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MARCH / APRIL 2021

FROM THE EAST





Ahoy Brethren,

I would first like to start off by saying thank you to all of those who reached out via phone, email, text message, and snailmail and sent their well wishes as I recovered from COVID-19. I am happy to say that I am doing much better now, and I am glad to be getting back to some sense of pandemic normal.

Because of my COVID diagnosis, I had to postpone the Installation of Officers. I am pleased to report that we were able to reschedule our Installation to February 10th and we had a wonderful turnout on Zoom. Thank you to all those who attended and thank you to the Officers for agreeing to

serve another year in your respective offices. I would also like to thank Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, Worshipful Anthony McLean and Worshipful Paul Bazerkanian who all served on the installing team.

As we begin this Masonic Year we are still in lockdown, but we are continuing to plan for the Summer and Fall along with 2022. Currently, the Grand Master has canceled his calendar through May of this year but as the pandemic continues that is likely to be extended. As the year moves along I will continue to update the Lodge on the calendar and what events will be able to take place and what will be canceled based upon the state of the pandemic and the regulations that are issued at that time.

I would like to remind everyone to please keep their heads up in these uncertain times. I know that for some this pandemic has really hit hard and that times are tough, but we will get through this, and as more people get vaccinated things will begin to lift and we will soon be able to see each other again in person.

As I close my message I will leave you with this Masonic joke.

Two men were riding in a truck together through Montana observing the wildlife along the way. Upon spotting a white elk, the first man says to the other, "Did you know that elks have sex about 10-12 times a day!?" The other man replies, "Oh no!" "What's wrong?" the first man responds. The other man says, "I just joined the Masons!"

See you in Lodge,

Greg Peterson Worshipful Master

MAR		CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
03	WED	Hall Association (Zoom) Stated Meeting (Zoom) Inspector's Official Visit	6:00 PM 7:30 PM
05	FRI	Social Night (Zoom)	7:30 РМ
16	TUE	Beach Cities Shrine Club (Zoom)	7:00 РМ
17	WED	Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable	7:30 РМ
19	FRI	Social Night (Zoom)	7:30 рм
26	FRI	Officers School of Instruction (Zoom)	7:00 РМ
28	SUN	Executive Committee (Zoom)	4:00 PM
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Stated Meetings and Hall Association meetings are for Masons only. All Members will be sent a Zoom invitation. For questions, please contact the Secretary.

Social Nights at 7:30 PM

Mar 5 (Zoom) Mar 19 (Zoom) Apr 2 (Zoom) Apr 16 (Zoom)



As we are likely unable to meet in person for the Social Nights in Mar and Apr, 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



STANDARD TIME

While the thought of changing our clocks back and forth twice each year brings forth debated responses in this century, the concept of the worldwide system of Standard Time and the 24 one-hour equal time zones around the world based on the prime meridian at Greenwich England was the contribution of Sanford Fleming – civil engineer, inventor, scientist, and Freemason.

He was admitted a member of St. Andrews Lodge in Toronto, Canada, in 1854. In 1855, he moved to Halifax and became the chief engineer for the Intercolonial Railway from Quebec to Halifax.

In 1871 he was appointed chief engineer to the great nation-building project known as a Highway to the Pacific – the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1872 he undertook what he called the "twenty-five-hundred-mile journey across uncharted prairie, forest, mountain peak, and canyon" to survey and map the route that the railway would follow. It took 103 days to complete this "ocean to ocean" journey "by railway, steamer, coach, wagon, canoe, rowboat, dugout, pack and saddle horse, and our own sturdy legs." Although politicians were given the credit for the project, Brother Fleming, the engineer who built the railway, qualified for substantial credit.

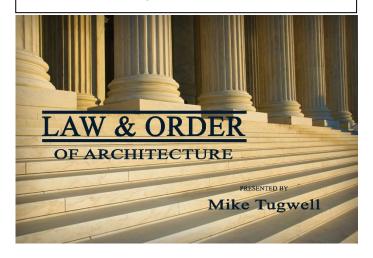
His greatest contribution, many agree, was the concept of Standard Time. After missing a train while traveling in Ireland in 1876 because a printed schedule listed p.m. instead of a.m., he proposed a single 24-hour clock for the entire world, with the 24 hour divisions linked to the Greenwich meridian. Adopted in 1884 at the International Meridian Conference, it laid the essential foundation for the globalization of travel, communications, and economics.

But going back to that night in May of 1854 when Brother Fleming was initiated, some have speculated that two phrases in the ritual, "As the day is divided into twenty-four hours..." and "when the sun is at its meridian..." just may have planted an idea in the fertile mind of an engineering genius.

And don't forget to spring your clock FORWARD on Sunday 14 March!

