

Friendship Lodge No. 210

Free & Accepted Masons
Of California

Chartered October 14, 1871

August 2010 Trestleboard

Aug. 1st – Thursday

6:30 PM Stated Meeting Dinner

RSVP REQUIRED

Family, Ent. Apprentice & Fellowcraft

Welcome [CT]

“Italian Speciale”

Aug. 6th – Friday

Child’s ID at County Fair

10AM – 3PM and 3PM – 8PM

Aug. 10th – Tuesday

7:00 PM [CA]

3rd Degree Practice - Past Masters

Aug. 12th – Thursday

7:00 PM [T]

3rd Degree Conferral - Past Masters

Aug. 20th - 21st – Fri. – Sat.

Casa de Fruita Camping Trip

Aug. 24th – Tuesday

Masons 4 Mits

S.F. Giants

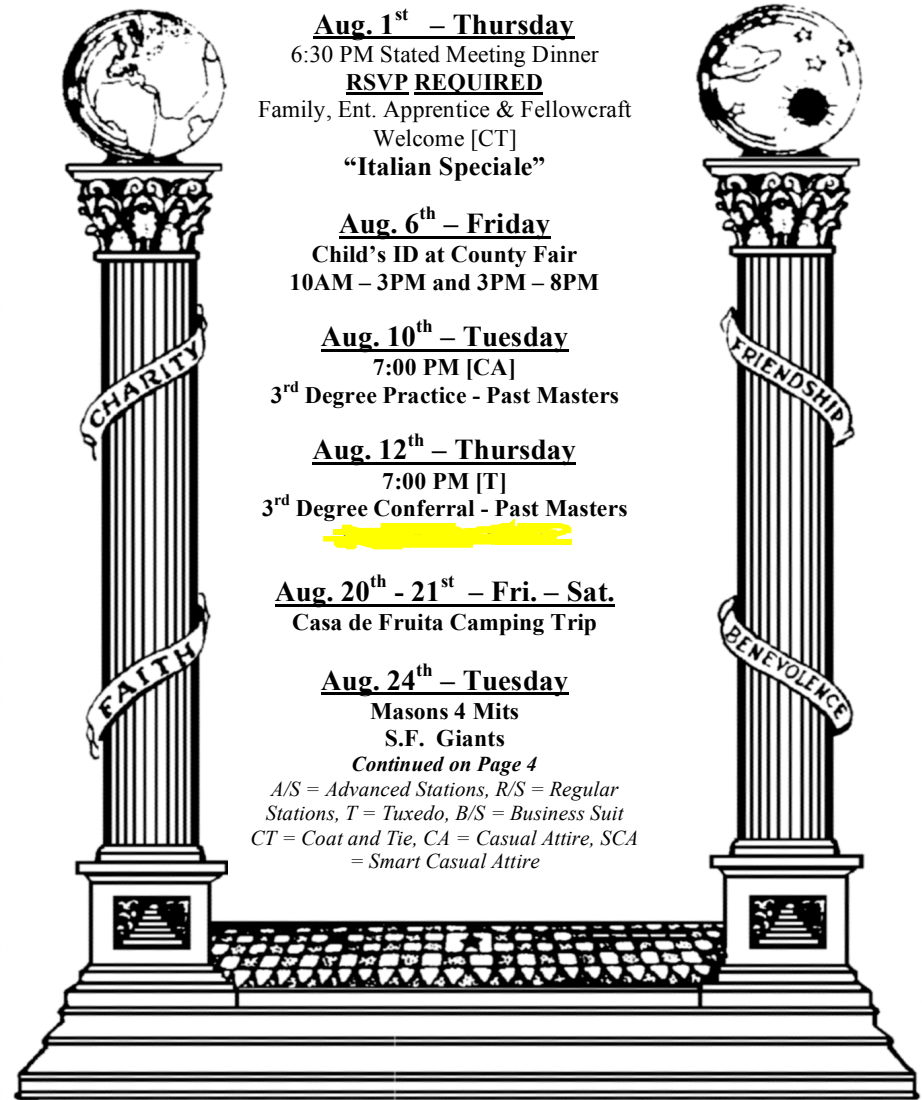
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A/S = Advanced Stations, R/S = Regular

