



Seasons Greetings

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Grand Master
of
Masons of California
2012

**Masons
December Calendar**
(For details see inside)

- Monday, Dec 5
Dinner 6:30p m
Stated Meeting 7:30pm
- Monday, Dec 12
Fellow Craft Lodge 7:00pm
- Monday, Dec 19
Christmas Potluck Party 6:30pm
- Monday, Dec 26 *dark*

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Birthday Boys

Stated Meetings
1st Monday of Month
Dinner 6:30p
Business 7:30p
Dinners \$7.00/plate

RSVP Required

Call
951-663-1980
(Widows & Sojourners free)

The Trestle Board

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An ancient and honorable Fraternity – good men working to become better men for themselves, their families and their communities

The Master should endeavor to rule and govern the Lodge with equal regularity

*From the East
with
Fraternal Greet-
ings, My Brothers,*

As the winter holiday season approaches, I see our brethren with an abundant spirit of fellowship and joy. It has been a good and eventful Masonic year.

We will be performing one more degree this year before the holidays. On Monday, Dec 12, we will open Lodge in the Fellow Craft degree. A couple of brothers are working on their proficiency, so look for an **email blast** from the Secretary to learn who will be proficient and ready to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

On Monday, Dec 19, we will have our annual Christmas party. This year we want to have *potluck*. There will be table games for all and fun things for our kids, too, even a Tim Allen Christmas movie, music and plenty of fellowship.

Dinner will be *buffet style* and start at 6:30pm. I ask all who are coming to bring a main dish of your choice, and of course, plenty of your homemade sweets!

The Lodge will be *dark* on the 26th.

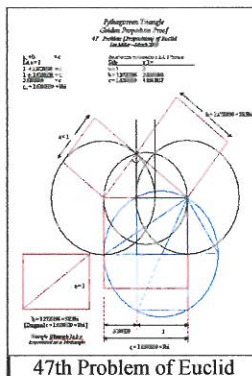
Strategic Plan

At the beginning of the year, your officers laid out a 5-year strategic plan.

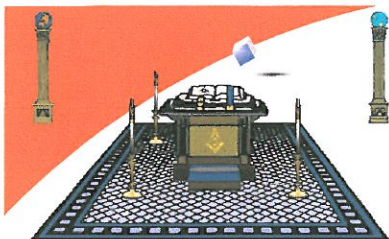
- Promote history & mystery of Freemasonry to attract new members
- Increase Masonic Education and encourage new member involvement
- Support homebound Masons to feel included and connected
- Understand and remedy concerns of non-active members
- Involve and support Community for the good of all

With all the events and programs occurring throughout the year, it has been difficult to focus on the goals I planned a year ago. However, the good thing about Freemasonry is that it is a *life-long journey and work in the quarry*. So, although I will not be in the line as an officer in 2012, I will continue to work toward the accomplishment of our strategic plan, especially in the areas on which I have wanted to focus this year.

- Masonic Education
- Youth Relationship
- Fraternal Reunion



The Trestle Board



The Master's Message—cont'd

Trestle Board's New Format

So what do you think about our new format? Ever since the *Trestle Board* was first placed on our Lodge website I have wanted to see our Lodge news expand into a medium more amenable to events, stories, photos and Masonic education.

In this format we can deliver more news about the many programs ongoing throughout our Masonic family and even the district. There is plenty of room to expand our news, provide photos, and allow our Youth Orders to exercise their journalistic expertise.

Masonic education will be more readily available and plenteous. Now having the space, we can truly emphasize fraternal reunion, be more attainable to our home-bound brethren, and enjoy a mutual sharing of many kind and friendly acts that will promote the welfare and happiness of our brethren and families for years to come. Let's us know what you think? Your comments and suggestions are appreciated and welcomed.

Thanks For the Memories

Thank you for your confidence and allowing me to be Master of this good Lodge. It's been a great learning experience I will always cherish. To follow in the line of the Masters of Redlands Lodge who have gone this way before is truly a humbling experience and deeply honored.

I especially thank our Secretary, Wor. Bro. Tito Varias for all his efforts throughout the year. He has truly been the *rudder* that guides the administrative ship of the Lodge.

Thank you Wor. Bro. Craig Flagtwet for your counsel and leadership. Your experience has been a well that runs deep with wisdom and goodness. Your work with Wor. Bro. George Monroe in establishing a scholarship fund and the successful fundraisers that support it is awe-

some!

Thank you to our Senior and Junior Wardens who have labored in their stations with a love for the Fraternity. I look forward to being your sideline support as the years truck by.

