



# TRESTLEBOARD

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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 156th YEAR



## From the East

Richard Pullen, Master

Greetings, Brethren and Ladies. June is one of Sacramento's finest months, isn't it? I have been enjoying our late May sunshine, but the wind that shakes the barley discourages some of us from enjoying it too much. Beside the pollens, molds and such that lay us low seasonally, I read in the paper that the air is loaded with microparticles (soot) that causes more lung damage than asbestos. It's always something. But after this morbid article, there was a much cheerier piece about Brandon Mark, his little league experiences and his contest winning essay. Brandon, 9, is the son of Kelvin Mark and Cheryl Lieu. Kelvin is a member of Washington Lodge and is as active as being a physician can permit.

We have a date and place for the next Ladies Luncheon, which is detailed in this trestleboard. Nancy and Kitty are doing a great job, and I'm very appreciative of their work.

Worshipful Rich Wilson will make his official visit at the June stated. We will tentatively schedule a first degree on Thursday, June 12. On the following Thursdays we will practice the second, and as soon as the candidates are ready, we can schedule it.

I read an article in the Biblical Archaeology Review recently that made me think about one of our central Masonic principles--Truth. Since childhood we are constantly to observe the commandment about lying. But I really don't think that God cares much about a few small fibs. It's the malicious ones that He will bring to our attention sooner or later. The article that I read is not even, I think about lying, per se. It reminded me that Truth is much more than simply avoiding false utterances. A year or so ago, National Geographic published a book that translated the "Gospel of Judas." It was a sensational best seller, and most certainly earned serious money for the publishers and authors/translators, who were well-known specialists in their field. This book turned the story of Judas on its head and showed that contrary to being Jesus' betrayer, he was Jesus' most intimate and trusted disciple, who was acting in accordance with his master's wishes. But when the Aramaic text was made available for other scholars, it became apparent that there were a number of serious errors that had misconstrued the language, and did not, in fact, change anything concerning the traditional view of Judas' role in Christology. The translators made choices at various points that critically determined the meaning. I don't think the translators lied. I think they were caught up in the sensationalism, and lost their professional perspective. Nevertheless, Truth was not considered. This kind of untruth is more characteristic of modern complex society. More akin to Enron and various other situations where failure to consider one's choices critically leads to disaster. As Masons, these are the kinds of situations in which we need to think about what our obligation means.

Fraternally,  
Richard



## Secretary's Desk

Jon Issacson, PM

### Our June Birthdays

Joseph A. Mayo, IV	6/1/1960
James J. Lenau	6/4/1956
Richard A. Entrican	6/7/1945
Herman T. Silvius, III	6/8/1926
Patrick L. Ferguson	6/10/1947
Earl W. Haring	6/10/1927
Lawrence H. Williford	6/12/1929
Joel E. Wright	6/13/1969
Robert C. Breese	6/15/1955
Albert E. Rowe, Jr.	6/17/1927
Paul F. Hart	6/18/1928
Darwin O. Graham	6/21/1928
Raymond D. Perryman	6/21/1930
Larry T. Afzal	6/25/1944
David H. Cameron	6/25/1959
Edward H. Keehner	6/26/1917
William L. Kjelland	6/28/1910
John B. Kuhlman	6/30/1946
Amadeo C. Romero, Jr.	6/30/1943

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## July Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, July 12th

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

California Café  
1689 Arden Way

Widows, FREE  
Ladies of the Lodge, \$5.00  
Gentlemen and Guests, \$15.00  
Casual Attire

RSVP to: Nancy Hardiman (916) 488-3708  
Make check payable to Washington Lodge #20 and mail to:  
Nancy at 2713 Hoffman Woods Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608

## Stated Meeting

June 5, 2008

Honoring our  
Master Richard and his lady Beverly

## Summer Menu

Ribs - Corn - Beans - Salad

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

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Reservations Required 422-9108

Up to Date News

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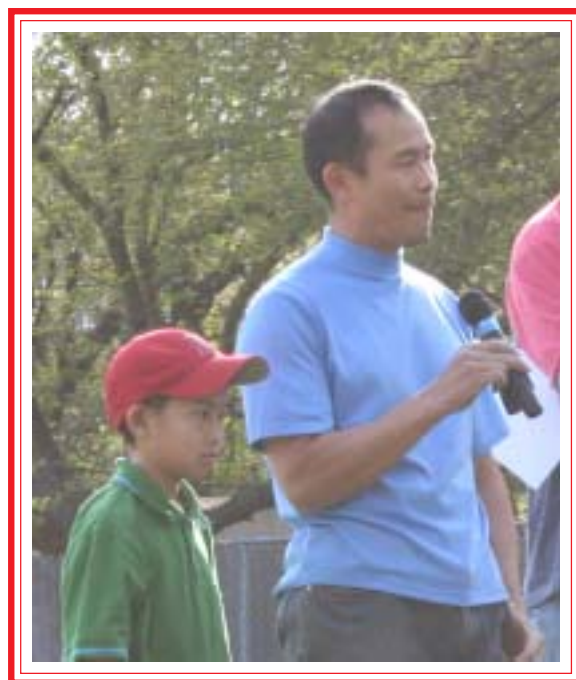


## Editor's Corner

Wally Clark, Editor

About a month ago Bro. Kelvin Mark and his son Brandon were on all of the local TV channels talking about autism and how baseball had made a difference for Brandon. On May 22nd Brandon made the front page of the Metro Section of the Bee. He had entered a national essay contest sponsored by Briggs & Stratton and was a regional winner. He won \$5000.00 and a new lawn mower for the River Park Baseball League. I am printing his essay below. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Wally Clark



Brandon and Kelvin Mark

## In Memorium Charles Wood Audet

Initiated April 15, 1948  
Passed May 27, 1948  
Raised June 6, 1948

Entered into Rest May 6, 2008  
Age 91

*Almighty Father, into thy hands  
we commend the souls  
of our Beloved Brethren.*

## Ladies Night

By  
David Cameron, Sr. Deacon

Ladies and Gentlemen: Just a reminder that Ladies Night 2008 is the first Saturday in November. The place is the Masonic Temple, Downtown Sacramento, the time, The Roaring Twenties. Step back in time, if you will, to the time of Al Capone, to the time when the Tommy gun served justice with its own measure. The Speak Easy will open for dinner, but if you don't have the password you won't get in. The Band will play all the hit's, you won't want to miss this evening. More details to follow.

## How Playing Baseball I Has Given Me The Power Within

By Brandon W. Mark, age 9

I am a 3rd grader at Sierra Oaks Elementary School in Sacramento, California. Baseball helped give me good focus. I learned to never quit. If you quit, you'll never succeed. My River Park Angels Team taught me 3 rules:

1. DO YOUR BEST
2. HAVE FUN - IT IS A GAME
3. THANK YOUR PARENTS -  
because they get me where I need to be.

When I first started playing, I couldn't touch wet or muddy things or step in puddles or listen to loud noises or I would freak out. I didn't like being in the hot sun and I only liked wearing long sleeve shirts. I was kind of shy and I was afraid of the ball. These things don't bother me now. I learned how to hit, run, and score. I learned how to catch a ball and tag the runner out. I like leading our team cheer. I like sliding and LOVE touching home plate.

I have something called autism. I don't really know what it is.

Now I can even play catcher. I can hit almost every time at bat and I can help my Angels win. Last year my manager Coach Priscilla nicknamed me "Mr. October" because I always did my best, I never quit, and got a base hit every time at bat.

I would use the prize money to build a bigger snack shack, buy a cotton candy machine, and serve snow cones as big as my head.