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FOR APRIL 2009

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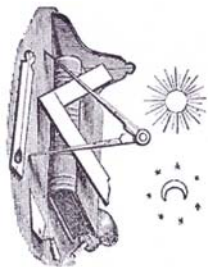
**APRIL 3RD DEGREE
ANNIVERSARIES**

Dan Michale, PM	02	1970
Robert Hilker, PM	02	1951
Art Mercer, PM	04	1946
Bear Mc Donald	06	2002
Robert Boomer, PM	07	2001
Ernie Correa	16	1996
Joe Gagliano, PM	24	1987
William Long	24	1980
Chuck Kendall, PM	29	1993
James Vickers	29	1972

**BIRTHDAY GREETING FOR
APRIL**

Ronald Trabucco	01	1926
Jarold Vogt, PM	11	1926
Frederick Schroeder	22	1960
Joseph Carbaugh	30	1923

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1851

Stated Meetings
Each Month
Saturday on or before the full Moon of
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated 8:00 p.m.

Worshipful Master Clyde Lantz, P. M.
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FROM THE EAST

Brethren

On March 4th, four of us went to the Masonic home to visit Clifford R. Smith and Helen Reanu. We had lunch with them and then a very nice visit. They were all happy to see us.

I would like to try a visitation program of four people every other month. If anyone is interested please contact me at 209-966-2422 and I will set it up.

Thank you. They will appreciate it. We had a good month in April we had one 3rd Degree and one 1st Degree. In case any of you don't know we now have a website. It is

www.mariposamasons.org, look it up please. The officers Association meeting is on the 25th from 7:30 am to about 3:00 pm. All officers, it is mandatory that you attend.

If you move, change address, phone number or e-mail address, or get an e-mail address. Please call changes to Rick Middlested, at (209) 966-5097. Or send by e-mail to rmiddlested@sti.net

Fraternally
Clyde A. Lantz
W.M

FREEMASONRY

Why do Freemasons end their prayers with the phrase "So mote it be"?

It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning "So be it". It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew *amen* meaning "certainly". Thus a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it." The word mote is an archaic verb that means "may" or "might", and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So may it be", which is the same as "So be it".

Now that we've established the equivalence of "Amen" and "So mote it be," the question remains, "Why do Masons end their prayers with 'So mote it be'?" The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet:

Amen! Amen! So mote it be!
So say we all for Charity.

Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in lodge and say "so mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600-year-old Masonic tradition

MONTHLY EVENTS

April 3rd:
6pm: Hall Board Meeting

April 4th:
2pm: Officers Practice

6:30 pm: Dinner
Menu: Chicken Breast, Vegetable, Salad and French Bread.

RSVP for dinner to Denis Essex at (209) 966-5121 by April 2nd.

7:15 pm: Program

8pm: Stated Meeting

April 25th:
Officers Association Meeting with our inspector Worshipful Ken Cooper, PM At Mariposa Lodge #24
Start: 7:30 am
Finish: 3:00 pm
It is mandatory that all Officers attend.

SUNSHINE
Please call Dennis Essex at
(209) 966-5121
If you know of any Brother who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Lodge.