

Friendship Lodge No. 210

Free & Accepted Masons
Of California

Chartered October 14, 1871

July 2009 Trestleboard

July 2nd – Thursday

6:30 PM Stated Meeting Dinner

BBQ Steak Dinner

\$7.00 RSVP REQUIRED

Family, Ent. Apprentice & Fellowcraft Welcome

July 4th - Saturday

12:00 PM

Child ID – Larry Muller’s House

July 9th - Thursday

7:00 PM

2nd Degree Practice [AS]

July 12th - Sunday

12:30 PM

Ice Cream Social and Bird Show

Masonic Home – Union City

July 16th – Thursday

7:00 PM

2nd Degree Practice [AS]

July 23rd – Thursday

7:00 PM

2nd Degree Practice [AS]

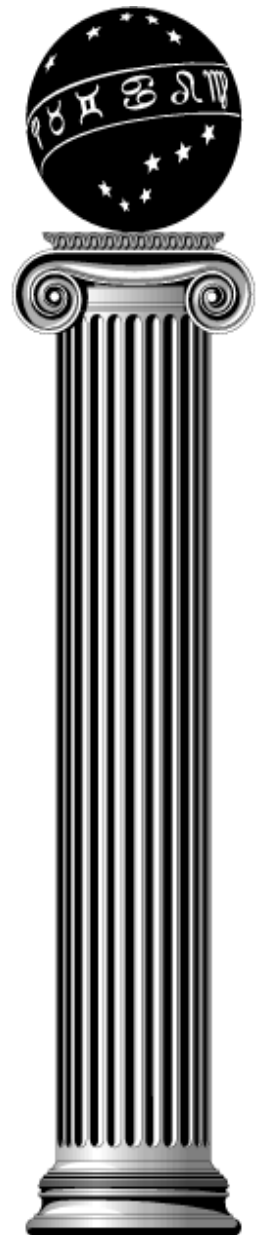
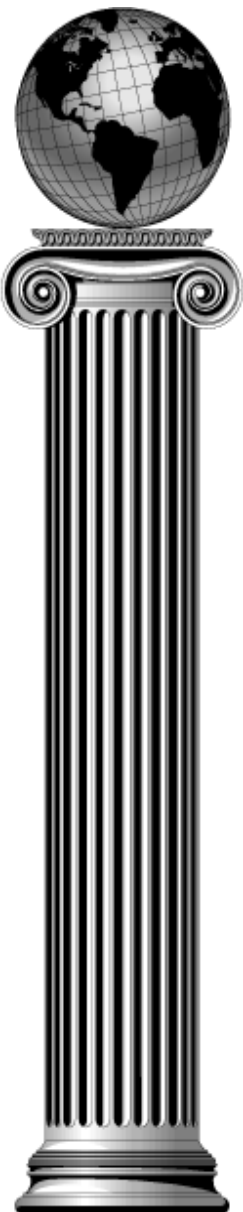
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= Tuxedo, B/S = Business Suit

CT = Coat and Tie, CA = Casual Attire, SCA =

Smart Casual Attire



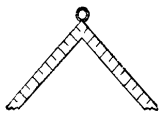
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2500 Masonic Drive - San Jose, CA 95125
Stated Meeting - First Thursday Each Month

Web Site: www.Friendship210.org

*** July 2009 ***



From the East

Hello Brethren,

Congratulations to Brother Marc Crowe on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the Past Masters of Friendship Lodge. How great it is to see all of these Past Masters willing to come back and support the lodge activities. I would like to thank those that helped make this third degree a memorable one...Wor. Carmona, Wor. B. Mills, Wor. Grove, Wor. Alarcon, Wor. Hershberger, Wor. Martinez, Wor. Arreguin, Wor. Ruyle, Wor. Wilson, Wor. K. Mills and all of the officers.

Our First child ID was held at Chandler Tripp School on Friday, May 29th. We had more than 100 children photographed and finger printed. We also ran the cookie booth at the next table. While it was a busy day we all had a great time. I presented them with a donation from Friendship Lodge to assist with school projects. The Principal of Chandler Tripp "Taura Anderson" presented Wor. K Mills and myself a certificate for volunteering our time, in making a difference, and brightening the lives of their students. Thank you to our Child ID chairman Bro. Meyer and his team...Bro. Keenan Mills, Bro. Fowler, Bro. Litfin, Bro. Greer, Wor. Alarcon, Wor. Kendall Mills, Kathy Martin, and my lovely Lady Lori.

