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Leprechauns  
By M. T.

The land of leprechauns is far away  
But they kindly share them with us  
Irish immigrants brought them along  
They remain for many a "must."

We see them at every Notre Dame game  
Their cavorting delighting the throng  
They prove not everyone has to be tall  
Even the shortest can be strong.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day  
And Erin's Isle is on my mind  
Shamrocks, leprechauns and pots of gold  
We welcome transplants of every kind.





# The "PIP"



Parque Independent Press

April 2011

Saturday, March 19, PPMC experienced a rain storm which included a loss of electricity. This all happened around 9 p.m. and even though most of the Park came back on line by Sunday, the houses in my area did not get electricity until 2 p.m. on Monday. The cause of our outage was due to a branch falling on a wire



(looking East on Royal Arch )

Vicki Turegano reported that a branch had fallen on George's truck and smashed the windshield. This happened to them once before and at that time they had no insurance. They learned their lesson and have insurance to cover this loss.



(photo by M. Coleman)



Brown home at corner of Amaranth & York sustained four limbs going through bedroom and bath. (note holes in ceiling). I went inside to take the picture and

my shoes made squishing noises as I walked over the carpet. The cleaning van appeared just as I was leaving.

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Much activity is going on in our Park and not all of it very nice. I think the membership needs to know that it appears the Board will be seeing a lot of the inside of a courthouse in the next few months. If you want to know why, just ask a Board member. Remember, our insurance does not cover the first \$25,000. So, where does that \$25,000 come from? From the membership! And with the potential of five lawsuits, and there are sure to be a lot more, that is \$125,000 WE are going to have to pay...if we lose, and it appears likely we will lose. It's a sad day in Mudville.

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# Masonic Family Information



## Youth Groups

*DeMolay* – Apr 14 & 28 7:00 p.m.

*Job's Daughters* – Apr 9 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.  
Apr 9 – rummage sale 9 – 3 p.m.  
Santa Cruz Masonic Lodge

*Rainbow for Girls* – Apr 7 & 21 at 7:00 p.m.



## Masonic Lodges

<i>Confidence</i>	Apr 4	7:30
<i>Paideia</i>	Apr 4 & 18 –	6 pm.
<i>SCSLV</i>	Apr 5 dinner -	6:30
	p.m.	



## Eastern Star:

*SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings  
Mar 28 – Honor PM & PP  
Apr 11 – dinner at 6:30  
Apr 25 – dinner at 6:30

*Wild Lily* 7:30 meetings  
April 20 – Chapter Birthday

## The Design of Masonry

What is the Design of Masonry? An answer is suggested by Albert Mackey in his "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry".

Mackey defines the Design of Masonry first by describing what it is not, and then by describing what it is. He is quoted as having said:

***"It is neither charity or almsgiving, nor the cultivation of the social sentiment; for both of these are merely incidental to its organization; but it is the search after truth, and that truth is the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. The various degrees or grades of initiation represent the various stages through which the human mind passes, and the many difficulties which men, individually or collectively, must encounter in their progress from ignorance to the acquisition of this truth."***

So, how does Mackey define the unity of God? Here again he speaks first as to what it is not. He says that in the popular mythology of the ancients there were many gods. It was to correct that false opinion, and to teach a purer theology, that the mystery school initiations were invented. Mackey goes further and quotes writer Warburton as having said that the famous secret of the ancient mysteries was the unity of the Godhead. This, too, says Mackey, is the doctrine of Masonic initiation, and the unity of God is equally distant from the blindness of atheism and the folly of polytheism.

In speaking of the methods employed in teaching immortality of the soul, Mackey refers again to the ancient mystery schools

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## Fellow Shareholders of Paradise Park Masonic Club

In my opinion, each one of us is 100% responsible for Paradise Park Masonic Club (PPMC), a Not-For-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation chartered in the State of California. We are responsible for PPMC's current conditions and its future. That doesn't mean that each of us can just do whatever we want. We are governed by our bylaws. Decisions that affect PPMC including all of its resources are decided by a majority of those voting.

