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Trestleboard

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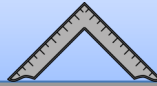
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From the East

Marty Gushwa, PM
Worshipful Master



The past 15 months have been crazy, difficult, politically interesting, infuriating, lonely and perhaps scary. Take your pick of description(s) Driving past the lodge makes me wonder when the quarantine restrictions will be lifted so that we can once again enjoy having a dinner on Stated Meeting nights and enjoy in-person, the friendships that that had been established over the years. When the meeting restrictions are lifted, we can also meet new candidates, their families and welcome them into our large family. We might even have a few degree nights to celebrate and guide new members thru the Blue Lodge degrees. This will give our officers the opportunity to sharpen their skills in advance stations so that come November they will be

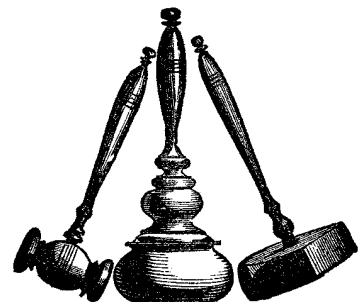
ready for their duties in the next year.

Some you have taken part in our Zoom video meetings – which have been interesting to say the least. We owe a big thank you to Wor Tom Berger who has generously hosted the Zoom meetings even though he is in the cold North.

We have lost a couple of Brothers during the quarantine. Bill Lewis and Emilio Uriarte. Both will be missed. Every time I think of the jokes and spontaneous pranks Bill threw into our Officers' Practices I find myself smiling and treasuring the time I got to spend with Bill. One of his pranks that he did frequently during the opening sequence of lodge was to look at his hand, in which he had written L when asked where the Secretary was. Bro. Uriarte was a kind and honest man, always there to lend a helping hand.

Wor Monte Euler underwent some major surgeries to get rid of the cancer he had in his jaw. He had to endure chemotherapy and radiation treatments, both take a heavy toll on the body and the mind. I am in contact with Wor Monte several times a week to help him pass the time and relieve some of the issues associated with long recoveries.

Just as soon as the Grand Master gives the go ahead, we will start having Saturday morning breakfasts so we can have another chance to forge new friendships. So keep an eye on the Trestle Board calendar for upcoming meetings and events!



A beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory, illustrated by Symbols



From the West

Bro Charlie Haselwood, SW

Hello Brethren,

It has been quite some time since the last communication was sent out to you all! Apologies, but not much has changed in regards to Masonic activity for the entire state of California, let our alone our lodge. A few notable changes have been Bro. Ed Sibby has been voted to serve as the new building manager, may he serve with har-

mony and grace. Worshipful Brother Sutton is moving on to greener pastures, may he have the best of luck out in the great state of Texas! All we can do is hope and pray for a less tumultuous year going forward. We now have new officers for this coming year, and, I have been elected to serve as the Senior Warden. I hope to serve in this position with integrity and look to keep the tradition of exemplifying the wisdom and guidance of all brethren who have come before me. Congratulations to Worshipful Marty Gushwa, who, has been elected to serve as our Master this year! We are lucky to have him in these trying times, he is a wealth of knowledge that will keep us moving on the right track. Worshipful Jerry Donathan has taken up his post as all-time, MVP-Junior Warden (ha-ha). We all know he will serve in that office with

the experience and patience necessary to succeed. Masonry in 2021 will still be not what we are used to, but more of what we are becoming accustomed to. With virtual meetings taking precedence over physical meetings, we find yet but another hurdle to jump over in our Masonic dealings. Personally, I find it very hard to focus on my Masonic studies, as my working tools need to be sharpened up a bit for 2021, so to speak. I have faith in our leadership and our Brethren alike, to bring us together in Unity. The educational article later in this newsletter, was written some time earlier this year, but still very good information in order for the Brothers to dig into and start their own journey into Masonic education!



In Memoriam



Soft and Safe Be Thy Resting Place, Bright and Glorious Be Thy Rising From It.

