

## Penrhyn Gold Hill Lodge #32

Free and Accepted Masons  
Of the State of California



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### CALENDAR

Hall Board Meetings at 6:30pm with the Master, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Secretary, Hall board President, and Treasurer. Please remember that these are open to all Lodge Members.

May 5 6:30pm Hall Board  
May 12 7:30pm Stated Meeting  
May 18 7:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Past Masters Degree Team)

### Mark Your Calendars!

**We want to see you at the Stated Meeting on May 12th! Remember to call our Worshipful Master Ed Davis, or the lodge directly, to reserve your seat for a delicious dinner before the meeting!**

**All Master Masons are encouraged to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on May 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## Penrhyn Gold Hill Lodge #32 F.&A.M.



### From the Editor

- Are you tired of only seeing the Trestleboard in boring old Black & White?
- Do you want to have it days before the mail arrives?
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Why not get our monthly Trestleboard delivered to your email? Just send an email to [marc.nocerino@gmail.com](mailto:marc.nocerino@gmail.com) and I'll add you to our list of brethren that receive the electronic version in PDF format.

# Officers for 2011

Master	Edward Davis (Claudia)
Senior Warden	Jeffery W. Pinkerton
Junior Warden	Peter A. Ackeret (Paula)
Treasurer	Edward Vandiver, PM (Christine)
Secretary	Tom Krummell, PM (Marcia)
Chaplain/Officers Coach	Lee Sutter, PM
Senior Deacon	Allen S. Cuenca, PM (Jocelyn)
Junior Deacon	Harvey Holcomb, PM (Mani)
Marshal	Barton T. "Bart" Copeland
Senior Steward	Richard M. "Rick" Schafer (Diane)
Junior Steward	Hiram Abif Luna (Carrie)
Tiler	Fred Flint-Montero, PM (Beth)
Inspector (406 <sup>th</sup> MD)	Will Parker, PM



Hello everyone!

Well, April has passed and we have had a lot going on.

Our April Stated meeting was well attended, as it was the Official Visit for our District Inspector, the Worshipful Will Parker. It's great to have Wor. Will as a member of our Lodge.

As part of the business, we voted and approved a resolution to allow our candidates to attend Jump Academy to help them in their learning process if they so desire. A worthwhile endeavor!

We also voted in Bro. David Davidson into our lodge. Bro. Davidson, welcome to our Lodge, I know you will feel welcome here.

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner of Shepherd's Pie, which I think is always a big hit with everyone!

On the 31st of March, we were very impressed with the proficiency performed by Bro. Edward Watters, with Bro. Marc Nocerino doing the examining. This was followed by Bro. Watters receiving his 2nd Degree. Good job guys!

I would also like to thank Bro.'s Bart Copeland, Rick Schafer, and Daryl Lukas for attending with me the service for our departed brother, Wor. Gene Holley. As we found out, Gene was quite a man and a good mason.

We will be having a 3rd Degree for Bro. Watters on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm., performed by the Past Masters Degree Team. Please try and make this degree, and let's see some faces them that we haven't seen for awhile.

Well, that's about it for now! Hope to see everyone in lodge!

*~Ed Davis, Master~*



Brethren,

I am pleased to say that our candidates are progressing very nicely. Bro. Watters gave an excellent proficiency in the entered appearance degree. I received an amazing Fellowcraft degree. Thank you to all the officers who took part in that degree great job. I can't wait to hear Bro. Watters' Fellowcraft proficiency; I know he will knock it out of the park.

*~Jeff Pinkerton, Senior Warden~*



May is Youth Orders Month! If you have been waiting for an opportunity to support Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, or DeMolays then this is your chance! Penrhyn Gold-Hill Lodge is strategically located near many of these

youth groups. Auburn has both both Jobs and Rainbow; Roseville has all three.

### Rainbow

New Hope Assembly (Auburn) meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Roseville DeRiemer Assembly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Jobs Daughters

Auburn Bethel No. 148 meets on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Roseville Bethel No. 3 meets on the first and third Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

### DeMolay

Roseville Chapter, Order of DeMolay meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

These youth groups are a vital part of our Masonic Family because they are composed of tomorrow's Masonic leaders. So, I am issuing a challenge to the Penrhyn Masonic Family: I challenge every member to visit at least one Masonic Youth stated meeting during the month of May. And I challenge each Officer to visit one stated meeting for each of the youth orders. Our reward will be the satisfaction of doing good work.

