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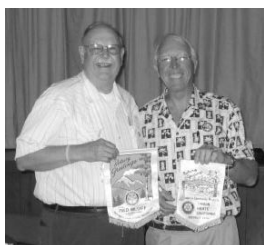
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## Program Personnel:

Greeter: Una Jordan  
Invocation: Jim Hixson  
Introductions: John Stover  
Pledge: Dave Nichols  
Cashier: Ev McDonough  
Raffle: John Stover

## Visiting Rotarians:



Larry Asquith, a Twain Harte Rotarian & past president. Larry exchanged flags with President Douglas.

## Guests of Rotarians:

Una Jordan introduced Gerald Sanders, Masonic Lodge.

Larry is our program presenter today.  
Ron Judson introduced his companion, Bonnie Lewis. Joanne Pearson introduced her friend, Laura Steely

## Member Birthdays:

Denise Snider, September 10

## Partner Birthdays:

Hanna Sue Harvey, September 14

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Harlan & Charlotte Confer, September 11

Dave & Diana Hutchinson, September 14

## Two Minute Drill:

**Charles Allen:** A native Californian, born in Santa Cruz. Father was a heavy equipment operator who helped construct the dams at Trinity, Whiskeytown and Oroville. Charles graduated from Chico High and Chico State in Liberal Studies so that he could teach after managing supermarkets for ten years. His family's background is in farming and Charles is engaged in farming in Richfield. He earned his credential at USC and spent time student teaching and part of his early career in Los Angeles Unified. He learned important educational and community principles there that serve him well today. Charles is bi-lingual (Spanish). From LAUSD, he worked his way back to Colusa, Richfield and Red Bluff Elementary. He is now with the County Department of Education. He has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 36 years. Cindy is a writer in her own right. They have five children of whom they are very proud.



**Bev Ross:** Grew up in Flournoy. Family has been in ranching for five generations. Her dad was a logger for over 30 years. Bev is the oldest of four children from a large family and remembers riding with her grandmother to work cattle and on evening rides. Bev loves ranching,

horses, sewing, arts and crafts. Bev and her husband, Jim, have four children. She and Jim have five grandchildren ranging in age from 10 months to 10 years – each with different interests but all with social skills. The 4-H program has been a central part of her family for many years, and led to her position on the Tehama District Fair Board. Bev described how she and her friend, Shelley MacDonald, helped create the sixth grade educational fair program with Bob Douglas and county staff. The program offers community kids an opportunity to learn forestry, agricultural products and nutrition, irrigation, volcanoes, and other exciting endeavors. The Education Day Committee will be adding monkeys and a helicopter this year.

## Announcements:

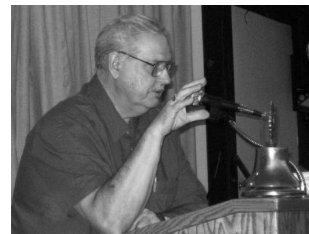
President Bob announced that, due to an inadvertent oversight, the Rotary panel showing many of our awards was taken into safe keeping by the Kiwanis. Apparently, the team on duty for the day neglected to put it away. Our president expects a ransom letter any time now. Current Team scores are: A – 25000; B – 49000; C – 21000; D – 52000; E – 38000; F – 52500. President Bob announced that bargain reservations are still available for the Tahoe District Conference, and that invitations are going out to 25 members for the vision session with District on September 17.

## Recognitions:

Tony Kelley said that he was glad to be back after minor surgery and vowed to neither shave nor bathe until he lost 40 pounds. Thank you for sharing, Tony: \$20; James Howell was recognized for his wedding anniversary, number (76) unstated: \$50; Dr. King managed to miss his team (F Troop) social, but explained that he was away at Glacier Park and Alaska: \$50.

## Program:

Una Jordan introduced Gerald Sanders as our program speaker on Free Masons. Gerald has lived in Red Bluff since 1949 and has been a Free Mason for many years. (He would not say how many.) A First Degree Mason is referred to as an Entered Mason and was an apprentice. A Second Degree Mason is a Fellow Craft and was knowledgeable in stone cutting. A Third Degree (and following) Mason is a Master Mason – akin to an architect or overseer. These designations originated with the connection of Masonhood to secret construction techniques that were deemed secret in the Masons early history. No one is sure precisely how old Masons are as an organization, but the oldest written record appeared in connection with a 1200 BC construction project. The wealth and power of the Masons increased through the use of their trade secrets in construction around the Mediterranean as freeman. Masons would not work as slaves or unpaid craftsmen. Once the secrets of Mason trade become better known, their importance and membership waned, but was revived through an association with the Templar Knights, who had as large treasury and built a number of temples and churches with the Masons. Gerald concluded with an historical note concerning the indebtedness of a French king and his decision to persecute the Templars in lieu of payment. Great story and account, Gerald. Thank you.



**United Way Kick-Off Date Change**  
Please reschedule on your calendar the  
**United Way Kick-Off Luncheon with  
Kiwanis for Wednesday, September 23 at  
the Elks Lodge. There will be NO  
ROTARY meeting on  
Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Drawing:** Charles Allen drew a Jack, which made the pot increase above \$150.

**This Week's Editor:** Will Murphy **Photo by:** John Stover

**Absentees:** → → → → → **22**  
Amundson, Ash, Blunkall, Brown, Cohen, Dolling, E. Frey, Goodwin, Growney, Jacobsen, S. Judson, Koontz, Lucero, Sr. Manoli, B. Miller, R. Miller, Rubright, Salas, Stroud, Townsend, Soder, Vine

## Upcoming Programs:

9/15 – Masons – Gerald Sanders  
9/23 – United Way Kick Off  
9/29 – Nomlaki Indians & Rolling Hills Casino