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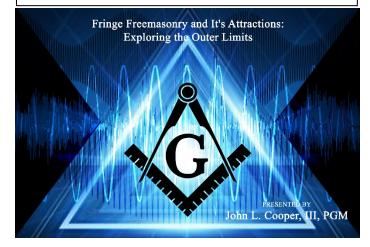
Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable
Wednesday Mar 17, 2021 7:30 PM



Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable
Wednesday Apr 21, 2021 7:30 PM

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Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Let me again thank the Brethren for re-electing me as Senior Warden. I will do my best to help the Lodge move forward in what will be another difficult pandemic year. The consensus on the 2020 officers remaining in their Stations for 2021 is not ideal but seems necessary given the circumstances. And while it is not desirable for old Past Masters such as me to be in the Line, that also appears necessary at the moment. I am hopeful that in 2022 we will get past that need.

The Installation of Officers was postponed when the Master-Elect Greg Peterson became ill with COVID-19 but was accomplished in February. Fortunately, although Greg was quite ill and spent a short time in intensive care, he is recovering well, has gone back to work, and has resumed many of his normal activities.

In 2020, the pandemic shut down most of what we normally do in a Masonic year and will continue to do so for at least a significant part of 2021. We are all hoping that later in the year we will be able to resume at least some of our normal Masonic activities. We have had to continue cancelling upcoming events as it became clear that they could not be held.

The pandemic has also made it impossible to hold most rental events, cutting off the Hall Association's major source of income. This has required the Lodge to supplement the Hall's income, rather than the Hall supplementing the Lodge's income.

On the brighter side, we have been able to meet electronically for Stated Meetings, for Social Nights, and for Masonic Education Nights. All of these have allowed us to continue to meet with our Brethren and further our Masonic fellowship.

The situation with the refurbishment of the kitchen remains uncertain. Estimates of the work were delayed when Cliff Kane (member of our lodge) became ill with COVID-19. As with Greg, Cliff was quite seriously ill but has thankfully also recovered. Once we have a good estimate, the Hall Association should be able to determine how to proceed. Major uncertainties remain: total cost, how to fund it, what city and county requirements apply, replacement of kitchen equipment, etc.

Fraternally,

Paul Galyean, P.M. Senior Warden

Greetings from the South

Brethren,

It's times like these when a person's physical, mental and emotional endurance is tested. I feel it. You probably feel it too. I can only imagine how the people who serve us in the healthcare profession feel at this point. It's been roughly one year since the beginning of the global pandemic. They have not only worked grueling hours of unending shifts but risked their own lives to save ours...daily. Some paid the ultimate sacrifice doing what they loved...serving others. Some have held the hand of dozens of people, stricken with Covid, as they died. Some will suffer a form of post traumatic syndrome in the future, others will just need a long vacation when this is over. Certainly a vacation is well deserved. Some won't take a vacation but keep right on serving.

I am not sure who said it originally, but one of my favorite quotes is "freedom is not free". It is how citizens of a free country express their gratitude to the brave men and women of the military who bore the price for our freedom and way of life. It appears even more clearly now that health is not free, and that we, the citizens of a healthy nation, express our gratitude to the brave men and women who sacrificed so we could be healthy once more.

Somehow a simple "Thank you" does not seem like near enough. I'm sure some might not even get that. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly say thank you to these individuals. If you are one of them, you have my sincerest appreciation. If you know one, even if you have said it to them before, please thank them again. They are pillars of our community, standing strong, supporting the rest of us. It is due to the time they sacrificed with their friends and families that I am able to enjoy more time with mine. What a gift of charity.

We can see light at the end of this tunnel. Hope IS a powerful thing...spread it. I look forward to seeing each of you soon. Until then, stay strong, stay healthy and stay connected.

With Brotherly Love,

Todd Heiss

Junior Warden



Job's Daughters Bethel No. 24 San Pedro See's Candy Spring Fundraiser

We would appreciate your orders! All candy will be delivered the week of March 22. Attached is the flyer with all the candy information.

The Candy orders and money need to be in by March 10, 2021.

Checks are to be made out to Cheryl Powell and mailed to:

1319 W. Sepulveda St., San Pedro, C A 90732-2949

Any questions please call Cindy Baker 310-283-9420.

Thank you,

The members of Bethel No. 24

Please support our Jobs Daughters!!



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1971	ROBERT H. HAYNES	1997	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2009	PHILLIP R. HEISS	AFF	FILIATED PAST MASTERS
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, <i>PGM</i>
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	2020	GREGORY L. PETERSON		

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 1^{ST} & 3^{RD} 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 MICHELE LANGDON 310-702-5843

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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

 2^{ND} & 4^{TH} 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.