Stations, T = Tuxedo, B/S = Business Suit

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

= Smart Casual Attire



Friendship Lodge No. 210 F.& A.M.
James Greer, Secretary
1152 Prentiss Drive
San Jose, CA 95120-5410

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Child’s ID at the County Fair

Friday, August 6th

Spanish Second Degree

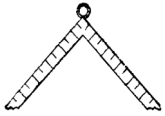
Saturday, August 28th

Friendship Lodge No. 210 Trestleboard

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


Web Site: www.Friendship210.org

*** August 2010 ***




From the East

Brethren,

Now we are officially in the dog days of summer. July was a great month starting with our 2nd Annual Child ID event at my Hilary Drive July 4 parade. We were able to provide ID's for over 30 kids this year. And, to top it off, I found out one of my neighbor's family has many Masons. It's a small world after all. I want to especially thank Brother Wells & Worshipful K. Mills for coming out. One of our newest members  also stopped by with his daughter and helped out. This was a fun event.

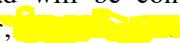
The following weekend we were busy again painting an out building at our adopted school, Chandler Tripp. Kelly-Moore Paints donated all the paint thanks to Worshipful Jim Grove. Helping out with painting were Brother Dory Taylor, Brother Jim North, Brother Bob Moore, Worshipful Kendall Mills, and myself. Brother Moore was armed with a paint sprayer & made the job go by quickly. A special thank you to Janet Mills for providing us with refreshments.

In August, there are many things going on. We are set up to have a Child ID booth at the Santa Clara County Fair. This is a great venue for us to represent Friendship Lodge and the service that we provide. We will be set up on Friday, August 6. We need volunteers to man the booth. There are two shifts, times are 10-3pm and 3-8pm. Please contact Brother Kirk Wells to sign up.

On August 12, there will be a Past Master's Degree at 7pm for Brother . Sideliners are always welcome. Hope to see you there! We have no specific dates but we are looking at trying to squeeze in a First Degree this month, so stand by for more details.

The annual Casa de Fruta Camping Trip is August 20-22. Please see attached flyer for details. There are limited rooms and camping spots available so sign up quickly. You won't want to miss my famous disco chicken and my wife's banana boats! You can contact Brother Jose Pulido or me. Remember, what happens at

Casa de Fruta, stays at Casa de Fruta. *Please see the attached flyer.*

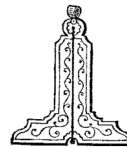
On August 28th the Spanish degree team from Club Amistad will be conducting a second degree for our brother, . This will be held at the San Jose Masonic Center at 10 am. With so many events going on this month I hope to see your shining faces throughout the month. Happy August!

Just a reminder that the Master's Trip this year will be in beautiful Monterey, October 15-17th. Please call me or email me if you are interested in going. *We would like a \$150 per couple deposit as soon as possible so we can finalize the total cost of the trip.* We are approximating the trip cost to be roughly \$350/couple. We are trying to maximize the value of this trip while being sensitive to our economic times. The cost of this trip is quite reasonable and the memories we will have are priceless. *Please see the attached flyer.*

Next month we have our Annual Golf Tournament on September 11th at the Villages. Cost will be \$65 per golfer and will include lunch and a golf cart. *Please see the attached flyer.*

Fraternally,

Larry Muller, Master



From the West

Brethren,

For many years I have heard the term "The Morgan Affair" brought up in Masonic discussions, as a pivotal moment in the history of Masonry. However, it is not frequently explained what "The Morgan Affair" refers to, and why it was so pivotal. I started having conversations with lodge brothers, and reading documents found on the web to try to understand the significance.

Occurring in 1826, the immediate repercussions encompassed the next 19 years, to 1845, with many of the controversial particulars never proven. Prior to this event, Masonry was flourishing; there were public processions and ceremonies, and the Fraternity attracted men from far and wide. These were the glory days of Freemasonry! Then enters William Morgan from which the entire "affair" revolves.

