## South Pasadena Masonic Lodge

The Illumination Lecture Series

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South Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 290 Meets On the First Wednesday of Every Month At 6:30pm. Please make a reservation at the number above if you wish to visit our Lodge.

www.southpasadena290.org

See The Complete List of 2017 Speakers
Greetings Brethren,

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Fraternally,

Erik Strom
Master

April Birthdays
Dallas Munger(04/02), Theodore Rose(04/03), Vincent Creighton, John Martin(04/04), Arthur Martirosyan(04/05), James White(04/06), Michael Arnold, Nicholas Herr(04/08), Kenneth Wood(04/09), Larry Harnish(04/10), Robert Atkinson(04/11), James Hilton(04/12), Randall Black, Jeriel Smith(04/14), C.D. Russell(04/16), Emery Selley(04/22), George McNamara, William Wessling(04/26), Bennie Seybold(04/29).

Public Schools Presentation
Friday, April 21, 2017 @ 8am
Franklin Elementary School in Alhambra
Marco Garcia, PM
323-335-8553

From The East

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April and spring are here. So refreshing!
Last month (March) was Youth Orders Month (DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow Girls). I would thank the Job’s Daughter for doing such a great job (no pun intended) serving the lodge at our stated dinner.
Thank you ladies. I think sponsoring our Youth Orders is a great idea, because it gives those young men and women the right foundation in becoming up right citizens.
For those of you that are not familiar with the Youth Order, here are some details about each of them in turn.

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DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among its members.

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In short, Job’s Daughters International offers the qualities that today’s young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment: fun, friendship, helping others, and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills.

Rainbow for Girls
Are also for young women between the ages of 11 and 20. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls emphasizes the following: Effective Leadership; Patriotism; Cooperation with Equality to name a few.
It is with great sadness and heavy hearts to inform the passing of Sondra Schulhof, the wife of our beloved Brother Armin Schulhof PM. The lodge is with you and your family Brother Schulhof.

Sergio Gomez, Junior Warden

The Illumination Lecture Series

On It’s Fourth Successful Year

The Illumination Lecture Series is well underway and its begun with an exhilarating start – a record number of guests at our first lecture and an important Masonic Scholar at our second lecture, set the tone for what will become a very scholarly themed lecture year. All our guest speakers have one important thing in common – they’ve all been published, except for one who’s the editor of the biggest Masonic publication in the country – Freemason Magazine. The rest are authors in their own right with enough Masonic experience to fill decades worth of masonic education. Please read the following pages for a detailed list of this year’s confirmed guest speakers. Be illuminated.
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Lecture: The Kybalion
Read: The Kybalion of William W. Atkins

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Andrew Hammer
Lecture: Observant Masonry
Read: Observing the Craft

April 3rd
Dr. Stephan A. Hoeller
Lecture: Freemasonry & Perennial Initiatory Spirituality
Read: Gnosticism

May 1st
Allen Casalou
Lecture: TBD
Read: Freemasonry Magazine

June 5th
John L. Cooper III, PGM
Lecture: The Double Helix of Freemasonry
Read: The Questing Mind and Salient Characteristics of a Freemason

July 3rd
Lon Milo DuQuette
Lecture: The Lost Key of Solomon
Read: The Key to Solomon’s Key

October 2nd
Josef Wages
Lecture: Freemasonic Degrees of the Illuminati
Read: The Secret School of Wisdom

November 6th
Kyle Kraftstrom
Lecture: Freemasonry in the West
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Following the lecture there was a candle lit dinner and drinks upstairs, which gave the opportunity for wide ranging discussing emanating from the talk. The caliber of such conversations were a testament to the lecture we had just witnessed. Many of the attendees expressed that Brother Hammer had managed to clearly articulate their own feelings about the Craft. Following dinner our guest was gracious enough to sign a book and have a discussion with, what felt like, almost every Brother present.
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