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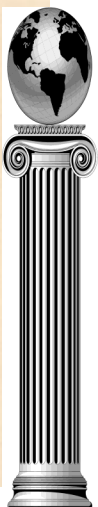
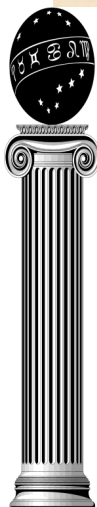
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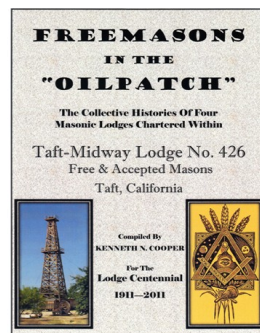
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THE LODGE'S Centennial history book has been printed and is now available for purchase. Over 100 copies have already been sold to brethren, the public, and community organizations!

The 250-pg. book sells for \$30 (tax included), and is available from the Lodge, the Taft West Kern Oil Museum, the Taft Chamber of Commerce, and KC Photography & Framing in Taft.

If convenient, please buy your books from the Lodge first to maximize our proceeds. Contact Paul Batson (805) 765-7480 for hand-delivered books. For books requiring mailing, contact Ken Cooper (209) 523-7614.

Make your check payable to Taft-Midway Lodge No. 426. **All book sales money goes to Paul first!**

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IN THE EAST

Worshipful Skidmore and Linda are camping with the Taftians at Quartzsite. So your editor gets to take liberties with the WM and SW's input for the month.



"Hi Jolly" monument at Quartzsite

As you may know, the WM has been renovating a house right next to his home that he says will be "his domain." Perhaps we'll see a sort of Masonic Clubhouse with a big sports television, pool table, fully stocked bar, games, barbecue facilities, and refreshments. All those in favor signify by saying "aye!"

(WM Fredrick Skidmore)

WAY OUT WEST

Brother Cooper is RV camping with Wanda and others in Quartzsite too. That town in Arizona was once a stop-over for miners heading to California. Today it is a popular place for a variety of shows. At this time there is a huge indoor and outdoor swap meet.



There is a unique monument at the cemetery—a pyramid in memorial to *Haiji Ali*, aka *Hi Jolly*. His grave is pictured above. In 1856, he was a Syrian caretaker for camels that for a time were used by the Camel Military Corps to carry freight in the arid west. The Corps was decommissioned at the start of the Civil War, but Hi Jolly kept a few camels for his private business for years afterward. He died in 1902 at age 73.

(SW Stanley Cooper)

DOWN SOUTH

Brethren, On behalf of the lodge, I want to welcome Christina as our chef for lodge dinners! For the February Stated Meeting, she will serve beef and chicken pot pies, a variety of salads, and two cakes for sweet-tooth preferences. She will also serve a dinner at the Installation of Officers.



Remember: the hat is passed at dinners to cover costs at \$10 per person.

JW Ronald White

SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren, Please send your dues payments to the lodge. Donations to the Masonic Home are always appreciated too.



The Masters & Wardens Retreat is March 9-11 at San Ramon, and you can register on-line via the Grand Lodge website.

PM Russell Norton

EDITOR'S CORNER

NOTICE!! All trestleboards for this month will be sent via land mail. Thereafter, if you wish to receive your trestleboard via email, you must email me to ensure I have your correct e-address. Everyone not emailing me will continue to receive them via land mail.

The trestleboard will have a new look and a variety of contents. It is available to all members who may wish to submit an announcement or a paragraph of interest.

PM Ken Cooper



2012 CALENDAR

Saturday, January 28

Dinner—6:00pm

Installation of Officers—7:00pm

Wednesday, February 8

Dinner—6:00pm

Stated Meeting—7:00pm

TRESTLEBOARD

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 20th of the month;

The trestleboard will be distributed on the 21st.



Robert Jones - 1st

Dwayne Kitchen - 3rd

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Pascoe Grant - 9th

Keith Kincheloe - 10th

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