William Morgan, born in 1774, in Culpepper County, Virginia, was probably a Mason but there is no record of his membership in a blue Lodge. Claiming to have been initiated abroad, he is reported to have gained admission

to at least one lodge in New York, as a visitor. It has been documented that in 1825 he was received into the York Rite Royal Arch Degree at Leroy, N.Y. in the Western Star Chapter no. 33. Later when a new chapter was duly established, his petition for affiliation was rejected. It is speculated that this rejection was a direct consequence of his intemperate and unworthy habits. At the time he had been described by several persons as envious, malicious, vindictive, a heavy drinker, a debtor, and neglectful of family.

This rejection led Morgan to repudiate the Order in the following manner: Morgan approached Colonel David Miller, the publisher of the local town newspaper, with the sole purpose of publishing a malicious book on Freemasonry titled "An Exposition of Ancient Craft Masonry". This book would include an abundance of the craft's secrets in hopes, no doubt, of discrediting the fraternity and making a fortune from such disclosures. Rumour has it that Colonel Miller was of similar disposition to Morgan, having been initiated into Masonry but prevented from advancing. Moreover, he, too, was in awkward financial straits.

Upon the establishment of the business relationship between Morgan and Miller, a myriad of events took place, including such calamities as Miller's newspaper building set afire; notices appearing in a local newspaper denouncing Morgan as a swindler, and a dangerous man; Morgan's arrest for stealing, and wearing said stolen apparel; and several trips to debtor's jail.

During his last stay in debtor's jail, an unknown individual arrived, paid off the debt, and bailed out Morgan, after which he was never again seen in the vicinity. Supposedly, immediately following his discharge, Morgan was seized, forcibly thrust into a carriage and taken via Fort Niagara to Canada where his presence was actually recorded. After that there is no recorded information about his location.

During the investigation into Morgan's disappearance, several local Masons were arrested and indicted, but most of the sentences were squashed. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, comprising 110 chapters, disclaimed all knowledge and approbation of the affair. Most other Lodges in the state followed suit. Still, the trial of the abduction made headline news, especially for Miller's paper, and it was not long before the rumours began that the Masons had murdered Morgan, drowning him in the Falls.

With deliberate encouragement from the Anti-Masonry movement and by word of mouth, Morgan's demise became a supposed fact, more so when, on October 7th, 1827, a body was found on the shore of Lake Ontario,

some 30 miles from the Niagara River. Newspapers claimed it was Morgan, though the Coroner aiding the inquest recorded accidental death, and the body was buried, name unknown. Even Morgan's wife denied it being the body of her husband; the clothes were not his. Later she gave different accounts, which muddies the waters.

By all accounts, the suspicions should have been laid to rest when a Mrs. Monro of Clark, Upper Canada, claiming the body was her husband, Timothy, eventually received the remains for burial, after satisfactory proof and identification had been established. Except, the feelings of anti-Masonry were so rife that people, under the influence of the Anti-Masonry movement, refused to accept anything that would detract from destroying Freemasonry. To this very day there has never ever been any proof brought forward that Morgan was murdered despite multiple inquiries.

Anti-Masonry spread more or less extensively into every state, denouncing first the system, and then the men, as unfit for any office, and unworthy of any countenance. At its worse, it even denounced those who would not denounce Masonry! Anti-Masonic committees were established; Masonic meetings were disrupted; and the leaders of the Anti-Masonic movement even made their way into the branches of public office and at the ears of political leaders. Yet, despite all the above, it is of interest that Andrew Jackson, a former Grand Master of Tennessee, was twice elected President, in 1828 and 1832 before the anti-Masonic Party eventually merged into the new Whig Party, the fore-runner of the Republican Party. However, 4 Anti-Masonic State Senators and 17 Assemblymen were elected during the 1830-45 period.

