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**SEPT / OCT 2021** 

# FROM THE EAST







I cannot believe that it is already September, this year is speeding by. We are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final phase of the reopening schedule. Phase 1 was a return to in-person social activities. Phase 2 is the return of Stated Meetings, dinners, practices, degrees, and Hall Association meetings beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Now that we are returning to more inperson activities, our calendar is once again showing signs of life at the Lodge. I hope that you can join us for our upcoming activities.

At the September Stated Meeting we will be reading one Application for Degrees and one Application for Affiliation. We have

scheduled a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as this will be the first time our Lodge has put on a degree since November 2019.

On October 8 - 10, the Grand Lodge of California will convene for the 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication in San Francisco. The legislation for this Annual Communication along with the Financial Impact of the Legislation, Recommendations for Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer and other information can be found on the Grand Lodge webpage.

As you are all aware, because of the rise in COVID-19 cases, mostly from unvaccinated individuals, the L.A. County Health Dept. issued a new Directive regarding masking for all indoor events.

On Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM, the following directive became effective:

Due to increased transmission from the Delta variant and the intermingling of unmasked individuals where vaccination status is unknown, masks will be required indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Therefore, by order of the County of Los Angeles, anyone attending an in-person meeting or activity at L.A. Harbor Lodge should be masked, unless sitting to eat and drink. No one should be wandering around the building, or within the dining area without a mask. All meetings and degrees, until further notice, will be performed wearing a mask. If our Grand Master provides any further guidance, we will, of course, follow his direction, so long as it is not in violation of any State or County requirements.

I can now officially say, see you all in Lodge.

Greg Peterson Worshipful Master

SEPT	CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
01	WED	Hall Association (In Person) Dinner (In Person) Stated Meeting (In Person)	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM			
80	WED	Officer Practice (In Person)	7:00 РМ			
15	WED	Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable (Zoom)	7:30 PM			
17	FRI	Social Night (In Person)	7:30 рм			
19	SUN	Shrine Club Barbecue and Potentates Official Visit (In Person)	12:00 РМ			
21	TUE	Shrine Club Meeting (In Person)	6:30 рм			
22	WED	WED Officer Practice (In Person)				
24	FRI	Officers School of Instruction Angels Gate (In Person)	7:00 РМ			
26	SUN	Executive Committee (Zoom)	4:00 рм			
29	WED	Officer Practice (In Person)	7:00 РМ			
<u>ост</u> 01	FRI	Social Night (In Person)	7:30 рм			
06	WED	Hall Association (In Person) Dinner (In Person) Stated Meeting (In Person)	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM			
08-10	FRI- SUN	Annual Communication (In- Person)	7:30 РМ			
13	WED	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Dinner (In Person) 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree (In Person)	6:30 РМ 7:30 РМ			
15	FRI	Social Night (In-Person)	7:30 рм			
17	SUN	Annual Beef & Bourbon Event (In Person)	4:00 pm			
19	TUE	Shrine Club Meeting (In Person)	6:30 РМ			
20	WED	Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable (Zoom)	7:30 РМ			
22	FRI	Officers School of Instruction Gardena-Moneta	7:00 РМ			
27	WED	Annual Job's Daughters Spaghetti Dinner (In Person)	6:30 РМ			
31 <b>NOV</b>	SUN	Executive Committee (Zoom)	4:00 РМ			
03	WED	Hall Association (In Person) Dinner (In Person) Stated Meeting (In Person)	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM			

### Social Nights at 7:30 PM

Sept 17 (In Person)

Oct 1 (In-Person) Oct 15 (In-Person)



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# FOR REFLECTION



#### FREEMASONS AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS

As we come to celebrate our US Constitution, many Americans celebrate our Founding Fathers and all they did to help create our country. What few of them know is that many of the Founding Fathers were also Freemasons. This includes George Washington, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Chief Justice John Marshall, who greatly influenced the shaping of the Supreme Court. It is believed that about nine of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence were Masons, and about thirteen of the thirty-nine who signed the US Constitutions were Masons.

However, what is not known about the Freemasons and the Founding Fathers is how their Masonic principles shaped their political agendas. Masons who were in the public eye like George Washington and Ben Franklin did not openly connect their political views to their Masonic association.

A view that is shared by all is that Masons during the revolutionary period were among the ones pushing for America to break away from Great Britain and become its own nation. What influence Freemasonry may have had on the life and character of Benjamin Franklin, for example, can only be conjectured, but that it did influence him and his contemporaries in the struggle for American independence seems beyond doubt. Masonry did not have a set of standard political views, but all the men who chose to be a part of it shared some common values and views. Like most of the Founding Fathers, the Freemasons from this time period held views that many others did not share or even understand.

