

Penrhyn Gold Hill Lodge #32
Free and Accepted Masons
Of the State of California



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CALENDAR

Stated Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of every month, beginning at 7:30pm with a dinner beforehand, starting around 6:00. Please be sure to call the Lodge to reserve a seat for dinner if you plan to attend.

Hall Board Meetings at 7:00pm with the Master, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Secretary, Hall board President, and Treasurer. Please remember that these are open to all Lodge Members.

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From the Editor

- Are you tired of only seeing the Trestleboard in Black & White?
- Do you want to have it days before the mail arrives?
- Ever wish you could have [clickable links](#) right in the text of the articles? Are you looking for a way to read it on the go, on your Kindle, Tablet, or I-Phone?

Why not get our monthly Trestleboard delivered to your email? Just send an email to marc.nocerino@gmail.com and I'll add you to our list of brethren that receive the electronic version in PDF format.

And don't forget to check out our official website, where you can find back-issues of the Trestleboard, at:

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Notice to Members

A vote will be taken at the September stated meeting on a motion to request a dispensation moving the October stated meeting from October 10, 2013 to October 17, 2013 so that members of Penrhyn Gold Hill Lodge may attend the stated meeting of Fernley Lodge No. 34 in Fernley, Nevada on October 10.

Officers for 2013

Master	Peter Ackeret
Senior Warden	Tom McCarthy
Junior Warden	Allen Holland
Treasurer	Bill Pinkerton
Secretary	Tom Krummell, PM
Chaplain	Ollie Guinn
Senior Deacon	Daryl Lukas
Junior Deacon	Barton T. "Bart" Copeland
Marshal	Corey Leighty
Senior Steward	Edward Watters
Junior Steward	Steven Bruce
Tiler	Fred Flint-Montero, PM
Officers Coach	Allen Cuenca, PM
Inspector (406th MD)	Will Parker, PM



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

This month's trestle board is a special Constitution Month edition, featuring articles about the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the California Constitution. I hope you enjoy it.

The California Constitution:

The United States acquired California from Mexico in 1848 under the terms and conditions of the Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo. Motivated by the discovery of gold in 1849, Congress acted swiftly to grant statehood. Backed by Brigadier General Bennett Riley (California's military governor) 48 delegates convened a Constitutional Convention in Monterey. They produced California's first constitution, which was adopted in November 1849, before California was admitted to the Union on September 9, 1850 as the 31st state.

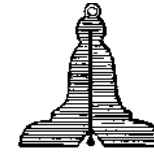
A second Constitutional Convention approved by voters in 1877 and it produced California's second constitution,

which was adopted on May 7, 1879. This 1878 Constitution (apparently named for the 1878 Convention) remains in effect today, but it has been heavily amended and revised. It has been amended over 500 times and it underwent a 12 year revision process ending in 1974.

One key feature of California's Constitution is the ability of the voters to adopt amendment through the referendum and initiative process. The Legislature can propose constitutional amendments for voter approval via referendum. And voters can propose constitutional amendments via initiatives. This direct democracy is often blamed for unusually length of California's Constitution, which is eight times the length of the U.S. Constitution.

Serious efforts to convene a third Constitutional Convention began in 2008, when an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle proposed such a convention. Efforts to place a Constitutional Convention initiative on a ballot have been unsuccessful so far.

~Peter Ackeret, Master~



FROM THE WEST

The Grand Lodge of the state of California has deemed September Constitution Month

I will speak of the Masonic influence on the Declaration of Independence. Of the 56 signers, nine were Masons, William Ellery of Rhode Island, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, John Hancock and Robert Treat Paine of Massachusetts, Joseph Hewes and William Hooper of North Carolina, Richard Stockton of New Jersey, George Walton of Georgia and William Whipple of New Hampshire.

A brief biography of the brothers:

William Ellery, born 12/22/1727, died 2/15/1820. Lawyer, educated at Harvard. Lawyer and judge.

Benjamin Franklin, born 1/17/1706, died 4/17/1790. No formal education but did receive Honorary Doctor of Law degrees from the Universities of Oxford and Edinburgh. Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

John Hancock, born 1/12/1737, died 10/8/1793. Harvard. Merchant.

