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MAGNOLIA PARK MASONIC LODGE NO. 618 Free & Accepted Masons



406 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA, 91504
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Stated Meetings, first Monday of each month.

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STATED MEETINGS & DEGREES

December 7, 2009, 7:30 PM
Stated Meeting
Dress: Casual/Lodge Shirts
Open: 6:00 PM (*Master Masons Only*)
Dinner: 6:15 PM (*everyone is invited*)
Reports: 7:15 PM (*everyone is invited*)
Business: 7:30 PM (*Master Masons Only*)

December 21, 2009, 7:30 PM
ThirdDegree
Bro. Mike Campbell will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
Officers in Tux. Dinner 6:00 PM.

January 4, 2010, 7:30 PM
Stated Meeting
Dress: Casual/Lodge Shirts
Open: 6:00 PM (*Master Masons Only*)
Dinner: 6:15 PM (*everyone is invited*)
Reports: 7:15 PM (*everyone is invited*)
Business: 7:30 PM (*Master Masons Only*)

**Upcoming
Events**

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| December 14 | - Holiday Dinner |
| January 23 | - Installation |
| February 15 | - Sweet Heart Dinner |
| March | - St Patrick's Day |

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE!**

MAGNOLIA PARK LODGE NO. 618, F.&A.M.
406 Irving Drive
Burbank, CA 91504

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2009

Worshipful Master
John L. Wolcott, PM (Cindy)

Senior Warden
John Stephen Manocchia, PM, (Mary)

Junior Warden
Michael Strand,

Treasurer
Charles W. Pruett, Jr., PM (Joy)

Secretary
Wayne D Torgerson, PM,

Chaplain
Warnock J. McBride, PM,

Senior Deacon: Vacant

Junior Deacon
Ian VanKirk Sayer,

Marshal
Vacant

Senior Steward
Matt W. Adamcyk,

Junior Steward
Ardashes D. Derderian, (Marian)

Tiler
Oran Eugene Maples, (Beverly)

Officers Coach
John Stephen Manocchia, PM, (Mary)

Inspector 529th Masonic District
Lawrence L. Mountjoy, PM,

CALENDAR

December 2009:

7th, Monday, 7:30 PM. Stated Meeting.
Dress: Casual/Lodge Shirts. Open Lodge: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 6:15 PM; Reports: 7:15 PM; Business: 7:30 PM. Ladies program in dining room.

14th, Monday, 7:15 PM. Annual Holiday Party by Burbank Lodge and Magnolia Park Lodge. RSVP by December 8, 2009 to Norm Furman at (818) 848-3750. Free to Everyone and Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance. Hope to see you there.

21st, Monday, 7:15 PM. Third Degree Bro. Mike Campbell will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Officer's must attend.

25th, Friday, Christmas

28th, Monday, Dark. Enjoy the Holidays

January 2010:

1st, Friday, Happy New Year!!!!

4th, Monday, 7:30 PM. Stated Meeting.
Dress: Casual/Lodge Shirts. Open Lodge: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 6:15 PM; Reports: 7:15 PM; Business: 7:30 PM. Ladies program in dining room.

Merry Christmas!
December 25, 2009



**THIRD DEGREE
for
Bro. Mike Campbell**

Please join us as we raise
Bro. Mike Campbell to the
Master Mason Degree

December 21, 2009

6:00 PM Dinner; 7:15 PM Degree

FROM THE EAST.....



Dear Brethren,
First of all I would like to thank you for electing me to be your Worshipful Master for another term. It is an honor I truly appreciate and I promise to continue to do my best for our Brethren and our Lodge.

The holidays are here and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. As we count down the days 'til Christmas we invite everyone to our exciting and wonderful Christmas party. On Monday, December 14th both Lodges, Magnolia Park # 618 and Burbank #406 are combining their talents and presenting an evening of special entertainment, a buffet of tasty desserts and of course the "Jolly Elf", Santa and the Mrs. will be stopping by to share some Ho, Ho, Ho's and give some gifts to the children. Even though it is not going to be a dinner it is still very important to make your reservation. Please call and leave a reservation on the machine and if children are coming please include their gender and age. We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you all will join us for this evening of grand fun.

Our Lodge gained another new member this November. We are thankful to call Ed Flores our newest Master Mason. Brother Alex Avalos was taken ill and could not participate in his Second Degree on November 16th but we will reschedule it as soon as possible. We did have a productive evening that night, we performed the Second Degree for our Inspector, Larry, and Mike and Ian qualified. We are looking forward to having a full line at the installation in January. Additional dates to mark on your calendar for December is of course our stated meeting on December 7th and we will be doing a Third Degree for Mike Campbell on December 21st.