Our Ritual team competed at the Masonic Home on Saturday, June 6th. This was the Divisional competition. We have not learned the results as of yet, but I know our Ritual team did an outstanding job! Congratulations to all of the members of our team.

On Saturday, June 13th Friendship Lodge held their annual Lodge Picnic at Vasona Park in San Jose. This year we tried something a little different; we invited San Jose Lodge No. 10 to join us. It was a very well attended picnic thanks to the wonderful planning of our Junior Warden, Bro. Kirk Wells and his lovely lady Armani. We had lots of good food, many fun games to play for all ages, and great weather for a picnic. It takes lots of

planning very early in the year to be able to hold such a wonderful event, and I'd like to thank our own, Bro. Wells and his team of helpers for doing such a fine job! Much kudos to all the members of his team for giving their time to come out and give a hand. Here's to a job well done!

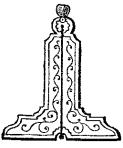
We will be looking for volunteers to help serve Ice Cream for the residents of Union City Masonic Home Sunday July 12th at 12:30pm. Happy birds bird show will also be there entertaining the residence. Please contact me if you will be able to help Randy Shelton 408-578-0614

Friendship Lodges annual scholarship award will be presented at the September meeting. If you have any children or grandchildren that will be attending college this fall send in the scholarship application. **Please refer to the flier for more information.**

We will be hosting along with Mountain View De Anza Lodge, a JoRaDe dance August 7th @ 7:00pm at the Mountain View Masonic Lodge. For those of you that don't know what JoRaDe is, it is the Job's Daughter's, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. The dance is for all of the youth groups and members of our order that have children of the appropriate age, such as daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, grand children, etc in helping them to promote their respective orders in a safe and fun environment. **Please refer to flier for more information.**

You may have heard about a very exciting campaign that began May 1st called Masons4Mitts. This is a "challenge" between three regions of Bay Area lodges—the East Bay, the South Bay and the City of San Francisco. Grand Lodge has created a spirit of healthy competition between the teams created in these regions . . . all in support of a great goal of helping kids. The wining team will be recognized and invited to join the Grand Master at AT&T home plate for the check presentation in August. Grand Lodge is working through the Junior Giants, a program of the Giants Community Fund, which serves more than 15,000 children. A donation of \$20 buys a baseball mitt for a child who plays ball with the Junior Giants. The team with the most \$20 gifts wins! We need 2,000 mitts! We need to get the word out, so won't you give a helping hand and donate \$20.00 for a very worthy cause? Check out the Website at www.masons4mitts.org

Fraternally,
Randy Shelton, Master



From the West

Brethren

An interesting article from Naval Lodge No.4 in Washington DC, that everyone could enjoy.

Freemasonry in America

It appears reasonable to assume that there were many Masons among the early settlers of this country. There is no reason to doubt that they did meet, hold meetings, and initiate candidates under the "prescriptive right" meaning that they formed Lodges without Warrants, acting upon their "right from time immemorial." It appears reasonable to assume that there were many Masons among the early settlers of this country. There is no reason to doubt that they did meet, hold meetings, and initiate candidates under the "prescriptive right" meaning that they formed Lodges without Warrants, acting upon their "right from time immemorial."

Over the centuries, Freemasonry has developed into a worldwide fraternity emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy. During the late 1700s it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. Masons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.

There is evidence that a deputation dated June 5, 1730, was granted to Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Moreover, there is evidence that Brethren meeting in Philadelphia applied to him in 1730 and received authority to continue to meet as a regular Lodge.

However, no records of such a Lodge are available to indicate that it continued or was even ever established.

The earliest authentic records of such a Lodge available to indicate that it continued on was from "The First Lodge of Boston" in 1733. This was warranted under a Provincial Grand Master.

