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From the East

Brethren,

Our March 16, 2010 Stated Communication was a very special occasion in honor of Brother Peter M. Bennett reaching 50 years as a member of our Fraternity. RH.: Aubrey Cross presented worthy Brother Bennett a Gold Emblem and Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Florida in token of his long and faithful service. Congratulations, Brother Bennett. I appreciate the support of all of our brothers for this event. Brother Edward G. Haug was to have been awarded his Gold Emblem and Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Florida upon reaching 70 years as a member of our Fraternity, however he was unable to attend. He will be present his awards during the April 6th Stated Communication.

Congratulations also to Brothers Zachary B. McClary and Dane M. Wallace upon demonstrating their Fellowcraft Catechism proficiency at this meeting. Well done.

A delicious dinner was served by the Junior Warden Brother Roger (Dutch) Neihart: Nebraska venison steak, baked potatoes, beans and a yummy cake for dessert. We had a good turn-out for the dinner as well as the meeting.

Our April 6th Stated Communication is RW.: DDGM Gene Jeffers and his Committeemen's Official Visit. Please make every effort to attend the important meeting as Brother Haug will be honored.

During the April 21, 2010 Stated Communication a discussion to propose changes to the By-Laws will be held. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

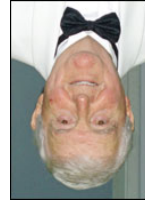
8:30AM on April 24th is the time and date for a Master Mason Degree to be held at our Lodge, so keep it open and plan to attend.

Brother George Moran is recuperating at Sarasota Memorial Hospital from yet another surgery. Please keep Brothers Moran, Ed. Haug, Richard Martin, Henry Pfeil, James T. Treferey in your thoughts and prayers. RW.: William Hubbard's wife Vitra passed away peacefully at home in Stewartville, MN on February 16, 2010. RW.: Hubbard is an honorary member of The Builder's Lodge and was our Lodge organist for several years. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally yours
Nyle Davenport
Worshipful Master



WM.: Nyle Davenport



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Good Night-Irene-Good Night-Irene- I see You in my Dreams!

What a beautiful song this is!?!

During the early 70s, the passengers of the Royal Caribbean cruise ship; The Song of Norway were wondering, why the captain of the ship, was singing this song every evening over the public address system, before his last announcement of the day. Only a few people knew, that it was meant for my wife Irene. Here is the story:

I am a entertainer, my name is Dieter Krakow (Dieter Tasso) and I was doing my comedy juggling act, along with Irene on the Song of Norway.

The captain liked my act and asked me if I would do a late show in a small cabaret room high in the ship. I was happy to do it. and every time I did it, I got a standing ovation. The reason was, that the captain stood up after everyone of my performances, so the audience just had to do it too! Well, we got to be very good friends, and during one of our conversations, he found out that Irene used to be an acrobat, and among her tricks, she could hang by her heels from the trapeze. He said tomorrow Irene, You will do this trick by the pool patio, and I, the captain; will hang next to you by my toe's. Well they did it, and the people went nuts. He was crazy about Irene from then on, and sang to her every night.

We worked the ships for many years. Our work took us all over the world, With the Harlem Globetrotters, to South America, Australia and Europe. I never can forget, alone, she was always with me, ever since we got married in June of 1970.

When Irene entered the sport arena in Argentina, in her short costume and blond hair, to assist me in the act, the audience went screaming wild! She was a hot looking Mama! Nobody, but nobody paid any attention to my juggling anymore. However I did not mind it at all, I was always happy and proud of her and with her. We spend over 20 Years in Paris at the Crazy Horse Saloon, The trouper she was, she was always at my side. We worked Las Vegas, "the Wisconsin Dells" and Shows with Bob Hope, Perry Como, Jimmy Dean, and many more .I never traveled alone, she was always with me, ever since we got married in June of 1970.

During the last couple of years however, we were not so lucky anymore, Irene started to get sick, it was pretty bad, 2 x Cancer, 2 x Heart Attack and a Stroke, we had to stay home in Sarasota and close to her Doctors. The stroke happened on Jan 31.2010. a blood vessel broke in her head, around 5 PM.

When I helped her to bed, I knew she could not lift her left arm anymore. She was paralyzed. I called 911 and she fell in to a coma within minutes. At the hospital the Cat Scan showed that her skull was full of blood and our doctor told me "that there was no hope". For 5 hours I held her hand, I did not want her to die, but I knew she would, I don't know but I hope she knew I was there.

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April Schedule

- Apr. 6th Stated Communication 7:30 PM DDGM Official Visit
- Apr. 17th Child ID 10Am-3PM at Lakewood Ranch YMCA
Zone School of Instruction/Competition at Punta Gorda Lodge #115
- Apr. 20th Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Communication 7:30PM
- Apr. 21st Officers Meeting 7 PM at W. . Smith's home
- Apr. 22nd MMA Meeting 6:45PM, District School of Instruction 7 PM, at our Lodge
- Apr. 24th Master Mason Degree 8:30 AM at our Lodge

From the South

April 20th Dinner Served at 6:30 PM

Menu

Salad, Seafood Pieta, Black Beans, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert

Suggestions for future dinners will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Brother Dutch Neihart

