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FROM THE EAST





Ahoy Brethren,

As we enter the final quarter of 2020, many things are still the same when it comes to Lodge activities and what we can and cannot do as a Lodge. While in-person meetings are still a no go, virtual meetings are now the rage. I would like to thank all of the brethren who have been attending our Virtual Pub Nights along with our Education Nights. While attendance ebbs and flows it is nice to say that we can dwell together in unity on Zoom.

Unfortunately, I have had to cancel numerous events throughout the year because of the edict of the Grand Master and by the orders of the State of California

and the Centers for Disease Control. Originally, I had scheduled two big events for the months of September and October. The first was a First Responders Night on September 9th and the second was a Beef and Bourbon Patio Dinner scheduled for October 18th, but considering the Grand Master's edict and orders from the Government these events have been canceled.

In October the Grand Lodge will convene for Annual Communication but this year comes with a twist. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 10th & Sunday, October 11th and the sessions will be held online. The business of the Grand Lodge will be held on Saturday and the public ceremonies will be held on Sunday. I encourage all Master Masons of this Lodge to attend the session on Saturday from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. I also encourage all the members of our Lodge along with your wives, girlfriends, and kids to view the public ceremonies on Sunday when the new Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers are installed and when the different awards of the Grand Lodge are presented.

As we look to November and December of 2020, I hope that we will be able to resume in-person meetings at a safe social distance.

As I close my message, I will leave you with a Masonic Joke:

Why Do Masons Wear Aprons?

To cover their working tools.

See you in Lodge,

Greg Peterson
Worshipful Master

| | CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 02 | WED | Hall Association (Zoom) No Dinner No Stated Meeting | 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM | | | |
| 04 | FRI | Social Night (Zoom) | 7:30 РМ | | | |
| 18 | FRI | Social Night (Zoom) | 7:30 PM | | | |
| 27 | SUN | Executive Committee (Zoom) | 4:00 PM | | | |
| OCT | | | | | | |
| 02 | FRI | Social Night (Zoom) | 7:30 PM | | | |
| 07 | WED | No Hall Association No Dinner No Stated Meeting Masonic Education (Zoom) | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM | | | |
| 16 | FRI | Social Night (Zoom) | 7:30 PM | | | |
| 25 | SUN | Executive Committee (Zoom) | 4:00 PM | | | |
| <u>NOV</u> 04 | WED | Hall Association | 6:00 pM | | | |
| 04 | VVED | Dinner Stated Meeting Annual Election of Officers | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM | | | |

We have had to <u>cancel</u> the following events:

- First Responders Night 9 September 2020
- Hollywood Bowl Concert 13 September 2020
- Beach Cities Shrine Club Barbecue 20 September 2020
- Beef and Bourbon Dinner 18 October 2020
- Job's Daughters Spaghetti Dinner
 21 October 2020

Social Nights at 7:30 PM

Sept 4 (Zoom) Sept 18 (Zoom) Oct 2 (Zoom) Oct 16 (Zoom)



As we are likely unable to meet in person for the Social Nights in Sept and Oct, we will have Zoom meetings instead. All those on the Lodge's email list will receive an email invitation with login information. Login information can also be found on the Lodge's online calendar. Please let others of our lodge family know they are welcome to join. We are hoping to meet in person in November.

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FOR REFLECTION



FRIEND TO FRIEND MONUMENT AT GETTYSBURG

The *Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial* was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and dedicated as a memorial to the Freemasons of the Union and the Confederacy in the *National Cemetery Annex* at Gettysburg, the first time a private organization was permitted to erect a monument in a national historic park.

The *Friend-to-Friend Monument* depicts Confederate Brigadier General Lewis A. Armistead, a Freemason, wounded after crossing the wall during the climax of Pickett's charge on 3 July 1863, being attended to by Union Captain Henry H. Bingham, also a Freemason. Prior to the war General Armistead served with Union General Winfield Hancock in the Federal Army and considered him a "valued personal friend." However, when the Civil War broke out, General Armistead joined the Confederate Army in 1861.

