

## 2010 OFFICERS

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**TILER**  
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**INSPECTOR**  
Harry R. Maslin, P. M.

## CALENDAR



### APRIL

**TUE 6** STATED MEETING ..... 7:30 PM  
DINNER ..... 6:30 PM

**SUN 11** GRAND MASTER'S BREAKFAST  
AT LAX HILTON..... 8:00 AM  
*Contact us for tickets*

**TUE 13** FIRST DEGREE ..... 7:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS ..... 6:00 PM  
*Officers in tuxedo*

**TUE 20** OFFICERS' SCHOOL ..... 7:00 PM  
At Sunset Lodge  
*Officer attendance mandatory*

**TUE 27** THIRD DEGREE ..... 7:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS ..... 6:00 PM  
*Officers in tuxedo*

### MAY

**TUE 4** STATED MEETING ..... 7:30 PM  
Public Schools Observance  
DINNER ..... 6:30 PM

**TUE 11** FIRST DEGREE ..... 7:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS ..... 6:00 PM  
*Officers in tuxedo*

**TUE 18** FIRST DEGREE ..... 7:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS ..... 6:00 PM  
*Officers in tuxedo*

**TUE 25** THIRD DEGREE ..... 7:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS  
*Officers in tuxedo*

**THU 27** OFFICERS' SCHOOL..... 7:00 PM  
At Riviera Lodge  
*Officer attendance mandatory*

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR  
AND INFORMATION. VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.lodge42.org](http://www.lodge42.org)



### PAST MASTERS (LIVING)

1963 Phillip L. Goldstein	1989 Gordon L. Freeman
1965 Murray Jackson	1989 Donald L. Holcomb
1969 Ezra Levy	1990 George Leimberg
1970 Daniel A. Redholtz	1990 Max C. Livingston
1972 Carl C. Lau	1991 Terence F. W. Hall
1974 Paul H. Steinberg	1991 Richard R. Robinson
1975 Salvador Gonzalez	1992 Corneliu I. Enache
1977 Morton D. Leaderman	1993 Harvey B. Lyman
1978 Montie P. Mazo	1994 Luz R. Briseno
1980 Harvey Malin	1995 Andrew Rosenbaum
1981 Morton D. Leaderman	1996 Avi Grigorescu
1982 Alfred W. Omansky	1997 Jordan L. Mehlinger
1983 Arthur M. Serma	1998 Jordan L. Mehlinger
1983 Karl F. Berger	1999 Barry A. Goss
1984 Robert L. Amstadter	2001 Rafi Kureghian
1984 Michael M. Marsellos	2002 Barry A. Goss
1985 Jerome Gould	2003 Michael M. Marsellos
1986 Richard G. Robbins	2004 Michael M. Marsellos
1987 Fred J. West	2005 Rafi Kureghian
1987 Thomas J. Hargaden	2006 Wesley G. Pitts
1988 Thomas J. Hargaden	2007 Ronald G. Hopkins
1988 Jack C. Levy	2008 Norman M. Schultz
1989 Max C. Livingston	2009 André D. Harrell



### HIRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS (LIVING)

1987 Morris I. Lazar	1996 Eugene B. Levey
1989 Anthony Sammartano, Sr.	1999 Sam Slavin
1990 Thomas J. Hargaden, P.M.	2000 Ernest F. Dynda
1994 Gordon L. Freeman, P.M.	2002 Richard "Happy" Hall
1995 Richard R. Robinson, P.M.	2006 Michael M. Marsellos, P.M.
1995 Luz R. Briseno, P.M.	2007 Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.
1995 Charles E. Campbell	

## TRESTLEBOARD

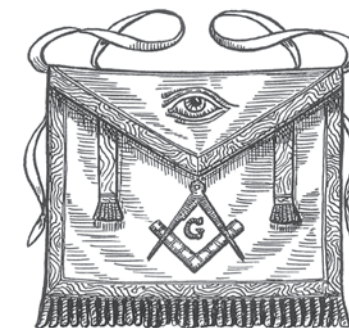
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April 2010



OUR 157<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
A.L. 5853-6010

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A BETTER WE



- PLUS -

March Degree Photos  
April & May Calendars  
April Birthdays

STATED MEETING EVERY FIRST TUESDAY  
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FROM THE EAST  
A BETTER WE



WHEN ASKED WHAT MASONS DO, a response frequently recommended is: "We take good men and make them better." Unimpeachable in principle, admit that this is too simplistic to satisfy the question. What does it mean in practice? How do we make men better?

Certainly, Masonic philosophy is aimed at improving our judgement in the most important decisions we make, those of which we are fully aware and considerate; but its greatest benefits come from a gradual influence over the choices we make automatically, even unconsciously.

