



Gerrit C. Herbst, Newest Entered Apprentice

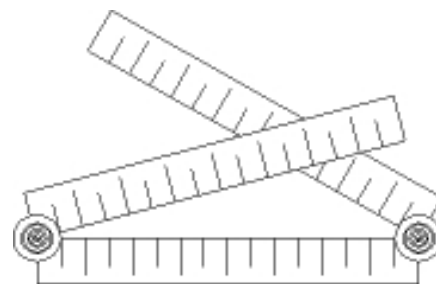
Lodge Officers and members initiated Mr. Gerrit Herbst in our Lodge Room on Tuesday, May 16th, in very fine form.

WM Schmalz presided in the East and obligated our candidate in fine form in the first section. Worshipfuls Barrett Young and Ray Schmalz shared the East for the Lecture for the second and third sections, respectively. The latter was enhanced by slides shown on the lower painted ceiling. Wor. Charles Hoyez completed the ritual ceremonies with the Charge.

Bro. Herbst was born in Graz, Austria, and now resides in San Anselmo. He is a graduate of Francis Drake High and attended Marin and Santa Barbara Junior Colleges studying math and physics. Gerrit is currently employed at Bradley Real Estate enhancing their computer based abilities to serve their clients and sales efforts, and is endeavoring to become a full time associate. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking, camping and researching alternative theories about science and space. His girlfriend, Devon is a labor/delivery nurse at UCSF. Our candidate was introduced to Masonry by his business associate, EA George Cagwin (son of our late PM Horace Cagwin who served in 1943); and sponsored by PM Young and WM Schmalz.



Pictured above (left to right: (top row) PM Stanley Bransgrove, SD Benjamin Berk, PM Victor Hanson, Chad Carvey (EA), SS James McCollough; (bottom row) JD Thomas Benoit, WM Raymond Schmalz, PM Charles Hoyez, Candidate Gerrit Herbst, George Cagwin (EA), PM William Cullen, and Ezra Palmer-Person (EA of Fairfax Lodge No. 556).



EARLY CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

[source: Paul M. Bessel, PGM (<http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/masonry>)]

In China the implements of architecture were used in a system of moral philosophy at a very early date. Mencius, who wrote about 300 B.C., said: "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." In a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

REMINDER! Please get your reservation in TODAY with our Master to attend the dinner and ceremonies for our Mason of the Year, SW Anderson Silveira; Santa Rosa Scottish Rite, Saturday, August 5th. Details were in the last "Valley Mill" issue.

Chad Carvey - Our Newest Fellowcraft

Bro. Chad Carvey, EA, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on the evening of June 20th! Senior Warden, Andrew Silveira, presided in the East due to the travels of Wor. Raymond Schmalz to London, England (pictures elsewhere). Anderson did an excellent job with the ceremonies, presentations, and Master's Lecture (Second Section). Our SD Benjamin Berk rendered another outstanding job in the Middle Chamber Lecture, as did PM Charles Hoyez with the Charge and the other Officers: sitting in the West was PM Bruce Rossman, in the South was Mark Palmer, acting as JS was PM Pierre Born, music was overseen by Organist Michael Hansen, PM William Cullen as Chaplain, SS James McCollough oversaw the refreshments to close out the "warm weather" degree. Visitors for the evening were PM Victor Adams (Marin Lodge No. 191), PM Patrick Muldoon (Windsor Lodge No. 181, and Sharam Pavri (Prince of Wales Lodge No. 630).



Pictured left to right: (top row) PM Victor Adams (Marin Lodge No. 191), Organist Michael Hansen, Mark Palmer, PM Patrick Muldoon (Windsor Lodge No. 181), SW Andrew Silveira, SS James McCullough, PM Victor Hanson, Sharam Pavri (Prince of Wales Lodge No. 630, Ontario, Canada); (bottom row) PM Bruce Rossman, SD Benjamin Berk, Candidate Chad Carvey, PM Pierre Born, PM William Cullen, PM Charles Hoyez, JD Thomas Benoit, and PM Barrett Young.