The units the two generals commanded met on the battlefield in Gettysburg during Pickett's charge. Both Generals were injured during the fight that day, but General Armistead was left to the mercy of the Union solders as he lay injured and the Confederate forces had been pushed back.

During the lull after the charge, a staff assistant to General Hancock, Capt. Bingham, was riding past General Armistead who was lying on the ground where he fell. Capt. Bingham inquired as to who the wounded Southern General was, and General Armistead himself responded. After some conversation, Armistead discovered whom Capt. Bingham worked for, and that Capt. Bingham was also a Freemason. Due to this, Armistead entrusted his personal possessions, including a pocketbook, a watch, his spurs, and a chain with a Masonic emblem on them to Capt. Bingham. These items were be given to General Hancock so that they could be returned to General Armistead's family.

General Armistead succumbed to his wounds shortly thereafter, dying at Gettysburg on 5 July 1863. General Hancock survived the war and died in 1886. Captain Bingham attained the rank of General, and later served 32 years in the United States House of Representatives.

This story epitomizes some of the most time-honored virtues of Freemasonry and highlights the unique bonds of friendship, which enabled these men to remain brothers and help each other in their time of need.



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Dear Brethren,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. As you know, a number of wildfires are currently threatening communities across the state and have forced evacuations in several counties. At times like these, it's important for us all to take extra precautions to protect one other, our families, and our communities.

If you or your family are in need of assistance, don't hesitate to access our statewide relief services by calling Masonic Assistance at (888) 466-3642 or emailing intake@mhcuc.org. If you know of a fellow member in need of advice or services, please encourage them to call. If you call on behalf of another member or their widow, we recommend they be present in order to expedite relief.

If your lodge hall or property is damaged or threatened, please contact the Grand Lodge Real Estate team to determine appropriate next steps. They can be reached at realestate@freemason.org.

For those out of harm's way, please join me in doing whatever is possible to support those being affected by these fires, including all our firefighters and first responders. Offer help where and when you can, get in touch with vulnerable members and widows, and extend any assistance you are able to.

Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner Grand Master

Greetings from the West

Brethren,

I will use my message this month for some Masonic education about Lodges and Hall Associations.

Every Lodge in California has an associated Hall Association. Both are legal non-profit California corporations with the responsibilities belonging to such corporations, such as registering with the state and federal governments, filing tax returns with them (even though no tax is generally due), and having by-laws to govern their operations.

The purpose of the Hall Association is to hold title to property and to manage it. The main property is normally the building and the land it sits on, but there can be other types of property also (some lodges own cemeteries, for example). The Hall Association may rent its facilities to Masonic groups (such as the Lodge, Eastern Star, etc.) and to non-Masonic groups (R Catering Affairs, the church, our members, etc.). The Hall Association is responsible for the maintenance of the facilities it owns.

The Lodge normally is the only shareholder of the Hall Association, so the lodge owns the Hall Association. This is true of our Hall Association, whose legal name is the Masonic Temple Association of San Pedro (MTA). This ownership gives the Lodge the right to appoint Directors, which is generally done by elections in the Lodge every year. In our case, there are nine Directors, seven elected by the Lodge, while the Master and Senior Warden serve as Directors because of their offices. The elected Directors serve three year terms.

For the last few years, the Hall Association has not found it necessary to charge rent to the Lodge, as the rental income has been sufficient to avoid this, and it has also been contributing money to a Capital Improvement Fund so that we can make some very necessary upgrades to our facilities. However, with the pandemic, our rental income has essentially vanished, and it is becoming necessary to again charge rent to the Lodge. This is quite undesirable, as it depletes the Lodge's reserves, but there is little choice at this time.

The Hall Association Directors normally meet monthly before each Stated Meeting, but because of the pandemic, we are meeting via Zoom only every third month, and conducting business between meetings via email. The next Zoom meeting is September 2nd at 7:00 PM. All Lodge members are welcome at any Hall Association meeting, including the upcoming one.

Fraternally,

Paul Galyean, P.M. Senior Warden

Greetings from the South

Brethren.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill.