Yes, much damage was done. The number of Masons dropped from 100,000 to 40,000 in 10 years! N.Y., alone, went from 20,000 to just 3,000, down from 480 lodges to 82. Some Grand Lodges ceased to meet; indeed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had to surrender its charter in 1834 having conveyed its property to trustees. It was 1859 before it was reincorporated.

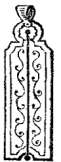
The discrimination toward Masons was made easy work since Masons were identifiable as the well-dressed leaders of community and business. Masonic clergy were dismissed from their churches, lodges were burnt, and public Masonic ceremonies ceased. The Craft was discredited as an intellectual society; no longer did someone try to join in order to be socially conscious. It was only after the Civil War that Freemasonry began to stage a significant comeback.

Today, membership in our ancient and honourable fraternity is reaching new all-time highs. Having withstood the 19 years of Anti-Masonic persecution, and the negative impact that lingered for decades thereafter, the core values that are taught by Masonry, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" are as relevant today as they ever were. We may never know exactly what happened to Mr. Morgan, but we do know that our craft has survived even the toughest of times. Young men are flocking to the fraternity in search of knowledge, and to become better men.

In fairness we should also note that some men are knocking on our door, their curiosity peaked, due to recent books and movies from such authors as Dan Brown. Now, WE know the events in Dan Brown's books are not historically accurate, but let us remember that we have overcome adversity in the past, flourished in the present, and, let nobody forget, the future is in our hands. A knock on the door for curiosity's sake is welcomed, for it can't be denied that, The Morgan Affair aside, a bit of intrigue and mystery isn't always such a bad thing.

Partial sources: freemasons-freemasonry.com, wikipedia.com]

Fraternally,
Kirk Wells, Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,

I want to thank Worshipful Joe Alarcon and Worshipful Kendal Mills for their delicious BBQ dinner. The entire dinner was excellent and what better way to celebrate 4th of July. We had more than 53 people attending the dinner, with five of them being first time visitors who are interested in Masonry.

For our August Stated Meeting dinner, Brother Mark Crowe and Brother Tony Gonzalez will be back in the kitchen preparing an Italian feast for us, as you remember Brother Marc is a Professional Chef, and we are sure that he will make an excellent dinner for us. The dinner will consist of Lasagna, salad, marinated chicken, and beef. Please come and enjoy this wonderful dinner. Reservations are required.

As a remainder, we are taking reservation for our traditional Camping trip to Casa de Fruita. This will take place on August 20-22, 2010. If you need to reserve a hotel room or a camping grown, please let us know or for more information and more details please contact me or Worshipful Larry. This event is promising to be popular and advanced reservations are recommended by contacting me.

Fraternally,
Jose Pulido, Jr. Warden
408-205-6432

Lodge History

Brethren,

Many thanks to Worshipful Rudy Tan, who has provided me with yet ANOTHER photo of a Past Master (Jim Marlowe), which I was missing for the lodge website. This photo completes the 1980's Past Master photos. I now have just one photo that I'm still missing for the 1990's, which is Bruce Weller. Worshipful Bruce, are you reading this?

Many "august" things happened in August's pasts. Read on!

Fraternally,
Joe Martinez, PM 2005
Lodge Historian

This Month in Friendship Lodge History

10 Years Ago...

At the August 2000 stated meeting, it was regularly moved and seconded that the moneys bequeathed by Brother "Bud" Wilson's estate to the Lodge be placed into a scholarship fund that will bear the name Clarence C. "Bud" Wilson and that the annual scholarships will continue to be associated with Brother "Bud" Wilson. After some discussion the motion passed. The first recipients of the newly-named scholarship were Joseph Taber and Milan Mateo.

At the same meeting, an "In Memoriam" was read for Brother Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Summers, Born: January 8, 1923, Raised: May 24, 1954, Called from Labor: July 15, 2000. Brother Frank was very active in Friendship Lodge up until his death, and was a very cheery and friendly individual. He was well known for always responding to the question, "How are you" with "Better, now that you're here!"