We elect a Board of Directors to conduct the business of PPMC. The Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility to assure the assets of PPMC are used at the direction of the shareholders for the benefit of all shareholders.

Each of us has one 391st of the value of PPMC. If the value of PPMC goes down, so does the value of each share. If PPMC were to owe more than its value, each of us would owe a share of the debt. Remember that the equity of your improvement (structure on your allotment) only has the value that another person is willing to give you in exchange for your PPMC membership. The value of your improvement is determined by how others perceive us and how willing they are to become shareholders.

Each of us may choose how to exercise our responsibility. We can participate in the process that guides PPMC's Board of Directors or not. Remember that both action and inaction are choices.

Each of us is responsible to express our wishes for the future of PPMC in an open and responsible way. If we don't know what is affecting the conditions in PPMC, we have the right to know and may ask for information in a responsible way. The Board of Directors of PPMC has the responsibility to assure the answers are provided and in a responsible way.

Shareholders may choose to help PPMC become better or leave it the same as it has been. If PPMC is neglected it becomes worse. Shareholders can choose to assure our governance avoids liabilities that decrease our share value. Share holders can choose the kind of community we

become. Shareholders can choose how we care for our environment. Shareholders can choose whether our collective members and guests are safe.

We are all subject to the consequences.  
Chuck Buchanan

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and their rites of initiation, at the conclusion of each of which the hero of their legend was a symbol of immortal life. So, too, the same doctrine is taught by a similar legendary and symbolic method in our Third Degree of Masonry.

How different then, are the teaching of Masonry, to the teachings of the ancient mystery schools?

Mackey quotes Archbishop Mant as having wisely said that whereas the heathens had taught this doctrine of immortality of the soul only by the application of a fable to their purpose, the wisdom of the pious Grand Master of the Israelitish Masons took advantage of a real circumstance, which could more forcibly impress the sublime truths he intended to inculcate upon the minds of all brethren.

The end result was the same, in that the immortality of the soul was taught, both by the ancient mystery schools and by our founding fathers. But by making reference to actual events which took place, and by making reference to actual persons of history, the Masonic legend creates a level of realism that is more impressive and better remembered. King Solomon's Temple actually existed. Hiram, King of Tyre, actually lived, and ruled. Hiram Abif actually was a great artisan.

We frequently speak of our three principle tenants of freemasonry as being Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. In a strict analysis of Mackeyian philosophy, Brotherly Love would be equated to what he calls social sentiment; and Relief would be equated to what he calls charity or almsgiving; both of which he says are incidental to our true purpose. Per Mackey, then, the Design of Masonry is a search for truth, and that truth is the unity of God and the immortality of the soul.

Bob Morgan

***It just all depends on how you look at some things....***

The following story has been circulated on the web naming several prominent politicians as being related to this cattle thief. I'm not going to name any names, but the story goes that a person was doing research on a member of their family and discovered the following:

The researcher discovered that Senator XYZ's great-great uncle was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

Since the researcher and Senator XYZ shared the same ancestor, the researcher wrote to the Senator's office to confirm. The staff sent back the following:

Remus XYZ was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory . His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

(If purchased after 1/1/04)

By John Mancini

In the last issue of the PIP, I promised to explain the Santa Cruz County Tax Assessor's new method of assessment for those PPMC Members who purchased an allotment after January 1, 2004. Well here it is. I hope that I can make it understandable, as up to now, few in the Club fully understand it. Everything that I wrote in the last PIP still pertains to the regular tax bill that you will receive as part of your TAD's billing. The only difference is that this bill only represents a part of the total annual property tax bill that is due to be paid by the Member. In addition to this bill, you will receive a second bill and the rest of this article will be devoted to this billing. I hope to explain how it came about and how it is calculated.

## Why the new method of assessment/billing

In the real world, the total tax valuation is made up of the sum of land value and improvement value. In PPMC a Member's tax bill (included with TAD's billing) only represents improvement valuation. Now the assessor wants to do valuation the conventional way. As a starting point, the assessor made an artificial subdivision of the Club single parcel into the 391 allotments. Then each allotment was assigned a land value of 1/391 of the Club's total parcel tax valuation. That came to slightly over \$10,000 for each allotment. For purposes of illustration, I shall use \$10,000. The real reason for this is to protect the County's property tax revenue in case improvements are destroyed by fire. If an improvement is destroyed by fire, its tax valuation goes to zero. The old system was concentrating most of the tax valuation in the PPMC improvements.

