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Creating this newsletter is not an easy task. I'm not very good at creative writing and I could use some help. There are many stories in this Park and if you would like to write a story that you think will be of interest to the readership, please submit them. Or....if you have any ideas for stories, please let me know.

Official articles belong in the Bulletin. That includes, for example, resumes from candidates, rules and bylaw changes, Board minutes, etc. My object is to keep the PIP light, entertaining, and to fill it with articles that one would not see in the Bulletin.

Speaking of which, the annual vote is in June for vacancies on the Board of Directors. Diana Cook, Mark Jacobsen, Greg Laskey, Pat McDonald and Sharon Simas are running for the three positions.

The Candidates Night will again be sponsored by the Men's Club. This is an excellent time to learn more about those who are running and how they stand on certain issues. Remember it is your obligation and duty as a member of this Club to vote.

The next two issues of the PIP will be complimentary to those who do not have e-mail addresses. Those who wish to have their PIP mailed to them, the subscription rate will be \$15/year. Those who do not need their copy mailed, but would still like a hard copy, the subscription rate will be \$8.00 a year. Business card space will be sold for \$5.00 each issue and any other advertisement will cost \$25.00 for ½ a column.

This issue will be e-mailed to all of those whose e-mail addresses I have. If

anyone who is not included would like to be added to my list, please let me know. A hard copy will be printed and placed in the PPMC mailboxes or hand delivered to those without e-mail addresses. The rest will be delivered by U.S. mail.

Letters and articles of interest to the membership are welcome for publication. Ideas for future articles are also welcome

The deadline for submitting articles is the Wednesday following the Board meeting. Please submit articles to Shirley Radder, 153 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, or by e-mail in MS Word format to: radder@lemoorenet.com

A page of advertisements is included in this newsletter. Please consider using those businesses, as their fees help pay for the PIP.

Show Me, by Edgar A Guest

I would rather see a Mason, than hear one any day,
I would rather one would walk with me than merely show
the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.
And the best of all the Masons are the men who live their
creeds.
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too
fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver may be wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you
give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how
you live.

Masonic Family Information



Youth Groups

- DeMolay* – May 13 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Job's Daughters* – May 8 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 2 – Job's Daughter's breakfast at PPMC
- Rainbow for Girls* - May 6 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.
May 22 10 a.m. Installation

Paideia Lodge

- 3 May – 6 pm.
- 12 May – 7:30 UD
- 17 May – 7 p.m. MOA/SOI

SCSLV Lodge

- 4 May – Stated Meeting Speaker: Robert Nelson
- 13 April – Third Degree, GM Reception practice
- 20 April – 3rd Degree Mark Grennel, GM Reception
- 27 April – Second Degree Practice

Eastern Star:

- SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings
- May 10 – DGM OV – wear white
- May 24 -- DARK
- May 28 – Electa Circle
- May 30 – Memorial Day BBQ, PPMC Picnic Grounds at noon

- Wild Lily* 7:30 meetings
- May 19 – DGM OV & Memorial – wear white

Why do Masons wear white aprons?

The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (c.1873)
by Albert G Mackey

Lamb. In ancient Craft Masonry the lamb is the symbol of innocence; thus in the ritual of the First Degree: "In all ages the lamb has been deemed an emblem of innocence." Hence it is required that a Mason's apron should be made of lambskin.

In the high degrees, and in the degrees of chivalry, as in Christian iconography, the lamb is a symbol of Jesus Christ. The introduction of this Christian symbolism of the lamb comes from the expression of St. John the Baptist, who seeing Jesus, Lamb of God"; undoubtedly prophetic compare the suffering on the cross to a lamb under the knife of a butcher. In the vision of St. John, in the Apocalypse, Christ is seen, under the form of a lamb, wounded in the throat, and opening the book with the seven seals. Hence, in one of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the Seventeenth, or Knight of the East and West, the lamb lying on the book with the seven seals is a part of the jewel.



Bob Morgan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Members of PPMC:

There are several areas in PPMC that make it very difficult for emergency vehicles to quickly respond to 911 emergencies. Each second an emergency vehicle is delayed could have an impact on saving a life.

When an emergency vehicle approaches and you are blocking passage, you should attempt to:

--Check for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and any other obstacles, then pull over if safe to do so.

--Pull over as far as safely possible.

--Stay calm and be alert, as there may be other emergency vehicles coming.

--Pedestrians should stay off the road until the emergency vehicle has passed, ensuring it is safe before crossing.

If these tips are followed, unnecessary delays will be avoided and a life may possibly be saved!

Greg Laskey

Member of ERT/Fire Brigade.

