



PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB BULLETIN - JANUARY 2001

TOD'S TURN

Your Board of Directors would like to wish you a very Merry Holiday Season and a great New Year. We hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with friends and family and renew the bonds of love and friendship that are so important to us all.

On the business side of the Park, we are about to move forward with our new Bylaws. The Bylaw Committee will be meeting to review the new Rules and Regulations and the new Bylaws to advise the Board as to the propriety and reasonableness of the proposed changes.

We will have a joint Board and Bylaw Committee meeting in February, followed by a general Membership meeting on the whole package in March. Member **Gary Hursh** will be present at this March meeting to answer the technical and legal questions that you may have.

One of the recent proposals for Bylaw changes is changing the Board term of office from two years to three years. As we currently are constituted, we frequently have an entirely new Board every four years, and each year we frequently have a Board with no one having more than one year of experience. I realize that there are Members who have been on the Board for multiple terms but I doubt that we will see many more folks like **Bob Sand** in the near future. The opportunity to lose momentum and direction is exceedingly high in a two year configuration. If we were to make that change, we would always have at least one person on the Board with two years experience under his or her belt, and from my own personal experience, I can tell you that it takes a year to really get in stride as a Board Member and nearly two to find out all the stuff that has gone on before you were elected! The change could start in July of 2002 with two Members elected for three years and one elected for two. In 2003, two Members would be elected for three year terms. In 2004, one Member would be elected for three years. The elections would be for two, two, and one Board

Member(s) each year after that.

The other proposal is that new Members must have been in Masonry or Eastern Star for at least two years prior to being accepted as Park Members. One of the things that the recent survey brought out was the interest in Masonic values and the wish to live by and within those principles. As with everything else, it takes a little time to assimilate new beliefs and understandings and a little more time in a lodge is certainly a valuable learning experience toward that end. We would like to think that if we can do a better job of incorporating Masonic principles into our everyday lives, Paradise Park would be an even better place than it is now.

My last comment will be to remind and invite Paradise Park Members and residents to the Men's Club meeting of January 10th. I understand that women are invited to arrive after lunch at 12:30pm in the Social Hall in order to hear the speaker, **Dr. Barrie Coats**, a very well-known and knowledgeable arborist. **Barrie** will spend a little time inspecting the Park forest before lunch and then talk about the condition of the forest, how it grows, and how we can best maintain it after lunch.

Many thanks to you all for your continued support of your Board.

Tod Likins, President

*January 19, 2001 is the Cut-off for:
the Agenda for the PPMC Board
Meeting on January 27, 2001; and
Article/Notices for the February
2001 PPMC Bulletin*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA MASONIC HOMES IN UNION CITY AND COVINA?

Recently, the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Homes of California have enacted changes "to ensure that the Homes remain a vital resource for all California brethren, wives, and widows in need, and that admission to the Homes be designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of the Fraternity's membership.

"The Board recognized that historically those entering the Home often had significant financial needs. Board members have reaffirmed the commitment not to turn away any eligible person for admission to the Homes based upon ability to pay.

"Vice President Stebbins points out that as the needs and desires of the senior community served by the Homes have changed, so too have the services provided. Today's seniors reach out to resources that can help cope with issues such as pride and independence; physical, emotional, or financial security; lack of family support; suitable and affordable housing; access to needed services; and loss of physical and/or mental health.

"In the spirit of meeting these needs, part of the Masonic dedication to fraternal care, the Board has expanded the admissions criteria beyond the historical requirement that residents assign, or surrender, all of their assets upon admission.

"Effective January 1, 2001, new residents will choose from among three payment options:

"Option 1 - Entrance fee and monthly rental: This option will appeal to a resident who has cash assets or can convert assets to cash; for example, someone who owns a home and is committed to living in a Masonic Home on a permanent basis.

"Option 2 - Monthly rental: This option provides flexibility and will appeal to residents with good retirement incomes who choose not to commit their assets to a retirement community. Monthly rentals will be higher under this plan."

In both *Options 1 and 2*, rental fees will vary by level of care.

