



# SAN MARINO

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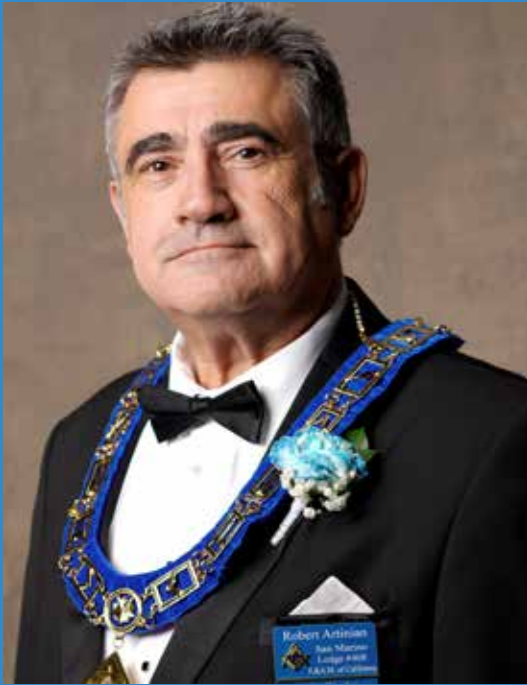
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Greetings from the East,

July is here and the summer is in full swing. The Officers of San Marino Lodge have put on their aprons and are at labor, initiating, passing, and preparing others for their proficiencies. On July 13, we will confer the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Alberto Arvelo. This will be the first Degree our Lodge will have conferred in a couple of years due to the pandemic. Please mark your calendar and show your support by attending. As we welcome new members into our fraternity, we must not only limit ourselves to attending the initiation. We must make a concerted effort to make them, and their respective families feel welcome and feel comfortable to be among us while they embark and continue their Masonic journey.

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.

We will be visiting our First Responders in the area and enjoying food and fellowship this month. The date and time will be announced as details are being put together as of this writing.

As the summer months will be warm, the Lodge members are encouraged to wear Hawaiian or polo shirts to keep cool during our meetings. I am sure that all the members were waiting for this announcement. Please note that during any initiation, all officers are to wear tuxedos and sideliners should wear business casual attire (sports coat and slacks) and wearing a tie will be optional.

Many of you will be enjoying 4th of July festivities attending picnics, BBQ's and putting on firework displays. Please be careful while playing with fireworks, especially if you have young children present and consider attending firework presentations put on by local parks that can be enjoyed by all.

A reminder to all who wish to attend the Grand Master's Breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, July 17 at the Hilton in Los Angeles. Our secretary has tickets available for those who wish to attend.

Lastly, Brethren, I would like to express a happy and safe 4th of July! It is a day of remembrance of our Independence and promotion of equality and peace for all humanity. The idea of independence may differ from your neighbor's; What independence means to me is the freedom to exercise my free will and choices if it harms no one in the process.

The month of July brings several important celebrations. Although each day of July has a special significance that deserves tributes in their own right; the following is the only one I have chosen that exemplifies the importance of events in July:

- Independence Day – July 4 - The fourth of July is the birthday of our nation. Today, we celebrate and enjoy the freedom that comes with the event that made this day so special. Thomas Jefferson is the leading author of the Declaration of Independence. He led a committee that crafted the declaration between June 11-28, 1776. Jefferson and other representatives from the thirteen colonies, voted and approved it on July 4, 1776. The document declared freedom for the thirteen colonies from British rule. It currently resides in the Exhibition Hall of the National Archive in Washington, D.C.

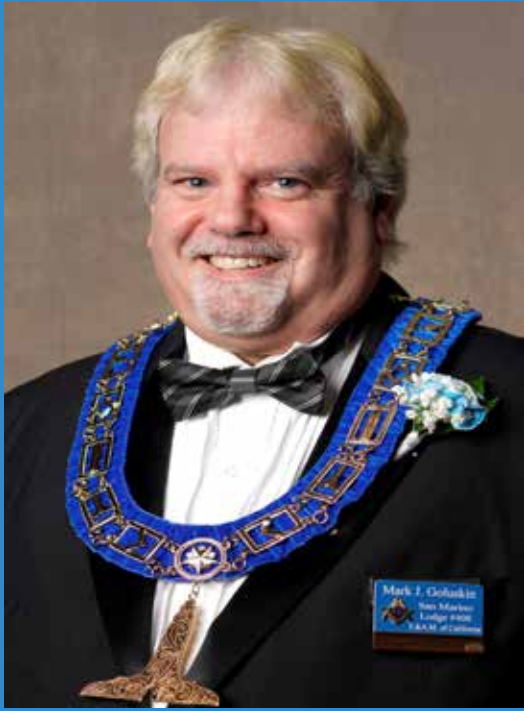
The Declaration of Independence was not signed by all representatives until August 1776. To make it official, John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress signed it. That is where the saying "put your John Hancock on it" came from.

Quote of the month:

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

—Elmer Davis

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Robert Artinian  
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West,

Brethren, I had the honor and pleasure to attend the masters and wardens retreat over the week-end of May 20-22 along with our worshipful master, Robert Artinian and the junior warden, Aso Megurditchian.

There was a lot of words of wisdom and new directions from our Grand Lodge leadership. It was great to meet fellow Masons from throughout, mostly, Southern California.

In many, many conversations, we are bringing back some practical ideas and policies that we will begin to implement as soon as this year and well into next year.

I am very excited to start the conversations and process to make our already awesome lodge, San Marino #408, an even better one.

Thank you for giving your pillar officers the chance to represent us in this retreat.

