

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.

July 7 6:30pm Hall Board

July 16 2:00pm Stated Meeting / Call of the Roll (*lunch beforehand*)

Mark Your Calendars!

The stated meeting for July will be a Call of the Roll to be held Saturday, July 16th at 2:00pm. We strongly encourage all brethren to come to this very important Stated Meeting, no matter how long it has been since you last came out to the Lodge.

Remember to call our Worshipful Master Ed Davis, or the lodge directly, to reserve your seat for a delicious lunch to be served before the meeting!



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



Happy Birthday, America!

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 th MD)	Will Parker, PM



Hello Brethren and Friends,

June started off with the Hiram Award ceremony for Wor. Harvey Holcomb. If ever a Mason deserved this award, it is Wor. Harvey! Congratulations Harv!

I would like to thank everyone who attended, especially our AGL, Wor. Dave Allmuth, and our district inspector, Wor. Will Parker. The weather cleared up in time to make a beautiful day.

Our stated meeting was well attended, with many things being discussed. Bro. Daryl Lucas gave his 3rd degree proficiency, with Wor. Allen Cuenca asking the questions. Both were up to the usual high standards of our Penrhyn officers. Also, it was good to see Bro. Edward Watters at his first stated meeting.

Wor. Ed Vandiver passed out the tickets for the 4th annual Santa Maria BBQ which will be on Saturday Aug. 20th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This event is one of our main fundraisers for the lodge, so let's tell everyone you know about this event.

See you on down the road!

~Ed Davis, Master~

Hiram Award Ceremony for Worshipful Harvey Holcomb

(Congratulations, Worshipful. You truly deserve it!)





A LOOK BACK INTO CALIFORNIA MASONIC HISTORY

The history of California Lodge No. 1, established on November 15, 1849, with Levi Stowell as first Master, tells us a lot about the conditions in which the Brethren met in the early days of Masonry in California. The first Lodge Room in San Francisco was in the fourth floor, or attic, of a building, about 28 feet wide and forty feet long. Owing to the slope of the roof, the sides of the Lodge room were very low, leaving only about four feet between the floor and the rafters. The Brethren sat on benches along the sides, and whenever a Brother got up to speak, he had to move forward three or four steps so that he could stand upright. Since there was no lath or plaster, walls and ceilings were lined with chintz, made for the China trade.

Illumination was provided by candles set in tin sconces or wall brackets in the East and West. Only the Master and Wardens had chairs, and the Master's lectern was an up-ended packing box. The altar was another backing box, covered with the Stars-and-Stripes, and on which rested the

Holy Bible. The altar lights were made of candles set into a rude handmade candelabrum, its base just a piece of old board.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's desks were lit by candles held by nails to 4-inch-square pieces of board. However, by 1860 conditions had improved by a move to a new hall, which was occupied jointly with the Odd Fellows, and was occasionally used as a Synagogue.

Over the years, the Lodge met in more than seven different places, including an undertaker's chapel after the earthquake of 1906. Woodbridge Lodge No. 131's history tells us of other trials and tribulations that some of the early Masonic Lodges faced. The first hall, paid for with subscribed funds, was a small two-story structure on the banks of the Mokelumne River, about 50 yards back from the town's main street.

Its upper floor was used by the Masonic Lodge, the Odd Fellows, Granges, and one or two other organizations. The lower floor served as a public school and Community Church. But often, during spring flood season, its foundations were under three or four feet of water. Finally, in 1883 the building had to be abandoned for a new two-story brick edifice. But even then, in the high flood of 1904, the

foundations of the Lodge Hall sank into the water-soaked ground, causing the upper walls to crack wide open. It was eventually pulled together by long steel rods and turnbuckles.

Source: http://www.mastermason.com/BrotherGene/education/a_look_back_into_california_maso.htm



From the Editor

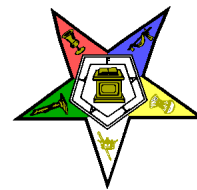
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Worthy Matron
Corrie Schroder



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



Worthy Patron
Steve Schroder

Newsletter for June, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

We are halfway through the year. I want to thank everyone for their support this year; we (Dad and I) really appreciate it. Our June meeting was Members' Night and we gave extremely good cookies from KelliCookies to everyone. Also, we honored our Conductress, Claudia Davis, and our Associate Conductress, Barbara Reynolds with lovely gifts. We still have a few gifts to give out this year for our officers.

We are having a Flag Tribute in September, which is also Brothers' Night. We will have a special gift for all the Brothers that attend, so please mark September 13, 2011 on a calendar. The Dress/Theme is Western and the refreshments will be Root Beer Floats after the meeting. Please bring school supplies.

Again, we are almost at the halfway mark; if there is a position you have always wanted or a position you have not been in for a while, please let me or the Worthy Patron know. We will do our best to accommodate those wishes.

Also, I will be taking back the Circle of Concern, as Sister Erin Pierce is moving to Georgia at the end of July. Once she is settled, she is planning on taking back part of the card duties.

Have a Great Summer and we hope to see everyone at Alice's Annual Picnic on August 9th at 6 pm.

Star Love, Panda Hugs, Corrie Schroder, Worthy Matron

Circle of Concern: Thinking of you cards to: Mani Holcomb and Sandra Skellenger. Sympathy card to: Elaine Maroney. Get well: Lorene Owen and Gary Spriggs. It was good to have MaryLouise Radford visiting us at our June meeting. We understand that this was her "first night out visiting" since her incident last winter. Thank you MaryLouise for joining us at our meeting, it is ALWAYS good to see you!

July Birthdays: 1- Nick Zeri and Tabitha Reynolds; 2 – Rosanne Schroder; 31 – Michele Cook and Wes Barnes.

July Anniversaries: 4 – Dorothy & Joe Kimmel; 9 – Sandy & Dave Jopson; 21 – Sandra & Gary Skellenger; 25 – Yvonne Carothers & John Reider; 29 – Maxine & Frank Law.

Merrihearts: We will meet on June 28th, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Lodge. We have several items to discuss including the bake sale that we will do for the Lodge on July 16th at their "roll call" meeting. Please plan to attend, all are welcome.

Next Chapter Meeting: Our next Chapter meeting will be **September 13th and will be Brothers' Night**. Flag tribute program is at 6:30 PM, meeting is at 7:30 PM. It will be a meeting we ALL want to attend as the Worthy Patron has a great program in store for us. We normally bring school supplies to donate at the Sept. meeting, but this year we can bring canned goods to donate as well to a local food closet. Donate one or the other, or both.

Remember that Penrhyn Chapter goes dark in July and August, but that we have our annual pot-luck dinner (family and friends are definitely invited) at Alice Epperson's home on our normal August meeting date, which is August 9th, at 6:00 PM. If you have questions, Alice's number is: 916-791-1373, address is: 6170 Wilhoff Lane, Granite Bay, 95746.

Upcoming dates to mark down: July 17th will be a going away party for Sister Erin Pierce, from 12 – 8 PM, at 302 Paddock Court, Roseville, CA, 95661, (916) 717-3951. August 9th will be the Chapter's annual pot-luck dinner at Alice Epperson's (see above), August 20th will be the Santa Maria BBQ for Penrhyn-Gold Hill Lodge from 1-5 PM (tickets are available from Lodge members).