15 Years Ago...

Speaking of Brother Frank Summers... At the stated meeting in August of 1995, Brother Frank Summers was elected to membership in Friendship Lodge by affiliation.

Along with Brother Summers, Brother Emiliano Anselmo was also elected to affiliate at the same time. Brother Anselmo received the Hiram Award in 1998, and passed away soon after.

40 Years Ago...

On August 27, 1970, Friendship Lodge commemorated its 100th anniversary with a grand centennial celebration. There were an estimated 450 brothers, wives, and friends in attendance at the event, held at the Scottish Rite temple.

After a swiss steak dinner, and entertainment in the form of accordion music, remarks were made by the Worshipful Master, Robert Glenn Elliott, as well as the two oldest living past masters at the time, Leighton Brownton and Alvin Long, who served as Master in 1919 and 1920 respectively. The Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal, and Grand Standard Bearer were all in attendance and introduced, along with several inspectors. The Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Chester H. MacPhee gave an inspirational address. Worshipful Lawrence Campbell (PM, 1949) was the lodge historian at the time, and compiled a history of the lodge in a very nice booklet that was distributed at the event.

Source: Lodge Minutes



August Birthdays

2 – David Lemus	21 – Steven Hua
5 - Augusto Atienza	22 - John Hayes, Jr.
7 – Alvin DeLa Cruz	23 - Noel Baybayan
8 - John Rouchanian	24 - Marvin Horwitz, PM
9 - Stephen Skinner	25 - Manuel Mateo, PM
16 - Paul Holsinger, PM	28 - Donald Hickey
20 - Albert Steele, III	29 - Neil Williams
20 – Jonathan Cruz	31 – Mel Fauvor

Calendar Continued:

Aug. 26th – Thursday - 6:30 PM OAM @ Friendship Lodge

Aug. 28th – [10 am] Spanish Second Degree by Club Amistad for Brother David Lemus

Grand Lodge Information

Brethren,

Masons 4 Mitts fund raising drive ends August 24th! Please make a donation today!

We have team up with the San Francisco Giants and with their Junior Giants program which provides a very successful program to underprivileged kids. The program provides a way to keep the kids out of gangs and off drugs. These kids would not be able to play baseball if not for this program. The program provides all the resources. Our Grand Lodge has partnered with the Giants to provide baseball gloves (mitts) to kids that can not afford to buy one. Just a \$20 donation will provide one kid a mitt! Please see attached flier for more information. You can also visit the website at “Masons4Mitts.org” and make an on-line donation or send a check payable to Masons4Mitts. Our goal this year is to provide over 2,000 mitts to this very worthwhile program. We have also made arrangements with a local restaurant to donate 25% of their proceeds from our members and their guests who buy dinner at Pizza California, located at 1708 Oakland Road, Suite 500 San Jose, Ca (408) 573-7373. Come down and support Masons 4 Mitts and enjoy a nice dinner with family and friends! Watch for a flyer with a coupon and more details.

Please see the attached flyer.

Grand Masters Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 29th at Moffett Field Golf Course. All proceeds will go to the Grand Master Project “Operation Greatest Gift”.

The format is a 4 man team scramble. The cost is \$100 per person which includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner. Please send the attached flier for more details and sign up today. If you don’t play golf but would like to help please call me at (408) 281-4084.

We are also looking for donations for items that we can auction off. If you can donate an item please contact me.

Please see the attached flyer.

Projects “Operation Greatest Gift” has received over \$340,000 so far with a goal to collect over \$400k in donations. Several trips have taken place and the experience has been awesome for the veterans and the companions! Several more trips are being planned for the fall (September and October). As a reminder:

Grand Lodge has organized 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.

Please contact Grand Lodge Office of Philanthropy at 415-292-9117 or online at www.freemason.org to get more information, watch a video and most importantly *make a donation*. Please remember to put your membership number and lodge number on your donations.

Friendship Lodge wants to support the Grand Master's project and will match our member's donations, dollar for dollar, **up to \$5,000!** Together we hope to raise \$10,000 and truly make a difference and show our veterans that their service has not been forgotten. We have raised over \$1,200 so far. Please make a donation of any size today!

