonymous collector.

Since then, the book has been subjected to a battery of restoration techniques. The result has been the recovery of a 2,200 year old work that redefines the history of mathematics. Two of the texts show that Archimedes had a deeper understanding of the concept of infinity than was previously believed. One of them, "The Method," is the earliest known work on calculus. It was written almost two thousand years before Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz developed calculus in the 1700s.



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