

OFFICER'S CORNER

2008 ~ ESD #561 Junior Warden

Lee M. Plastik, P.M. was born in New York on May 23 1961. After relocating to San Diego with parents Herbert & Rose, and his brother Neal, he graduated from Kearny high school in 1979. While in college, In 1986 Lee completed degrees in Applied Arts, Business Admin & Aviation Operations.



Since 1979 Lee has been involved with the San Diego Padres operation as a ticket-taker, a merchandise salesperson at the Sports Arena, as well as being involved with other sports related venues and activities around San Diego.

Lee was raised a Master Mason October 1, '90 at San Diego Lodge #35. Since then, he joined the line at ESD and served as it's Master twice (2000 & 2001).

Besides W. Brother Plastik presently serving ESD as the Junior Warden, Lee is a Life Member of SD#35, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Brother Lee is also a member of the Shrine's Past Master's Club.

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

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From the Master :

Greetings from the East!

November is a month of meaning to us as citizens of this Country.

On Tuesday November 11th we will celebrate Veterans Day in honor of all who have served our Country as a member of the armed forces. It had its' beginning on November 11, 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed it as "Armistice Day". This year let us pray for our active armed service personnel and their families, and stretch forth a helping hand, for they are the front line defenders of our Country.

Congress amended this on November 8, 1954 by replacing "Armistice" with Veterans and it has been known as Veterans Day ever since.

On Thursday November 27th we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a day set aside to give thanks to God for the many blessing that we receive from him, not only as individuals, but as a County.

Reliance on Divine guidance is well documented in the history of our Country. May God continue to bless us! I pray for the continuance of peace and harmony within and without the confines of this Lodge; for Brotherly Love to prevail; for Relief to be extended to our Brothers and family in need; and may Truth continue to be the Divine attribute that we hold it to be.

- Just a few short notes to let you know what is happening or about to happen in our Lodge;
- We conferred the 1st degree on two candidates last month [two degrees, same night]
- Two of our members received their 50 year pins. They and their families were honored at our Stated Meeting dinner, and they were presented with their pins after dinner, but prior to the Stated Meeting; they were Brothers George N. Esau & Arne L. Johnson.
- We will hold our annual elections at our scheduled Stated Meeting this month, Thursday November 6th.
- On Friday November 21st we will honor Brother Gary Miller, Past Master of this Lodge by conferring upon him the Hiram Award. We will have dinner at 6 p.m. and the Award ceremony at 7:00 p.m.. Please come and join us in honoring Brother Miller for his many contribution he has made to this Lodge.
- THE DRESS FOR OUR NOVEMBER STATED MEETING WILL BE USUAL LODGE ATTIRE.

God Bless you!




GIVING THANKS



Special Notice from G.L.

• **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE** ~ Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day is our opportunity to recognize and thank the brave individuals who have risked their lives and served our country in the armed forces.

This year, the Grand Lodge of California will host a Veterans Day Observance to pay tribute to Masons from throughout the state who have fought for the cause of freedom.

The observance will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco, which was built as a war memorial and dedicated in 1958. The building, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, bears a dramatic marble sculpture on its northeast corner that depicts the struggle between good and evil and recognizes the four branches of the United States military. The sculpture is inscribed with the words: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."

We are extending a special invitation to our brothers who are World War II veterans. As this Greatest Generation ages, we are compelled to take every opportunity to show our gratitude for their heroic service. This event represents a meaningful way to do just that.

There is no better way to honor all of our veterans than with a large attendance at this Veterans Day Observance, so let's encourage our brothers, wives, and families to attend. For those World War II veterans who need help with transportation, let's offer our assistance so that they may attend this special occasion in their honor.

For additional information or if you know of a WWII veteran who needs help with transportation, please contact your lodge secretary.

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EVENTS Calendar

November 2008	6 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 6 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 21 - Hiram Award Dinner [6:00pm - 7:00pm] 21 - Hiram Award Presentation [7:00pm - 8:00pm]	MENU SLICED TURKEY, HONEY BAKED HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SEAFOOD PASTA SALAD, PUMPKIN PIE, COFFEE, REG & DECAF, PUNCH ASSORTED BREADS
December 2008	4 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 4 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 18 - Installation Practice [7:30pm - 8:30pm] 21 - '09 Officer Installation [2:00pm]	MENU SIRLOIN TIPS BOURGUIGNON, LASAGNA, RICE PILAF, ORIENTAL STIR FRY, GARDEN VEGETABLE, PASTA SALAD BANQUET CAKE, COFFEE, REG & DECAF, PUNCH, MINI CROISSANTS
January 2009	8 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 8 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU Its a SUPRISE!

MASONIC EDUCATION

ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CRAFT FREEMASONRY: (*Continued...*) The formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of England in 1717 was followed by that of Ireland in 1725 and that of Scotland in 1736. In no sense rivals, the three Grand Lodges developed on individual lines, having a tacit understanding that, whilst overseas territories were open to all three they would not warrant Lodges within each other's territories. The history of the spread of British Freemasonry closely parallels the development of the British Empire; wherever settlers or British Regiments went, Freemasonry soon followed. The spreading abroad of British Freemasonry was greatly facilitated by the granting, particularly by the Antients Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of so-called ambulatory warrants to Lodges in the Army. These Warrants permitted the Lodge to be held wherever the Regiment was stationed, and although the intention was originally that Lodge membership was to be limited to members of the Regiment, if they were stationed in one town for any length of time they soon began to take in local civilians. When the Regiment moved on, the local Brethren then applied to one of the 3 home Grand Lodges for a warrant to hold a Lodge within the town.

As a result, the two Grand Lodges of England appointed some 22 Provincial Grand Masters for various parts of America between 1730 and 1783, made similar appointments for parts of India from 1729 and Canada from 1750, and even warranted a Lodge to meet in Canton in China in 1767. The Irish and Scottish Grand Lodges were no less active, and by the close of the 18th century, British Freemasonry had been introduced into the Americas, Canada, the West Indies, South America, India and certain African ports. The American Lodges gradually declared their independence during the war which created the United States, forming State Grand Lodges which in turn spread Freemasonry across the nation as it expanded westwards.

Nor was Europe neglected. The Premier Grand Lodge introduced English Freemasonry into France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, the German States, Holland, Scandinavia and Russia. Europe was to be a fertile ground for the development not only of the Craft but of many additional degrees. It was, unfortunately, also to be a fertile ground for the perversion of genuine Freemasonry for political ends, and many pseudo-Masonic organizations grew up which were in fact political clubs. It was for this reason, as well as on account of the taking of oaths and our Masonic secrets, that the Vatican issued the first Papal Bull against Freemasonry in 1738, a Bull which was to be reinforced on a number of occasions in the following 150 years. These continental pseudo-Masonic political and anti-clerical societies also inspired the great conspiracy theory of Freemasonry; the theory of its being an international organization working for world domination in a political sense; and this led to the many attacks on the integrity of Freemasonry in the 19th and 20th centuries, many of them deliberately fabricated by their authors to achieve political ends. **(TO BE CONTINUED)**

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