



TRESTLEBOARD

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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 156th YEAR



From the East

Richard Pullen, Master

Masonry's cursus honorum is fundamentally flawed. Young Roman nobility were expected to follow the cursus honorum (course of honor) beginning as Senator and culminating in the office of Consul. This system seems to have worked well for Rome. The candidate passed through a number of offices of successive significance and responsibility, giving the participant a graduated education. We can see the parallel with Masonry, except that their system worked as ours seems to be foundering.

I see two reasons for our problems. First, the dropping rolls. No members, no officers. No officers, no lodge. Secondly, members aren't showing up. Lastly, we lack flexibility in our system for moving officers up. If an officer doesn't move up, it's like a train wreck. Our process assumes that every officer will move up. It does not provide an alternative if an officer drops out, except to require the sitting Master to serve until a successor is installed. moves up.

At next meeting we will read at least one petition for membership, and possibly two. Since we're talking about the stated meeting, I would like to bring up the problem that Wally has with reservations. Actually, it's not Wally's problem, since he has neither the responsibility nor authority to solve it. He just wants a number so that he can estimate the amount of food to buy. We will give some thought as to how to address this situation. Two possibilities are to charge more for non-reservations or simply cut off serving when the planned numbers have been served; Diners with reservations would be served first; others would be served if there is extra food. There may be other ways.

While on this topic, may I offer my compliments to our chef d'cuisine, Wally Clark on the excellent corned beef and cabbage for March.

Fraternally,

Richard



Secretary's Corner

Jon R. Isaacson, P.M., Secretary

"OLD" IS WHEN ...

Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one; I can't do both!"

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pace-maker opens the garage door.

You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

"Getting a little action" means you don't need to take any fiber today

An "all nighter" means not getting up to use the bathroom.

AND

"OLD" IS WHEN ... You are not sure these are jokes.

Fraternally,

Jon

Stated Meeting

April 3, 2008

Baseball is in full swing let's have

Ball Park Food

**Stadium Dogs, Sliders
Fries, Goobers & Beer**

Social Hour 5:15 PM, Dinner 6:07 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Reservations Required 422-9108

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THE GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION & SETTING MAUL DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008

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PRIME RIB DINNER.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE,

MUSICAL ARTISTRY OF VIC YEAKLE.

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Editor's Corner

Wally Clark, Editor

Last month we celebrated the Irish in all of us by devouring 27 lbs of corned beef brisket at our Stated Meeting Dinner. I offer a special thanks to DelMonte Meat who set us up with the great corned beef.



Two of our regulars that really enjoyed the evening were Dave Freeman and Bob Born. It was fun listening to them reminisce about their escapades as young men. Evidently they had a great time at the Freeport Country Club (aka., Sacramento JC) chasing student nurses or some other such nonsense back in the days. I also learned that Bob as a child spent a lot of time at the Masonic Temple as his dad was the maintenance man for a number of years and they lived in the apartment on the top floor.

I am proud to sit in the bleachers at Ciavarella Field and see the square and compass proudly displayed on a sign in center field. It recognizes Washington Lodge as a sponsor of River Park Youth Baseball. Now that's pretty cool. Our erstwhile Jr. Steward, Kelvin Mark, coaches the Angel's in the Rookie Division. He looks spiffy in his uniform and is doing a great job.



See you at the Stated Meeting Dinner.

Cheers, Wally Clark