## How are taxes calculated under the new system?

Lets assume that you just purchased an allotment for \$200,000. Remember that under proposition 13, you will only be responsible for taxes based upon the purchase price of \$200,000. Lets also assume that the assessor decides that your allotment valuation should be equally divided between land and improvements. That is original land value of \$10,000 plus

purchase price of \$200,000 equals final tax valuation of \$210,000. That means that the land portion will have a tax valuation of \$105,000 and the improvements will be \$105,000.

The tax bill that you will receive with your TAD's billing will reflect taxes based upon a valuation of \$105,000 and will be short \$95,000. The billing that PPMC will receive for land will have included your allotment land valued at \$105,000. You are responsible for taxes based upon the purchase price of \$200,000. You will receive a bill from PPMC based upon the taxes due on \$95,000 of the \$105,000 for the land portion of your allotment. The taxes will only represent the basic tax rate applied to the \$95,000 and will include neither all the interest of County bonds nor any of the County fees. You will have paid them on the tax bill that came with the TAD's billing. Each year this tax rate will increase by 2% as allowed under Proposition 13.

## Why was my County tax bill reduced this year?

Due to the collapse of the housing market, the County Assessor has lowered tax valuations for those who purchased allotments after 2004. This resulted in a lower tax bill. The Assessor will keep track of the old billing valuation and its increase by 2% each year. At any time in the future that house valuations begin to rise, the Assessor may increase your tax valuations and accordingly increase your taxes. The maximum valuation that can be assigned by the Assessor would be the purchase valuation, increased by the 2% annual increases to date.

I hope that I have given the reader a better understanding of the new assessment method and how it will apply to your tax billings.

As of 10/17/10 to 3/21/11, rainfall in Paradise Park was 62 inches!



## Beware of Fowl Necks!

My wife loves chicken wings, by the same token I know that some of you out there love eating chicken, turkey, duck and goose necks as well as the giblets! For those that love necks I thought you might find the following information interesting. Next time you are sucking on those bird necks and find yourself crunching on something unusual be sure and spit it out. Read the following to find out what you almost ate:

A French poultry breeding company has developed a genetic breeding program putting a strong emphasis on feed conversion. Feed conversion is expressed as a ratio: the pounds of feed it takes to produce one pound of duck. A feed conversion of 2.00 (or 2.00:1) means it takes two pounds of feed to produce one pound of live duck - a seven pound duck would have eaten 14 pounds of feed. Of course the desire is to reduce this number. With increasing feed costs, the feed efficiency of commercially grown poultry is critical.

The same French Company has developed equipment to measure the feed conversion of each individual duck in a flock. With this information, they can select the better converting ducks for breeding stock. Each duck has a chip implanted in its neck (much the same as is done with horses and dogs for identification purposes). Each feeder can only be used by one duck at a time. When the duck reaches for feed, the scale automatically weighs the feed. When the duck leaves, the scale again weighs the feed and records the difference as feed eaten by that particular duck. The advantage of this system is each duck does not need to be penned separately to record the feed consumption - they can be grown in a flock.

For large operations, feed conversion is critical. Assume you grow 10,000 ducks a week, with a feed conversion of 2.4:1, you process them at 7 pounds live weight and feed costs you an average of \$340 a ton. With this scenario, you will use 4368 tons of feed, costing \$1,485,120 in a year. Now let us assume you grow ducks that achieve a feed conversion of 2.3:1. With everything

else constant, you have just saved 182 tons, or \$61,880 dollars a year. Even if you are only growing 100 ducks a week, you will save \$618 a year.

I wonder if the same technology would work in reverse for those trying to lose weight? Perhaps a sensor attached to the refrigerator door or cookie jar to catch those cheating on their diets?