"Option 3 - Asset Assignment: This option is suited to seniors who want the security of comprehensive care. This will be achieved through assignment of 75% of their assets and income and assures their long-term security.

"One thing that will not change: living ac-

commodations will continue to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, except in instances of immediate need which would give an applicant priority.

"The Masonic Homes at Union City and Covina are among the finest in California, providing full life care for eligible Masons, their wives, and widows. Information about the Masonic Homes of California, including admission requirements is available by

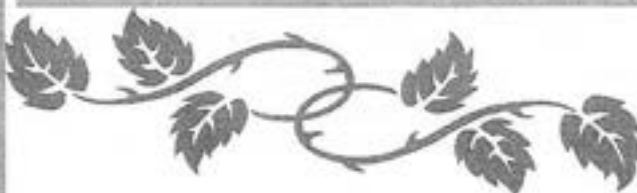
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO VIRGIL AND MAXINE LAND?

Virgil and Maxine Land were recently interviewed at their "attractive and immaculate apartment" at the Masonic Home in Union City where they are two of the 200 residents that reside there. Seven years ago they decided together that "the combination of care, security, and independence offered by the Home made it an ideal place for them to relocate from their residence outside Santa Cruz. They have never regretted that decision: 'We're busy every minute.' They are active volunteers on the campus. Virgil works several days a week in the post office and Maxine leads tours of the facility and participates in welcoming new residents and helping them adjust to life at the Home.

"They like the scope of activities available to them. 'There's never any need to be bored,' says Maxine. 'There is so much to do that is worthwhile and fun.' Not content to limit their activities to the grounds at Union City, Virgil a longtime Master Mason, attends lodge in Fremont, and the couple has been known to take the bus and BART to San Francisco for a day of sightseeing or theater going.

"When asked how they would sum up life at the Home, Virgil states unequivocally, 'It is the best run place in the state of California.' Maxine agrees, 'This is home. We couldn't imagine being anywhere else.'"

California Freemason



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

<i>Membership Applications:</i>	<i>Date Posted</i>
None	
<i>Associate Membership Applications:</i>	
Cabot Caldwell to Sandra Caldwell, 459 York Ave.	04/25/00
Heather Dodge to Helen Dodge, 645 St. Augustine Ave.	10/09/00
Charles Decker to Louise Schillig, 282 Keystone Way	11/09/00
<i>Alternate Associate Membership Applications:</i>	
Sharon Radosevich to Helen Dodge, 645 St. Augustine Ave.	10/09/00
Chet Downing III to Chet Downing, Jr., 592 Keystone Way	10/12/00
James Dobson to Linda Dobson, 347 The Royal Arch	10/24/00
Cheryl Pozzi to Roger Colt, 142 St. Alban	11/14/00

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club lunch will be January 10th at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Please note that this is the second Monday of January due to New Millennium Celebrations.

Our speaker will be **Dr. Barrie Coats**, an arborist who will talk to us about our forest and how to keep it healthy. The Chef of the Day will be **Jim Gloeckler** who promises an Italian theme.

All PPMC men are welcome to attend. The charge for the lunch is \$5.00. Notice that there has been a \$1.00 increase due to rising costs.

All Members and residents, including **PPMC women**, are invited to attend **Dr. Coats** presentation because of the importance of his subject to us all. Women are invited to attend the lecture at 12:30pm when there may even be some dessert for you.

Chuck Buchanan, President

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The next Long-Range Planning Committee meeting is on January 4th at 7:30pm in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will focus on community building ideas and how to find out more about what Members want PPMC to be in the future.

We will discuss what to include in our next survey.

Please send your loving thoughts to:
Denise Bernard, who has broken her ankle.

Please note that the Summary of the Minutes for the October 28th, 2000, Board Meeting published in the December 2000 PPMC Bulletin contained an error:

Item 26 should have read:
All Permits allowed by Manager or Board of Directors before November 1, 1998, are hereby terminated.

