

Penrhyn Gold Hill #32

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California



From The East

Brothers,

This month I am writing about a subject which, while not particularly popular, is important; and that subject is my proposal to increase PGH annual dues.

Our lodge is growing, and we are recruiting young men who are attracted to what PGH represents and offers. As we grow, it is imperative that we plan for the future of the lodge and its members. My focus as Master is to ensure that, in the future, the lodge will have the means to provide relief for our brothers if it is needed. We must be able to take care of our own when unforeseen circumstances cause a disruption in their lives. This relief goes beyond the remittance of dues.

Funeral services, widow assistance, and member charity are the type of events that will utilize these funds. Should a PGH brother wish

to transition into one of the Masonic Homes and require financial assistance, the lodge will be in a position to lend a hand. Let us not be dependent on outside sources to provide relief for our brothers and their families.

To put the charitable aspect of our lodge on solid footing, I propose a \$25.00 increase in dues to be phased in over the next three years. The schedule of the increase is as follows: a \$10.00 increase in 2015 for an annual total of \$91.50, a \$10.00 increase in 2016 for an annual total of \$101.50, and a \$5.00 increase in 2017 for an annual total of \$106.50. This proposed dues schedule still keeps PGH's dues among the lowest in our district.

Based on our membership head count of 139, the increased income generated for the lodge will be \$1,390 for 2015, an additional \$1,390 for a total of \$2,780 in 2016, and an additional \$695 for an

CALENDAR

Stated Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 with a dinner beforehand, which starts around 6:00.

The Hall Board Meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00.

OFFICERS

Tom McCarthy	WM
Allen Holland	SW
Daryl Lukas	JW
Bill Pinkerton	Treas
Tom Krummell, PM	S
Harv Holcomb	CH
Allen Cuenca	SD
Corey Leighty	JD
Bart Copeland	M
Steven Bruce	SS
Matthew Santini	JS
Fred Flint-Montero	T
Will Parker, PM	Insp.

overall total of \$3,475.00 in 2017. In three short years we will have collected \$7645.00. In ten years we will have collected just shy of \$32,000.00. These monies will be put into a savings account for the purpose of Masonic relief of PGH members.

If this increase makes it difficult for some brothers to pay their dues, the lodge will have the funds to assist them. While some brothers may need complete relief from time to time, others may simply need partial relief; and with the proposed dues structure our lodge will be fiscally strong and able to lend assistance to its members whenever and however necessary.

The idea of increasing dues is never popular; however, it provides a responsible bridge to support our lodge and its membership into the future. I urge you to look to the years ahead with a practical eye; and allow PGH to remain a strong, proud lodge with a tight knit, thriving community.

I hope to put this issue to a vote at our March stated meeting. This time frame allows the brethren to attend the meetings in February and March to express their thoughts on this subject.

Please feel free to call or email me any time with your thoughts or concerns regarding the dues schedule or any other matter.

On February 27, we will be conferring the Fellowcraft degree on Brothers Doug Watson and Tim Rae. Please come witness your officers perform what is widely accepted as the best ritual in the state.

I look forward to sitting in lodge with you.

Brother Tom McCarthy, WM

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From The West

Every organization known to man, be it a family, a business, a social club, or a fraternity, at some point in time is governed by financial needs. Our lodge is

no different. The need to raise and manage money is always present and in order to continue on a sound financial path the acquisition of income is sometimes necessary.

Many of you were at our January 2014 stated meeting and heard our own Worshipful Master Tom McCarthy propose a \$25.00 increase in member dues spread over a three year period of time. The breakdown would be a \$10.00 increase during the first year, \$10.00 during the second year, and a \$5.00 increase in the third year.

In the past we have tried to finance the lodge by holding fund raisers in addition to modest dues amounts. Sadly, it appears that fund raisers have not been successful and of those that were, only were supported by a few Brethren. The lodge simply needs to increase its income if it is to stay strong and pay its bills.

I urge you to support our Worshipful Master's plan.

Al Holland, SW

From The South

Greetings Brethren!

I'd like to begin by thanking the [Roseville DeRiemer's](#) for a wonderful lasagna dinner at the January stated meeting. This was one of several that they will prepare for us over the coming year. Look forward to participation from the [DeMolay](#) and [Job's Daughters](#) as well.

Next I'd like to congratulate all of the San Francisco 49er's fans. The team is having another excellent year and to that end, fan support certainly plays a role. Let's hope to see them holding the Lombardi Trophy on February 2nd.

