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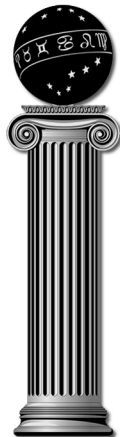
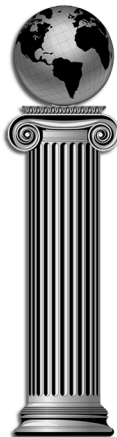


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- Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master



Roosevelt DeMolay



DeMolay International and the American Cancer Society
announce partnership in the Relay for Life!

The month of May will soon be approaching and several chapters of the Order of DeMolay will be supporting the American Cancer Society by joining relays in their communities. Theodore Roosevelt Chapter will be participating by forming a team for "Relay for Life," to be held at the Culver City High School. The following statement is excerpted from the official DeMolay International website:

The Board of Directors of DeMolay International with the support of the DeMolay Congress Cabinet is proud to declare DeMolay Partners with the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life program. DeMolays will be making a difference in the fight against cancer by donating their time and raising awareness and funds to support the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives. One of the most effective ways DeMolays and their Chapters can continue to help is to participate in an American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

What is Relay?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest movement to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against this disease. Groups of people form teams and these teams of people camp out at local schools, parks, or fairgrounds and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours.

Relay For Life brings together 3.5 million people each year to raise much-needed funds and awareness that enable the American Cancer Society to help people stay well, help people get well, find cures, and fight back against cancer. Together with the support of dedicated volunteers like DeMolays and their Advisors, we are saving lives.

Why Relay?

Nearly every person who participates in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life has been touched by cancer in some way and has a unique and personal story to tell. It's these stories that motivate and inspire us to celebrate, remember, and fight back against cancer. Relay For Life unites communities in an effort to end cancer. Relay For Life is often described as a life-changing event. Cancer survivors are at the heart of Relay. If you are a cancer survivor or have a friend or loved one who is, Relay brings us together to celebrate victory over cancer, while supporting those who are still battling the disease. Each Relay event opens with an inspirational Survivors Lap that symbolizes the steps we are taking toward saving lives.

Caregivers are also recognized and celebrated at Relay For Life. These individuals give their time, love, and support to friends, family, and neighbors who face cancer. At Relay, people understand the frustrations and joys of being a caregiver. There is peace of mind in knowing that together we can face the many challenges cancer poses. And most importantly, Relay gives everyone an opportunity to fight back against cancer. Participating in Relay and forming or joining a team helps save lives.

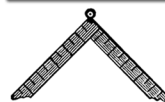
Join your local American Cancer Society Relay For Life today and be part of the worldwide movement to end cancer. To learn more or to form a team, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit

RelayforLife.org

Please contact your DeMolay Chapter to learn how your donation can be credited to a team participating in your area.

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From the East



Practice, Practice and More Practice

"Practice makes perfect" is an old adage that rings true in all aspects of life, particularly in the lodge ritual. When I was a young man growing up in Iran, students had to memorize a large portion of the works of our National hero, The Poet Ferdowsi, in his epic *شاهنامه* Šāhnāme (The Book of Kings). Ferdowsi was the man who singlehandedly kept the Farsi language alive after the onslaught of the Arabs. To Iranians, he is the Chaucer, Shakespeare, Walt Whitman, Homer, etc., of their culture. We were obliged to memorize these poems, not to make poets out of us, but to instill in us the pride that our language must be preserved. Memorization is the single most effective way to ensure that traditions, culture and tongues are carried from one generation to the next. This method was, of course, the only effective way to preserve tradition at a time when computers, Google and printing presses were nonexistent.

