

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

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## NEXT BUREAU MEETING

Sunday, November 8th, 10 A.M.  
Pasadena Scottish Rite

**Our Annual  
Midnight Mission  
Clothing Drive**

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**Bring both adult's and  
children's clothes.**

One of the lesser-known human services provided by the Mission in recent years is their *Family Housing Program*, offering participant families shelter while developing basic life and living skills to permit future self-sufficiency. We are pleased that the Midnight Mission's Director of Family Housing Services, Ricardo Rosales, will join us at this meeting and describe the development activities and support included in this very specialized area of care provided for their client families re-entering society.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

A pat on the back to two of our local Lodges for winning the 2009 Ritual Competition for their Divisions. Burbank Lodge 406 took the award for Division 5, and Torrance-University Lodge 394 was the winner for Division 7. The lodges were tested on the marshal's first degree interrogation, the perambulation for all three degrees, and the charge for all three degrees. Formal recognition of their accomplishment was made at the recent Grand Lodge Communications. The overall Best Ritual Team winner was Natoma Lodge 64 (Division 4) from the Sacramento area.

## "Commitment to Care"

**Grand Master's Project  
2009-2010**

To honor and show our gratitude for their service, Most Worshipful Ken Nagel's special project this coming year will be directed toward our Armed Services veterans. A major portion of the funds raised for this program will be used to send as many of our World War II veterans ("The Greatest Generation") as possible on an assisted visit to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., at no cost to them. Over 600 California veterans that could not otherwise afford such a visit, are already on the waiting list for this trip. This memorial was dedicated in 2004 to the 16 million service persons who served during that war. It is a dream of many to honor their fallen friends and remember their years of service, at this special place.

Also, through the Grand Master's Fund, the Masonic Hospital Visitors Program will be able to support local projects at our V.A. Hospitals. Contact the Grand Lodge Philanthropy Office to contribute.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Malaikah Shrine invites you to support their Chief Rabban Fundraiser on Sunday, November 8th, at their Expo Hall, wearing your "ugliest sweater!". Donations \$25; contact Shrine Office at 213-748-0173.

With the Grand Master attending, Arcadia Lodge 278 celebrates 125 years of Freemasonry at a "Black Tie Event" at their Masonic Center, on Saturday, November 21st. \$25 Pre-sale, or \$35 at the door.

There will be a Rededication of the Pomona Lodge 246 Lodge Building upon its 100th Anniversary, on Sunday, November 15th, at their Masonic Center. Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance. Cost is \$25.



*Save the Dates -  
2010*

**Secretaries Retreat** – February 26-28

**Wardens Retreats** –

Junior Wardens Retreat April 16-18  
Senior Wardens Retreat Apr. 30-May 2

**Lodge Mgt. Certification Pgm. –  
Courses:**

Hall Association      Lodge Administration  
Lodge Finance      Program Planning  
Membership Development

Newport Beach – June 12  
San Diego – June 19

**Masonic Formation Pgm. –**  
(same dates and locations as above)

**California Masonic Symposium –**  
San Francisco June 5

**161st Annual Communication –**  
San Francisco September 24-26



The **Masonic Society**, the **Masonic Service Ass'n.** and the **Geo. Washington Masonic Memorial** have collaborated on a new website that addresses the references to Freemasonry in Dan Brown's new novel, *The Lost Symbol*. Check it out at:

[www.freemasonlostsymbol.com](http://www.freemasonlostsymbol.com)

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