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Greetings from the East,

Fall weather is rapidly approaching with Halloween and Thanksgiving soon to come.

On September 14th, our Lodge hosted an educational night, featuring guest speaker, Worshipful Jeriel Smith, whose lecture was insightful and enlightening and had members engaged. Many members from other Lodges attended along with members from San Marino who shared a beautiful dinner and an evening of fellowship.

As it is an annual tradition, the Southern California Public School Celebrations will be held on Thursday, October 6, 8:30–9:30 a.m. Please find the details below:

Thursday, October 6, 8:30–9:30 a.m.
Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet School
593 W Woodbury Road, Altadena, CA 91001
Pasadena Unified School District

**** Note:** This school currently has COVID-19 protocols which restrict guests from entering the building. This event may be held outdoors. More details to come.

All the Principal Lodge Officers will be attending the 173rd Annual Communication, between October 21-23 in San Francisco. Voting of legislation takes place at this annual meeting as well the installation of Grand Lodge Officers. All members may attend.

San Marino Lodge will be hosting an Open House and invite the community to visit our Lodge on Saturday October 29. It will take place at our Lodge and food and refreshments will be served. Members of the community will have a chance to meet our members and ask questions of us to get to know each other. Please try to attend so we can greet our visitors.

Lodge members will resume wearing suit and tie for the upcoming October Stated meeting as the summer months have passed and we gently approach winter. The time change will occur next month on November 6th.

Many officers continue working in advanced chairs to prepare for their new roles next year. I am incredibly pleased at how well each is doing and know that all will be more than ready for their new roles.

As we look ahead, we have several brothers working on their proficiencies that will further their journey in Masonry. We as a Lodge, look forward to seeing our Brothers advance and help lead them upon their journey.

The month of October brings several important dates of significance. The following are the ones I have chosen that exemplifies the importance of events in September:

Yom Kippur – the date varies, however, this year it Starts at sunset on October 4, 2022.

"Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement". Appropriately, Jewish people set aside this day to atone for sins they have committed. It is a day of prayer, fasting, and a time to attend the synagogue. Jewish people will also not work on this day, one of the most important days in the Jewish calendar. During Yom Kippur, people seek forgiveness from God, and seek to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Yom Kippur always occurs ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Columbus Day – October 10

the second Monday of the month - Americans have been celebrating Columbus Day since 1792. That year, New York City held the first Columbus Day celebration commemorating the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing in 1492. For decades and decades, American history books and school teaching told us Christopher Columbus discovered America. What those books and teachings did not give credit, to is the fact that Native Americans were already here. Native Americans truly discovered America. It also gave little mention, to the fact that Nordic explorers beginning with Leif Erikson had traveled down the eastern coast of Canada hundreds of years before Columbus arrived.

Today, we celebrate Columbus Day for what it accurately is. Columbus did discover the existence of the New World for Europeans who until then, believed the world was flat and ended somewhere in the Atlantic. Not believing the world was flat, his real goal was to find a way to the Orient. The focus of this day is now more on the discovery of the "New World," and less on Columbus himself.

Halloween – October 31

The Origin of Halloween - Halloween's roots can be traced back to Celtic culture in Ireland. According to their "Druid" religion, November 1st was New Years on their calendar. The celebration would begin on October 31st, and last into the following day. The spirits of all who died in the prior year, would rise, and roam the earth on this night.

This is an evil night when spirits roamed the streets and villages. Lord Samhain, the lord of Darkness, would arrive in search of the spirits to take them to the underworld.

All Hallow's Eve - Halloween was called Hallow E'en in Ireland. Halloween evolved from "All Hollows" Eve. It originated from the pagan holiday honoring the dead. On All Hallow's Eve, the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead was thin. It allowed the souls of the dead to come back to earth and walk among the living. People would leave out food and candies for the dead, in the hope that the evil spirits would leave them alone. They would also carve out turnips and rutabagas, and place embers in them to ward off the evil spirits. This glowing predecessor to the pumpkin Jack O'Lantern would keep the souls of the dead away.

Quote of the month:

"Let the Winter solstice be a reminder for us to continue to move from darkness to light in all aspects of our lives."

– Unknown

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert Artinian
Worshipful Master



This month, the Worshipful Master and the wardens of this lodge will be in San Francisco for the 173rd Annual Communication.

What is the Annual Communication?

Basically, it is the Grand Lodge stated meeting on large and yes, grand scale. While only the masters and wardens are able to vote on the legislation and resolutions, any Master Mason can attend the Grand Lodge. I did the following year that I was raised. If one does want to attend as a non-voting member from the lodge, you can still register at www.freemason.org. Even though you won't be able to fully participate, I found the two times I went before becoming an officer to be very rewarding.

The important thing we do is vote on legislation that affects every lodge in the state of California. So, it is very important work that we will be doing over the weekend of October 21-23. I am very grateful and humbled that you have entrusted me with this important responsibility.