If you are a World War II veteran and have also been prevented from making this trip due to health or financial reasons, please contact me for more information on how you might benefit from this project to make your dream come true.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kendall Mills, PM
Assistant Secretary

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e-mail: rshelton@sbcglobal.net	
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Inspector 341st Masonic District	
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e-mail: keclv@aol.com	
Head Officers Coach	
Kendall Mills (Janet)	408-281-4084
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"2010" Officers

<u>Officers</u>	<u>(Wives)</u>	
Master		
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Senior Warden		
Kirk Wells	(Armani)	408-274-9424
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Junior Warden		
Jose Pulido		408-205-6432
e-mail: pulidojl210@gmail.com		
Treasurer		
Joe Alarcon, PM	(Rose)	408-281-0480
e-mail: joeala@sbcglobal.net		
Secretary		

Friendship Lodge 210
2010 Master's Trip
October 15 - 17
Monterey, CA



Spend the weekend away from it all, yet, so close to home.

Friday – arrive in Monterey at your leisure

Saturday – morning aquarium excursion, lunch provided, behind the scenes tour at an extra cost or afternoon free, banquet dinner at Louie Linguini's on Cannery Row

Sunday – morning walk, mid-day departure



**Cost: Approx. \$350.00 per couple
\$150.00 Deposit due on July 1st**

Note: Total head count will determine final cost

Reservations and/or Questions:
Larry Muller 650-333-4007 or mullerld@yahoo.com



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Eat pizza, and raise some dough!

Help earn important dollars for Junior Giants!!

Get together with family and friends to help us, while you help yourself to some delicious pizza, salad, and beverages.

When you participate in our event on July 28, and present this flyer when ordering, Pizza California will donate 25% of the proceeds to our cause! *

Enjoy delicious Pizza California pizza, salads, beverages, and desserts, and have a relaxing time with friends, while benefiting Junior Giants.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 28th, 2010

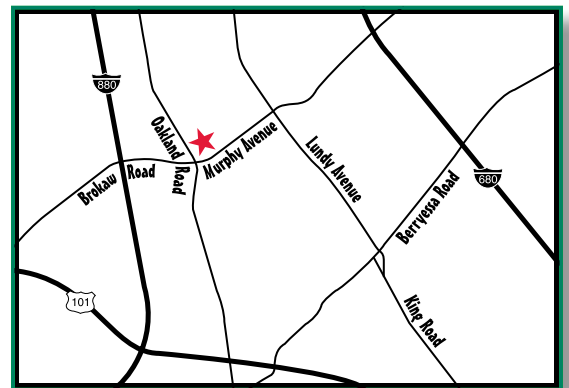
WHERE: Pizza California
1708 Oakland Road (at Brokaw)
San Jose, California 95131

(408) 573-7373 telephone
(408) 436-2333 fax
www.PizzaCalifornia.com

WHO: Invite as many friends & family & neighbors & coworkers as you can gather! Just give them this flyer and they can participate, too. †

WHY: To fund our good cause, helping to support Junior Giants!

With an event like this, everybody wins!



Thanks for your support! We hope to see you on July 28th!

* Not to be combined with other discounts. Delivery orders excluded.

† To download a copy of this flyer, visit the community page at www.PizzaCalifornia.com.



www.Masons4Mitts.org

Masons, Kids & Baseball: A Perfect Fit

Give a kid a mitt . . . and the memory of a lifetime!

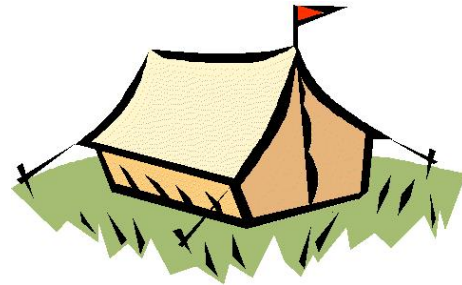
San Francisco Sluggers vs
South Bay Bombers vs
The North Bay Bees vs
East Bay Aces

\$20 buys a mitt for a child --- 70% of the program participants have never owned a baseball mitt! The Junior Giants is a great program for underprivileged kids, and we are proud to partner with them!