Fraternally,  
**MARK J. GOLUSKIN**  
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I hope all are happy and healthy. I would like to wish everyone a festive and safe July 4th Holiday. I can not believe we are almost half way through the year and I am excited for the next half. We have amazing events planned and I am proud to be part of this amazing group of brothers. San Marino is a second home and I can only wish that the brethren who haven't visited us in a while to reach out and take part in our Stated Meetings and events. Please RSVP to our Stated Meetings so we may be able to provide adequate amount of Food. I look forward in serving the Lodge and all the brethren in the upcoming years.

Fraternally yours,  
**ASADOUR MEGURDITCHIAN**  
Junior Warden

## May Stated Dinner Menu

### Mediterranean

Kebab  
Salad  
Sides



## July Stated Meeting

Wed. May 6th  
DINNER 6:30PM  
STATED 7:30PM

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**DRESS CODE:** Hawaiian or Polo Shirts

## REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS

None

RSVP for Dinner

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## Upcoming Event

Wed. July 13  
7:00pm  
1st Degree  
Conferring Mr. Albero Arvelo

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First Responders Day  
Will be announced

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Cecconi 7 - Joseph Aiello 25 - Terry Pond 17  
Charles King 10 - Missak Balian 5 - Paul Bazerkanian 18  
Mark Goluskin 29 - Oscar Ventura-Perla 16  
Russel Damon - 10 - Andre Gordon 27



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## June Events

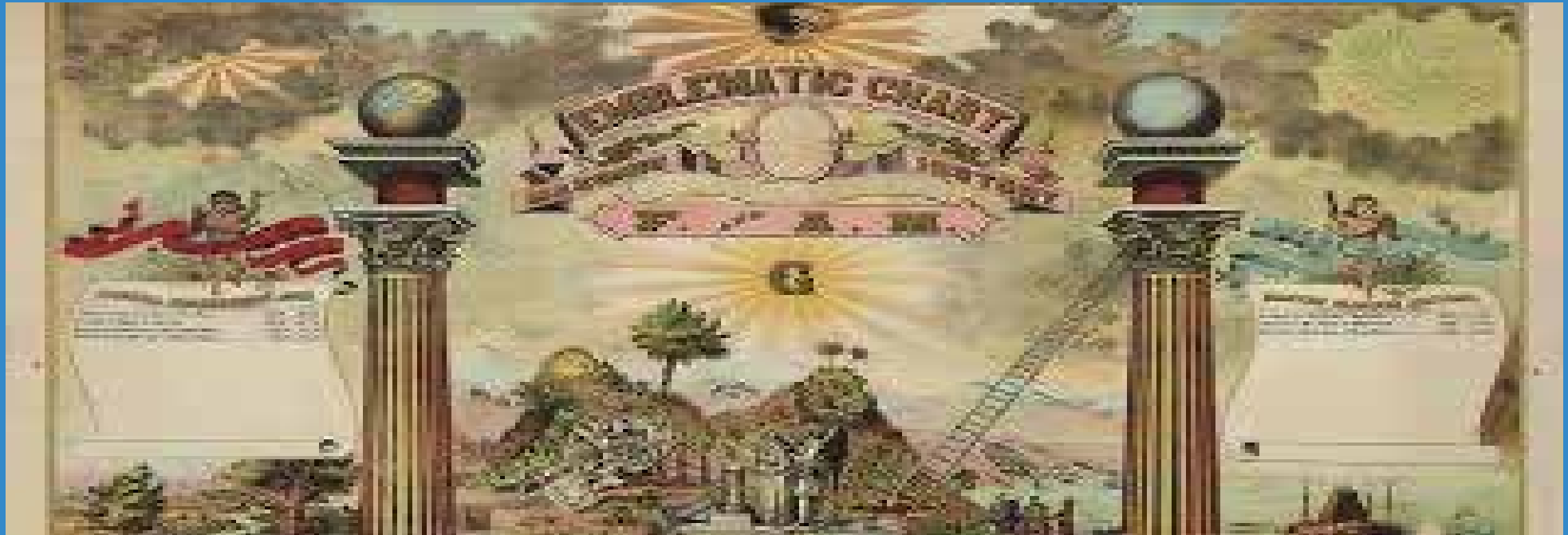




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## WHAT ARE WE, AS MASONS?

We are rooted in the mists of antiquity and point to God and eternity.  
We are the past, the present and the future.  
We belong to the ages.  
We circle the globe and stand at the crossroads of the World.  
We are steeped in tradition and traced in the pages of history.  
We have a ritual and dialogue that has beauty, harmony and rhythm.  
We have knowledge, wisdom and secret locked in our bosoms.  
We Provide wisdom, strength and fraternalism to men who come to us desiring i their hearts.  
We place upon our altars the Holy Bible and turn to God in prayer.  
We hold the square and compasses in our hands and contemplate a line from earth to Heaven.  
We speculate the tools of the operative masons.  
We translate the use of these tools into moral values and spiritual building.  
We await all free men of lawful age and good report but solicit none.  
We admit men of their own free-will and accord and strive to teach them true brotherhood and unity.  
We make builders of good character of all men who are willing.  
We give them our tools that they may labor and produce living stones for that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, Eternal in Heavens.  
We stoop to raise a fallen brother.  
We keep vigil at the outer gate against the unworthy.  
We walk in the way of charity and travel in peace and harmony.  
We render aid to the poor, the sick and the distressed.  
We answer the cry of the orphans and sustain the widow and aged.  
We commit to earth Brethren who have traveled toward that undiscovered country.  
We are a way of life that accept the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the immortality if the soul.  
We raise men, well and duly prepared, from darkness to true Masonic Light.

Yes, Brethren, these are the things that makes us Freemasons. And we must always remember these things if we are to remain and function as Members of the greatest Fraternity in the World.

Bro. William Carpenter, RWGM (PM)