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JULY - AUG 2024

FROM THE EAST





Ahoy Brethren,

Can you believe we are halfway through the Masonic year already?

Now that we have reached the halfway mark, our officers are hard at work with their qualifications for advancement. I want to thank all of those who are taking the time to advance as officers and commit their time to learning the ritual to put on successful degrees at our lodge.

On June 29, L.A. Harbor Lodge hosted our Annual St. John's Feast; the event was excellent. I want to thank those

who put in many hours of hard work to make this event happen. I would also like to thank all of those who attended and once again made it an extraordinary evening. I hope you can join us next year if you didn't join us this year.

In observance of the 4th of July, L.A. Harbor will not have the monthly Stated Meeting on July 3. Our Stated Meeting for July will be held on Wednesday, July 10, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On July 4, we will once again hold our Annual 4th of July Picnic, and I look forward to seeing everyone there. This year, the lodge will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our lodge will host our Annual Chili Cook Off and dinner at 4:00 p.m. on August 4. I hope to see all of you there.

As we head into the summer, I hope it is filled with many happy memories with family and friends. For those heading out of town, I hope you have a safe and comfortable time.

Fraternally,

Greg Peterson Worshipful Master

CALENDAR OF EVENTS									
JULY									
03	WED	Officers Qualification Practice	7:00 РМ						
04	THU	Annual July 4 Picnic and	6:30 РМ						
		Fireworks Show							
05	FRI	Social Night	6:30 РМ						
10	WED	Hall Association	6:00 PM						
		Dinner	6:30 PM						
		Stated Meeting	7:30 РМ						
16	TUE	Shrine Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 РМ						
17	FRI	Officers Qualification Practice	7:00 РМ						
19	FRI	Social Night	6:30 PM						
23	TUE	Officers School of Instruction	7:00 PM						
		Redondo Beach Lodge hosting - Meeting at Torrance							
		Lodge							
24	WED	Officers Qualification Practice	7:00 рм						
26	FRI	Lodge Youth Night	6:00 РМ						
31	WED	Executive Committee	7:00 РМ						
		Meeting at Lodge							
AUG									
02	FRI	Social Night	6:30 рм						
04	SUN	Chili Cook-Off	4:00 РМ						
07	WED	Hall Association	6:00 РМ						
		Dinner	6:30 PM						
		Stated Meeting	7:30 РМ						
14	WED	Officers Qualification Practice	7:00 PM						
16	FRI	Social Night	6:30 PM						
20	TUE	Shrine Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 PM						
21	WED	Officers Qualification Practice	7:00 PM						
27	TUE	Officers School of Instruction	7:00 РМ						
		Angels Gate Lodge hosting –							
		meeting at Torrance Lodge							
28	WED	Executive Committee	7:00 РМ						
		Meeting at Lodge							
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04	WED	Hall Association	6:00 PM						
		Dinner Stated Meeting	6:30 PM 7:30 PM						
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FOR REFLECTION



WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations. The lessons Freemasonry teaches in its ceremonies have to do with moral values. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a way of promising to keep one's word in general. Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret, and where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.

It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate.

Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to salvation. By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said.

Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings. Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment.

A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then to his family and those who dependent on him. He is to help his neighbors through charity and service. None of these ideas is exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable, and Freemasons are expected to follow them.

2024 OFFICERS	
Greg Peterson, P.M.	Master
Andrew Perry, PM (Stephanie)	Senior Warden
Todd Heiss	Junior Warden
Eric Langdon (Michele)	Treasurer
Shawn Donohugh, P.M. (Dena)	Secretary
Cleveland Palmer (Maria)	Chaplain
Paul Galyean, PM (Susan)	Senior Deacon
Docil Shamoun (Maria)	Junior Deacon
Carlos Rios-Otero (Carmen)	Marshal
Thomas Dalton (Sherie)	Senior Steward
Mitchell Gottesmann	Junior Steward
	Organist
George Nassaney (Elvira)	Tiler
Jeff Baker, P.M. (Cindy)	Officer's Coach
Dave Romero (Maria)	Inspector



Thursday July 4, 2024 • 6:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate another year of Independence! Come and watch all of the spectacular firework shows throughout the Harbor and the coastline that take place on this quintessential American holiday!

PLEASE bring a side dish to share. The Lodge will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs and will also have drinks, sodas, and ice available. Tables and chairs will be provided for dinner.