Don Radder

## "IF SUDDENLY WE KNEW"

By Alice E. Chase

If suddenly we knew today  
Was going to be our last  
I'm sure we'd do a lot of things  
Neglected in the past.

Like rising very early  
So we wouldn't miss the dawn  
Or running barefoot down a hill  
Before the dew was gone.

I think we'd greet our neighbors  
With a very special smile  
And visit friends we hadn't seen  
In quite a little while.

I'm certain we'd be careful  
Not to tread on any toes  
And listen with a kinder ear  
To other peoples woes.

We'd find much greater magic  
In a sunset or a star  
And wish we'd noticed sooner  
Just how beautiful they are.

And finally I think we'd ask  
For extra time to do  
These things we didn't do before  
And lots of others too.

For all at once we'd realize  
That our spiritual worth  
Depends upon the way we live  
While we are here on earth.

The oldest stained-glass window in the world is in Augsburg, Germany, depicting the Prophets. It dates from the second half of the eleventh century

## Free Spaghetti Dinner!

Of course it was dark so I could see people through the windows first then talking, then a few steps up the deck to the open door. It sounded like everyone was talking at the same time. A table was picked. Some tables were completely empty with others completely full. Some tables had bottles of wine on them. Other tables had bottles of water to signify the seats were taken.

I walked around looking for a chance to make photographs to share with you. The prayer was given by Sharon Simas, and the call was made to form a line. There were large containers of warm French bread with garlic and melted butter. Next was the salad with your choice of dressings. Then the window between the large dining hall and the kitchen was open. That is where you would stop with your plate half filled. Spaghetti was then piled high on your plate, you turned and passed the dessert lineup on your way back to your seat. There was a continued chatter with an announcement of seconds if you wish.

Below is a selection of photographs for your viewing and you can see for yourself that we were missing, oddly enough, the three Board of Directors who decided a Town Hall Meeting would be a better way than a continuation along the path that would have involved them, me, and a court. This spaghetti dinner was designed to raise some funds that would support the chosen speaker. I can only speak for myself and say that these three disappointed me but I can't help feel this is a display of the insincerity in their choices

Myron Coleman  
(photos by M. Coleman)



Board members getting "sauce!"



Hey! That's MY meatball!



Yes, we'll all have seconds!



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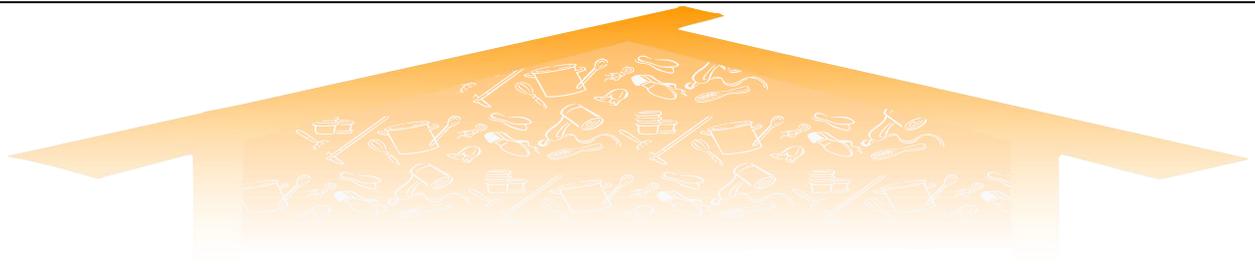
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The sum of the numbers on a roulette



wheel is 666.



# Flea Market

Date To Be Announced

To make donations or if you would like to help, please contact  
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## WRONG NUMBER

Leola Starling of Ribrock, Tenn., had a serious telephone problem. But unlike most people she did something about it. The brand-new \$10 million Ribrock Plaza Motel opened nearby and had acquired almost the same telephone number as Leola.

From the moment the motel opened, Leola was besieged by calls not for her. Since she had the same phone number for years, she felt that she had a case to persuade the motel management to change its number. Naturally, the management refused claiming that it could not change its stationery. The phone company was not helpful, either. A number was a number, and just because a customer was getting someone else's calls 24 hours a day didn't make it responsible. After her pleas fell on deaf ears, Leola decided to take matters into her own hands.