Do you have an Associate, Alternate Associate, relatives, or friends who would like to receive the *Paradise Park Bulletin*? For a year's subscription, just send a check for \$15 to Paradise Park Masonic Club, 211 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-7003. Be sure to include the name and address where the *Bulletin* should be mailed.

PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB E-GROUP

There is an Internet-based e-group for Paradise Park Masonic Club. Joining this group allows you to raise questions to all Members of the group and then read responses as they are sent in. You can ask questions and make suggestions on anything pertaining to PPMC. The membership in this e-group is limited to PPMC Members, Associate Members, and Alternate Associate Members. You can submit your request to be a member of the group by going to the web site at

www.egroups.com/group/ppmc

(Note: use all lower case letters)

and following the instructions there.

You may also join by sending an e-mail to PPMC-subscribe@egroups.com.

If you have any other questions contact **Chuck Buchanan** at 831/471-2314 or e-mail at imper-sol@jps.net.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Jerry Morgan

Another Holiday Season has come and gone in Paradise Park. We hope the spirit of Christmas and/or the lights and joy of Hanukkah filled your heart and home, and that you have a safe and joyous New Year's.

Bingo on December 13th was another fun-filled night and our annual Holiday Party on December 17th was great fun and fellowship. Many thanks *once again* to Bob and Tiny Sand and all their helpers for a fantastic feast and party.

We're looking forward to another fun-filled year of recreation in our little slice of Paradise.

Warmest regards. *Jerry Morgan, Recreation Director*

The Social Hall makes a great place for children's birthday parties and sleep overs, especially now that we have the big screen television for video entertainment. The Kitchen facilities are also available for your use.

If you are interested, call Laura at the Office, 831/423-1530.

Use fees for Members are:

SMALL SOCIAL HALL AND KITCHEN - (with a Security Deposit of \$250)	\$25/day
BOTH SOCIAL HALL ROOMS AND KITCHEN - (with a Security Deposit of \$250)	\$50/day
PICNIC GROUNDS - (with a Security Deposit of \$50)	\$25/day

Security Deposits are refunded in full if the facilities are returned well cleaned.

ANY ONE FOR CANASTA?

Everyone is invited to play Paradise Park Canasta in the small Social Hall from 12:30 to 4:30 on the first Monday of each month (*Knitten Kittens*).

If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you the rules.

Come join us - we'd love your good company.

Any questions? Please call

FROM THE PARK MANAGER

Check out the demonstration compost bin at the Office. If you are interested in composting and recycling your yard waste and kitchen scraps, inquire at the Office. It's easier than you think. If enough Members are interested, the Club may furnish compost bins. Think of your redwood forest leaf litter as black gold. Redwood compost costs about \$5 a bag at the local garden center. When you rake up your leaf litter, you are stealing your trees' staff of life. Our redwood trees, or at least their root systems, are hundreds of years old. It's only been for the last 190 years or so that the trees have had to deal with being chopped down, intentionally burned, built on, paved over, and having their major source of fertilizer being hauled away. Trees use their leaf litter to fertilize themselves. Be nice to your poor old redwood tree. Its root system may be over a thousand years old. Compost your leaf litter and leave it on the soil. Use your home grown compost to spread around your allotment as mulch. Your garden and trees will love you for it, and you'll help save the Park a little money in the process because we won't have to haul it away. Some enterprising young adults might even want to bag any surplus and sell it to the local garden center?

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Paradise Park's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), coordinated by Volunteers Lloyd Ames and Bob Biendle. The program was conceived by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985 with the basic premise that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens

to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive. The Federal Emergency Management Agency expanded the program to include all disasters, although we can probably skip the section on blizzards, and has made the training program available to train civilians to meet immediate emergency needs during disasters. The goal of CERT training is to prepare people to help people. CERT volunteers can assist with saving lives and protecting property in the event of a major disaster. A CERT team can't exist without volunteers. One or two volunteers are needed from each Section. The plan is to meet quarterly to organize and train. Contact Lloyd Ames at 831/425-0825 or Bob Biendle at 831/429-9420 for further information.