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A Message from the Senior Warden

Hello Brethren,

I recently attended the Masters and Wardens Retreat, and thank you for making it possible for me to be there. I assure you that my attendance was worth it, as the whole exercise inspired me to make a few adjustments to how the lodge conducts business.

The first step is to get your input. This is what I would like to know from you:

- 1) What do you like to do in your personal time?
- 2) What would you like to see the lodge do in the community?

You can reach out to me directly at 562-376-0495 or by Email: <u>perio77@yahoo.com</u>. Please take the time to respond, as this will help shape the future activities of our lodge.

Here are some of the other ideas I would like to implement.

Masonic Education Nights

One of the things that intrigued me at the Master and Wardens Retreat is the polling that the Grand Lodge has done in the community. Most people generally know about Freemasons, but a sizeable amount have a negative view. Similarly, those who have a positive view of Masonry also want to see more Masonic Education. So, I am planning a Masonic education speaker series that will begin next month, or possibly the month after that, depending on what days are available.

The idea behind this speaker series is to be more public about our craft. There are many of facets of Freemasonry that can be explored - history, esoterics, philosophy, the appendant bodies, spirituality, mysticism, etc. The idea behind this series is to explore how Masonry has had its impact on these various realms of human knowledge.

A United Lodge Working with the Community

Another part of my strategy to bring about a positive change for our lodge is to get us out there in the community. I'm not simply talking about participating in parades or showing up at Mixers, but actual tangible efforts that have demonstrable positive effects for the people of San Pedro. I'm not looking for a major overhaul, but a series of volunteer efforts - be it community or beach cleanups or helping out with some of the charitable groups in the city. And while we do this, we partner with the youth orders so that we as Masons can set good examples for the youth.

Part of this effort entails the need to have a logo. It could be anything. The main idea is to have some sort of imagery that identifies LA Harbor Masonic Lodge so that we eventually become recognizable. Fortunately, we have come up with a draft or two of a logo that will be presented to you all for a vote in August.

Andrew Perry

Senior Warden

Sunday August 4, 2024 • 4:00 PM

Come out and have some fun at the

18th Old West BBQ and Chili Cook-Off.

3:30 PM Contestant Check-in

4:00 PM Judging Begins

4:00 PM Doors Open to Public & Music Begins - Free chili tastings

5:00 PM Old West BBQ Dinner

Grilled meats, vegetable, potato salad, BBQ beans, rolls & dessert

6:00 PM Awards & Prizes

Ladies, Family & Friends are invited!

Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children (12 years & under)

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1971	ROBERT H. HAYNES	2003	F. SCOTT CORRIGAN	2016	RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR.	AFF	ILIATED PAST MASTERS
1972	ANTHONY N. ENGLISH	2004	M. Shawn Donohugh	2017	MATTHEW W. STEVENS	1967	PATRICK T. DONOHUGH
1977	EDWARD HOLLAND, JR.	2005	M. SHAWN DONOHUGH	2018	PAUL H. GALYEAN	1975	R. STEPHEN DOAN, PGM
1977	ROBERT R. WOLFE	2006	M. Shawn Donohugh	2019	JOSEPH ARITELLI-NEWMAN	1983	DONALD A. HULL
1988	PAUL H. GALYEAN	2007	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2020	GREGORY L. PETERSON	1987	STEVEN R. YOUMANS
1989	REX S. WIEDERANDERS	2008	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2021	GREGORY L. PETERSON	1988	DONALD A. HULL
1990	MICHAEL J. LOGAN	2009	PHILLIP R. HEISS	2022	GREGORY L. PETERSON	1989	M. Shawn Donohugh
1992	PHILLIP R. HEISS	2010	M. SHAWN DONOHUGH	2023	GREGORY L. PETERSON	2015	Douglas D. Burrows
1994	MICHAEL J. LOGAN	2011	RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR.			2016	Douglas D. Burrows
1997	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2012	KENNETH M. FULLER			2016	GREGORY L. PETERSON
1999	MICHAEL J. LOGAN	2013	EDWARD J. TAYLOR			2017	Andrew N. Perry
2000	PHILLIP R. HEISS	2014	MICHAEL J. LOGAN			2022	DONALD A. JOE
2002	JEFFREY P. BAKER	2015	MICHAEL J. LOGAN				

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

 2^{ND} & 4^{TH} 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

 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.