At 9 o'clock the phone rang. Someone from Memphis was calling the motel and asked for a room for the following Tuesday. Leola said, "No problem. How many nights?"

A secretary wanted a suite with two bedrooms for a week. Emboldened, Leola said the Presidential Suite on the 10th floor was available for \$600 a night. The secretary said that she would take it and asked if the hotel wanted a deposit. "No,

that won't be necessary," Leola said. "We trust you."

The next day was a busy one for Leola. In the morning, she booked an electric appliance manufacturers' convention for Memorial Day weekend, a college prom and a reunion of the 82nd Airborne veterans from World War II.

Her biggest challenge came in the afternoon when a mother called to book the ballroom for her daughter's wedding in June. Leola assured the woman that it would be no problem and asked if she would be providing the flowers or did she want the hotel to take care of it. The mother said that she would prefer the hotel to handle the floral arrangements. Then the question of valet parking came up.

Once again Leola was helpful. "There's no charge for valet parking, but we always recommend that the client tips the drivers." Within a few months, the Ribrock Plaza Motel was a disaster area.

People kept showing up for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and Sweet Sixteen parties and were all told there were no such events. Leola had her final revenge when she read in the local paper that the motel might go bankrupt. Her phone rang, and an executive from Marriott said, "We're prepared to offer you \$200,000 for the motel."

Leola replied. "We'll take it, but only if you change the telephone number."

## Message from Japan

(My friends, Jim & Yoshiko Bare live in Japan. Jim is retired from the Navy (hence the "colorful" language), while his wife, Yoshiko is still working. I met Jim when they were stationed at Mare Island.)

The BIG one!!! After action—damage assessment—recovery status

Did you know that Japan had a horrendous earthquake? That is all that has been on the news for the past week. All the rest of the world news has been overtaken Lybia's curly coronel—U.S. floods and snowstorms and even Charley Sheen! I had just returned from a shopping trip to the Base and settled in for a TV'S news update.

At approximately 1445, all hell broke loose. The shaking started out like so many other quakes in the past. Then the intensity and magnitude kept increasing and all sorts of things began flying off the walls and shelves. It just wouldn't quit and kept getting stronger. I shielded myself and had to ride it out. "A\*\*hole" (our cat) ran from room to room with his tail between his legs. I have never experienced a quake that was so strong and lasted almost five minutes.

Then once it beat itself out, the after shocks commenced every five minutes and they were just as strong as the original impact. I had no idea where the epicenter was located. The news finally reported that the main center was away north of Tokyo but we still got our a\*\* kicked and then tsunami warnings started coming in.

In summary—it was a three element punch: first the original jolt followed by the tsunami and then the damage to the nuclear power plants. Poor Yoshiko immediately evacuated her work place and tried to get home, but, there were 3 million panic stricken Japanese with no place to go and no way to get there. All modes of transportation were cutoff. No electricity from the nuclear power plants—no electricity to drive the trains and subways—the roads were all closed and all bicycles in shops were immediately sold out.

Yoshiko finally threw up her hands and said "aw the heck with-it" and started out walking---with her office computer strapped-on. She walked the entire 17 miles (25 kms) and didn't get home until after midnight. Then once she got home, the elevator was

knocked off line and she had to climb up six flights of stairs to our shattered apt. Sooo; after a 7-hour hike and burdened with her computer, in a cold dark night, plus being in her office attire—it is still winter this time of year with a recent snow fall only a few days ago—Yoshiko is a true "iron women" Then once she entered "home" she saw all the broken glass. She spent Saturday walking like a ruptured duck and required a massage.

We received numerous inquiries from all over the world, everyone offered relief food supplies and batteries & candles. Yoshiko has stayed home all week performing professional duties with her priceless, faithful, computer companion.

Some after action facts—there was no LOOTING—no PRICE GOUGING—no BLAME!!  
HAPPY St PATRICK'S Day!.