*~Peter Ackeret, Junior Warden~*

## ~DID YOU KNOW? ~

### *Presentation of the Masonic Apron*

By Bro. John W. Wells, Iowa

In presenting the Apron to a Brother, we say that it is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that might be conferred, etc.

Are these claims true? We shall examine them severally.

### **The Golden Fleece.**



In Greek tradition, the fleece of the Ram Chrysomallus, the recovery of which was the object of the Argonautic expedition.

"The Golden Fleece" has given its name to a celebrated Order of Knighthood in Austria and Spain, founded by Philip III. Duke of Burgundy and the Netherlands, at Bruges, on the tenth of January, 1429, on the occasion of his marriage with Isabella, daughter of King John I. of Portugal.

This Order was instituted for the protection of the Roman Catholic Church, and the fleece was assumed for its emblem, from being a staple commodity of the low countries. The founder made himself Grand Master of the Order, a dignity appointed to descend to his successors; and the number of knights, at first limited to twenty-four, was subsequently increased.

Contests arose between Spain and Austria as to the possession of this Order of Knighthood, which were finally adjusted by introducing the Order into both countries. In Austria the Emperor may now create any number of Knights of the Golden Fleece from the nobility. If Protestants, the consent of the Pope is required. In Spain, Princes, Grandees, and personages of peculiar merit are alone eligible to membership in this Order.

The legend of the Golden Fleece, for which the Argonauts searched, is like the story of Masonry, a search for that which was lost. It is familiar to most readers of poetry and myths,

and is interesting as being among the first known voyages of discovery.

### **The Roman Eagle**



The Eagle as adopted by the Romans upon their banners, signified magnanimity and fortitude, or as in the ancient Sacred Writings, swiftness and courage. The Romans were not the first to display the Eagle upon their banners, for the Persians, under Cyrus the Younger, had borne the Eagle upon their standards.

In modern times France, Russia, Prussia, and the United States have adopted the Eagle as a National military symbol.

The Order of the Black Eagle, in Prussia, was instituted in 1701, on the occasion of the coronation of the King. The number of Knights was first limited to thirty, in addition to the princes of the Royal family; but now the

number is unlimited. They must be at least thirty years of age, and must prove noble descent through both parents for at least four generations. Chapters of the Order of the Black Eagle are held twice a year. It is the highest Order in Prussia. No member is allowed to travel from Court more than twenty miles without permission or giving notice.

The Order of the Red Eagle, founded in 1734, was afterwards made a subordinate degree to the Order of the Black Eagle, and those received into the Black, must now pass through the Order of the Red Eagle.

These Orders are outgrowths of the original symbol of the Roman Eagle.

## The Star and The Garter



These are two Orders.

The Order of the Star originated in France, and was founded by John II. in 1350 in imitation of

the recently instituted Order of the Garter in England. The name of the Order has allusion to the Star of Bethlehem, or the Star of the Magi. A star of some design, from five to sixteen points, forms a part of the symbolism in every Order of Knighthood. The Order of the Garter dates from about 1344. Its origin is not certain. Edward III. is said by some to have instituted it. Others say Richard I. at the siege of Acre, when he is said to have caused 26 Knights to wear thongs of blue leather around their legs.

Another account is, that the Countess of Salisbury happened at a ball to drop her garter, and the King picking it up, presented it to her. Some of the company smiled, whereupon the King exclaimed "Honi Soit Qui Mal y pense" (Evil to him who evil thinks.) Immediately after this circumstance this Order of the Garter was founded. It was founded in honor of the Holy Trinity--The Virgin Mary, St. Edward the Confessor and St. George. The last, who had become the tutelary saint of England, was considered its special patron. It is known as the Order of St. George, as well as of the Garter. Its members are also known as Knights of St. George.

The number of Knights was originally twenty-six, including the Sovereign, who is the Chief of the Order; but in 1786 an order was passed increasing the number to include all the princes

of the Royal family, and illustrious foreigners on whom the Order might be conferred.