Joseph Hewes, born 1/23/1730, died 11/10/1779. Princeton. Merchant.

William Hooper, born 6/28/1742, died 10/14/1790. Princeton. Lawyer.

Robert Treat Paine, born 3/11/1731, died 5/11/1814. Harvard. Judge.

Richard Stockton, born 10/1/1730, died 2/28/1781. College of New Jersey. Lawyer.

George Walton, born 1741, died 2/2/1804. Self taught. Lawyer.

William Whipple, born 1/14/1730, died 11/28/1785. Common School of Kittery. Merchant, Soldier and Judge.

There you have it my brothers; Masons who signed the Declaration of Independence.

You may have noticed Fresno State was not represented in the list of institutions of higher learning. This is only because

it was not established at the time of the founding of our great nation.

I look forward to sitting in lodge with you.

~Tom McCarthy, Senior Warden~



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The Sept. Stated meeting dinner will consist of Jumbo Hot Dogs, Chili, Sauerkraut and ice cold Watermelon.

During the month of Sept. we celebrate the anniversary of the United States Constitution on the 17th. This day is otherwise known as “Constitution Day.”

Constitution Day

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Prosperity, do ordain and

establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

The Constitution of these United States of America was signed by 38 delegates representing the thirteen colonies on September 17, 1787. This daring document was created by and from the ideas of free people who having won a war against the crown of England were creating their own government. The Constitution guarantees the freedom, equality, opportunity, and justice. It is oldest constitution still in effect and has become a model for other nations around the world. That document has been the same for 236 years. Besides the first 10 Amendments which are known as the “Bill of Rights” there have been 17 additional amendments one of which was repealed by another amendment. The interpretation of the Constitution has been done by the Judiciary.

Let us all celebrate this document and the precious freedoms that as Americans we all enjoy.

~Al Holland, Junior Warden~

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

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Newsletter for September, 2013

From the East: Well, the summer is winding down to an end in a few weeks and hopefully you have all been spending these hot days keeping as cool as possible and having fun with family and friends.

During these Dark months of Summer for Eastern Star we still try to keep in touch without the structure of ritual to come starting in September and focus on a little more fun and Social Time.

We certainly had a lot of fun at our Annual Picnic at Alice's this last Tues night and had double the fun with the combined Party Night beforehand. Thank you especially to Jessica, our Chairman for all of the hard work and to all of the members that helped to lend a hand in the preparations and contributed to running each of the different Game Stations at the Carnival. We all had a lot of fun and at the end there were prizes for all of the Game players including lots of toys for the kids. The Pot-Luck Dinner was great as it usually is and we all had a wonderful time visiting and enjoying the beautiful and peaceful setting in Alice's back yard. Even though it was a hot evening, the huge amount of shade from the many large trees was wonderfully appreciated.

Even though Merrihearts is Dark in the summer, we will be having a Special Merrihearts Meeting on Tues Sept 3rd at 7 PM to prepare for the Superior Association Meeting Penrhyn is Hosting on Sat, Sept 14th at 11 AM, meeting, with a Baked Potato Bar Lunch at noon, so please come and join us so we will have a successful event.

Our next meeting is Tues Sept 10th and is Brother's Night. Please bring your School Supplies for the kids and join us for all the fun and refreshments afterwards.

Please keep Edward Watters in your prayers as he is back in the hospital again even after attending our picnic last Tuesday. He can use all of God's Help he can get.

Thanks to all of you for the Love and Support,
Claudia and Ed, WM and WP

Circle of Concern: As always, be sure to contact Sister Mani Holcomb if you or someone you know needs a card. Sister Mani's phone number is (916) 363-4570. Sister Lorene Owen is doing better, but is not yet "out and about" due to lingering effects from her surgery on both eyes. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We just learned that Brother Edward Watters, whom we have met through the Schroder Family and who is a member of Penrhyn/Gold Hill Lodge, is again back in the hospital, heavily sedated due to pain, and needs our prayers. He is planning on moving to Alabama at the end of the month.

