

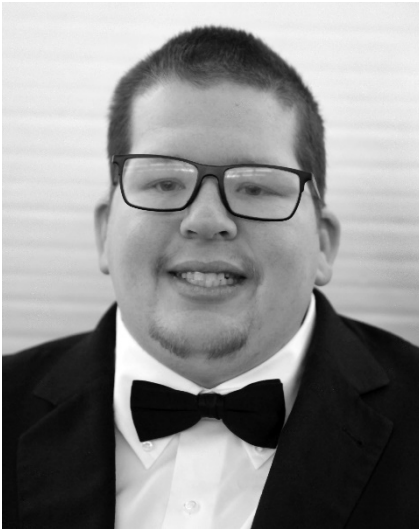
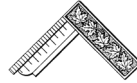
Los Angeles Harbor

MASONIC LODGE # 332 F. & A.M.

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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2020

FROM THE EAST



Ahoy Brethren,

As we enter the final two months of 2020, while many things are still the same when it comes to Lodge activities and what we can and cannot do as a Lodge, some new developments have arrived. While in-person meetings are still a no go, Lodges can now hold virtual Stated Meetings, Elections and Installation of Officers because of the passing of Grand Master Trauner's Recommendation #1: Conduct of Certain Lodge Business During Emergencies. A copy of the recommendation is available on iMember 2.0 on the Grand Lodge website.

Unfortunately, while we have had to cancel numerous events throughout the year because of the Edict of the 2019-2020 Grand Master and by the Orders of the State of California and the Centers for Disease Control, I am happy to announce that we will be holding our first two major Lodge activities virtually in the month of November. On Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 pm, our Lodge will hold its first Stated Meeting since the closure of the Lodge in March. While no esoteric work will be conducted, we will still be able to proceed with Lodge business and elections. Also, on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30 pm, our Lodge will hold a virtual Masonic Education Night with guest lecturer Very Worshipful Allan Casalou, the Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge. His presentation topic is "Through Three Centuries: The 21st Century Masonic Lodge". This is set to be a great time of fellowship and education. This event is open to Masons, non-Masons, family, friends, and anyone who is interested in Freemasonry. The Zoom information will be sent out prior to the event.

Our Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on Saturday, October 10th & 11th. It was a very interesting experience, to say the least, as the entire event was on Zoom. Grand Master Trauner presented two recommendations that both passed and the Budget and Per Capita were also approved. Most Worshipful Brother Arthur Weiss was elected and installed as the Grand Master for the 2020-2021 Masonic Year.

See you in Lodge,

Greg Peterson
Worshipful Master

Stated Meetings are for Masons only. All Members will be sent a Zoom invitation. For questions, please contact the Secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
NOV			
04	WED	Hall Association (Zoom) No Dinner	6:00 PM
		Stated Meeting (Zoom)	7:30 PM
		Annual Election of Officers	
06	FRI	Social Night (Zoom)	7:30 PM
18	WED	Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable	7:30 PM
20	FRI	Social Night (Zoom)	7:30 PM
30	MON	Executive Committee (Zoom)	4:00 PM
DEC			
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		Stated Meeting (Zoom)	7:30 PM
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		Stated Meeting (Zoom)	7:30 PM
09	SAT	Annual Installation of Officers (Zoom)	5:00 PM

We have had to cancel the following events:

- Lodge Christmas Party and Puppet Show Dec 2020
- Beach Cities Shrine Club Holiday Dance December 2020
- Beach Cities Shrine Club San Pedro and Wilmington Holiday Parades Dec 2020

Social Nights at 7:30 PM

Nov 6 (Zoom) Nov 20 (Zoom)
Dec 4 (Zoom) Dec 18 (Zoom)



As we are likely unable to meet in person for the Social Nights in Nov and Dec, 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.