In today's world, and in the ever shrinking global village in which we live, memorization is no longer necessary to ensure longevity and continuation, but it has become more of a pastime more than anything else. Perhaps, this is one reason why our schools and our society in general frown upon memorization. Yet, our lodges continue this tradition and have become the flag bearers. We should, however, endeavor to bring this lost art back to our schools, not because of its intrinsic value, but rather because it will have some side benefits. It has been shown that people who memorize will have a lesser chance of being afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. The practice of memorization will also enable us to rely on our own memory rather than constantly having to resort to references when we need something. This is evident in our daily work habits. People are usually most successful when they are able to come up with related items of information from memory rather than going back to books and other materials. In short, our ritual work and the memorization that goes along with it, may have some long term positive effects outside of our lodge lives, and in our old age, as well.



Fraternally,
Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM



From the West



Looking Deeper

Every moment of our experience holds an opportunity to look deeper into the mysteries of creation. Doing so inspires us with an increased appreciation for the design of the World and our place within it. But it's not always easy to do so. We must often be vigilant against constant distractions that attempt to redirect our mental focus and personal resources in other directions.

The principles that we acknowledge as being fundamental to Freemasonry are designed to help in this very process.

The primary theme of most of my writing and of many of my conversations will be recognized as encouraging toward esoteric ideas and metaphysical experiences. Through subtle symbolisms, Masonic Degree ceremonies support this encouragement. These concepts are not meant to be for mere recreation or a mystical version of escapism. Quite the contrary, for as we receive more symbolic "Light", our awareness expands accordingly! And with increased awareness come both additional responsibilities and enhanced abilities in our day-to-day World among Others.

"Don't only practice your art, but force your way into its secrets, for it and knowledge can raise men to the Divine." - Ludwig van Beethoven

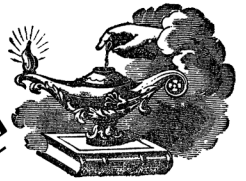
May we all continue to look deeper, Brethren!

Fraternally,

K.L. Burgess II
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



Beyond the Portal

Beyond the portal whereupon one has knocked, in search of light and truth, lie the Mysteries of Freemasonry. It is the quest of many a man who has participated in the great Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons to elevate his mind and expand his understanding by the pursuit of knowledge. The knowledge he may gain is not easily attained elsewhere, for much of it has to do with an experience woven in allegory and explained in symbolisms, uniquely possessed by the institution.

Allegory is especially important because it gives birth to abstract truths that refuse to hatch in the dank realm of the unnourished mind. Like unto the rude matter cut off from the surfaces of stones by the working tools of the craftsman, so through the process of education and purification, our minds are cleared of the superfluities and unnecessary thoughts that give clutter and discourage incubation. Ideas that are too sublime to be appreciated from a mundane plateau emerge to enrapture the postulant on a higher plane, if he has successfully attained his height. Allegory is not merely the valuable lesson taught from the lectern or the useful information extracted from the book, but the sublime and heroic experience that is seldom presented to the ordinary life, yet it is transferred as a seed from generation to generation. Whatever hitherto might have been the cold stones of philosophical inertia will become through this process a spring of scintillating beads of life.

Somewhere and sometime began the initiatory process which has carried the allegory, subjecting it to cultural metamorphoses, but never losing hold of the particular value it has in terms of human growth, the life out of death transformation at the core of the process which the candidate is induced to simulate. Its exact germination is not detectable because earthly archives have rarely recorded its events. It acts as a ghost before the collective psyche, inciting that portion of humanity, which is sensitive to it; and to the sensitive indeed, it is a spirit always present. Masonic philosophy is, therefore, highly speculative in nature, considering things which are impalpable by ordinary means of measurement and analysis. The impalpability is in reference to the spiritual aspirations of our being, which our usual faculties and material awareness are by themselves inadequate to serve. The tools and implements of freemasonry capable of measuring stones to be fitted for the builder's use can also probe the empyreal and spiritual worlds. Morally they may impress upon the memory wise and serious truths. The great aspiration of the ancient builders was to befit their temples for the presence of Deity. So perfect was their art by necessity, that no less than the science of the spheres and of the astronomer would serve the will of the architect. So unto us also, they act as tools to bridge the material and spiritual. Such tools help us to abandon the limitations of ordinary language and cultural distinctions and express what is truly sublime and, because they are symbolical as well as functional, they aid us also to exceed the conception of ordinary form and thus to fill our minds with insight into eternity.