Grand Chapter Credentials: I have received the Credential Order Form for this year's session of Grand Chapter. If you plan to attend, be sure to let me (Secretary) know ASAP, as Grand Chapter would appreciate it if all credential requests can go in on one form, right after our September meeting. Credentials are now **\$20.00 PER person,** and must be paid by a check from Penrhyn Chapter. So if you plan to attend the 2013 sessions of Grand Chapter being held in Fresno on October 16-19, I will need your check or cash (Grand Chapter will not accept personal checks, only a check from the Chapter) by our September meeting, which is September 10th. That way our Treasurer can issue a check to Grand Chapter for the proper amount and she and I don't have to make special trips back and forth after the meeting.

Per Capita Taxes: Our annual per capita tax and assessments invoice arrived in the amount of \$1,524.90. This invoice has been paid as it does not require a vote of the Chapter, and must be paid by September 1 or the Chapter can have fines levied against it.

From the Secretary: I am pleased to announce that we have a petition for Initiation!! As per the C & L, I cannot divulge the name, so you will have to come to Chapter to find out who it is from.

As always, please keep me updated on address changes or any other contact information. I do have a Chapter “group” email, and if you would like to be included, just send me your email address. When I send out an email, I put the “group” on the Blind Carbon Copy line so that all of the addresses do not show, and have my name or “Undisclosed Recipients” on the “To” line.

September Birthdays: 1 – Cindy Wallace Arnold; 3 – Steve Schroder; 4 – Patricia Sebring; 11 – Walter Taylor and Yarda Hansen; 12 – Barbara Lewis Mill; 17 – Jackie Shimonauuff; 19 – Fred Flint-Montero; 20 – Barbara Burcell and Jessica Jopson; 21 – Jacquelyn Sady; 25 – Terry Tudsbury Chambers and Katherine Bonilla; 28 – Mani Holcomb.

Chapter Happenings: The September 10th meeting will also be Awards presentation night, so plan on attending to find out who will be honored.

***There will be a Bake Sale for the Masons at their September 12th meeting. If you can help by baking something to donate, please call WM Claudia (916-337-6752) All baked items will need to be at the Masonic Center by 6:00 PM on the 12th.

Also, the Masons have had the Chapter room repainted, so plan on attending to see how great it will look. They are doing more than just “painting”, so that too will be a good reason to attend.

Sister Jessica Jopson was honored to be asked to carry in Adah’s emblem at Grand Adah Teresa Ramos’ reception in August.

2 Special Merriheats meetings: We are scheduling a special Merrihearts meeting for August 27th, at 7:00 PM at the Penrhyn Hall. These meetings are open to ALL members, and the main purpose of this meeting is to again help with preparing the newsletter for mailing. The mail version of this newsletter may not be out until after that date, but the email version will. So if you are able to attend, we will again be helping Brother Tom Krummell fold and prepare the newsletter for mailing. We have done this a couple of times, and may see if it can be a regular event. It saves Tom a ton of time, and lets us “repay” the Lodge for all that they do for us, and takes less than an hour. Just a reminder that attendance of Merrihearts meetings is voluntary, especially during our “dark” months.

A second special Merriheats meeting will be held on Sept. 3rd. See the WM’s article for details.

What makes up the per capita tax and assessments: The per capita tax that we just paid totaled \$17.55 on 68 members. We actually have 85 members, but we are not charged the per capita tax on 17 members for various reason. We also paid an assessment of \$1.00 to General Grand Chapter on all 85 members. This brings the total amount of per capita taxes and assessments to \$18.55. It will automatically go up to \$19.05 for the 2013 – 2014 Chapter year.

On 68 members we pay (all of these amounts are per member): \$9.00 to Grand Chapter; \$2.00 to the Home Maintenance Fund; \$0.45 to the Benevolent Fund; \$0.25 to the Convention Fund; \$0.10 to the Scholarship Fund; \$5.75 to the Insurance Fund.

On 85 members we pay \$1.00 each.