How true these words ring, especially in tough times like these. Amongst all the craziness going on today, I still see individuals that stand-out for their sacrifice, courage, leadership and charity. I'm sure you do too. Sometimes it may be hard to express gratitude when you really don't feel overwhelmed with joy or luck, but saying "thank you" to someone for their sacrifice, courage, leadership or charity has a way of making us feel good too. It's a win-win.

I feel very fortunate to have found men in our Masonic fraternity that exemplify these characteristics and more. Men that I look up to and respect. Many I consider to be mentors. I believe it's very important to have a mentor, if not several mentors. They can act as a sounding board or a confidant. They may act as a personal guide through an unforeseen life. Most of all they act as a willing friend.

Mentorship requires a person willing to teach and guide, but also a person who is willing to learn, and listen, and be directed. I have found that many Masons are both. What I mean by this is they have been on both the receiving and giving end of mentorship. And even as some grow wise or "long in the tooth", they too still seek the guidance of others.

I feel very fortunate that I am a member of an organization that practices mentorship. If you are lucky enough to have one, thank him often. If you need one, seek him out here. If you feel inspired to lead in a courageous or charitable manner, there are men who will follow you and learn from you. Mentoring takes time and effort on the part of both parties, but it is worth it. It is a tradition that may have an effect on many future generations to come. What a great gift. Thank you to my mentors.

As always, stay healthy, stay strong and stay connected.

With Brotherly Love,

Todd Heiss

Junior Warden



SUPPORTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE

The Masonic Homes of California nurtures and cares for the most vulnerable members of our fraternal family.



SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The California Masonic
Foundation invests in
public education
statewide through support
for early literacy and
college success.



OUR PRACTICE OF CHARITY

California Masons are joining together to make a profound impact.
Charity is one of our most treasured values.



LIVING PAST MASTERS

| 1971 | ROBERT H. HAYNES | 1997 | JEFFREY P. BAKER | 2009 | PHILLIP R. HEISS | AFF | FILIATED PAST MASTERS |
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| 1972 | ANTHONY N. ENGLISH | 1998 | RONALD R. MOORE | 2010 | M. Shawn Donohugh | 1967 | PATRICK T. DONOHUGH |
| 1977 | EDWARD HOLLAND, JR. | 1999 | MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2011 | RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR. | 1975 | R. STEPHEN DOAN, PGM |
| 1977 | ROBERT R. WOLFE | 2000 | PHILLIP R. HEISS | 2012 | KENNETH M. FULLER | 1983 | DONALD A. HULL |
| 1986 | ROBERT A. ERBACKER | 2001 | RONALD R. MOORE | 2013 | EDWARD J. TAYLOR | 1987 | STEVEN R. YOUMANS |
| 1988 | PAUL H. GALYEAN | 2002 | JEFFREY P. BAKER | 2014 | MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 1988 | DONALD A. HULL |
| 1989 | REX S. WIEDERANDERS | 2003 | F. SCOTT CORRIGAN | 2015 | MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 1989 | M. Shawn Donohugh |
| 1990 | MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2004 | M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | 2016 | RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR. | 1998 | JOSEPH P. BOWKER |
| 1992 | PHILLIP R. HEISS | 2005 | M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | 2017 | MATTHEW W. STEVENS | 2015 | Douglas D. Burrows |
| 1993 | RICHARD D. WATSON | 2006 | M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | 2018 | PAUL H. GALYEAN | 2016 | Douglas D. Burrows |
| 1994 | MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2007 | JEFFREY P. BAKER | 2019 | JOSEPH ARITELLI-NEWMAN | 2016 | GREGORY L. PETERSON |
| 1996 | RICHARD D. WATSON | 2008 | JEFFREY P. BAKER | | | | |

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM

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The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. Founded on heroic conduct and moral values, it is open to all faiths. The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific. It is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM

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Job's Daughters is an organization of young women between the ages of 10 and 20. It is an order that promotes fun, while offering life skills that teach young women about the importance of organization, leadership, service to others and scholarship.

ORDER OF DEMOLAY 2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS AT 7:30 PM

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DeMolay is an organization for young men, 9-21 years of age, who develop management, leadership, and social skills as they participate in sports, community projects, and educational programs. They learn to grow into responsible adults of good moral character, providing them with lots of fun, companionship, and the opportunity to develop solid values.