

# OFFICER'S CORNER

## 2008 ~ ESD #561 Treasurer

**E. Will Hays, P.M.** was raised on a Nebraska farm. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy and attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.



Upon graduating he spent 30 more years in the Navy, serving on 10 ships, as Commanding Officer on three. He also served as Commanding Officer of three Navy shore stations. During this career, his family made 32 moves, including two to Hawaii and one to Japan.

On retiring from the Navy as a Captain, he worked as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley for 22 years. He retired from that career in 2005.

Will now serves as Chairman of the Board for the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, a Director of the local Navy League Chapter, and serves on the Board of the Military Officers of American Assn, the Military Order of the World Wars, and the Veterans Village of San Diego. He also belongs to several other Veteran organizations. He is the Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC committee of the Scottish Rite.



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(Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm)

Patricia Maxwell, PWM Worthy Matron  
William Maxwell, PP Worthy Patron



**Myrtle Assembly No. 155, Rainbow for Girls**  
(Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm)

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**From the Master :**

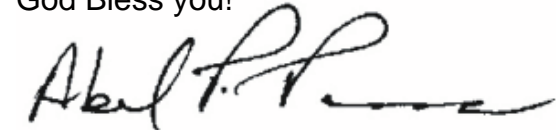
Greetings from the East!

Just a few short notes to let you know what is happening or about to happen in our Lodge; September was another late summer month in that we only had special practices for advancement to the new stations next year; we will again be in advanced stations at the Sept. stated meeting.

- We will have no degrees this month, as our 1st degree candidate will be out of town until mid October.
- We will probably have two first degrees during the month of October.
- Our line for next year is beginning to firm up, but we still have to fill in several spots; we hope that by next month we have a better outlook. We are not out of the woods by a long shot yet!

- Three of our members are eligible to receive their 50 year pins next month; if they are available, we will have said presentations at our October Stated Meeting.
- On September 26, your Master, Sr. Warden, Officers' Coach and Secretary traveled to San Francisco for the annual Grand Lodge communications.
- A report on the results of said annual communications will be given at the October stated meeting.
- THE DRESS FOR OUR OCTOBER STATED MEETING WILL BE USUAL LODGE ATTIRE.

God Bless you!




**FALL HAS ARRIVED**



**Famous Freemasons**

- Moody, William H.** - Supreme Court Justice.
- Morris, Rob** - Lawyer, educator, 'Poet Laureate of Masonry, and founder of the Order of the Eastern Star.
- Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus** - Austrian composer considered among the greatest and most prolific composers in history.
- Murphy, Audie** - Most decorated American Soldier of WWII.
- Newman, Robert** - Revolutionary War Patriot. He was the Sexton of Christ Church (Old North), Boston, when lanterns were hung for Paul Revere.
- Nicholas, Samuel** - First American Marine Corps officer, he was also considered the first Commandant of the Marines.
- O'Bannon, Pressley Neville** - As a U.S. Marine Lieutenant and Mason, he placed the first 'Stars & Stripes' on foreign soil in defense of US national interests. His heroic achievement was the basis for the line in the Marine Corps hymn, "...to the shores of Tripoli."

**Remember our Sick & Distressed Brethren:**

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**EVENTS Calendar**

<p><b>October 2008</b></p>	<p>2 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 2 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 9 - Practice 1st degree [7:00pm - 8:30pm] 16 - 1st degree possible [6:30pm - 9:00pm] 23 - 1st degree possible [6:30pm - 9:00pm] 30 - Practice 2st degree [7:00pm - 8:30pm]</p>	<p><b>MENU</b>  BEEF KABOB, ROAST PORK BABY RED POTATOES, STEAMED CABBAGE CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD, CHERRY PIE COFFEE, REG &amp; DECAF, PUNCH ASSORTED ROLLS</p>
<p><b>November 2008</b></p>	<p>6 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 6 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]</p>	<p><b>MENU</b>  SLICED TURKEY, HONEY BAKED HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SEAFOOD PASTA SALAD, PUMPKIN PIE, COFFEE, REG &amp; DECAF, PUNCH ASSORTED BREADS</p>
<p><b>December 2008</b></p>	<p>4 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 4 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 21 - Tentative Installation Date [3:00pm]</p>	<p><b>MENU</b>  SIRLOIN TIPS BOURGUIGNON, LASAGNA, RICE PILAF, ORIENTAL STIR FRY, GARDEN VEGETABLE, PASTA SALAD BANQUET CAKE, COFFEE, REG &amp; DECAF, PUNCH, MINI CROISSANTS</p>

*ITEMS OF SPECIAL NOTE :*

- **DISTRICT OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** ~ Monday, October 20th at East San Diego Lodge starting at 7:00pm. East San Diego Lodge will demonstrate the work.
- **VALLEY HILLS CHAPTER ORDER OF DEMOLAY "BUCKBOARD BBQ"** ~ Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Heartland Masonic Center, 695 Ballantyne Street, El Cajon, CA (11am - 4pm)



**ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CRAFT FREEMASONRY:** (*Continued...*) These Scottish lodges had a brief initiation ceremony for apprentices, and had a secret word, which enabled their members to gain work and sustenance when they traveled from one site to another. In the 17th century these Scottish lodges began to admit local gentry as "non-operative" members or "gentleman masons", and the claim is that these non-operatives gradually began to gain ascendancy over the operatives in the transition period, until they dominated the lodges and turned them into lodges of purely speculative Freemasons. Unfortunately for the supporters of this theory, there is no firm evidence of a similar development in England; indeed in England there is no evidence of the existence of operative lodges or of a Mason word. In the 17th century the first evidence we have of a purely speculative initiation in England is that of Elias Ashmole at an occasional lodge held in Warrington in 1646, none of those present having anything to do with the operative craft. From that event until the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717 all the evidence in England occurs in a purely speculative context.

Those on the other hand, who support an indirect link with operative Masonry, claim that it arose as a result of the religious and political divisions of the 16th and 17th centuries. They suppose that the founders of speculative masonry were men of goodwill, but of differing opinions, who wished to join together to promote a way of life based upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, without the intrusion of divisive argument over religious or political dogma. In the tradition of their time they promoted their philosophy by means of allegory and symbolism, and as their central idea was the building of a better world, in which mankind could be better prepared for life eternal they took as their allegory the building of King Solomon's Temple, the only building described in detail in the Bible; and adopted the forms and working implements of operative stone masons on which to build their increasingly elaborate symbolism. If, then, our origins remain shrouded in mystery what are the facts? **(TO BE CONTINUED)**

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