On April 30, 1733, this Provincial Grand Master Henry Price, who had received his appointment a short time before from Viscount Montague, Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of England convened a number of Brethren into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and then form and constituted a subordinate Lodge on Boston. This Lodge, later consolidated with two others, still functions in that city.

Many of Patriots of the American Revolution were Masons including George Washington, Ben Franklin, James Hamilton, and even the Marquis de Lafayette to name just a few. There were enough Masons in the Continental Army to establish traveling military Lodges, which allowed them to continue to enjoy the warmth of fraternal fellowship. American Union was just such a Lodge and was attached to the Connecticut Line of the Army. The minute books of this Lodge show that General Washington attended meetings of the Lodge on several occasions.

During the 1800s and early 1900s, Freemasonry grew dramatically. At that time, the government had provided no social "safety net". The Masonic tradition of founding orphanages, homes for widows, and homes for the aged provided the only security many people knew.

By the year 1800 there were Lodges established in nearly all of the states east of the Mississippi except in Illinois and Wisconsin, and Grand Lodges had been formed in most of them. As an example, Kentucky formed her Grand Lodge in 1792 and was instrumental in forming Lodges in Indiana and the other states around her.

By 1892 there were fifty Grand Lodges in the United States, including one in the Indian Territory which later became the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. There are now fifty-one Grand Lodges in the United States. The Grand Lodge of Alaska even helped to establish the Grand Lodge of Russia after the fall of communism.

Fraternally,
Larry Muller, Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,

I would like to thank everybody that showed up for this year's Lodge Picnic at Vasona Park. A special thank you to Worshipful Kendall, Joe, Randy, and Humberto for manning the BBQ pits, as well as Keenan and the Shelton family for all their hard work. Between our lodge, San Jose 10 and the Bethels, we had close to 70 attendees. I know that everybody had a great time and plenty to eat. For those who didn't make it, we hope to see you next year. This is a great opportunity to

spend time with your brethren, families, and the youth orders, outside of lodge. We all get a little something special out of these events.

Our July stated meeting dinner will be a Summer BBQ hosted by Worshipful Kendall Mills and Worshipful Joe Alarcon. Each year a group of Past Masters host our July Stated Meeting dinner; it is always delicious and great fun! This year's menu will include BBQ steaks, garlic bread, salad, and corn on the cob. If you plan to attend, show up a bit early to enjoy fellowship and cold refreshments by the BBQ pits. Please make sure to contact me ahead of time with your reservations so we can have enough food for everyone.

To make a reservation for the stated meeting dinners please use the following contact information:

Phone: (408) 274-9424
Email: kirk.wells@sbcglobal.net

Fraternally,
Kirk Wells, Junior Warden

Lodge History

Brethren,

Great news! Recently I decided to look again through the books in our storage closet (now that it had been cleaned out) for the missing minutes. I found the 1979-1986 book, which I had not been able to find up until now. So now, I will be able to report events of "30 years ago" and "35 years ago". At this point, the only minutes that I am missing are those from 1996.

Please read on for some notable July events from the past.

Fraternally,
Joe Martinez, PM 2005
Lodge Historian

This Month in Friendship Lodge History

10 Years Ago...

At the July 1999 stated meeting, the Golden Veterans (50-year) award was presented to Worshipful Bill Hershberger and Brother John Roberts.



Wor. Bill Hershberger and Brother John Roberts receive Golden Veterans award from Wor. Glen McBride

15 Years Ago...

At the July 1994 stated meeting, Senior Warden Aaron Taber reported that the Campbell Chapter, Order of DeMolay had just returned from the International DeMolay Convention. Campbell Chapter had won 1st place **in the world** in the DeMolay Degree ritual competition. He also reported that his eldest son had taken 1st place (also in the world) in the individual Junior Inquisitor oration. The lodge had contributed a sum of money to Campbell Chapter to help fund the trip, and it was very well spent.

40 Years Ago...

At the July 1969 stated meeting, it was announced that the San Jose Masonic Hall Association had been reorganized, and renamed to the "San Jose Masonic Temple Association".

