### THE BULLETIN BOARD

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## "THE DOAN COMMENTARIES"

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Pasadena Scottish Rite 150 North Madison Ave. Meeting Starts at 10:00 A.M. Continental Bkfst. 9:15 A.M.

#### **Program**

Most Worshipful

#### R. Stephen Doan Past Grand Master

### Review of the 2016 Grand Lodge Legislation

Again this year, our Bureau invites you to the above-noted annual analysis of the current legislation being presented at our Grand Lodge Sessions in October. This should help you Lodges to be prepared to discuss these new Resolutions, along with the Carryovers, and any Grand Master's Decisions and/or Recommendations at your October Stated Meeting, before your officers travel and vote in San Francisco. All Lodge Brethren will benefit from the synopsis and explanation of the legislation to be given by Most Worshipful Steve. Although voting at Grand Lodge is limited to Master Masons only, this Bureau meeting may be attended by EA's and FC's as well, so as to be aware of the issues involved.

NO LADIES AT THIS MEETING!

### PLAN FOR "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" MONTH

In October, our Grand Master is requesting that all Lodges join with our Youth Orders, to organize and work side by side on service projects for our communities. Start now to develop together and then publicize your activity. Consider support of public schools or other public assistance/relief programs.

# "The Compass Club"

Memory Care at the Masonic Homes

Last winter, our Masonic Homes at Union City began an innovative memory care program for 20 of its residents in the early stages of memory loss, who can still safely live independently but can also be helped by specialized support. They call themselves "The Compass Club" and are cared for through a "mobile day program" framed by daily group activities led by staffers, called "navigators", who assist and guide them.

This advanced program takes best practices from traditional memory care programs and expands them, particularly for those elderly who are showing signs of isolation and an increasing lack of social engagement. The Club activities try to improve each of the social, physical, cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and nutritional aspects of these residents, to keep them attuned to the world around them.

This is just one more example of the continuing philosophy of our Masonic Homes leadership . . . "We always look ahead to how we can improve, so we can better serve our Masonic Family."

#### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

A Masonic activity not often available here will be a *British Third Degree Demonstration* held at *Pasadena Lodge* 272, starting at 4:00 PM on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Limited to Master Masons. For details and reservations, contact Wor. John McDannel at (626) 791-3221.

Valle de France Lodge 329 is pleased to again confer the French First Degree for all Masons to attend, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Van Nuys Masonic Center.

The new *Downtown Masonic Lodge (UD)* invites you to its *Institution Ceremonies* on September 30<sup>th</sup>, at the L.A. Athletic Club facilities. Starts at 7:00 PM, with social mixer at 8:00 PM. For reservations, contact Chris Holme at (818) 512-0212.



# 167<sub>TH</sub>Annual COMMUNICATION

The 2016 Annual Communication of the California Grand Lodge is getting very close! Its formal opening is at 1:00 P.M. Friday, October 28th, and concludes with the Installation of next year's Grand Lodge Officers at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 30th.

For those attending, the following other activities are also being planned:

- 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Division Lodges' Mens Breakfast for the Grand Master & Officers, 10:00 A.M. Friday.
- "An Afternoon of Magic and Memories" and Luncheon for Ladies, Guests & Family, with Jeanette Perry, starting at 12:00 P.M. Saturday.
- Grand Master's Celebration, at the California Masonic Memorial Temple, on Saturday evening.
- Sunday Public Ceremonies.
- Public Installation of 2016-2017
   Grand Lodge Officers on Sunday.

Master Masons only may attend the Sessions. Other events above are open to all. Don't forget to bring with you your current Dues Card for registration. No-Charge Parking at the Grand Lodge Garage will again be available, but with no in-out privileges.

#### **2017 GM Trip!**

Just announced is a visit to the United Kingdom to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry, June 12-26. Sign up at www.freemason.org.





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