Our Worshipful Grand Master, Kenneth G. Nagel's theme for this year is "Freemasonry, the foundation of our Country; Blue Lodge, the Foundation of our Craft, Coming Home". The theme as two connotations: the first is the physical act of returning to our craft lodges, the second is the importance of coming home to the ideals of our craft, which we each professed on bended knee at the altar. He has asked the Lodge leadership to reconnect with the members and widows. Let us strive to make contact with each other this year and come back to the Lodge. The year 2009 was a stellar year for the growth of Freemasonry in California. 1,829 Entered Apprentices initiated, 1,328 Fellow Crafts passed and 1,254 Master Masons raised.

For a total of 4,411 degrees conferred, the most since 1990. Let us do our part to strengthen masonry and bring our members back to the Lodge. February stated meeting it is my goal to have the largest attendance at our stated meeting. Please help me reach this goal.

In 2004 a memorial was dedicated to the veterans of WWII in Washington DC. It is the Grand Master's project to show our gratitude for their service and provide assistance for the California veterans to visit this Memorial in Washington DC., at no cost to them. It is my plans to have a fundraiser for this project in May, so any suggestions will be welcomed. Those who fought in WWII made our country, our freedom and our simple luxuries possible today. Together we can assist our Grand Master in showing them their service has not been forgotten.

God Bless you all. Cindy and I wish you the merriest of the Christmas Season.

Fraternally, John Wolcott, P.M., Worshipful Master



December 11, 2009

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

Our November Ladies program was truly a taste treat and I want to say a very big Thank you to Gayle DeCaro for introducing us to some wonderful Wine and Cheese combinations. Gayle and her assistants: Tammy, Tracy and Andy served us some wonderful wines and cheeses which everyone found fascinating and delicious.

I hope everyone feels crafty this month. Our ladies program will be a fun night of making Santa's treats for our Christmas Party. Santa informed me that his elves are extremely busy and he needs a little assist this season. So we will hymn a few carols, whistle a happy tune and make some cute treats. Please plan on joining the fun, I promise it will be easy.

As I watch every Christmas movie the cable channels play, as I sing along with all the Christmas Carols on the radio and truly love this season, I will think of all of you, my special friends, and thank the Lord for including you in my wonderful life. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Love to you all, Cindy Wolcott, Worshipful Master's wife



**Guess Who's Comin'
to Lodge?**

You better be quick, you better think twice, have all of you been naughty or nice? As Santa Claus is comin' to Lodge!
Won't you please join us for the

**Burbank #406 and
Magnolia Park #618**

Christmas Party

Monday, December 14, 2009
All are welcome
All Reservations must be
made by Tuesday,
December 8, 2009

ATTENTION!

The motion to increase dues was voted on at the November Stated Meeting but did not pass. As a result a new motion was presented at the November Stated Meeting and will be voted on at the December 7, 2009 Stated Meeting. See Motion Below:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Magnolia Park Lodge's By-Laws Article III, Section 2 states, "The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$48.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January."

WHEREAS: Annual costs to sustain the lodge each year continue to increase.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article III, Section 2 be amended to state the following, "The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$60.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**To Our Brethren Born
In December**

- 3rd John R. Verhaal,
- 8th James A. Harris,
- 8th Freddy R. Insko,
- 10th William D. Bochard
- 11th Merrill C. Baughman,
- 12th Darryl S. Wint,
- 16th Stephen J. Morrison
- 20th John L. Wolcott,
- 21st Alfred F. Zachary,
- 23rd William M. Shrum, Jr.,
- 24th Alex M. Calle,
- 28th Carl H. Storgaard,
- 31st Lee J. Broussard,



L.C. Kelley DeMolay
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
Pay a Plate: 1st Tuesday at 6:30

Bethel No. 97
1st Fridays at 7:30 PM &
3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM
Pay a Plate: 1st Fridays at 6:00 PM

Bethel No. 208
1st Saturdays at 9:30 AM and
3rd Fridays at 7:30PM
Pay a Plate: 3rd Fridays at 6 - 7 PM

SECRETARY'S CORNER.....

Dear Brethren:

Dues notices are late going out this year because of the motion to increase dues. Once the motion is decided upon, I will send out the notices. If the motion is passed, it still has to be approved by Grand Lodge before it is effective. So it may still be a few weeks before you receive them.

If you are having financial or health problems and can't afford to pay your dues please let us know we can work with you.

Fraternally, Wayne Torgerson, P.M., Secretary