There's talk of putting a cell phone tower in PPMC. Anyone seriously considering this is invited to borrow my copies of two DVD's on the subject: The first is called *Public Exposure:DNA, Democracy & the "Wireless Revolution."* It includes California Senator Tom Hayden calling for residential communities to resist the installation of cell phone towers. It discusses the corruption of scientific research funded by the cell phone industry. It also describes the Saltzberg Declaration including the latest research from Nordic and European Countries whose standards are consistently higher than in the USA. The second DVD is the *BioInitiative Report.* "The *BioInitiative Report* is a major milestone in understanding the health risks from wireless technology." --- Whitney North Seymour, Former Senator and States Attorney.

It consists of an interview with Cindy Sage, environmental consultant and founder of the Ecological Options Network. It describes the effect of cell phone towers on children; the sick; and the elderly ~ discussing Leukemia and brain tumors.

Make an informed decision about whether or not to consider having a cell phone tower in this community. It is my opinion that income and convenience are less important than quality of life, health, and well-being.

~ Tripura Anand

175 Paradise Park

Some of the most unusual song titles are created in the country and western genrefor example,

"How Can I Miss You When You Won't Go Away?"...or

"If the Phone Doesn't Ring, You'll Know It's Me" and one of my favorites:

"I'm So Miserable Without You It's Almost Like Having You Here."

The following song I saw performed on YouTube entitled, "If My Nose Was Running Money"

You ask me if I love you, and if my love is true
Well, if I were a rich man, here is what I'd do
I'd buy you a diamond ring and a new fur coat or two
If my nose was running money, I'd blow it all on you.

If my nose was running money, I'd blow it all on you
I'd buy you a Cadillac, a new Mercedes too
I'd build you a mansion up on that mountain top
If my nose was running money, but honey it's not

If my nose was
you'd have
please
Anytime you
I'd have to do



running money,
anything you

wanted cash all
is sneeze

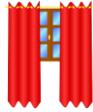
Honey you'd
when I have a
If my nose was
I'd blow it all on you

win the lottery
cold or flu
running money,

It's a booger of a problem I've got.
I wish my nose was running money... but it's not

I'd buy you a diamond ring, a new fur coat or two
If my nose was running money, I'd blow it all on you!

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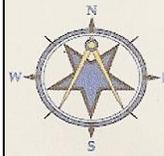
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Narrative of 17 April Board Meeting

I arrived early and the small social hall was locked but Ray Hoffman has a key (since he is the Bingo King) and let us in. I counted 25 members in the audience. 16 (64%) of those attend Tuesday coffee.

John Mancini questioned why the Fred Dunn-Ruiz petitions were discussed in closed session and Gayle said that it wasn't meant for secrecy...it was just done that way. I think, and I may be wrong, that the Board decided not to adopt those changes which mean that if Fred wants them on the ballot, he has to collect 40 signatures.

Remember, everyone, this is my take only on the actions of the Board. To get the "real scoop", read the minutes in the Bulletin.

Cyndy gave her managers report which included that all defibrillators are now updated; the office sent out notices to people who were late getting their dues cards to the office....and many, many of those notices were sent in error. She made a public apology to those who were inconvenienced.

Personal allotment files - one should be able to access them immediately. There is a waiting period of, I believe, 10 days for official files...i.e. minutes of meetings, reports, etc.

The basement has been organized for the flea market; Cyndy also personally reviewed the staking John Demsen did on his own allotment and found it to be accurate.

She talked about abandoned cars (cars have been abandoned in Sections 4 and 6) and we have a contract with a towing company. Signs stating that abandoned cars will be towed had to be posted at the front and back entrances

Drains have been cleared; there was a water leak in Section 6 (across from Carol Blum); all wires in the sirens are completely repaired.

Gayle announced that the motorcycle petition received 52 signatures, so that issue will be on the next ballot.

Sue Lovelace stated, that with the proposed budget, we would have a net income of \$5,020.00 Budget was approved.

The water "window" was discussed and people wanted to know when it will be open and closed. Gayle stated that she didn't know yet what the window would be. She said, "We have one chance to fix this and to fix it right so it doesn't happen again."

Shirley Moore reported on recreation and said she had a great meeting with an excellent turnout. The committee decided to do the traditional things

but suspended the quaker regatta for lack of interest. The next meeting is Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. She plans to invite the youth to attend and get their ideas and suggestions.

Char Reynolds, talking about the flea market, mentioned she had a small article in the Bulletin and full page in the PIP. She asked for ideas as to how the proceeds should be spent. For the sale, she requested items in good condition, clean, and please, PLEASE, please mark your bedding! (twin, full, queen, king)

John Mancini spoke about bylaws and publishing proposed changes two times in the Bulletin.

The Park has a new employee insurance policy which is better for the employees and cheaper for the Park.

Work on the Social Hall has been put off until the weather is better.