The Garter is a dark blue ribbon, edged with gold, bearing the motto, "Honi Soit qui Mal y pense" (Evil to him who evil thinks) in gold letters, mounted with a gold buckle, and worn on the left leg below the knee. The mantle is of blue velvet; on the left breast is a star. The hood is of crimson velvet lined with white. The hat is of black velvet with a plume of white ostrich feathers, in the center of which is a tuft of black heron's feathers, all fastened by a band of diamonds. The "George" is a figure of St. George encountering a dragon, and is worn on the collar, while a lesser "George" pendant to a dark blue ribbon, is worn over the left shoulder.

This Order is perhaps the best known of any except the Order of Knights Templar. In many respects The Garter and the Order of the Temple resemble each other.

In comparing all these orders, The Golden Fleece, The Roman Eagle, and the other European orders of the Eagle, The Star and the Garter, Freemasonry may well claim to be more ancient than any or all of them; for in some form, well nigh akin to its present form, Masonry has existed for many centuries.

*-Source: The Builder - October 1915*

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## Masonic Burial by the Enemy

*(Editor's Note: This article was included in the email version of our April 2011 Trestleboard, but was omitted from the print version. It is reprinted here for the benefit of those who have not yet read it.)*

On June 11, 1863, the Federal gunboat Albatross, with Lieut. Commander J. E. Hart of St. George's Lodge #6 in New York in command, was anchored on the Mississippi River opposite the town of Bayou Sara (some accounts say St. Francisville) which is 15 miles above the Rebel fortification Port Hudson. The gunboat was part of the ships laying siege to Port Hudson, Louisiana. Commander Hart had been in a delirium for many days and was confined to quarters. A shot rang out and the Ship's executive officer Theodore E. Dubois and the doctor found the commander dead.

The officers of the ship not wanting to bury their commander in the river sent a flag of truce ashore to discover if there was a local Masonic Lodge. William W. Leake, the acting Master of Bayou Sara lodge was approached by Captain Samuel White, who lived near the river, to hold a Masonic Funeral for Commander Hart.

Brother Leake replied, "As a soldier of the Confederate Army, I think it is my duty. As a Mason, I **know** it is my duty." On June 13th, a few members of the local lodge in Masonic regalia gathered and met the procession of 50 men from the Albatross under a flag of truce at the top of a hill. Brothers Benjamin F. and Samuel F. White of Bayou Sara, the surgeon and the two officers of the gunboat who were Masons were in the procession along with a squad of marines at "trail arms."

Leake and the local Brothers marched in front of the corpse to Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery and buried Brother Hart in the Masonic Section with military and Masonic honors with the service of the Episcopal Church read over him. Brother Leake led the Masonic part of the services. The US Surgeon and officers asked the Brothers to join them on the Albatross for dinner but they declined. The surgeon then offered Brother Leake to supply him with medicines for his family. Brother Leake declined but later the surgeon sent a few medicines to Leake through Brother Samuel White.

Hart's grave was marked with a wooden head plate for many years, and eventually a permanent marker covering the whole grave was dedicated. This marker states: "This monument is dedicated in loving tribute to the universality of Freemasonry." [Author's note: the phrase "and tolerance" could and likely should be added after the term "universality" in this monument dedication]

This single event is the epitome of tolerance ingrained within the teachings of Freemasonry. If brothers on opposite sides who have engaged in lethal battle in the cause of furthering their political and ideological philosophies are tolerant of their brothers and respect that tolerance enough to stop a war to conduct a joint funeral memorial for a fallen brother, then we as 21st century Freemasons should be no less tolerant of others that enrich our fraternity with their unique diversities.

Tolerance is a unique principle and expected behavior associated with Freemasonry, more so than any other institution in history. Because of this unique principle, Freemasonry

could be the cutting edge organization promoting and supporting tolerance for all, everywhere, in all circumstances. Yet, in all honesty, if Freemasonry is to be the greatest, unique, and cutting edge leader toward tolerance, we must eliminate intolerance from within our brotherhood. Intolerance must be eliminated immediately and without waiting for others to change, or die. It must be adopted and made clear within our respective jurisdictional codes! It must be demonstrated and expected in our actions within all of our lodges; balloting, recognition, and friendships with all humans regardless of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, politics, lifestyle, or anything else outside the makeup of a their character.