Meet our newest Fellowcraft: Chad grew up in the wild mountains of Big Sur in the 1960's/70s. His early interests and passions were falconry, rock climbing/mountaineering, trekking, wrestling, football, swimming, table tennis, racquetball/tennis, reading/writing, learning carpentry and masonry, and church. Chad was a teacher/professor/school principal for 29 years, and has two children (now adults, Paris and Noelle), and two grandchildren. Chad is married to Carolyn Carvey, and together they run their benefit/charity auctioneer business (The Principal Auctioneer), serving clients such as the US Olympic Team, SF 49ers, Sir Richard Branson, Alec Baldwin, Twitter, Pixar, and many more. In less than 2 years, Chad and Carolyn plan to start a 10 year sailing circumnavigation voyage. Welcome aboard, Chad!!!



Bocce Ball Tourney Recap

Here are just a few shots of the action at our Bocce Ball Open, Saturday May 27th. All three Marin County Lodges were represented! The winning team was comprised of Marin Lodge members, Mike Roller, Charles Remington, Jacob Sanderson, Victor Adams and Bill Arney. Much thanks to Anderson Silveira, Tom and Toni Benoit and the Committee for all the joyful results!



News From the Quarries

Two of our members Wor. Thomas Worrel and Bro. Jay Kinney are featured in the current California Freemason (May/June 2017). Tom is the author of "The Art of Transformation" article while Jay is the subject of "A Passion for History," a member profile of a scholar, historian, and Mason for 16 years...Our Master and bride, Mary Louise, have just returned from his trip to London with the CA Grand Lodge to London for the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. Some photos appear elsewhere in this issue...Wor. Stanley Bransgrove and bride Deusa are now proud homeowners in Carmichael (east of Sacramento), just shows you what a promotion to Field Director can cause!!!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 5th	6:30 PM 7:45 PM	Pot Luck Supper Stated Meeting
Monday, September 11th		San Francisco Giants vs. L.A. Dodgers; Masons for Mitts
Monday, September 18th	7:30 PM	First Degree Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 19th	7:30 PM	First Degree Night, Mr. Carlos Guerrero, Candidate (if elected)
Wednesday, September 20th		Marin Lodge Constitutional Observance
Tuesday, September 26th	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Supper District School of Instruction at Mill Valley Lodge
Tuesday, October 3rd	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Pot Luck Supper Special Presentation Stated Meeting
Friday, October 13th	1:00 PM	{ Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; Business Sessions
Saturday, October 14th	8:30 AM 1:15 PM 6:30 PM	{ 1111 California St., San Francisco. Master Masons only. { 300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet, Fairmont Hotel Open to Masons & Non-Masons
Sunday, October 15th	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Public Ceremonies. Open to Masons & Non-Masons Installation of Officers. Open to Masons & Non-Masons
Saturday, October 21st	10:00 AM 12:30 PM	Third Degree for Chad Marin, FC, by the Chinese Acacia Club Lunch Catered by Sweetwater
Tuesday, October 24th	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Hall Association Mtg. (with supper) Executive Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, November 7th	6:30 PM 7:45 PM	Potluck Dinner Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

168th Annual Communication October 13-15, 2017 San Francisco

Three hundred years ago, foundations were laid that would inspire and unite generations of gentlemen - foundations that continue to be built upon today. Important as ever, the Annual Communication serves as a way to unite, both in spirit and purpose. It's an opportunity to learn to be a better leader for your lodge; to recognize the accomplishments of our peers; to salute the grand master and welcome the new one. **On Saturday, October 16th: the 300th Anniversary Gala**, Fairmont Hotel - Marking the culmination of a weekend steeped in tradition, as well as centuries of shared dedication to freemasonry, the 300th Anniversary Gala will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the bonds of brotherhood - a night you'll never forget!!! Make your reservations TODAY!!!