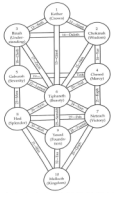
Please, say a prayer for our dearly departed Brothers, Bill and Emilio. Bill was one of the first Masons I got to meet in person when I was applying for membership. He was fun, knowledgeable, kind and easy to talk to. Additionally, he was on my investigative committee and my Wife's "favorite" out of the Brethren in the lodge. Bro. Bill would always bring up an episode of "The Twilight Zone", to my Wife Cori and myself in our conversations. He would go through the whole story every time. This episode featured a man, lampooned on a



prison planet of sorts, with only an Android for company. Long story short the android got destroyed and would cry out "Corrrrrrii, Corrrrii, Cori", as it was being decommissioned. We watched that episode this Holiday season in honor of our

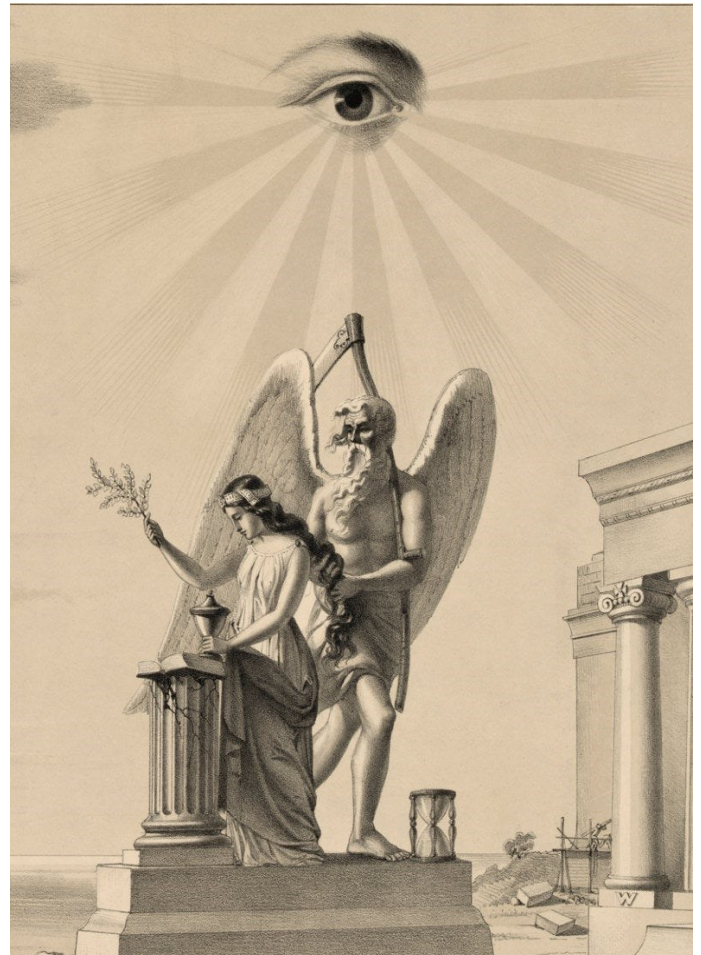
friend, Bill, **Play Ball!** Brother Emilio was a good friend, brother and Man amongst others I am sure. He always had great advice and we had some good conversations on Masonry, and life in general. I had the pleasure of knowing these men, and the Honor to call them my Brother.





Masonic Education

Every Holiday season, I find myself utterly enamored with the beauty of a decorated Christmas tree. To some, this is just a burden of the seasons, to be done promptly at the whim of their spouses and loved ones. To me, it brings a great calm and sort of introspection to my Holiday season. There is good deal of Christmas tree origin stories out there, seeing how this is a Masonic Trestleboard, I will be exploring what the origins are as a Mason. Christmas is celebrated around the Winter Solstice, which is a time significant of the Sun making its gradual return after months of darkening days. The allegory of the autumnal months felling the Sun can be seen in Christianity as well. The next few sentences come from Ill. Bro. Manly P. Hall's - "The Secret Teaching of All Ages", specifically pages 242 -245. Please read these for a clearer and more thorough explanation. Judas signifies the Scorpion, and the thirty pieces of silver for which he betrayed his lord represent the number of degrees in that sign. Having been struck by Libra (the state), Scorpio (the church), and Sagittarius (the mob), the sun (CHiram) is secretly borne through the darkness by the signs of



Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces and buried over the brow of a hill (the vernal equinox). Capricorn is symbolized as Father-Time, being an old man with a Scythe. Masonically symbolized as a wayfarer, straightening out the ringlets of a young girl's hair. Saturn, the old man who lives at the north pole, and brings with him to the children of men a sprig of evergreen (The Christmas Tree), is familiar to the public under the name of Santa Claus, for he brings each winter the gift of a new year (pg.242).

