

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

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## The Grand Master Will be Attending These Local Events

### So. California Research Lodge Annual Feast

**Friday, April 13, 2007**

Acacia Grove Lodge  
11270 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Cost: \$25.00 per person

6:30 PM Dinner - 7:30 PM Program

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### 322nd Masonic District Reception for Grand Orator Wor. Ralph B. Dash

**Friday, April 27, 2007**

Van Nuys Masonic Center  
14750 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Cost: \$15.00 per person

6:00 PM Social

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Program

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### Los Cerritos Lodge # 674 Reception for Grand Chaplain Maxwell Roth

**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

Long Beach Masonic Temple  
3610 Locust Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90807

Cost: \$15.00 per person

5:30 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program

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## OUR NEXT BUREAU MEETING

Sunday, **JUNE 10**, 2007

Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 North Madison Ave.

Pasadena, California

## Beware of Fake Masonry on the Net

Freemasonry is a wide and diverse organization throughout the world. It's growth and development in each location has been responsive to the nation in which it exists and the makeup of its membership. In addition, there have been many organizations that have appeared over the years 'imitating' Masonry and calling themselves 'Masons'. Among the great majority of Masonic entities that recognize each other (using "Ancient Landmarks" and other commonalities derived from the beginning of the organization 300 years ago), however, there is **no one leader**. Each Grand Lodge is independent and decides a matter as it feels is appropriate. A Grand Master speaks for his Grand Jurisdiction but **ONLY** when he is serving as Grand Master and **ONLY** for his specific Jurisdiction.

Thus the statements of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in California is no more binding upon or reflective of the positions of the United Grand Lodge of Germany than are the rules of the Japanese-American Friendship Association upon the City Council of Kilmarnock, Scotland!

Considering the information above, one could reasonably ask: "How, then, does one determine the 'true nature' of Freemasonry?" The question is a difficult one to answer since Freemasonry is not identical throughout the earth. Even two lodges in the same city may be seen as being 'different' from one another in their approach to things as mundane as how the minutes of meetings should be kept and.



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while they would share the same ritual and the same Grand Lodge regulations, their activities and interests might be widely diverse

To those seeking to 'label' Freemasonry by finding one single book (or a select few of them), this presents an enormous challenge. It is particularly distressing for the anti-Mason arguing on religious grounds when they themselves are so used to speaking on behalf of *far* more people than they should. They regularly write such things as, "All Christians believe..." "Christians would agree..." "You can't be a Christian and believe...." assuming a mantle that is both false and preposterous in its assumptions. Freemasonry is very much a personal experience and although books or presentations of 'top Masonic leaders' may enrich it, their interpretations are no more binding on the thought processes of the individual Mason than speeches made by his town leader.

For those who are not Freemasons, this concept is extraordinarily difficult to understand much less accept. For those who have been Masons, however, it's as basic as life itself.

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