Check your smoke detector batteries. Smoke detectors save lives. A good rule of thumb is to check your battery's condition every time you adjust your clock for daylight savings, which is twice a year. To play it safe, replace the batteries in your smoke detectors every year on New Year's Day.

Make sure your Paradise Park street address is visible from the street. Emergency services require 4" to 6" characters on a contrasting background, like black numbers on a white wall. Reflective characters would be even better.

Bill Locke-Paddon, Manager

Member's improvements offered for sale as of December 22, 2000. All sales of below improvements and/or allotment use privileges are subject to the approval of the Membership and authorization to transfer rests with the Board of Directors.

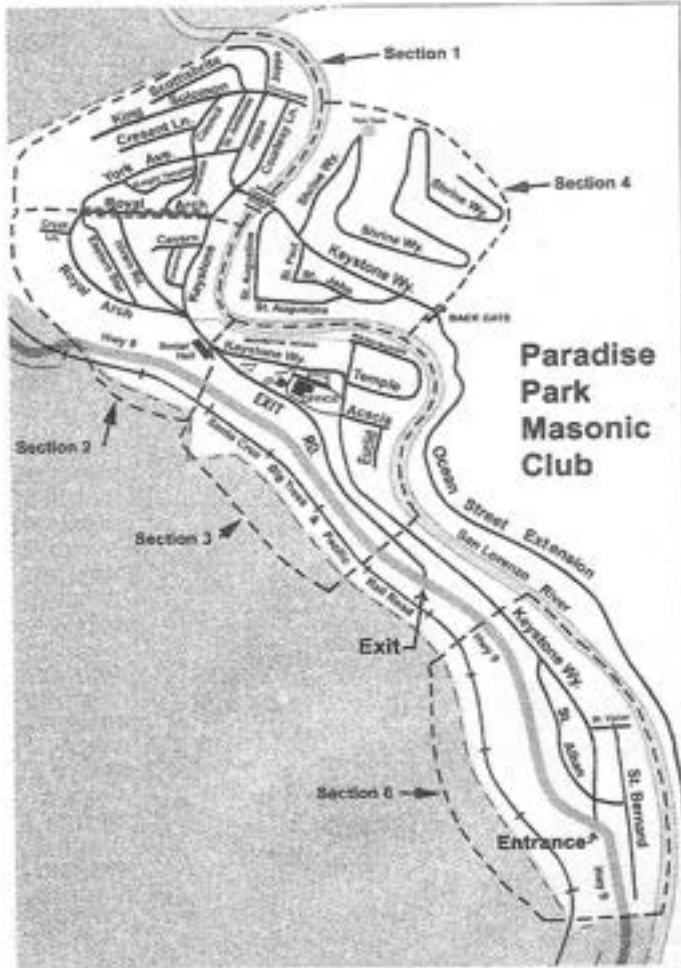
IMPORTANT NOTICE

The sellers solely provide the descriptions of improvements for sale. Such information is not verified or checked for accuracy by Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. The Club does not warrant and disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of any information provided. All questions about allotment improvements should be addressed solely to the seller.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
SECTION 1			
462 York Ave.	Patricia Herzog 458-9841	\$220,000	Lovely newer home. Sunny lot w/bright interior. Tastefully decorated, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1,100 sq. ft; fully insulated w/forced air furnace plus gas log stove, Jennair range; island in kitchen; full attic, walk-in closet in MB, 1 car garage; large deck; all in one w/d & double door fridge included.
428 Joppa	John Garcia By appointment Only! (660) 952-3123 426-6187	\$425,000	River front property, extra large parcel, complete new kitchen and bathrooms, gas and electric heaters, fireplace, two car garage, ample parking. Beautiful large yard with built in barbecue, fountain and deck. Home and garage are stucco. Might negotiate on furniture. All new appliances, washer and dryer, stove, dishwasher, microwave, and refrigerator, new light and fan in kitchen.
SECTION 4			
678 St. Paul Street	Constance Sonnichsen	\$85,000 As Is	Cabin on Eagle Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, large kitchen and large living room, dining area, electric floor heating. Appliances included: Refrigerator, gas range, and turkey roaster. Furnishings include Beds, chairs, and sofas.
SECTION 6			
146 St. Alban	Larry Gilliland 423-5634	\$335,000	Garage 22' x 22' (484 sq. ft.), faces Keystone and front of house faces St. Alban. House is approx. 1,300 sq. ft., built in 1994 with new septic. It has forced air heat, propane free standing stove, and six year old appliances.
120 Keystone Way	Gordon Crafts 423-3228	\$350,000	Large 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, location in front of Park, unhindered view of river and forest, improvement approx. 1,600 sq. ft., central gas heating, two phone lines, new roof, storage shed in carport, in and out driveway, ample parking. Room for expansion. Furnishings include: 1 MAC computer and desk