The Christmas tree is also symbolic of the Tree of Life (Christ-Mass). What is the Christmas tree? Let us analyze the word Christmas. "Christ" is a solar energy, and "mass" is a rite; so, Christmas, is a transformation or a rite in which the solar energy is transformed into life. Additionally, the kabbalistic tree of life can be explained by our own spinal columns. The drama of the Cosmic Christ and

the way in which we can assimilate that Solar Force is a secret related with the spinal column. Remember that the spinal column has 33 vertebrae. Therefore, Jesus lived 33 years. Masons talk about 33 initiatic degrees, and it is because in order to develop that energy, we must do it in 33 degrees, but in different octaves, different ways. (

Ole St.Nick gives gifts (holy spirit) by coming down the chimney (pineal, kether) via transformation. The Pine tree is related with the forces of childhood, which is Aquarius, the force of the mind. Such is why Christmas is construed to be for children.

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

- Matthew 18

For Christ to descend unto you, you must first be united with your

own, individual enlightenment. This is symbolized by the Christmas tree, decorated with lights. I hope this article was informative. It has been a while and I just wanted to get some information out there about how important this Holiday really is. It isn't just about buying/receiving gifts. Or, about this political party VS that political party. It is about the symbolic journey one must take to receive light. That being said, there are only a few greater things than watching loved ones joyfully opening the surprises you wrapped for them every year. May we look forward with the same wisdom and Grace as we all know how.

- "The Secret Teaching of All Ages" -
Manly P. Hall

- <https://gnosismasonry.wordpress.com/2014/12/25/christmas-tree-or-tree-of-life/>

- <http://thenortheasterncorner.blogspot.com/2007/12/masonic-symbolism-and-christmas-tree.html>





from the South
Wor. Bro Jerry Donathan, SW



from the Secretary
Bro. Sammy Gillo

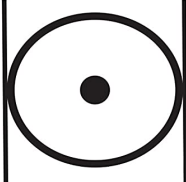
There is no article from Wor. Jerry for this month.

Brothers - I would like to thank those Brothers who have already sent in their dues for 2021. For those who have not done so, please send in your dues as soon as possible
Thank you!



BIRTHDAYS
 APRIL

Member	Day
Leverett, Eddie W	04
Singer, Alfred L	04
Daniels, Roy W	06
Williams, Raymond I	06
St. Clair, John P	10
Sutton, Steven A	12
Morton, Donovan I	13
Jenkins, Richard E	14
Wheeler, Jacob J	16
Jackson, John W	18
Gray, Harry G	20
Santiago, Dennis E	20
Thomas, Will	20
Iannolo, Michael A	22
Watkins, Robert K	29
Fantanilla, Eduardo Sr	30



RAISINGS
 APRIL

Member	Date Raised	Years
Burton Clarence L.	4/13/1959	62
Lyon, George C Jr.	4/18/1961	60
Smith, Michael C.	4/22/1971	50
Schultz, Charles E.	4/14/1975	46
Williams, Mark A.	4/2/1984	37
Mahrling, Richard A.	4/16/1990	31
Roberts, Robert G. Sr.	4/25/1991	30
Capps, Melvin L.	4/30/1998	23
Branson, Gary L.	4/30/2005	16
Santiago, Dennis E.	4/12/2007	14
Conatser, Bennie E.	4/22/2019	11
Jenkins, Richard E.	4/15/2010	11
Bell, Loren D.	4/25/2013	8
Young, Chauncey J.	4/11/2013	8
Calupe, Salvador F. Jr.	4/14/2014	7
Charles, Solomon	4/24/2014	7
Euler, Monte G.	4/10/2014	7

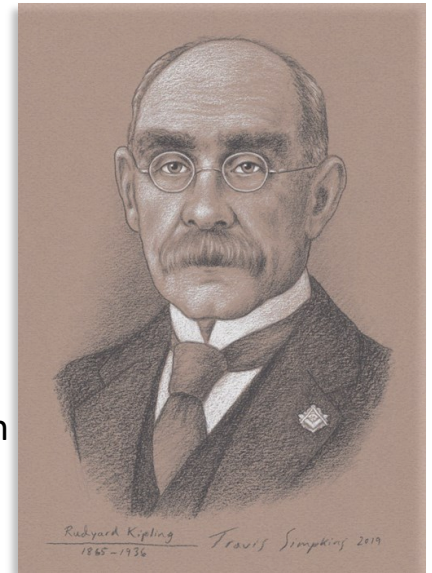


The Masonic Monthly Poem

The Palace Rudyard Kipling

When I was a King and a Mason, a Master Proven and skilled,
I cleared me ground for a Palace, such as a King should build.
I decreed and dug down to my levels presently, under the silt,
I came on the wreck of a Palace, such as a King had built.

There was no worth in the fashion there was no wit in the plan
Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings ran.
Masonry, brute, mishandled, but carven on every stone,
After me cometh a Builder tell him I, too, have known.