As applicants, we entered the Fraternity as non-Masons. Our views of ourselves, though individual and varied, had this in common. After initiation, there was a fundamental change. We were now Masons. The point may be easily overlooked, but it is critically important. It proves how quickly we can alter the definition of who we are and of what we are capable.

Consider the initiation ceremony, and the moral principles recommended in it. Before initiation in Freemasonry, these principles, though agreeable to us as rational, good men, were not likely solidified as the essential measurements for deciding upon all matters before us. After initiation, our view of ourselves and our relations with one another are reformed. We are no longer the men who entered the doors. We have new standards and responsibilities. The first strikes at the rough ashlar smooth it most noticeably. The subtleties of perfection take time and practice—and might not yield even with them—but improvement may be immediate.

Our attention is directed to the initiation ceremony not to examine its particulars, but instead to consider the process. We entered with one identity and left

with another, proving that fundamental change can begin easily in the right frame of mind. On becoming Masons, we enjoy a rare opportunity to ceremonially redefine ourselves.

Freemasonry also offers us unique opportunities to serve, learn and lead. When I was initiated an Entered Apprentice in 2003, I did not consider myself capable of memorizing long passages of text; I was perplexed by the use of the 24-inch gauge; and I would have laughed out loud at the suggestion that I would be elected to serve our Lodge as Master even once, let alone twice, before the decade was through.

Masonry takes good men and makes them better by illustrating who the better man is, and providing a blueprint to become him ourselves. It teaches us that our greatest successes our found when we can, together, best work and best agree.

WESLEY G. PITTS, P.M., *Master*



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MAY

Our Public Schools Observance, usually scheduled for April, has been rescheduled for the May stated meeting, to allow our guest educators their spring break vacation. Join us at our May stated meeting to meet this year's educators and learn about the challenges facing public schools in our area.

DUES PAST DUE

If we have not received your 2010 dues payment, please send it immediately. To those few Brothers who are more than one year in arrears, the Secretary is sending notice that your membership may be suspended at our June stated meeting if arrangements are not made prior. Please contact the Secretary right away if this may apply to you.

MEET OUR TWO NEW MASTER MASONS RAISED IN MARCH

MM Bro. Anthony J. Hernandez



Congratulations to A. J. Hernandez, who was raised to the Sublime Degree on Tuesday, March 16.

**Front row, left to right:** Andrew Rothmund, *Junior Steward*; Armando Romero, *Marshal*; James Graziano, *Senior Deacon*; Wesley Pitts, P.M., *Master*; A. J. Hernandez, *Master Mason*; Ronald Hopkins, P.M., *Senior Warden*; Gordon Freeman, P.M., *Chaplain*; and Bro. Walter Winnick.

**Back row, left to right:** Ryan Sullivan, *Treasurer*; André Harrell, P.M.; Ray Graham, *Junior Warden*; Barry Goss, P.M., *Secretary*; Jonathan Strickland, *Senior Steward*; Michael Marsellos, P.M.; and Andrew Robertson, *Junior Steward*.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Charles E. Harris  | 19 Ronald L. Hart      |
| 7 Ryan P. Sullivan   | 20 Arthur M. Serna     |
| 8 Barry D. Howard    | 21 Frits P. Frieseman  |
| 13 Travis W. Cattach | 26 Rodney M. Norris    |
| 15 Henry R. Harris   | 26 Steven M. Schlanger |
| 17 Philip H. Gold    |                        |

**PLEASE NOTE:** This list may be incomplete. Help us correct Grand Lodge records by informing us if your birthday is missing or incorrect.

MM Bro. Jeffrey B. Linden



Congratulations to Jeffrey Linden, who was raised to the Sublime Degree on Tuesday, March 23.

**Front row, left to right:** Andrew Rothmund, *Junior Steward*; James Graziano, *Senior Deacon*; Wesley Pitts, P.M., *Master*; Jeffrey Linden, *Master Mason*; Ronald Hopkins, P.M., *Senior Warden*; Gordon Freeman, P.M., *Chaplain*; and Armando Romero, *Marshal*.

**Back row, left to right:** Andrew Robertson, *Junior Steward*; Ryan Sullivan, *Treasurer*; Ray Graham, *Junior Warden*; André Harrell, P.M.; and Barry Goss, P.M., *Secretary*.

MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

Are you, or is a member or widow you know, in need of financial assistance? MOS programs are available for as long as the individual's situation requires it and eligibility is maintained.

The amount recipients receive is determined by need, and changes as needs change. In establishing the monthly budget, MOS also considers public benefits and support available through the family and Lodge. » **Contact MOS at (888) 466-3642.**