There are other fees that we pay for each Initiate and Affiliate as well. These amounts are included in the fees we collect from Initiates and Affiliates, so the fees do not come out of our budget.

I will have a copy of the invoice at the September 10th meeting if anyone would like to “look it over”.

Budget Committee: The budget committee for 2013 – 2014 is hard at work preparing our next budget, to be presented at the September 10th meeting.

Dates to remember:

August 27th, 7:00 PM, Merrihearts to fold newsletter.

September 3rd, 7:00 PM, Merrihearts to discuss luncheon meeting.

September 10th, 7:30 PM, our next meeting. Brother’s Night, Awards Night, bring school supplies and \$20.00 for GC credentials if you are going to Grand Chapter in October.

September 12th, bake sale for Masons, call WM if you can help.

September 14th, Penrhyn Chapter is hosting the Superior Association meeting. Meeting starts at 11:00 AM, lunch is at noon. A baked potato bar lunch will be served, extra hands will be needed.

Officer Contact Information:

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Worthy Patron: Ed Davis, same mailing address, (916) 337-6753.

Secretary & Newsletter: Dave Jopson, djopson@earthlink.net 1245 Pleasant Grove Road, Rio Oso, CA 95674, (530) 633-4103.

Heber Happenings

Chartered May 20, 1900 in Rocklin, California

Heber Chapter 181, O.E.S.
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September 2013
Meets 1st Friday of each month, 7:30 PM
Dark July and August

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From Your Worthy Matron

Summer is coming to an end, and it is time to get back into the swing of things with our September 6th meeting which will be Friendship Night, Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m., along with Honoring our 50 year Members. So far Naomi Errecart will be with us and Sister Nora will present her with her pin. We will also have our Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron present to sign the Bible

To those of you that have donated items for the Catheryn Gates School, I thank you very much. Brother Bill and I delivered nearly \$200 worth of school supplies on August 5, and I truly hope to be able to deliver a lot more after our September 6th meeting. Please remember to bring school supplies to make our project successful. Thanking you all in advance.

We have asked Rose Chapter to join us for our Friendship Night, but please invite the other Chapters to join us. Would be nice to have special friends with us.

Sister Marianne's Reception turned out very well and we had a lot of sideliners. Thank you to everyone that came out and showed your support and participated in her special day.

Sister Leslie, I again want to thank you for taking over our White Elephant Sale. You have done a great job.

Looking forward to seeing you all again at our September Meeting!

Debra Knutson, WM

From Our Associate Matron

Debra and Charlie have done a great job this year, and they have had many difficult times to work through. We thank them for stepping up and working so hard for Heber Chapter. However, the year is moving along, and we must think of Grand

Chapter and Installations. I will be contacting members of the Chapter over the next few months, to accept positions on committees and such. Please say yes!

Summer is still in full force, and I'm sure we are in shock at size of our AC bills. Hopefully, no one chose to go to Death Valley for their summer vacation. The Park Rangers there were having to work hard every morning to clean up the eggs that had been fried on the sidewalks at Furnace Creek. Thankfully, we did not have it quite so warm here. When we come back to Heber in September, we can compare notes on our warmest time.

Nora Bryant, AM

From Our Grand Representative

I wish to thank everyone who attended my reception on Saturday, August 10th. The event was great and a very enjoyable day. Those who helped (and you know who you are) with Janice Parker and June Killmer, you did a wonderful job! Janice and Judy, you also did great "Job."

We had a great turnout at the reception. I was honored having Earl Eckert PGP (1981) and his wife, Lydia; Donna Herring PGM (2005) and her husband, John; and Steve Johnson, JR. PGP (2013), and his wife Glenda sharing the day with us. The present and former Grand Representatives were outstanding and so glad you were there sharing our day together.

I also wish to thank Debra Knutson and Charlie Orrell for their "Great Job" as the presiding officers. You, also, did wonderful!

I am sorry Jillian Brown, WM of Harmony Ch. and Tom Brown, WP of Harmony Ch. were not able to be there that day.

Hugs,
Marianne Mooney, GR of WA in CA (August 2011 to August 2013)