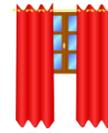


## Renovation in the Picnic Grounds

These photos, by Fred Dunn-Ruiz, show Terry Fitzpatrick and his workers finishing the concrete work of phase 1 of the picnic ground renovation. Phase 2 is the upgrade of the kitchen building. Carpentry help is needed for this phase; volunteers should contact Jim Clark or Bill Lind. Work is done each weekend as weather and volunteer availability permits.



## WINDOW COVERINGS



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A Texas brother was visiting a small lodge in Vermont. Between sections of the degree work, he struck up a conversation with the brother seated next to him. In the conversation, the Texan inquired the extent of the Vermonter's farm acreage. The answer was 180 acres. The Texan replied, "Back in Texas, I get into my Cadillac, drive all day before I can reach the other end of my acreage." The Vermonter replied, "Yup, I had a car like that once. I sold it!"

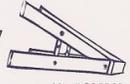
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## BOD Meeting, March 19, 2011

Remember, these remarks are MINE alone...if you want to know what really happened at the Board meeting, read the official minutes, or listen to the tapes of the meeting and judge for yourself.

The meeting officially opened at 9:45. The meeting started late as there were so many people that crowded into the small social hall, it was decided to move to the large social hall. At one time, I counted 68 people (36% make up Tuesday coffee)...which is almost as many that come to the annual meeting!

The room was cold, the heaters make a lot of noise and the board members were forced to use micro-phones in order to be heard.

The opening prayer was given by Sharon Simas who asked for guidance, understanding and peace.....and, for the room to heat up quickly.

The minutes of the meeting of February 19 were approved as written.

A report from interim manager was read as the IM could not attend the meeting. It was noted that the Interim Manager will also be absent for our meeting in April. Some of the highlights of his report were:

Gary Lomax pumped out the flood waters in the office basement

IM drained water out of the covered bridge sprinkler system

The system was checked and found the alarm bell to be inoperative

Fire Brigade wanted garage doorway in social hall to be increased to allow access for the tractor. Door frame would need a permit, so tractor will be stored at firehouse.

Dry rotted floor members in the restroom of the office were removed and replaced with new subflooring.

Working on proposal to get grant money for restoring the covered bridge

Repaired broken window in social hall

Request permission to purchase a unit so members could listen to recordings.

President's Report: Gayle Logan-Silva: "Last month's public display was inappropriate for a board meeting."

Treasurer – Diana Cook - Water project report – cannot find some information for the water report....

Pat M remarked how the water report had discrepancies in that in one instance, an amount spent of \$62,000 was marked "property tax" and then another time it was marked "time and materials." She asks that a letter requesting substantiating information be written to Granite for invoices that are not clear. She commended Tim for the great job he is doing going through the water project.

Sharon Simas gave her Director's Report which consisted of a chronology of her experiences with difficulties with the Board for the past eight weeks. Some of the concerns were: calling of illegal meetings; attorney visits without proper notification to all Board members; derogatory and demeaning comments by the Board President; wrongful termination of our Manager; lack of communication from the Board President; withholding corporate recordings and disregarding the civil rights of members.

Diana took offense to what Sharon reported about taped meetings and said the tapes were hers.

Nominating committee: B. Uber reported on the five names the committee recommends to run for the Board who were L. Dyson-Weaver, G.Brandenberg, M. Sawley, S.Cannon and J. Barbera. Wilma Vinson then rose and angrily added, "and John Mancini." B. Uber felt "the members do NOT have the final vote"....Yes, I believe he said that. He said the job of the Nominating Committee is present the names of those THEY (the committee) think will serve the Board the best. There was a HUGE outcry from the audience and then Bill said something like ..."why not just have a sign up sheet in the office and whomever wants can just sign up?" Which many thought was an excellent idea. The Board voted to accept the names of the candidates as nominated.

The Board discussed a letter from John Mancini in which he was accused, by Bill Uber, of suing Granite Construction Company in the name of Paradise Park. John Mancini said it was a blatant lie and requested an apology from the Board as Bill was acting in behalf of the Board when he made the statement.

Staking – the work on the Marilyn Wells allotment has been completed. A purchase offer is in place.