Junior Warded 941-730-6181

April Birthdays

- George H. Altman 04-01-1938
- Brain E. Baum 04-22-1960
- M. Bennett 04-04-1938
- Stephan G. Geden 04-29-1948
- Dennis C. Hackett 04-14-1948
- Gary M. Snyder 04-03-1935
- Edward E. Wolfe 04-08-1936

April Masonic Birthdays

- John Allen 04-17-1994
- Harold H. Bachenburg 04-26-1956
- Peter S. .Baranowicz 04-12-2003
- David E. Burdick 04-17-1999
- Stephan G. Geden 04-12-2003
- Dennis C. Hackett 04-17-1989
- George Moran 04-12-1944
- Frank G. Norman 04-11-1983
- Scott Ridener 04-04-1992
- Julio E. Vega 04-13-2003

Chaplains Corner

Should you become ill, or know of a brother who is ill, please call me at 284-9936 so that I may share it with the brothers at the next Lodge meeting.



Br. Joseph
Reynolds
Chaplain



2010 Boosters

RW.: Doug and Midge Jordan
W.: Allen Sorbie
W.: Derl Smith
W.: Jerry Russell
Br. Dieter Krakow
Br. Gary M Snyder
Br. Charles Kistner
Br. Roger Neihart
Br. Arnold J. Allen

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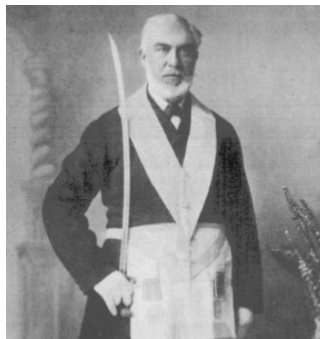
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SECRETARY
W.: Derl Smith
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Lodge Meetings

The Builders Lodge meeting nights are at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. A dinner will be served at 6:30 PM before the 3rd Tuesday meeting. Read the enclosed schedule for other special information on meetings each month. Those who have not paid there 2010 dues please do so at this time



The Tyler

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I kept watching the monitor and the beating of her heart. Until around 10 PM when she finally closed her beautiful eyes forever. "It happened so very fast"! Well, this is actually, what she always wanted.

Still; I am so very grateful for the 40 wonderful and happy Years we had together. She was One in a Million! And I will always love her. **So: "Good Night" Irene, "Good Night" Irene, I see You in my Dreams!**

Brother Peter Bennett's 50 Years of Masonry

On Tuesday 16, 2010, our Brother Peter Bennett was awarded his 50th year Anniversary Pin as a Free and Accepted Mason.

Pete was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, 50 years ago, in the Tappan Zee Lodge, NY, the very Lodge which was founded by his Grandfather.

With a Masonic tradition in the family, with both grandfathers and his father having been life-long Master Masons, the present celebration was for Pete a very emotional event, having brought back many fond memories.

Masonry has left profound marks on Pete's mind, as he continually endeavored to increase his knowledge and to refine his spirituality. In his relentless search for more light, he also became a 32 degree of the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Tampa. But most importantly, Pete's life demonstrates the benefits of applying the learned Masonic principles in business dealings as well as in private relations with others.

Now, as the Founder and Chairman of the Global Information Group in Sarasota, Pete keeps directing a regular exchange of international leadership information, a favorable environment to promote our Brotherhood's overall philosophy.

I am personally grateful to Brother Pete for having had the privilege to be introduced by him into the Builders Lodge and thus, thanks to him, I received the Secret Word, a memorable event which has marked my own life.

Fraternally,
Br. John Buecheler

Forget-Me-Not

It started in 1933, when Adolph Hitler declared that all secret organizations were harmful to his criminal plan for world conquest. Not only were the Jews and Catholics murdered, but he also ordered the Masons of Germany to be purged. At the time, there were 85,000 Masons of good standing in Germany. Adolph Eichmann secretly issued strict orders that every one of them would be put to death. Thus, 80,000 Masons met an untimely death. The other 5,000 German Masons, for some reason had not had their names on the books of the Grand Lodge, and their lives were spared. That was only because Eichmann did not know who they were. Immediately the 5,000 went underground. They hid their Masonic records and stopped wearing Masonic rings and pins.

As early as the year 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some readily recognizable means of identification. They adopted a little flower, the Forget-Me-Not as a means of recognition. It became apparent Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Bayreuth (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges), realized the imminent problems facing them and elected to wear a little blue flower, the Forget-Me-Not, in lieu of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identity for Masons. It was felt the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. They communicated in this way, without the Nazi's ever finding out. Ironically, this was Hitler's favorite flower, he was impressed that men would wear this symbol as a tribute to him! Eichmann never found out the true meaning of this pretty little flower called the Forget-Me-Not. This symbol of Freemasonry is still used in Germany in memory of those who were murdered trying to live up to the teachings of the Masonic Order. Throughout the entire Nazi era, a little blue flower in the lapel marked a Brother. In Concentration Camps and in cities, a little blue Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of those who refused to allow the light of Masonry to be extinguished.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little blue pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not, was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first Annual convention of those who survived the bitter years of semidarkness, bringing the Light of Masonry once again in the Temple.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a meaningful emblem of the Fraternity and become perhaps the most widely worn pin among Freemasons in Germany. Most German Lodges present this pin and its history to their newly raised Master Masons.

Many members of National Sojourners, Inc. have served in the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany and have learned to love and respect DAS VERGISSMEINNICHT and what it stands for.

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