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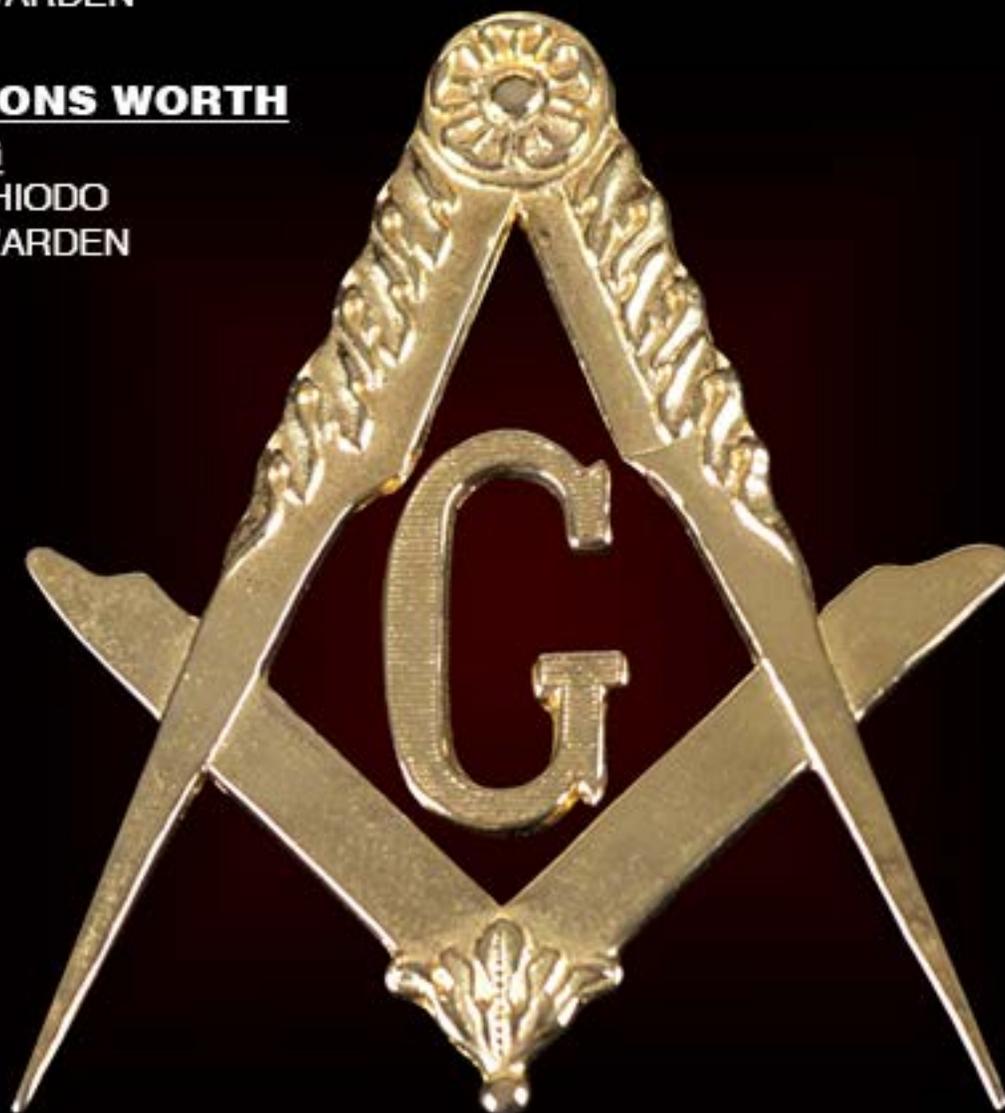
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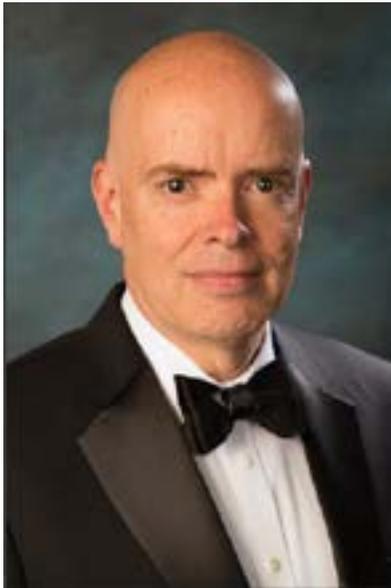


MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD - MARCH 2020

The Most Worshipful John Trauner, Grand Master of Masons in California



Message from the East



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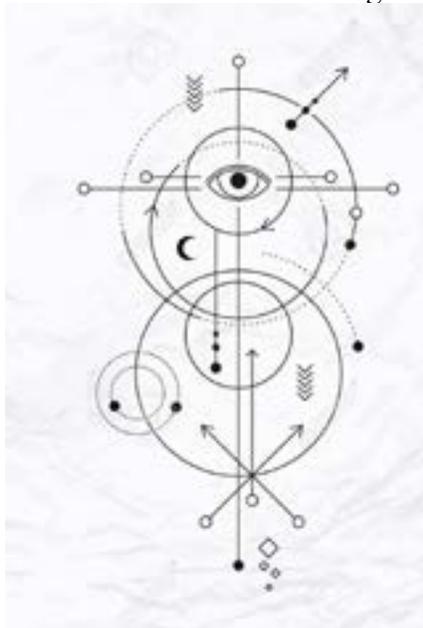
Directions Not Inside Box

If you ask me, this edition of the newsletter is all about direction. In his article, Bro. Ballou looks at the (recent) past, while Bro. Chiodo poses a few questions for the future. As for me, well, I'll take a look at the present. What's the adage, "May you live in interesting times.?" I think we can certainly check that box.

I'd say the foundation of our Lodge, and by extension, the fraternity, continues to be strong. Turnout at dinner and meetings is holding steady, and we perform degrees on a regular basis. The Grand Lodge continues to inspire leaders, organize events, communicate with Brothers, and maintain regular order. They also provide documentation for all

sorts of things, big and small. I like to think that if I don't know the answer to a particular question, I know just where to turn. Thanks, freemason.org!

Enough about me. Do you enjoy what you're doing? When you get a chance, let me know what's happening in your corner of the world. A word of warning:



whenever I engage in such discussions, I tend to fly my optimist flag. In my work life, members of my team know that I will ask them the same question over and over, several times a week: "Alright, who's having fun?" I tend to pester folks until they raise their hand. "C'mon, get your hand up!" To be sure, work is about accomplishing goals, meeting the needs of customers, and doing what we were meant to do. Still, I think that mysterious British nanny, a certain Mary Poppins, had it right: "In every

job that must be done, there is an element of fun." I do try to inject a bit of fun, here and there, into our meetings, but you be the judge.

Back to direction. I've already scrapped a few ideas and enhanced a few others. I'd say the act of course-correction is to be embraced. A monthly video message from the Master to the members? Good idea, but one bogged down by other needs. A monthly or quarterly effort to support local nonprofits? Another good one, but let's consider that a bi-annual exercise. A few other items made it to the pages of a legal pad, but didn't go beyond that. Still, I press on, with your needs and ideas most definitely in mind. "What would the Brethren think?," I sometimes ask myself.

I'll close with a thought that inspires me, truly. From a favorite author of mine, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, comes a lesson about direction: "It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded."

By the square,

John J. Grace
Master



Message from the West



Michael Ballou

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2020 Thus Far

This month we'll take a quick look back at our lodge's journey in 2020 thus far. As is usual, the year has flown by faster than anticipated and we are already heading into March. We've covered a few degrees, and several special events so far this year. A special thank you goes out to our Junior Warden, Chuck Chiodo, and the two Stewards, Oscar Cortes, and Christopher Holder who have consistently made wonderful meals for our lodge every week.

Back in January, we Raised two Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Michael Chang, and Brother Thomas Jenkins. It's always fun to see the brothers go through their journey through the degrees while I myself, continue to learn more about the craft while

now sitting in the West. They have both worked very hard on each step of their journey, and it really shows. Thank you, Brother Chang and Brother Jenkins for all your contributions to our lodge.

In February, we Passed Brother Stephen Richards to the degree of Fellowcraft. He has waited a time with patience for his degree given that he gave his First Degree proficiency back in December 2019. Thank you, Brother Richards for all the hard work you put into our lodge.



We also initiated our newest member, Brother Tyler Wallace into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Brother Wallace, we continue to look forward to seeing you learn and grow in the craft. It was a memorable night not only for Brother Wallace, but also to see our Junior Warden, Chuck Chiodo, sitting in the East gavel to gavel. Brother Chuck, I know your Dad was looking down proudly from the sidelines that night.



On February 27, Worshipful Grace hosted Saddleback Laguna's first-ever Escape Room, appropriately themed with a Roaring 20's Masonic design. It was one of the most enjoyable Fellowship Nights we have had in quite some time. The brethren split up into six teams and worked together to figure out several varieties of puzzles. It was a brilliant example of the Masonic trowel at work demonstrating who best can work and best agree.

On the level,

Michael Ballou
Senior Warden



Message from the South



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have different starting points and our journeys may be different. However, the four questions above apply to us all.