Finally, with [Valentine's Day](#) nearly upon us, I thought I'd share some interesting facts about that day. (By the way, I use the term "facts" loosely. I did find this information on the internet so it *has* to be true, right?)

- The roots of [St. Valentine's Day](#) can be traced back to the Roman fertility festival of [Lupercalia](#). On [Lupercalia](#), a young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the

woman as a sexual companion for the year.

- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would [wear these names on their sleeves](#) for one week. Today, to wear your heart on your sleeve means being transparent with your affections.
- In [Japan](#), women are expected to give chocolate and other gifts to men on [Valentine's Day](#). This tradition was started as a marketing campaign by Japanese chocolate companies. Men are not off the hook, unfortunately. They are expected to return the favor on March 14th, commonly known as [White Day](#).
- Almost [15 percent of U.S. women](#) send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- [Penicillin](#), a popular treatment for venereal diseases such as [syphilis](#), was introduced to the world on February 14, 1929.

Daryl Lukas, JW
(links provided by editor)

From The Editor

My brothers,

A quick reminder to pay your dues, if you haven't yet; followed by a little trivia about the *very first* 3rd Party Platform in American politics: [The Anti-Masonic Party](#).

The [Anti-Masonic Party](#) formed in February of 1828 in upstate New York in response to [the Morgan Incident](#), in which a bricklayer and Speculative Mason named [William Morgan](#) "disappeared" after threatening to expose Masonic secrets. It was widely believed that local Masons manipulated the legal system to effect Morgan's arrest and disappearance, and many believed him to have been murdered for his threat. This led to a feeling of distrust for the power that Masons were believed to wield, especially in legal and political matters, and thus the Anti-Masonic party was born.

Recognizable names who ran on this platform include [Millard Filmore](#), [William Wirt](#), and [John Quincy Adams](#). The party was defunct within a decade of its creation.

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Newsletter for February, 2014

From the East:

Dear Sisters and Brothers. We had a very nice January meeting and Affiliated two new Members, enjoyed 19 sideliners, and were entertained by the "traveling singers". We all joined in singing Christmas carols and had a rousing good time!!

On Saturday afternoon, January 18th, we Initiated Brother Al Holland. It was a lovely Initiation with many sideliners. The Officers did a beautiful portrayal of our ritual. Brother Phil Hardiman from Rising Star was great as Associate Patron and Brother Ted Harris did all of the Scripture work as the Conductress was weaving the labyrinth. Your Worthy Patron was also very proficient. After the ceremony we all shared a light supper....

On January 11th, we served the 3 York Rite Bodies a dinner that was delicious and well received. The \$300.00 we earned will go toward our budget, and as always, we had fun working together in the kitchen. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend your Chapter meetings, it takes us all to be a success. The fellowship we enjoy here is without measure as we are a happy, fun group. Our Merrihearts will meet on January 28th, please come for a pleasant social time... and bring your ideas for fun projects, trips or social enjoyment that we may all enjoy. Star Love, Sister Pat, WM and Brother Fred, WP.

Circle of Concern: Sister Mani is again dealing with health issues and can use our "healing" thoughts and prayers. Be sure to contact Sister Mani if you or someone you know needs a card. Sister Mani's phone number is (916) 363-4570, address is 3501 Bradshaw Road #56, Sacramento, CA 95827-3375. Sister Mani does a great job, but she can't send a card if she doesn't know who needs one, and right now, she can use some too!!

Upcoming Dates:

January 28th, Tuesday, 7 PM, Merrihearts.

February 11th, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, next Chapter meeting, Valentine's Day theme/dress, Beth and Fred Flint-Montero Hostess and Host.

From the Secretary: To those of you who have sent in your dues, THANK YOU! I will mail them out as soon as possible after receiving them, or in the case of those who attend the meetings, I will hold on to them to try and hand them to you at a meeting. I have sent out dues invoices to ALL Members, so if you did not receive one, contact me and we will figure out why. Also, if I have put on your invoice that you also owe the \$5.00 "Home Assessment", it must be included in your dues payment. This amount will be charged to the Chapter on the per capita tax invoice that we will receive mid year, and it is not a discretionary item. **If you are having problems paying your dues, PLEASE contact either myself or the Worthy Matron so that we can work something out. There are options, but we MUST hear from YOU. The C & L does not allow arbitrary remission of dues.**

February Birthdays: 6 – Tom Krummell; 8 – Barbara Reynolds; 14 – Millie Taylor; 21 – Claude Walker; 26 – Linda Lee Williams.