Six 911 calls....4 in the park and 2 outside. Jim and Dianna Cook, as well as Fred Dunn-Ruiz were complimented on their work for CERTS.....7 people are attending CERTS training.

Four incidents were submitted for mediation ; 2 cannot take action because the parties would not agree to mediation and 2 did agree.

Open Forum

Someone asked if the bylaws could be posted on the official website. Gayle will talk to Carla about it.

Our 9 month CD is coming up for renewal and the best we could get is 1.61% at Rabobank.

Cheryl Dangreau was very much offended by the no dog pooping signs. Cyndy talked about it and said she was amenable to change.

George then spoke. He said he received an unsigned packet trashing one of the candidates running for the Board. He said it was totally uncalled for; Ray Hoffman spoke up as he, too, received a packet and said that as far as he was concerned, the sender of that garbage is 10 or 100 times worse than the subject of the garbage. Another person said that anonymous letters are in the same category.

My thoughts: When Gayle announced the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee, she asked that a clean campaign be run. This is not MY idea of "clean." It's disgusting, hurtful and if it ever comes to light who did this cowardly act, they should be brought up on Masonic, Shrine and Eastern Star Charges. That is MY idea and MY feeling only.

The meeting adjourned around noon.

Hornitos Lodge

During a recent trip to Mariposa, CA, Carol and I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the Inspector for the Masonic District that includes Hornitos Lodge #98. Being the historian for that famous Lodge, he agreed to conduct a tour of their old Lodge building, which we found most interesting.

Hornitos, a town made famous during the gold rush era, once boasted a population of 15,000, but with the playing-out of the gold mines the area became a ghost town and now has a remaining population of 65. The Masonic Lodge building, built in 1855 by Italian stone masons, was used by a variety of businesses, and when it was purchased in 1873 by the Masons it had most recently been used as a saloon. The Lodge has the distinction of being the smallest operating Lodge in California, with a Lodge room that is 17' 6" x 29' 6" in size. The Lodge has an active membership of 71, none of whom live in Hornitos, but they commonly travel a distance of an hour or more to faithfully attend their meetings. On the day of our visit they had conferred the first degree to two new candidates.

One of their former Past Masters held the distinction of having served for 30 years as the Master of that Lodge, followed during the next 20 years as being their secretary.

A number of years ago they expanded their Lodge by excavating a basement beneath it, which is just large enough to accommodate a few tables for their monthly dinners. In the process of doing the excavation they transported the soil to a nearby river, worked that soil, and recovered



enough gold to pay the cost of the project. More recently, funded by generous donations, they spent about \$30,000 and completely restored the building. The building is now on the National Registry of Historic Places, and is a California Point of Historical Interest.

I would encourage all Masons who are traveling in the historic Highway 49 gold country to take the time to visit this ghost town and view the old Lodge building. It is less than a half-hour drive out of Mariposa. And, if your time should coincide, they meet on the second Saturday of each month.

Bob Morgan

MONEY TALKS – Maximizing CD Income

By John Mancini

We all know that, the longer the maturity of a certificate of deposit (CD) the higher the interest rate one receives. Most financial institutions do not offer maturities beyond 5 years. I will confine my discussion to maturities of 1-5 years.

That 5-year rate looks nice but will tie up ones money for 5 years. One year CD's only tie up your money for a year but don't pay much interest. I would like to show the reader how to spread the money equally over CD's of maturities from 1-5 years whereby 20% of your CD's mature each year with the funds being available. In addition you will earn the high 5-year CD rate for all the certificates. The system is called "laddering". It will take you four years to position all the certificates at the five-year rate but from then on all CD will earn the 5-year rate. Here is how it works.

For illustration, let's assume you have \$10,000 to invest in CD's.

Year One - You buy 1-5 year CD's putting \$2,000 into each one. In April 2010, here are the best rates you could have received by shopping around:

1 year – 1.90%; 2 year – 2.05%
3 year – 2.65% 4 year – 3.00%
5 year – 3.39%

Year Two - Your 1-year CD has matured. With the funds, buy a 5-year CD. Your other four CD's are a year older and have turned into 4-year, 3-year, 2-year and 1-year CD's. Your 4-year CD is earning the 5 year rate and so is the new CD you just purchased.

Year Three - Another CD matures and you replace it with a 5-year CD.

Each year you buy a 5-year CD with the funds from the matured CD and by year five all your CD's are earning the 5-year interest rate. From here on you buy only 5 year CD's. If you need money, you take it from the maturing CD. If you have extra money, you add it to the 5-year CD you purchase. You get the general system, which can be modified to meet each individual's needs.

Now go put your CD money to work!