Swift to my use in my trenches, where my well-planned groundworks grew,
I tumbled his quoins and his ashlar, and cut and rest them anew.
Lime I milled of his marbles burned it, slaked it, and spread
Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the humble dead.

Yet I despised not nor gloried, yet, as we wrenched them apart,
I read in the razed foundation the heart of that Builder's heart.
As he has risen and pleaded, so did I understand
The form of the dream he had followed in the face of the thing he had planned.

When I was a King and a Mason, in the open noon of my pride,
They sent me a Word from the Darkness they whispered and called me aside.
They said, The end is forbidden. They said, Thy use is fulfilled.
Thy Palace shall stand as that other's, the spoil of a King who shall build.

I called my men from my trenches, my quarries, my wharves, and my sheers
All I had wrought I abandoned to the faith of the faithless years.
Only I cut on the timber only I carved on the stone:
After me cometh a Builder tell him I, too, have known.

Concordant Bodies

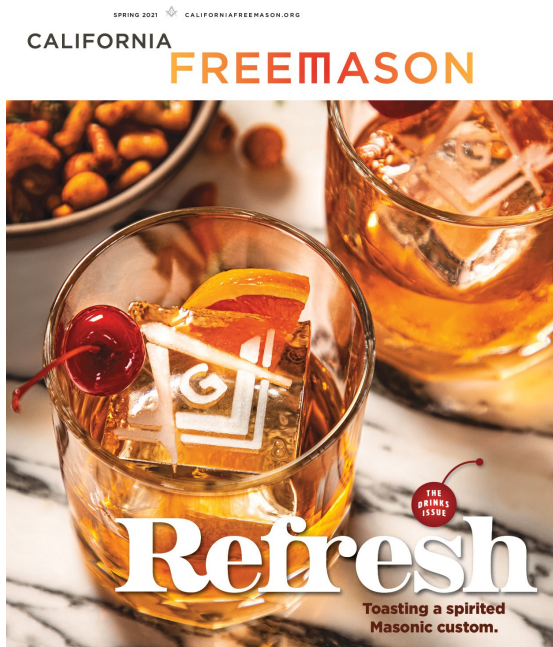


Job's Daughters Bethel No. 165,
 Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm
 Carrie Ghent, Bethel Guardian,
 951-271-2054
 Bro. Alan Walbridge, AG
 909-241-5547

Inside this Month's Issue

- * At Refreshment-Why lifting a drink matters.
- * Get to meet the toastmasters!
- * Brave New World-What can Masons do after the worst year Ever?
- * The Companies We Keep-Say Goodbye to this accidental Masonic icon.
- * Executive Message-Cheers to That!

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SAVE THE DATE!

THE GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC FAMILY

Meet & Greet

BBQ

SUNDAY MAY 23RD, 1 PM to 5 PM

Dress Casual and Enjoy Some Grub, Great Music & Better Fellowship

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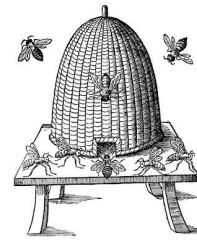
All we ask is that you bring the whole family along.




Everyone is Welcome to Join Us

Please RSVP with Brother Drew Diederich at 951-323-1538 or Email: Ddventure@icloud.com

For info Worshipful Brother Inspector Carl Black at 619-857-9802 or Email: CFBSDPD@msn.com

April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
			-Virtual Stated Mtg Meeting ID: 925 542 9467 Passcode: Email Secretary.			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Happy Easter!!!			-Happy Hour w/GM Art Weiss. 5PM. Click on banner below!			-Hidden Meanings: Int. Conference on Freemasonry. Click below!
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				-OSI: MVL#289 1st Degree - O&O (Tentative)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25	26	27	28	29	30	April Birthstone: Diamond 

Schedule of Events

- ◆ 4/1/21- Virtual Stated Meeting via ZOOM Call. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9255429467?pwd=N1VwczRHbmFVa1cwN29Ha2t1c282UT09>
- ◆ 4/7/21- Happy Hour w/GM Art Weiss. 5:00PM.
- ◆ 4/10/21- Hidden Meaning: International Conference on Freemasonry. Register if interested, just click the picture to get more info and register!
- ◆ 4/15/21-OSI @ MVL#289. O&O, close in long Form. Starts at 7:00PM, and is mandatory for all Officers.