Fraternally,
MARK J. GOLUSKIN
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Hope everyone is doing well, and staying healthy and cool as we battle through this heat wave. We had a very productive stated meeting for the month of September. We are having a public schools night Sept 28th I hope to see all of you there. Also in the month of October on the 29th we will be having an Open house and would really appreciate all the brothers to come together and show the community what the fraternity is all about, there will be food and refreshments.

Fraternally yours,
ASADOUR MEGURDITCHIAN
Junior Warden

May Stated Dinner
Menu

Mediterranean

Kebab
Salad
Sides



October Stated Meeting

**Wed. Oct. 5th
DINNER 6:30PM
STATED 7:30PM**

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DRESS CODE: Suit & Tie

REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS

None

RSVP for Dinner

acemm89@yahoo.com or call/text at: (818) 212-6386

Upcoming Event

**Oct. 29th
San Marino Lodge Open House
1pm to 4pm**

**Congratulations
Mr. Albero Arvelo
Our newest initiated brother**

OCT BIRTHDAYS

**Osep Ardic 6, Richard W. Armstrong 27
Kevork Baghdassarian 2, Raffi Bedrossian 18
Brenton E. Chinn 10, Milenko P Doder 29, Jack Hamamjy 10
Steven M Johnson 20, Donald Kral 16, Merlin Perez 30
Artemio E Raymundo 1, Ed Santacruz 13
Akop H Tossounian 14, Don R Tressel 17, Sarkis Yetenekyan 6**

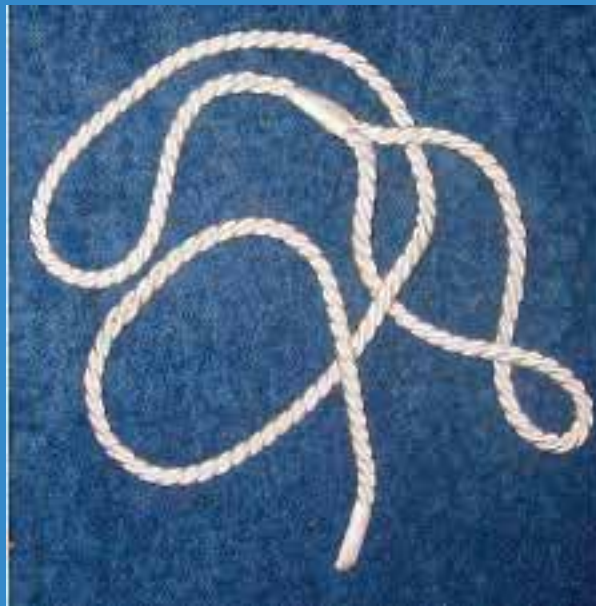
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Aug & Sep Events



MASONIC FUN FACTS & HISTORY

The CABLE TOW



The Cable-Tow

The Cable-Tow is unlike so many of our symbols in that the operative origins are not perfectly clear. It is commonly accepted that the word is a combination of two different forms of a rope. Anciently, the 'cable' is thought to refer to a strong, heavy rope often used to lash together heavy objects such as floats on a raft. The 'tow' is also a rope and was used to pull something like the floats lashed together with the cable. Together, the 'cable-tow' would have been a heavy rope that may have been used to bind and control something.

In British Lodges, the cable-tow was only used in the first degree, like the hoodwink, and has no symbolic meaning at all. It is only used as a means to control and guide the candidate. In our Lodges it is used in all three degrees and has various symbolic meanings.

The cable-tow is a visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged himself to that which he holds dear or of high esteem. Its length is determined by the ability of the man to fulfill his obligation to that which he has vowed.

If the Lodge is a symbol of the world, and the initiation is a symbol of our birth into the world of Masonry, the cable-tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth. When that cord is removed at the child's birth, it is replaced by a tie of love between the mother and child. Similarly, during the initiation, the cable-tow is removed from the candidate because the obligation taken at the altar that binds us to the fraternity and each other is stronger than any physical tie. That physical restraint has become a moral constraint. That is to say, force is replaced by love and that is the secret of security and the basis of our brotherhood. Not only does the cable-tow bind the individual Mason to Freemasonry, it also binds Freemasonry to the individual Mason. The Fraternity is also under obligation to its members to guide, instruct and train them for the effective service of the Craft and of humanity. Control, obedience, direction or guidance - these are the meanings of the cable-tow.

Of course, Freemasonry does not control its members by force. It controls us as beauty controls the artist: it does not drive us, it draws from us. Its morality and beauty shapes us: it shapes our senses, our passions, our decisions through its moral lessons and beautiful maxims. By this method it gains guidance of our lives and provides us with direction, a point in the distance to aim at.

As you reflect on the meaning of the cable-tow and apply it to govern your life and decisions remember that the bond between us and the Fraternity goes both ways, it is mutually inclusive. Also remember that the length of our cable-tow changes as our obligations, both within and outside of the Craft, require.

Adapted from the Short Talk Bulletin, "The Cable-Tow", March, 1926 by W. Brother Patrick