130 Years Ago...



Worshipful Milus Harvey Gay

At the July 1879 stated meeting, an application from Milus Harvey Gay for affiliation was received. He had previously been a member of San Buena Ventura Lodge #214. He later went on to become Master of Friendship Lodge in 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Source: Lodge Minutes



July Birthdays

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| 4 - Ruben Nazareno, PM | 19 - James Morris |
| 6 - Freeman Granum | 23 - Frank Sepulveda |
| 6 - Dan Bales | 29 - Marvin Moritz |
| 10 - Brian Dao | 30 - Edwin Sibbet |
| 11 - Ken Brady | 31 - Vassil Bebelevkov |
| 14 - Jay Levinson | |

July - 31st Friday

Corner Stone Award SJMC
 Worshipful Joe Martinez
 6:30 Dinner
 7:30 Ceremony

July 30th and 31st - Thursday and Friday

Childs ID at the Fair
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Santa Clara County Fair Grounds

“2009” Officers

- | <u>Officers</u> | <u>(Wives)</u> | |
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| Master | | |
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| Head Officers Coach | | |
| Kendall Mills | (Janet) | 408-281-4084 |
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Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events

Sunday July 12th

Masonic Home Union City
 Ice Cream Social and Bird Show
 12:30pm

Second Annual Friendship Lodge
Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament will be September 26, 2009, tee off at 12 noon. We need six foursomes or 24 players. It will be a best ball scramble. A take along lunch (Togo’s) with drinks will be included. A practice bucket of balls and cart will be included. The price will be \$65.00 per player. Deposit of \$30 will be collected at the July Stated meeting. Players are encouraged to form their foursomes and report members to Jim Grove at the meeting.

The tournament will again be at The Villages Golf and Country Club. The final \$35 payment will be collected at the September Stated Meeting or anytime before.

A standby list will be formed for those who sign up after the 24 player spots are filled.

Any questions should be referred to Jim Grove at j.grove@sbcglobal.net or call on mobile: 408-201-2352.

Calendar Continued:

July 30th - Thursday

7:00 PM
 Practice 2nd degree (AS)



3rd Degree - Marc Crowe
Past Masters' Night 5-21-09



Chandler Tripp School Presentation



Child ID at Chandler Tripp
School Carnival



Annual Picnic 2009



The Pinata is always FUN



Picking up the Goodies



RA Dance



All Prospects are invited to a great dance!

Come and meet the members and adult advisors
of the three Masonic youth groups

JOBS DAUGHTERS - RAINBOW - DEMOLAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009

7:00 PM TO 11:00

Greg Smith will serve as the DJ for the evening

Admission is free for ages 10 - 20

Hot Dogs, chips and punch will be served



Mountain View Masonic Center
890 Church Street
Mountain View

Between Shoreline Blvd and
Castor Street – on the corner of
Franklin and Church

Scholarship Information

Friendship Lodge will be awarding scholarships for children and grandchildren of members of our Lodge. The Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, one Past Master and one Member.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must:

1. Be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing of Friendship Lodge No. 210, F. & A.M., San Jose, California
2. Be a High School graduate
3. For those already in a post High School program, must have achieved a grade point average of at least 2.6 in all post High School academic work.
4. Have applied for admission to or be registered in any accredited two-year or four year public or private college or university, or technical training school or institute, or post graduate degree program.

Application for an award is to be in letter form addressed to:

Friendship Lodge No. 210, F. & A. M.
Attention: *Randy Shelton*, Master
6061 Pietz Court
San Jose Ca. 95123

The letter of Application must include or be accompanied by:

1. A statement giving the reasons why you are applying.
2. A listing of scholarships or other student financial aid awards you are already receiving or are approved for.
3. A copy (or copies) of your certified High School and all Post High School academic records.
4. A letter of recommendation from your father or grandfather (who must be a member in good standing of Friendship Lodge No. 210 F. & A. M.)
5. A letter of recommendation from one other member in good standing of any Masonic Lodge.
6. Copies of any other letters of recommendation which you wish to submit.
7. Be sure to include your address and telephone number.

Applications for scholarships are due one week prior to the September Stated Meeting.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to apply. Applicants will be notified of decisions of the award judges by the September Stated Meeting. **If a financial award is made, funds will be paid out only after proof of registration is provided.**