California Freemason presents

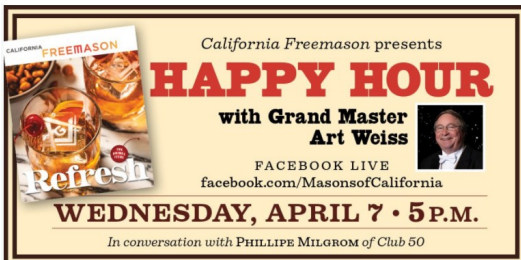
HAPPY HOUR

with Grand Master Art Weiss

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 • 5 P.M.

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HIDDEN MEANINGS

Esotericism & Masonic Connections

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FREEMASONRY

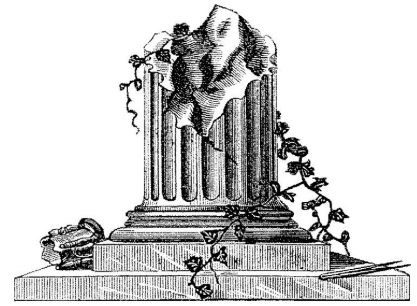
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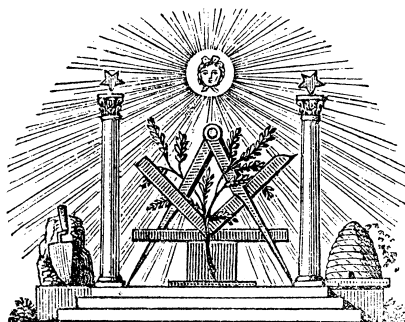

A beautiful system of *Morality*, veiled in *Allegory*, illustrated by *Symbols*

Committees

Here are our committees for 2021. By being a Committee member, you are “paying it forward” to the Lodge by giving a little of your time. Some Committees only meet once a year, others quarterly, and some monthly. The point is, we need your help. Contact the Chairman for meeting times.



Audit CH – TC Dowden Charlie Haselwood, SW	Charity & Relief Marty Gushwa, PM, WM Charlie Haselwood, SW	Sickness & Distress CH –Harold Whitford, PM Monte Euler, PM, WM	Hiram Award CH Charlie Haselwood, SW Jerry Donathan, PM Harold Whitford, PM, Chap	Funeral CH – Harold Whitford, PM Alan Bowman, PM
Budget CH - Steve Sutton, PM Monte Euler, PM, WM	Widows CH – Harold Whitford, PM Wor Jerry Donathan, PM Finance CH -Marty Gushwa PM SW	Hall Association C Markel, PM —Treasurer Harold Whitford, PM Bro Ed Sibby (24) Bro Sammy Gillo (24) Bro Jerico Alvarez (24) Ed Fontanilla Sr. Marty Gushwa, PM, WM Ex Officio	Trestleboard Editor – Charlie Haselwood, SW Public Schools CH –	Refreshments CH J Donathan, PM Sr. & Jr. Stewards All EA’a & FC’s Newly Raised MM’s
		Assignments		
Officer’s Coach Chuck Markel, PM	Masonic History Any Willing Brother	Photographer Bud Smith	Fraternal Support Amb Alan Bowman, PM	Head Candidate Coach Charlie Haselwood, SW
Member Retention CH – Devyn Hicks		Masonic Education Any Willing Brother		Facebook/Website CH – Devyn Hicks, SD





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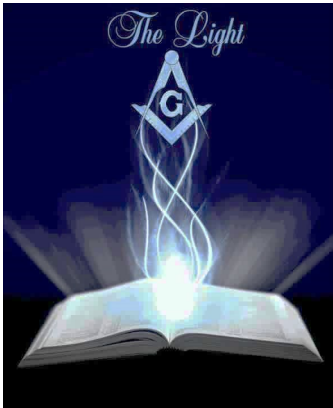
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Secretary	Sammy Gillo	951-892-9055
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Junior Deacon	Wilson Bohol	619-735-6375
Marshal	Vacant	
Senior Steward	Vacant	
Junior Steward	Eduardo Fontinella Jr.	951-541-6440
Tiler	Ed Sibby	951-704-2035
Officer's Coach	Wor Chuck Markel, PM	951-733-2925
Inspector 826th Masonic District	Wor. Carl Black, PM	



Did you know that being an officer is both a privilege and an honor? These leaders have made a commitment to being at the practices and meetings/degrees and doing an outstanding job. We are all indebted to them for this commitment and their efforts. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Officers Coach listed above.

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If you wish to move mountains tomorrow, you must start by lifting stones today.



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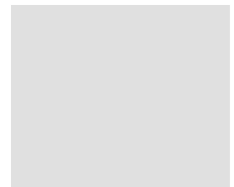
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