Many of the teachings we learn in Masonry focus on the improvement of the individual. However, if we all are continually striving to be a better person, then we, as a group with common goals, also improve. More importantly, we increase the opportunity to have a significant impact on the lives of our members, our family, and our community.

We have an amazing lodge, but there is always room for improvement. Put some thought to the questions above and let's have a conversation about how we can improve our lodge and the increase the positive impact we have on our members and the community.

When we look inwardly and are honest with ourselves, when we as an organization accept constructive criticism and are open to helpful input--THIS is how we grow and improve as an individual and as a Lodge of Brothers.

I challenge you to reflect on the questions I have presented to you as an individual, as well as within the lodge. If we take the time to contemplate and have these discussions, it can help to improve our relationship with the people around us. We can make our lodge even more outstanding than it already is. We can also help to improve the perception of Masonry in our community and continue to dispel the abundance of misinformation that exists about our great Fraternity.

By the plumb,

Chuck Chiodo
Junior Warden

Questions Worth Asking

Brethren,

Last month I wrote about the importance of being a just and upright Mason and what that meant. I also gave an example of how the way we act in public can greatly affect how others not only perceive ourselves, but Masonry in general. This month, I would like to challenge you with some thought-provoking questions.

As individuals, as Masons, as members of your community and as a Lodge, please ask yourself the following questions:

1. What do we stand for?
2. What are we currently doing to improve the lives of the people around us?
3. What are we doing to make the world a better place?
4. Most important: What do you/we need to do to get from where you/we are today to where you/we really want to be?

We are all aware that Masonry takes good men and makes them better men. We all



The three Principle Tenets of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Our task is to examine what we do and do not do, and then see if our actions are in alignment with the ideals and principals that we tell others are important to us. This requires taking a hard look at ourselves and our Lodge and being honest, even if it is uncomfortable.

March 2020 Calendar



DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT:	LOCATION
Thursday	5th	7:00 P.M.	STATED MEETING Dinner @ 6:00 P.M., Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.	Masonic Center
Thursday	12th	7:00 P.M.	RITUAL LITERACY (CANCELLED) Dinner @ 6:00 P.M., Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.	Masonic Center
Thursday	19th	12:00 P.M.	2ND DEGREE (CANCELLED) Dinner @ 6:00 P.M., Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.	Masonic Center
Thursday	26th	3:00 P.M.	3RD DEGREE (CANCELLED) Dinner @ 6:00 P.M., Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.	Masonic Center
Saturday	28th	2:00 P.M.	HIRAM AWARD (CANCELLED) 2:00 P.M.	Masonic Center

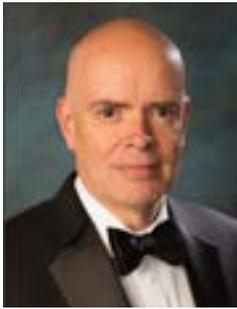
Past Masters (Living Members)

- Donald G. Mc Myne 1976
- Leonard L. Todd 1981
- Sr. Gerald E. Heaton 1984
- George H. Claude 1985
- Lyle J. Robertson 1987
- Frederick H. Baribeault 1991
- James C. Webb 1992
- Ronald G. Shores 1993
- Robert Nick 1994
- George W. Morton 1995
- Steven J. Frogue 1996
- Ronald G. Shores 1997
- James T. Brown 1998
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- Frederick H. Baribeault 2000
- Joseph H. Stout III 2001
- Gary L. Peterson 2002
- Scott E. Preston 2003
- Tuoc Kim Pham 2004
- Joe J. Suarez 2005
- Wil Garcia 2006
- Erich Kreidler 2007
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- Jerad Schulte 2009
- Steven Bass 2010
- Gary C. Silverman 2011
- Eric Hanan 2012
- Peter Lofthouse 2013
- Jack C. Hennings Jr. 2014
- Russell E. Hennings 2015
- Jason Petz 2016
- Kenneth Bennett 2017
- Tom Gruenbeck 2018
- Tom Gruenbeck 2019

Related Organizations

Saddleback Laguna Masonic Hall Association	Meets 1st Thursday	Jack Hennings (949)-683-4747
Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 524	Meets 3rd Monday	Linda Carlson (949) 355-5868
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly #261	Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday	Barbara Okin (949) 533-7392
Lake Forest Chapter of DeMolay	Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays	Art Salazar (949) 292-7253
Irvine Valley Lodge #671	Meets every Tuesday	Michael Neben (949) 872-3979

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Michael Ballou



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Chuck Chiodo Jr.



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