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From the Master :

Happy Mother's Day, to all the ladies whithersoever dispersed!! Brethren, if it were not for our Mothers, we would not be here, so please honor them every day.

I would also like to remind you that on Monday May 31st our Nation will celebrate Memorial Day; it commemorates our country men and women who have given their lives in the service [military] of our country. We honor them on this particular day as the heroes that they were, and hold their memory dear to our hearts. We also pray for the safe return of our military from their overseas duties, and we also pray for their families.

We have had a good response to my call to duty at the last Stated meeting.



Carl Gregory has indicated a willingness to join our line and is presently studying to take an active role in the very near future.

Wor. Brother Allen Beddoe has also stepped up to the plate and has indicated a willingness to re-memorize a charge to assist us in

our degrees.

We thank Brother Carl and Wor. Brother Allen.

A Past Master of another lodge is considering affiliating with us and taking a position in our line.

We are still not out of the woods; we will continue to work to build up and stabilize our officer's line so we can continue our work for years to come. We need new and existing members willing to commit to serve, otherwise we will be in the same condition as we are now.

Brethren, we had an excellent month in April;

a. On April 19th we had an information table at the Grossmont College Campus from 8 am to 1:30 pm. We had 3 strong inquiries about our fraternity and one each for Eastern Star and the youth group. Seems like the young ladies are just as interested in a Masonic concordant relationship as the young men. Next time we will invite the Ladies of Eastern Star and the young ladies groups to join us.

b. We conferred a third degree upon Bro. Samuel Cummings on April 22nd. We had approximately 8 visitors from 4 lodges. Seven of the visitors took a part in the conferral of the degree. It was an excellent degree and the fellowship following the degree was great!! We need more of these degrees and fellowships!!

c. On Saturday April 24th we had our honored ladies as our guests at the annual Estrella Fashion Show. Wor. Brother Ed Bennet has also stepped up to the plate and is forming an Honored Ladies Committee to include our



ladies in all of our activities and to assist them as they may have need.

d. On Wednesday April 28th we accompanied prospective candidates to the Scottish Rite's Masonic Information Night. This was an opportunity to invite them to dinner and listen to an excellent speaker [Wor. Robert Winterton] talk about masonry and answer questions. The dinner was free to the candidates, their ladies and the accompanying mason and his lady. Thank you to those of you who took advantage of this opportunity to introduce masonry to a prospective candidate.

e. Operation Greatest Gift, the Grand Master's Project for 2009-2010, continues. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

On Friday May 28th we will again have a Dinner-Movie night. Please plan on coming.

Brethren, remember our sick and indisposed brethren in your prayers and pray for the safe return of our troops!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



Abelardo P. Parra,
Master 2010



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EVENTS Calendar

May 2010	6 - 1st degree conferral [7:00pm Start]
	13 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm Start]
	13 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm Start]
	20 - Tentative 2nd degree practice [7:00pm Start]
	27 - Tentative confer 1st degree or dark [7:00pm Start]
	28 - Dinner-Movie nite [6:00pm Start]
	MENU CHIEF'S CHOICE

June 2010	10 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm Start]
	10 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm Start]
	MENU CHIEF'S CHOICE

July 2010	8 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm Start]
	8 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm Start]
	MENU CHIEF'S CHOICE

Robert Steel	Lee Plastik
Robert Cooley	Scott Hernandez
Finis Lynch	David Diaz
Delmont King	Jordan Cummings
Abel Parra	
Mike Zdravkovic	
Steven Hill	
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MASONIC EDUCATION

A CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY: (...Continued) Proven History - Pre 1700:)

Eventually a compromise was negotiated and on St John The Evangelists Day, 27 December 1813, United Grand Lodge of England was formed, largely through the combined efforts of the Earl of Moira presiding over the Duke of Sussex (Moderns Grand Master) and the Duke of Kent (Antients Grand Master). The unification of these two bodies had enormous consequences for the ritual which had to be hurriedly reconciled, mainly in favour of the "Antients". Most of the regulations and ritual determined then still apply to this day, with the exception that in 1832, the Triple Tau and new banners were introduced into the Royal Arch degree as the symbols of that order.

More recently of course, certain colourful parts of RA and Craft texts have been toned down to satisfy the politically correct lobby. Further modernisation was undertaken in 2003 with the Inauguration of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London. This enabled some 50,000 London Freemasons to have a separate identity from United Grand Lodge of England and enabled UGLE to concentrate on its worldwide affairs and duties.

There is another aspect of the history of Freemasonry that should not be completely overlooked: The objection to Freemasonry by the Catholic Church. Freemasonry has been banned by the Catholic Church several times beginning in 1738 by the Papal Bull issued by Pope Clement 12th; this was followed by another Bull in 1751 and again in 1884. Finally these Bulls were rescinded in 1974 and the Vatican has since adopted a more tolerant stance towards Freemasonry.

The reasons the Vatican gave for their objections were varied. However, according to Matthew Scanlan (Freemasonry Today issue 25, 2003), the reason for the first Papal Bull was not based on any ideological objection to Freemasonry as is often supposed. Indeed in the wake of the 1738 Bull, the Popes brother, Cardinal Corsini wrote stressing that Freemasonry in England was merely an innocent amusement. The main objection, according to Corsini, was that a lodge in Florence founded by Freemason Baron Von Stosch had become corrupt. Stosch, it should be noted, was employed by the Foreign Office in London and was possibly using Freemasonry as a cover to spy on the exiled Stuart cause in Rome, of whom Pope Clement was sympathetic. The ensuing ban caused widespread misunderstanding for centuries with the assumption being that it was based purely on theological grounds. (...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

Its laws are reason and equity; its principles benevolence and love; and its religion purity and truth; its intention is peace on earth; and its disposition good-will toward men.

[Brother and Reverend T.M. HARRIS]

For centuries had Freemasonry existed ere modern political controversies were ever heard of, and when the topics which now agitate society were not known, but were all united in brotherhood and affection. I know the institution to be founded on the great principles of charity, philanthropy and brotherly love.

[BULWER]



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 (Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm)

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