It is vital that the Masonic tradition and ideal of tolerance be incorporated within our brotherhood immediately and without delay. Paradoxically, there must be zero tolerance of intolerance related to anything beyond the makeup of another human's character. Through this action, Freemasonry can and will be the greatest institution on the face of the earth in its uniqueness toward promoting and supporting tolerance and equanimity for all humans. This action will be our strongest contribution and legacy on behalf of our Masonic ancestors, of us, our future brethren, and to the world. If we refuse to embrace the Masonic principle of tolerance, then we dishonor our ancestral brethren and ourselves and in this writer's opinion, have no right to claim association with the ancestral brethren who "met upon the level, acted on the plumb, and parted upon the square."

- *Source: Knights of the North Masonic Dictionary*

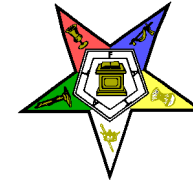
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Worthy Matron  
Corrie Schroder



Penrhyn Chapter No. 159  
Penrhyn Masonic Temple  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, at 7:30 PM



Worthy Patron  
Steve Schroder

## Newsletter for May, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

All I can say is **WOW** and a big **THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who made food, helped serve the food, helped clean up and assisted in any way in putting together our Friendship Night. We had approximately 60 people at our Friendship Night. I want to thank everyone who was able to come and enjoy the evening. I want to thank Sister Rosanne Schroder (again better known as Mom) who made telephone calls to the membership. We plan on having Sister Rosanne make calls for special meeting nights to help remind everyone what is going on. Also, I want to thank Merri-Hearts for preparing such a wonderful meal. To those who were unable to attend, we had four first time visitors and they each received a special gift. We also handed out plastic Easter eggs filled with jelly beans. Our Marshal, Sister Sandy Miller, has been getting a work-out these last few meetings with all the little gifts to handout.

We are almost at the half way mark and I appreciate all the help and support I have gotten from not only my Officers, but the Chapter as a whole. As most of you know, Dad and I are planning on staying in the East for another year (if elected). If there is a position you have always wanted or a position you have not been in awhile, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate those wishes. Unfortunately, males cannot hold a position in our floral center of our Star. (Sorry Dad and Dave. I did check)

We are still planning on having a Flag Tribute in September, which will also be Brother's Night. We will have a special gift for our Brothers, so please mark September 13, 2011 on a calendar. Additional details will follow.

As most everyone knows, our May meeting is our Memorial meeting. The female officers will be wearing white and we will be draping the altar. Please come and remember those who have passed this year.

Star Love, Panda Hugs, Corrie Schroder, Worthy Matron

### **Important Dates:**

**April 26, 2011, Merrihearts meeting at 7:00 PM.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**May 10, 2011, Next Chapter meeting at 7:30 PM.** Memorial night. Robbie Lee Mallory and Connie Walker are hostesses.

**Circle of Concern:** Thinking of you cards to: Dorothy Hirakawa, Virginia Stamps, and Dorothy Kimmel. Get well cards to: Alice Epperson, Frank Segura (Bronchitis), Elaine Maroney, Beth Flint-Montero, Barbara Reynolds. Sympathy card to: The family of Dorothy Hirakawa. Congratulations cards to: Corrie Schroder (new job), Aaron & Erin Pierce (Aaron's new job). It was announced that Barbara Purcell has had cataract surgery, and Annette Segura has walking pneumonia. Let's all pray that all of our Sisters and Brothers get well soon, and stay that way!!

**May Birthdays:** 1 – Anita Jump; 5 – Lisa Stafford; 9 – Yvonne Carothers; 10 – Eileen Lapp Wright; 12 – Ed Davis; 14 – Laura Navratil; 15 – Mary Wise; 21 – Daniel Woolverton; 23 – Frank A. Law; 24 – Beth Flint-Montero; 28 – Mary Lewis; 29 – Joyce Scott Phillips; 30 – Ed Vandiver.

**May Anniversaries:** 10 – Nancy & Robert Sloan.

From Dave: I apologize in advance for any misspelled names. I make every effort to check, but sometimes I do get some wrong. Again, I apologize to any and all Sisters and Brothers whose names I may misspell.