139 St. Alban	Scott Snyder 429-2079 By Appt. Only!	\$238,900	Large 3 BR, 2 BA, located in front of park, lots of sun and ample parking, 1,400 sq. ft. improvement, allotment 9,000 sq. ft., 10' x 12' garage. Newly landscaped front yard with sprinkler system, backyard has Board approved fence with large deck above ground pool with access on both sides, new interior paint and exterior to follow, ceiling fans, wood stoves, and much, much more. Furnishings include: Jenair range/oven, refrigerator, washer and drier, breakfast nook /dinetto set negotiable. Don't let this one skip by!!

Park Calendar - January 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2 Coffee Time Social Hall 8 - 11am (Garbage Pickup)	3	4 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Social Hall 7:30pm All are welcome!	5	6 • Afternoon Kid's Movies Social Hall 1pm • Jacob Abbea/Eric Bernard • Young People's Dance Social Hall 8 - 11pm Lou Bernard
7	8 Knit'n Kitchens Social Hall 12:30 - 4:30pm	9 Coffee Time Social Hall 8 - 11am	10 Men's Club Social Hall 11:30am Women invited at 12:30pm	11	12	13 • Afternoon Kid's Movies Social Hall 1pm • Jacob Abbea/Eric Bernard • Young People's Dance Social Hall 8 - 11pm Lou Bernard
14	15	16 Coffee Time Social Hall 8 - 11am	17 Bingo Social Hall 6:30 - 8:30pm Yvonne Jones	18 Toile Painting Social Hall 2-5pm	19 Cut-off date for: • Notices and Articles for the Feb 2001 Bulletin • Agenda items for the 1/27/01 PPMC Board Meeting	20 • Afternoon Kid's Movies Social Hall 1pm • Jacob Abbea/Eric Bernard • Young People's Dance Social Hall 8 - 11pm Lou Bernard
21	22	23 Coffee Time Social Hall 8 - 11am	24	25 Toile Painting Social Hall 2-5pm	26	27 • PPMC Board Meeting • Afternoon Kid's Movies Social Hall 1pm • Jacob Abbea/Eric Bernard • Potluck Social Hall 5:30pm • Young People's Dance Social Hall 8 - 11pm Lou Bernard
28	29	30 Coffee Time Social Hall 8 - 11am	Jan 31	Feb 1 Toile Painting Social Hall 2-5pm Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Social Hall 7:30pm All are welcome!	Feb 2	Feb 3 • Afternoon Kid's Movies Social Hall 1pm • Jacob Abbea/Eric Bernard • Young People's Dance Social Hall 8 - 11pm Lou Bernard



PARADISE PARK EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In an emergency, the horn at the Office will be sounded as follows to indicate not only that there is a Park emergency but also where in the Park the emergency is happening:

Section 1: 1 long blast followed by 1 short blast

Section 2: 1 long blast followed by 2 short blasts

Section 3: 1 long blast followed by 3 short blasts

Section 4: 1 long blast followed by 4 short blasts

Section 6: 1 long blast followed by 6 short blasts

(A long blast is sounded for a full minute; a short blast lasts for 30 seconds.)

Please call the Office at 831/423-1530 if you have any questions.

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