Merrick Rees Hamer, PM



In Memoriam

Freemasons mourn the death
of a Brother

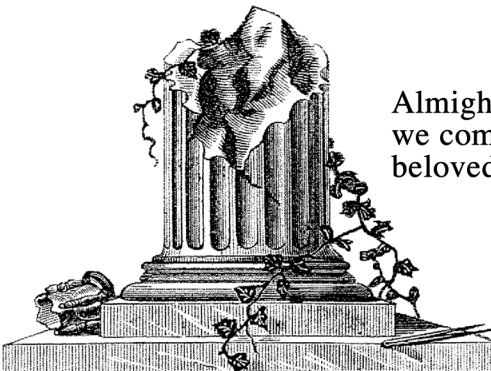
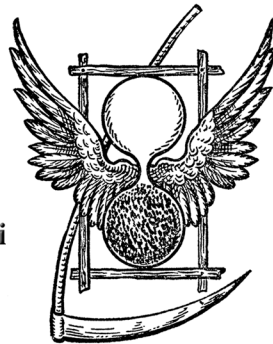
Harold Dean Van Alstyne, Ph.D

Member of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, F. & A.M.



The above photograph depicts Sigrid Stiegelmaier (wife) and alumnus Harold Van Alstyne, Taken from a photo album of Alumni of Claremont Graduate University

Born April 21, 1930
Initiated July 14, 1964
Passed September 15, 1964
Raised October 26, 1964
Entered into Rest March 10, 2013



Almighty Father, into Thine hands
we commend the spirits of our
beloved Brothers.

From the South

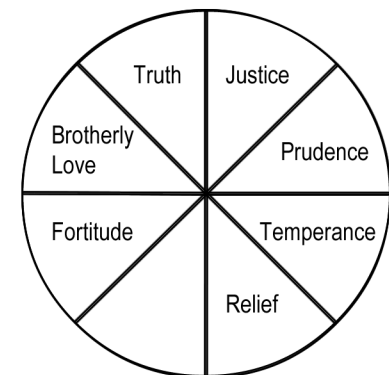


King Solomon's Wheel

This month's message comes from the south, Newport Beach to be exact, where Worshipful Mahmoud, Kast, and I attended the Master & Wardens' retreat. This was one of three events held in the state to give us training to improve our abilities to perform our duties in the lodge and help in the betterment of the experience for the entire brethren. The Grand Master, Worshipful John Lowe, put it all into perspective when he iterated the old adage, "there is no problem unless someone is dead, dying, or going to jail. Everything else is simply an issue." We had breakout courses on lodge investment strategies, budgeting, leadership, and program planning, but the big unveiling this year was a new tool that we can all employ into our daily lives.

This tool is called Solomon's Wheel, of which we have a diagram of below. This is a circle with eight equal parts, which includes the three principle tenants, the four cardinal virtues plus one blank space. When dealing with an issue, we can utilize Solomon's Wheel to assist us in coming to a conclusion while seeking the best way to address an issue. We can analyze an issue as we go through the wheel and can deploy either brotherly love, relief, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, or justice (or a combination of the above elements) into the equation. I think this tool is very important for us as it consolidates those essential elements that are paramount to our thoughts and decision making process.

Fraternally,
Adam Wolf, Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



FROM THE SECRETARY

YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

Greetings, Brethren!

Please take heed of the following proclamation from our Grand Master, concerning the observance of Masonic Youth Orders:

PROCLAMATION
YOUTH ORDERS MONTH
Beyond the Lodge

This year, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California is making a special effort to go *beyond the lodge*, making a profound difference in our communities and in our worldwide fraternity.

DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls provide a structure and community for young people. Within their framework, young men and women are inspired to make good choices and live by Masonic values.

These youth orders need our support. By getting involved, as individuals and as lodges, as adult leaders and as fraternal family, we continue to rebuild DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. We make it possible for their legacy in Masonry to live on.

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2013 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

and I direct that this Proclamation be read by the master at the May stated meeting and included in the lodge Trestleboard. During the month of May, I urge every lodge to plan a special meeting or program to demonstrate their support of Masonic youth.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2013.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John F. Lowe
Grand Master

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Grand Secretary



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April Birthdays



Douglas E. Boss	04/02
Robert L. Exline	04/03
Brian M. Merken	04/03
Francesco Romano	04/03
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Curtis J. Falzoi	04/07
Mahmoud Ghaffari	04/09
Adam W. Wolf	04/09
Brian E. Osborne	04/10
William R. Palmer	04/11
Derek S. Di Nardo	04/13
Chad A. Marshall	04/13
George J. Wollin	04/16
Clive S. Revill, PM	04/18
Brandon D. Love	04/22
Serge W. Klishevich	04/24
Roderick G. Wollin	04/25
Richard A. Bold	04/26
Noel J. Lefebvre	04/26



If you would like to contact one of these Brothers to wish them a Happy Birthday, you may retrieve their contact information from www.freemason.org

Chaplain's Prayer



A Prayer for the Future

Great Guardian and Ruler;
We are met on a field with new friends and Brothers,
New ideas and hopes. May God in his wisdom give us foresight
To behold and understand our destiny!
May we build anew from the past
And create a brighter future!
And may there be a day
When all who seek shall find!
And may your guidance lead us
To a better and brighter way of life!

Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

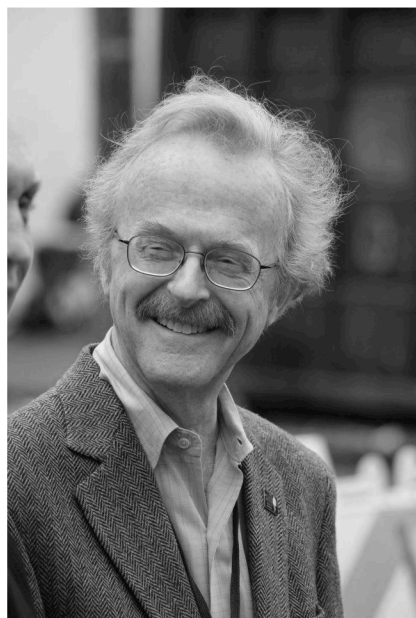
*Lemon Chicken
with Fresh Herbs
Spring Vegetables
Baked Tilapia
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Tiramisu*

- Buffet \$15.00 -

The Stated Meeting Dinner is always at 6:30 PM,
one hour before the Stated Meeting of the Lodge,
which is the First Wednesday of each Month.

George J. Wollin, Tyler

Reports & Announcements



We proudly offer our first guest speaker in our series by having,

Most Worshipful
R. Stephen Doan, PGM

discussing

"The Profundity of Freemasonry:
My Perspective"

Come join us

Wednesday April 10th at 7 pm

followed by
chicken pot pie dinner.



Calendar

Meet the Masters & Candidate Education every Sunday 9AM - 2PM
The lodge is open to guests and men inquiring about Freemasonry.
Candidates may receive assistance with their Masonic Education.

April

3rd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
4th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	Guest Speaker: M.W. R. Stephen Doan, PGM	7:00 PM
17th	1st Degree	7:00 PM
24th	1st Degree	7:00 PM
25th	Social Night	7:00 PM

May

1st	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
2nd	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
8th	1st Degree	7:30 PM
15th	Practice 2nd Degree	7:00 PM
22nd	3rd Degree	7:00 PM
30th	Social Night	7:00 PM

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