The staking committee went on site to four allotments 632 (McDonald) 634 (Feist) 636 (Huckobey) and 640 (Nelson) St. Augustine. There were differences between the existing documentation and the assessors maps. John went on to explain about a utility pole that defines the boundaries for lots 1 and 2 (Nelson) ...also talked about three scenarios that the Board could consider when deciding on the allotment lines. Chris Feist read a letter from his father which stated in part that moving the allotment lines were not within legal practices. The loss of the 6 feet would put his deck into noncompliance and his sewer system was within the 6 foot area. He would not want to litigate, but would be prepared to do that to protect his interest.

Fred Dunn-Ruiz thought the “loss” should be shared by all 3 allotments. Even though Joanne Nelson claimed she had permission from the previous owners to park on their allotment, Sharon Simas read a letter from Hostetler in which she stated that Joanne Nelson never had permission to park on their allotment. . Sharon moved to accept the 2006 staking. Motion passed!

The excellent presentation by John Densem, the letter from Hostetler and well, bottom line, common sense prevailed. Karen asked that a letter of apology be written to Joanne.

The Board agreed to a request for a fence between 232 and 230 Temple Lane. There was no response from the neighbor, so the board agreed to the plans.

The Board gave approval to Pat Tooker to replace her carport and raise it to allow her car to park underneath as there is dry rot throughout the carport. She stated the footprint will not be changed. She has a permit and has a licensed contractor at the ready as well as paid to have the plans rewritten twice.

Tree report – Cheryl Dangreau moved to remove trees from Genevieve Davidson allotment

Mark Z spoke about Comcast giving the park not \$58,000, but \$68,000.

He then spoke about the work he did regarding background checks – company sent different formats we could use....He mentioned 3 types of background checks and agreed to provide exact verbage regarding permission for background checks to be on our applications,.

Mark Z suggested some changes to the bylaws that have to be voted on by the membership...one of the changes was for a Financial Obligation for Membership Form prior to any transfer of funds being submitted to the Office.

Proposed bylaw change to allow renting to members with Masonic affiliation who are experiencing hardship.

Mediation committee – has a new member, Heidi Paris. Any and all are welcome to join.

Recreation committee - Working on getting a summer concert in the picnic grounds once a month, with Mike Sawley's band

Sharon Simas stated the Park Insurance company will be notified of two additional lawsuits.

Town Hall - \$758 has been raised. \$500 goes to Dr. Manning.

ERT – Ray Hoffman – no 911's this month. The Laidlaws will be part of the group in Section 6 to respond to these calls.

Fire brigade requested the extra monies received from the grant from the Fireman's Fund be spent on leasing 911 pagers and buying turnouts. Board approved

Budget report It was moved that Tim Heer be relieved of his duties as Chairman, but still say on the Budget Committee, since he now has a conflict of interest as he is now the Interim Park Manager. The Motion passed

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a computer for the Park Manger which was to alleviate the problem of employees using their personal computers. Motion passed.

The Election Committee members were appointed as follows:

Leigh Wunce –	by Sharon Simas
Joann nelson –	by Karen Eneboe
Tony Averill –	by Diana Cook
Tony Fleming –	by Pat McDonald
	by Gayle Silva

Mark Z said we may have another banker to sponsor refinance of allotments

Board approved that the Manager is to inform all board members prior to any scheduled meetings with the attorney; that all questions are to be written down before going to the attorney, all responses to be in written form and that all sessions be recorded. .

Website – An Ad Hoc committee to look into current website and hiring or getting a volunteer to run it by next board meeting

Keller/Cannon tree – a letter was received from Ted Keller. It was moved the Board respond to his letter after going to the attorney and reviewing current paperwork. The Kellers are now willing to pay all costs. Gayle stated that all three arborist reports said the tree is not a danger. Sharon said that was not true and had some concerns from an Arborist who resides in the Sacto

area. His invoice showed 2.5 hours travel round trip to observe the tree, but it takes 3 hours to drive from Sacto. Gayle talked to that particular arborist in the Office and said he might have driven down to somewhere nearby and THEN came to the Park to observe the tree. That could be why his invoice does not reflect a long period of travel time. Gayle added that the Kellers had initially agreed to having the tree topped, and would pay for half. Now they will pay the entire amount, but do not want it topped. They want it removed. .