*Select your team "South Bay Bombers" from the drop down menu online
Or Contact the Master of your Lodge and make
Your tax-deductible check payable to "Masons4Mitts"*

At the end of the three-month **Masons4Mitts** Campaign in August, we will have a "Masons Night" at AT&T Park on August 24th, with the Grand Master presenting a check at home plate. Our name will be on the scoreboard... more information on Masons Night to come. Give a mitt... it's a great way to show that Masons care about our kids and our communities.

Friendship Lodge Annual Camping Trip



When: Friday, August 20th – Sunday, August 22nd

Where: **CASA de FRUTA**
10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy
Hollister, CA 95023-9541

Who: Lodge Members, Families, and Friends

What is provided: Dinner and Breakfast, you will need to bring your own lunch material and beverages.

Cost: Will vary depending on your choice of accommodations, reservations are needed to secure your site.

Deadline: August 6th, 2010

Contact: Larry Muller or Jose Pulido for reservations

Note: A limited number of sites and rooms are reserved, so please get signed up before the deadline. You can visit their web site at: www.casadefruta.com



**Friendship Lodge #210 F.& A.M. ,
Maya Loge #793 F. & A.M.**

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Club Amistad



Invited you to:

**2nd Degree Conferral in Spanish
for Brother [REDACTED] E.A.M.**

**Friendship #210 and Maya #793 Lodges are sponsoring Club
Amistad to confer, for the first time in North California, a
2nd Degree of Masonry in Spanish on:**

August 28th , 2010 at 10:30 A.M.

At the San Jose Masonic Center

2500 Masonic Dr.

San Jose, Ca. 95125

Lunch will provided, please RSVP to:

Jose Pulido

Jr. Warden

pulidojl210@gmail.com

(408) 205-6432

Fraternally,

Jose L. Jimenez, Master

Maya Lodge # 793

Larry Muller, Master

Friendship Lodge # 210

Northern California's First Annual Grand Master's Project Golf Tournament

All proceeds will go to "Operation Greatest Gift"



August 29, 2010

The Golf Club at Moffett Field

1080 Lockheed Martin Way, Sunnyvale 94089

\$100.00 Per Person

To Play On This Newly Up-Graded Course

If you choose to walk, the cost is \$90.00 per person

Limited to 144 Players

Format will be 4 Man Team Scramble

Shotgun Start

10:00 am

The event will include:

- 👍 Lunch
- 👍 Beverages All Day
- 👍 Dinner
- 👍 Closest To The Pin Awards
- 👍 Auction
- 👍 Wives & Children Welcome

for Dinner & Auction



Cut Here



Your Check(s) Should Accompany This Registration Form

- ⇒ Your Name and Name of your Team Member(s).
- ⇒ (Full name and ID for each person is required for admittance onto Moffett Field Base)

	\$100	\$90	
1st _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Child(s) _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Make Checks Payable To Kendall Mills And Mail To:
Kendall Mills, 4441 Palisade Drive, San Jose, CA 95111
Cell: (408) 482-5848
Email: kendallmills@sbcglobal.net

Total \$ _____

2010 Grand Master's Project

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 by 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.

Please contact the Grand Lodge Office of Philanthropy at 415/292-9117.

Friendship Lodge Annual Golf Tournament



When: September 11th
Tee off is @ 11 am

Where: Villages Golf and Country Club
5000 Cribari Ln
San Jose, CA 95135-1309

Who: Lodge Members, Families, and Friends

Play: "Best Ball Scramble"

What is provided: Lunch and a golf cart

Cost: \$65 per person **Deadline:** September Stated Meeting

Contact: Jim Grove 408-223-6025 email j.grove@sbcglobal.net
Larry Muller 650-333-4007 email mullerld@yahoo.com