Thank you to a very good line of officers who have made 2011 a good year in Freemasonry. You are the fervency and zeal that actuates our Craft.

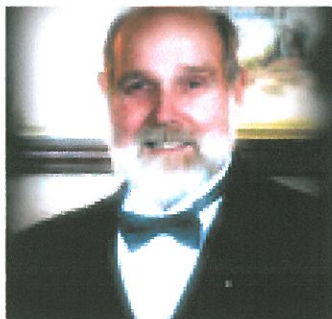
I also want to thank Bro. Joe Staudt for his hard work and labor of love in preparing the many delicious meals. What a worker and what a chef!

Thank you Wor. Bro. Keel for all your guidance these several years we have served together. Also, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I trust I will be able to continue to draw from your wealth of experience.

I look forward to the ensuing Masonic year with great expectations and confidence in Bro. Scott McNair, Master-elect, and his line of officers. Each appointed brother is truly a gem of many facets of shining light. Bros. Floyd Orr and Steve McKee are *pillars* of strength and beauty that truly exemplify the tenets of our Craft. 2012 will truly be a progressive year for our ancient and honorable society.

Fraternally,

Dave Hall, PM



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Sun In the West—So Is the Senior Warden

Brethren,
2012 will be an exciting year for our Lodge. The Lodge Officers and I have a lot of ideas to improve Masonic education, improve the candidate process, become more involved in the community, increase our fundraising, and have more social activities. Your help is needed in making

these improvements. Remember, you get more out of Masonry than you put into it.

I look forward to working with the new officer line, we have a lot of fresh faces. I thank each of them for taking on the challenge of being an officer and leader in our Lodge. 2012 will be the

first year in recent memory where there are no Past Masters in line, congratulations brethren.

Fraternally,
Scott McNair
2012 Master-Elect



Bro. Scott McNair, SW
Master-elect

Beauty of the Day—Junior Warden Standing

Brethren,
I thought you might enjoy this short article by Brother Genesis Punzalan, P.M.

FROM A BROTHER
Bro. Genesis Punzalan, P.M.

I now present you with the working tools of an E-mason....

They are the mouse, the keyboard, and the modem.

The mouse is to move within the desktop, the keyboard to input the data, and the modem to publish in cyber space.

But as we are not online,

as computer nerds, but rather as *Free and Accepted E-Masons*, we use these tools to obtain more Masonic light and to show us the true meaning and value of *E-Masons*.

And thus we apply them.....

The mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen, a square wherein which we all meet on the level.

The keyboard is to show us that communicating will lead us to a better understanding of each other and the rest of mankind.

The modem to teach us

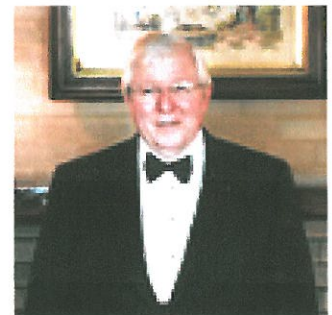
that even when we are alone, or in the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance and support from each other and thus gain more light, from our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

So Mote it Be...

I look forward to serving you in the ensuing Masonic year. Please join me on the Level and by the Square.

Fraternally,
Floyd Orr
2012 Senior Warden-Elect

Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge.
—inscription, statue, US Air Force Academy



Bro. Floyd Orr, JW
Senior Warden-elect



Happy Birthday Brothers!!!

December Brothers

<i>Brother</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Raised</i>
Jack A. Beaver	12/1/1918	9/30/1957
William E. Bergee	12/18/1939	10/22/1974
Robert A. Boody	12/25/1941	6/3/2000
Frank P. Cobos, Jr.	12/19/1988	8/29/2011
Robert A. Crompton	12/12/1947	12/8/1977
Robert T. Cunningham	12/28/1954	8/28/1977
Charles W. Foskett	12/9/1972	4/13/2009
Ronald L. Fox	12/5/1944	9/19/1966
Edwin E. Guevara	12/18/1950	5/19/2008
Gerald W. Hanson	12/25/1938	10/18/1965
Robert L. Hoffmaster	12/20/1956	5/12/2003
David W Jansen	12/28/1958	1/26/1981
Eugene C. Melcher	12/24/1928	11/28/1984
Arsenio R. Rabanera	12/14/1949	6/9/1994
Edmundo G. Ramirez, Sr.	12/13/1940	4/25/2005
Daniel P. Rohlinger	12/31/1946	6/8/1977
Garrett S. Smith	12/5/1967	3/18/1996
Dan Walker	12/1/1975	7/25/2005

Congratulations Brothers!!!