The bottom line of being a Mason is to create a better man and a better world. The Founding Fathers did this in America by pushing for separation from Great Britain to create religious and political freedom for their country. Freemasons were men who strove for equality and laid the foundations for a better future for America.

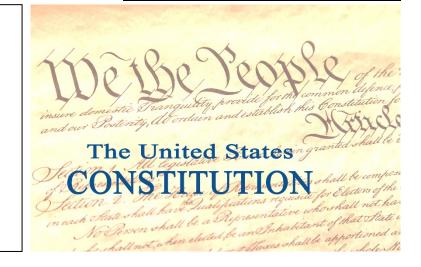
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Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable Wednesday Sept 15, 2021 7:30 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 895 9813 0665

Tel: 669 900 6833



# **Greetings from the West**

Brethren,

If you examine the lodge calendar on the first page of this Trestleboard, you will see two very significant changes: 1) the words "In Person" appear on many of the events, and 2), there are a lot more events. We are beginning to resume Masonic communication, have degrees, meet with candidates, and conduct ourselves as we were accustomed to doing before the pandemic.

However, we aren't all the way back to normal. We have masking requirements for indoor meetings, whether we are fully vaccinated or not. This is a real nuisance, but I regard it as a nuisance, not as a fundamental concern. Being able to meet in person is more important than the mask requirement, in my view. Eventually, we will get back to a full normal, just not quite yet.

We are continuing to see a pickup in information requests for rental events for our facility. We very much need for these requests to turn into rentals so that the Hall can support the Lodge, not the other way around. Unfortunately, we have still not determined how we can refurbish our kitchen within our financial means. This remains an ongoing problem, and we are continuing to try to find a way to address it.

On the civic front, Los Angeles County again selected us as a Vote Center for the September election, this time for eleven days rather than four. This provides a public service, permits us to earn some income, and opens the lodge to the public. As they come into our entryway, they will see a few examples of what it means to be a Mason, and this enhances the public view of Masonry and occasionally causes a man to ask about Masonry.

Please continue to take appropriate precautions against COVID-19 - we aren't all the way through this pandemic yet.

See you in Lodge (soon)!

Fraternally,

Paul Galyean, P.M.

Senior Warden

Masonic Information and Discussion Roundtable Wednesday Oct 20, 2021 7:30 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 895 9813 0665

Tel: 669 900 6833

# **Greetings from the South**

Brethren,

What are you waiting for? Get out there. This is what you have been waiting for. We all have. It's been a long year of cancellations and isolation, and for some hospitalization. But for most, it's over. It's summer time. Let's get together. Please come to lodge. Invite someone you know to join you for a public event.

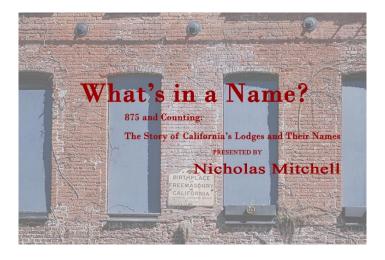
Go to the beach, go to the library, go to the coffee shop and stay awhile, meet somebody new, spend some quality time with family that you haven't seen for a while, go fishing, go for a hike, go for a swim, show someone your smile, visit, play cards, go to a casino, play bingo, volunteer again, dance, do that yard work, get a haircut, exercise, BBQ, feel the warm sun on your face, live...again. What I'm suggesting is, make it worth the sacrifices that you have made over the last year. Bounce back. Truly get back to "normal". Perhaps you will make your life better than it was before...there's a goal. Don't make excuses. Be resolved, do whatever it takes.

Americans have done a great job of this over the years. We're not perfect, but we strive to be better...as individuals, and a nation. This is what I get out of Masonry... an ideal. An ideal that I can pursue as an individual or with a group of like-minded people. Please join me in this quest. See you at lodge.

With Brotherly Love,

Todd Heiss

Junior Warden



# The Annual Beef and Bourbon Event

# Sunday October 17, 2021 • 4:00 PM Ladies, Family & Friends are invited!

Tickets \$25 per person in advance | \$30 at the door

Join us as we socialize...and eat...and sip...and watch the sunset over the city on our million-dollar *Harbor View Terrace*!

We'll be serving a variety of beef entrees on the terrace where you'll have the opportunity to sip some unusual wines and/or taste some bourbon whiskies.

This is a great way to unwind and enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon with your family and friends.

You surely won't want to miss the once-a-year opportunity! Seating is limited! Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.





# LIVING PAST MASTERS

1971 ROBERT H. HAYNES		1997	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2009	PHILLIP R. HEISS	AFFILIATED 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		

#### **ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

 $1^{\text{ST}}$  &  $3^{\text{RD}}$  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

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> 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<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.