Shirley Moore submitted the Recall Petition. In addition to 106 signatures originally submitted, 38 more arrived, making a grand total of 144 which is over 50% of the number of ballots received in the last election.

Adjourned.2:23

## **Public Schools Recognition Night**

**Please come and support our public schools.**

**WHEN: April 18, 2010**

**TIME: 7:00 pm**

**PLACE: Confidence Masonic Center**



**Students from local area schools will read their winning essays on “ THE TEACHER WHO HAS HAD THE MOST INFLUENCE ON MY EDUCATION AND LIFE.”**

**Refreshments will be served following the program.**

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## **Men's Club Luncheon**

Wednesday, April 6th

11:30 Social Time

12:00 Lunch

\$6.00 includes lunch and refreshments

President Bill Lind tells us that our guest speaker will be Alan Avery, who is a remote-controlled model airplane hobbyist. Alan will be bringing along a few of the planes he has built and will have interesting stories to tell about his hobby. Ongoing business matters that will be discussed will include the planning of the Grand Master's Visit on July 31st.

The luncheon menu hasn't been decided as yet, but an announcement will be sent out next week to all of those who usually attend. Watch for the notice in your mail box, or an email in your inbox. If you haven't been attending these monthly events, now would be a good time to look in, see what is going on, and become one of our "regulars". Bob Morgan

## **Youth Group Fund Raisers**

The **Rainbow** Girls will be hosting a Paradise Park window-washing event, and your house can be next on the list!

When: May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
[Saturday and Sunday]

Tickets are \$25 each.  
A ticket covers the cleaning of all windows within our reach.

The girls will be selling tickets door to door in PPMC. If we miss you, please contact Linden Swanson at [831] 423-9486 or any other Santa Cruz Rainbow Girl.

Thank you and we hope to be seeing you and your future crystal clear windows soon!

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## **Job's Daughters Rummage Sale**

April 9

9 a.m. – 3 p.m .

Santa Cruz Masonic Temple  
828 N. Branciforte  
Santa Cruz

Books, games, kitchen items, housewares, and much more! Plus, handmade jewelry, scarves, and accessories!

For more information, or to donate rummage, please contact Lisa at [lisa\\_slater\\_m@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_slater_m@yahoo.com).

## Calendar of Events

### March

Mar 22	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Mar 29	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH

### April

April 1	TADs Due!		
April 1	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
April 2	Bylaws Committee	9 a.m.	Office Apartment
April 2	Community Garden Mtg	11 a.m.	SSH
April 4	Knittin' Kittens	11:30	SSH
April 5	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
April 6	Men's Club	11:30	SSH
April 7	Tree Committee	7:00	SSH
April 9	Job's Daughters Rummage Sale		SC Masonic Temple
April 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Sean Clark	9 a.m.	Social Hall
April 14	Mediation	7 p.m.	Office Apartment
April 15	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
April 15	PAY YOUR TAXES!		
April 16	BOD meeting	9:30	SSH
April 16	Potluck	6:30	Social Hall
April 16	Town Hall Mtg	7:00	Social Hall
April 16-17	Girl Scout Overnight		Picnic Grounds
April 18	Public Schools Nite	7:00	Soquel Masonic Lodge
April 19	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
April 20	Bingo	6:30	Social Hall
April 23	Job's Daughter's Slumber	6-2 a.m.	Social Hall
April 24	Easter Sunday		
April 26	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH

### Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 & Santa Cruz Paradise Park Masons



Shawn Patrick-James Clark

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
10 a.m. Paradise Park Social Hall  
1 p.m. Lunch

All Masons invited for the Degree  
All Park members/families invited for Lunch.  
Reservations required. Sign up in Park Office  
Questions? Jim Clark (559) 977-0190

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Please attend our  
**Town Hall Meeting**

**Saturday  
April 16, 2011**

**With Guest Speaker  
Dr. Marilyn Manning PhD**

Potluck 6:00pm - Meeting 7:00pm

In the Social Hall – PPMC

What do YOU envision for our Park's future