February Anniversaries: None.

New Members: During the month of January, our Chapter has grown by the addition of 3 new Members. Sister Marcia Krummell and Brother Jim Maroney signed our by-laws at our January meeting as new

Affiliated Members, both also belong to Heber Chapter. Then on January 18th, we had the pleasure of Initiating Brother Al Holland into our Chapter. Brother Al is also Senior Warden of Penrhyn/Gold Hill Lodge. We welcome all three of our new Members and urge all of you to attend our meetings and other functions. Penrhyn Chapter now has 88 members!!

New email addresses: Please make the following corrections in your email address books and Chapter rosters: Secretary Dave Jopson has a new email address: djopson@hughes.net Associate Matron Sandy Jopson also has a new email address: polarqueen77@gmail.com
These new addresses are effective immediately.

WGM/WGP Special Project for 2014: The WGM and WGP have a special project this year that is called “The Eathan and Teyler’s Totes”. The project puts together tote bags to be given to parents of children who are checked into hospitals on an emergency basis, and the parents don’t have “personal” items with them at the time the children are checked in. Our District is trying to fill some of these bags (the bags are provided by Grand Chapter), so we need to donate as many of the following items as we can to fill some bags: shampoo/conditioner (leave in or spray on/ leave in); lip balm; hair ties; toothpaste/tooth brushes; dental floss/mouth wash; body lotion / face cream; body wash/deodorant; tissues; Q-tips; make-up remover wipes; shaving gel/disposable razors; gum/hard candy; note pads/journals/pens; slipper socks; \$5.00 gift cards for gas, McDonalds, Starbucks; phone cards; woolite; emory boards; combs/brushes; mirrors. If you are able to help with donations, please bring the items to Chapter Meetings as soon as possible.

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From Grand Chapter: I have received word from Grand Chapter that the 2014 Rosters will not be available until the end of January or first part of February. They did send me a pdf copy that I can forward to you if you would like. It is 222 pages.

Also, PGP Vernon Gordon has passed away. Brother Vernon was also a Past Grand Master in California.

2014 Meeting Calendar:

March 11. Penrhyn Birthday Night. Hostess: Mani Holcomb. Theme/Dress – St. Patrick’s Day.

April 8. Easter Hat Parade. Hostess/Host: Tom and Marcie Krummell. Theme – Easter.

May 13. Memorial Night. Hostess/Host: Claudia and Ed Davis. Dress – Lady Officers wear white.

May 31 at 7:00 PM. OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE WGM/WGP. Auburn Masonic Center.

June 10. Friendship Night Dinner. Hostess/Host: Merrihearts. Theme/Dress – Hawaiian. Officers, please ask a friendship officer to take your place during opening and closing.

July – DARK/

August 12th. DARK. Pot-luck picnic at Alice Epperson’s House. Too much fun to miss!!!

September 9. Brother’s Night. Hostess/Host: Judith Meigs. Theme – Western. Bring: School supplies.

October 14. Elections. Hostess/Host: Connie Walker. Theme/Dress – Fall colors.

November 11. Last Night – Honor Veterans. Hostess/Host: Sandy Miller. Theme/Dress – Thanksgiving.

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February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6 6:30 PM Penrhyn Masonic Hall Board, monthly meeting Penrhyn Lodge officers' practice after HB meeting	7 7:30 PM Heber Chapter #181 OES stated meeting	8
9	10 7:30 PM Delta Chapter #27, RAM stated meeting, Auburn, dinner at 6:30 pm	11 7:00 PM Ben Ali Shrine stated meeting 7:30 PM Penrhyn Chapter #159 OES stated meeting	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 7:30 PM Penrhyn Gold Hill #32 stated meeting; dinner at 6:30 pm	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Penrhyn Lodge Sweethearts Party
16	17 7:30 PM Auburn Commandery #52 stated conclave. Auburn <i>President's Day</i>	18 6:00 PM Scottish Rite stated meeting, Sacramento	19	20 6:00 PM Penryn officers' practice	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>
23	24 7:30 PM Gateway Council #13, CM stated meeting, Auburn	25 7:00 PM Merrihearts, Penryn Masonic Center	26	27 6:00 PM Double Fellowcraft Degree 6:00 PM Penryn officers' practice	28	