FOR REFLECTION

A CURIOUS RELATIONSHIP: SONS OF LIBERTY AND THE FREEMASONS

The *Sons of Liberty* was an organization formed in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765 the British government, which was unhappy supporting the 10,000 troops that they had stationed in the American Colonies, decided to levy a tax on the Colonies. This was called the *Stamp Act of 1765*. In the Act, anything that was printed in the Colonies – whether it was a legal document, playing cards or anything in between – was required by law to be printed on paper that was created in London and had an embossed revenue stamp on it. This caused a series of legislative actions in various Colonies in opposition to the *Stamp Act*, starting in Virginia. The motto for this resistance became "No taxation without Representation." This caused groups to form in all the Colonies who violently opposed the *Stamp Act* and other taxes that had been levied. In August of 1765, the *Sons of Liberty* formed in Boston, Massachusetts. Soon a committee was formed in New York to communicate with other Colonies and to coordinate efforts in opposing the taxes. Some of the violence that was incited led to the tar-and-feathering of tax collectors. This was meant to injure and humiliate the tax collectors.

On 16 December 1773, the *Sons of Liberty* in Boston held their most famous act of rebellion against the tax acts. The *Boston Tea Party* had the members of the *Sons of Liberty* climbing on board British merchant ships and dumping taxed tea into Boston Harbor. This action led directly to the American Revolution.

The *Sons of Liberty* in Boston was largely made of Freemasons. Although it was not a Masonic organization and did not have an exclusive Masonic membership, many of the leaders of the organization were Freemasons. A Masonic legend holds that the night of *Boston Tea Party*, St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, which owned the Green Dragon tavern (a meeting place of both the Lodge and the *Sons of Liberty*), had their regular meeting that night. In the minutes of the meeting, it allegedly stated that the meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. Presumably, all the members were off dumping tea in Boston Harbor.

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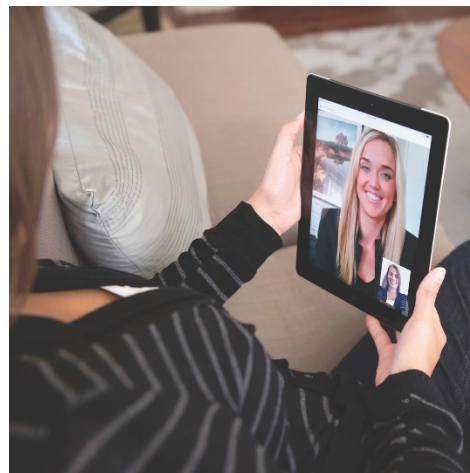
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If a young person in your life is struggling with behavioral, educational, or emotional challenges, we can help – no matter where you live in California.

Through new telehealth services, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) offers professional consultation services over a secure video connection for parents, couples, families, and youth.

To learn more about telehealth, contact inquiries@mcyaf.org or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at mcyaf.org.



Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Our situation with respect to assembling as Brethren is unchanged – we can't meet in person. This is very disappointing and it remains uncertain when this will change. My guess is that it will be months before we can get together again– I hope I am wrong. Whatever the case is, we will persist and this will pass. Time, Patience, and Perseverance shall accomplish all things.

The tree trimming project was completed recently. All the palms we wanted removed are gone.

While the Hall Association has been able to earn enough in recent years to avoid needing financial support from the Lodge, that is no longer true. In recent months, because COVID-19 has prevented rentals, the Hall Association has required support from the Lodge, which is highly undesirable, but necessary. This situation won't change until sometime next year.

One of the few bright spots in the Hall's financial position is that we are going to serve as a LA County Vote Center for the General Election. This brings in income as we serve the community.

The rest of this message is from the Grand Lodge website.

When help is needed, Masons provide it. We've supported schools and aided hospitals. We've sent kids to college and looked after our brothers and their spouses in their golden years. Today, we're putting that tradition to the test with our biggest challenge in years. We call it "Let's Write the Future."

We need to build memory and advanced care facilities for our most vulnerable.

Today, our brothers and their spouses at the Masonic Homes may be forced to live apart to access the memory care and advanced medical services they so greatly need – in their most desperate hour. Our vision: to build and expand the memory and advanced medical care services we offer at our Masonic Homes campuses. Residents must not be separated from their supportive, nurturing, communities during the most vulnerable time in their lives.