Knittin' Kittens Ladies Canasta



1st Monday
May 3 & June 7
Small Social Hall,
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Pat

Stitch & Rip Sewing Circle

May 8
10 a.m.
Jean Cook's
698 St. Johns



Fire Brigade Training

May 8 & June 12
(2nd Saturday of each month)



Firehouse – 9 a.m.
All are welcome

BINGO !!!

May 19
(3rd Wednesday)



Social Hall 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Next Bingo – June 16

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Small Social Hall

Men's Club

Small Social Hall, 11:30

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May 7 & May 21
(1st & 3rd Friday)



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Rainbow Girls Walk A Thon
Saturday, May 8
Paradise Park





Does this picture give any clue as to what momentous event is coming in July? Well, hang on to your hats as we are going to again, after a 4-year hiatus, hold a flea market, courtesy of Char Reynolds.

She cannot do this alone and she needs a lot of volunteer helpers.

When? You might ask? It's July 30, 31 and August 1, 2010. She says the basement is full, so please bring your large items (furniture, bikes, etc) on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (July 28-30). The committee will take any and all...with a few exceptions. No computers or TVs. Those can be donated to Gray Bears. Also no hide-a-beds or mattresses. Another "biggie" is to please mark your linens. Just a little tag with "twin, queen, full or king" on it will save the volunteers countless hours of time.

Friday night will be "preview evening"...but no purchases allowed. For a minimal fee (\$5.00) wine and heavy snacks will be served.

Don't forget the Boutique Room which traditionally holds items that are more valuable and more collectible. It would help if the donated item had a value of what was paid for it. It gives a starting base for pricing.

Volunteer sign up sheets are in the foyer of the office building. We need any and all help....youth (10 and older), men, women,

The following list might assist you in what items sell: small appliances, baskets/wreaths, books/records, clothes in good condition, cups, dishes, electronics, furniture, games/puzzles, glasses/vases, holiday décor, jewelry, kitchenware, lamps, linens, luggage, knick knacks, office supplies, pictures & frames/ pots & pans, sewing notions/yarn/crafty items, shoes/purses, sports, tool, toys and Tupperware.

Remember: One person's trash is another's treasure!

Tuesday, April 20, members of Paradise Park said goodbye to Ruthann Amsel, who lived on St. Ambrose. She requested an Eastern Star funeral ceremony and asked Shari Keller to put the group together. She gave Shari names of those she wished to participate. Acting as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron were Shari and Ted Keller, Dan MacDonald as Chaplain with the following as Star Points...Adah - Mable Coleman, Ruth- Beth McFarland, Esther-Ellen Olsen, Martha-Shirley Radder and Electa-Tami MacDonald.

Several people from Paradise Park were in attendance and after the Eastern Star portion, those who wished, stood up and related stories about Ruthann. A Burial Kaddish (traditional Jewish funeral ceremony) was held at the gravesite with Yarmulkes. A prayer was lowered into the open handfuls of dirt on the casket,

Liquid refreshments and Peachwoods at the Inn at

Ruthann Levy Amsel

August 21, 1935 – April 17, 2010



the male participants wearing recited in Hebrew after which her casket followed by others who wished to do so.

hors d'oeuvres were served at Pasatiempo.

You will be missed, Ruthann.....

Good Golly Miss Mollie! April 12 at 3:20 p.m. I was driving into the Park (via Ocean Street Extension)...when out of nowhere came two white vehicles flying around the corner with the first one ripping off his side mirror by sideswiping my car

I called 911 and reported the accident; she in turn called the Highway Patrol who said they would send someone out to take a report. After almost an hour, I called again, gave them my geographical location (thank goodness for GPS units), and a few minutes later, a Highway Patrolman arrived.

The reason he took so long was because someone called in to complain about two white vehicles, speeding down the road, which took out their mailbox, and kept on going. The patrolman got a description and noticed two white vehicles, fitting the description, in the parking lot of a local eatery. He was able to get the drivers' names and phone numbers.

He called the next day and told me the car that sideswiped me was a rental, the driver filed a false insurance claim stating he saw a truck driver hit his car while he was in a restaurant and when asked about a gray van (my car) he lied 3 times to the policeman. What the driver did not know was that the policeman had the missing side mirror in the back of his patrol car!

So, now Larry (my Odyssey) needs some cosmetic surgery on the driver's rear side, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the sedan driver has some insurance. Both drivers are being charged with hit and run...The Bronco for destroying a mailbox and the sedan for hit and run, filing a false insurance claim and lying to a police officer.

FIVE Things You Didn't Know About Your Cell Phone

FIRST Emergency The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock.

THIRD Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

FOURTH How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. .

FIFTH Free Directory Service for Cells

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1..75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: 800 goog411? ; (800) 466-4411

This information should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. These are some things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival.