We need to double the number of children we help in CA.

Studies show that if a child can't read at grade level by third grade, it's impossible for him or her to ever catch up. We proudly support Raising A Reader, which helps children and their families develop strong literacy habits that impact their comprehension, vocabulary, and listening skills – breaking multigenerational cycles of illiteracy.

Will you heed the call of those in need? Let's write the future – give today.

Fraternally,

Paul Galyean, P.M.

Senior Warden

Greetings from the South

Brethren,

On Saturday, October 10th, the 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held. It was not held in person, but virtually via a Zoom meeting. It was an abridged version, conducted under these special circumstances due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The annual election of Grand Lodge officers took place as well as voting on provisions that would allow California Masonic Lodges to conduct business necessary to maintain their solvency.

During the Annual Communication a very inspirational speech was given by the soon to be elected Junior Grand Warden, Worshipful G. Sean Metroka. In his speech Worshipful Metroka shared his Masonic journey and what Masonry meant to him. The part of the speech that I found most interesting was when he talked about how the greatest spikes in Masonic membership were after the first and second world wars. He said he believed that it was due to soldiers coming home from war still seeking comradery and a need to give-back for the "greater good". These were generations of men who had experienced horrible atrocities and still strove to improve themselves and the broader communities in which they lived. They were good men of every religion, creed and color coming together, called (but in a different way) to serve others.

I may be paraphrasing somewhat as I couldn't find a recording of the speech. Worshipful Metroka remarked that today, during these strange and challenging times, good men are still searching for comradery and a sense of "belonging", still striving to make improvements for the "common good". He reminded us that while we don't solicit for membership as Masons, we can certainly strike up a conversation about Masonry and invite a friend or neighbor to a public Masonic event. What a gift. What a time to give. Masonic membership has increased and declined over the ages for one reason or another. Let us take this opportunity now to share what Masonry has meant to us, and what it means now, with a worthy friend. Chances are they may say "Why didn't you ever tell me about this sooner, I am interested". Hopefully they will also say "I knew there was something different about you". I would like to thank Worshipful Metroka for his fine speech and this timely reminder. I hope to locate a copy of the speech, and to share it in its entirety with the permission of Worshipful Metroka as it is truly inspirational.

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.



L I V I N G P A S T M A S T E R S

1971 ROBERT H. HAYNES
1972 ANTHONY N. ENGLISH
1977 EDWARD HOLLAND, JR.
1977 ROBERT R. WOLFE
1986 ROBERT A. ERBACKER
1988 PAUL H. GALYEAN
1989 REX S. WIEDERANDERS
1990 MICHAEL J. LOGAN
1992 PHILLIP R. HEISS
1993 RICHARD D. WATSON
1994 MICHAEL J. LOGAN
1996 RICHARD D. WATSON

1997 JEFFREY P. BAKER
1998 RONALD R. MOORE
1999 MICHAEL J. LOGAN
2000 PHILLIP R. HEISS
2001 RONALD R. MOORE
2002 JEFFREY P. BAKER
2003 F. SCOTT CORRIGAN
2004 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH
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2007 JEFFREY P. BAKER
2008 JEFFREY P. BAKER

2009 PHILLIP R. HEISS
2010 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH
2011 RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR.
2012 KENNETH M. FULLER
2013 EDWARD J. TAYLOR
2014 MICHAEL J. LOGAN
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2016 RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR.
2017 MATTHEW W. STEVENS
2018 PAUL H. GALYEAN
2019 JOSEPH ARITELLI-NEWMAN

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS
1967 PATRICK T. DONOHUGH
1975 R. STEPHEN DOAN, PGM
1983 DONALD A. HULL
1987 STEVEN R. YOUMANS
1988 DONALD A. HULL
1989 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH
1998 JOSEPH P. BOWKER
2015 DOUGLAS D. BURROWS
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2016 GREGORY L. PETERSON

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.

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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.