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SARKIS SHIRINYAN
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

It is November again, which means we will have elections this coming November's stated meeting. This year our stated meeting falls on Wed, Nov 3rd, which falls on the same day of our nation's election date. We have experienced the most challenging 2 years of our lives, yet we have stood by each other's side and kept each other safe and well. Our Lodge is one of the best Lodges in CA, if not the US. We have practiced what Masonry has taught us about flying to the aid of a brother. We have never questioned the choices of the brethren or their views, but we meet on the level in all areas of life and lodge. I am proud to have served all of you the last 2 years and will be honored to serve this lodge in the years to come. We have a bright future with the upcoming officers and their commitment to our Lodge and Fraternity.

WIT OF THE MONTH: GOOD REASONING

In one of the Grand Lodges which has a long progressive line, the newly elected "low man on the totem pole" quickly developed a reputation as a lousy speaker. Every time he got up to speak, he hemmed, he hawed, he stuttered and when he was through no one was really sure of what he has said. Word of this got back to the Grand Master, who got him aside one evening and let him know that he'd better shape up if he expects to move up in the progressive line.

The advice was taken seriously. His speeches improved to the point that he was frequently called upon to be the banquet speaker. The Grand Master was present one evening and was amazed at the excellence of the delivery and the deep thinking of the remarks. Congratulating him afterwards, the Grand Master said that the only thing he didn't understand was why the speaker raised his hands in the air and wiggled his fingers when he started and when he finished. "oh, that's easy, Grand Master. It's something I learned from Victor Borge. It's to indicate quotation marks"



ROBERT S. ARTINIAN
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren,

I am proud to report that the officers have all qualified for their respective positions and that our lodge continues to be active and meeting in person, while following the proper protocol issued by the Grand Lodge and our local city ordinances. Please ensure that you attend our November stated meeting to vote on the upcoming slate of officers that will represent our lodge in 2022. Please join me in offering our heartfelt congratulations to our Secretary Steve Johnson, PM, on being named the Hiram Award recipient for this year. Our Brother has been a pillar of strength and has supported and contributed to our lodge in countless ways. We thank him for his dedicated service to our Lodge. Please make your reservations to attend and jointly honor him on October 30th at 5:30 P.M.

Also, please mark your calendar to attend our annual installation on December 11, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. Further details will be forwarded to all.

Please continue to ensure that all precautions are taken to minimize the risk for you and your families.

May you continue to support our lodge activities and hope this can inspire more people to come and create more meaningful memories.



MARK J. GOLUSKIN
Junior Warden

Greetings from the South

This has been another unusual year to say the least.

But one bit of normalcy was having the annual communication at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco and in person.

I had the pleasure of being a voting representative of our lodge at this year's proceedings. There were not many items for us to deal with which I think was a good thing. It was really great to see brethren from not just all over California but many parts of the world in which our Grand Lodge has a relationship with.

It has been the highlight of this year, for me, to represent our Lodge.

I look forward to closing out this year in a good way and for the ensuing Masonic year.

November Stated Meeting

**Wed. Nov. 3rd
DINNER 6:30PM
STATED 7:30PM**

DRESS CODE: Suit and Tie

**REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS
None**

RSVP

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Upcoming Event

**October, Sat. 30th
Hiram Award Ceremony for W. Bro. Steve Johnson
Ceremony 5:30pm followed by Dinner & Refreshments**

**Dec. Sat. 11th
Installation of Officers 2022
Installation 5:30pm, Followed by Dinner & Refreshments**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Melkon Bedrossian 11/06, Darian Cowgill 11/7, Gregory Dews 11/28,
Harold Bishop 11/25, Nicholas Budincich 11/03, Taan H Chen 11/19
Hunter Forsyth 11/16, Daniel Freze 11/18, Garo Jemelian 11/10,
Andranik Keledzhyan 11/29, William Langdale 11/14, Erik C. Maling 11/11
Antonio Q. Olivera 11/11, Ellison W. Seiter 11/21
Howard C Stapel Jr. 11/26, Levon Zezaghian 11/07**

BROTHERHOOD BROTHERLY LOVE - TRUTH - RELIEF

ACACIA TREE



The Acacia tree is an important part of masonic lore.

It is important to understand in any conversation about the "sprig of acacia", is that the term "acacia tree" is actually a generic term. Acacia tree actually refers to a genus of trees. There are a wide variety of acacia trees in the world. Most grow in tropical and sub-tropical regions. There are more than 800 species and sub-species of acacia tree around the world.

When talking about the acacia tree's relationship with Freemasonry we are most likely talking about the Acacia Raddiana which is a sub-species of *Acacia tortilis*. The Acacia Raddiana grows in Israel and is believed to be the wood that was used to build a variety of sacred items for the tabernacle. At least one of the items is believed to be the Ark of the Covenant.

The Acacia Raddiana, because of the arid environment it grows in, grows very slowly and tends to be a very dense wood. The tree also produces small white flowers that are very aromatic. The "tree" can also grow as a small shrub particularly in rocky terrains.

It is believed that the acacia tree first became associated with immortality due to an Egyptian myth about Osiris. In the legend Osiris is tricked into a box that is thrown into the Nile. It eventually washed ashore near an acacia tree which rapidly grew around the box. The tree was turned into a column by a local king, which Isis was eventually given.

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THE MOSAIC FLOOR



The Mosaic Floor is an important part of masonic lore.

Often in artwork with Masonic symbols in it, there is a white and black checkered floor. This is often referred to as a the Mosaic floor or the Mosaic pavement.

In some descriptions of the floor of King Solomon's Temple the ground floor is a Mosaic pavement. Although some dismiss this, there are descriptions that make it clear that the floor of the temple is made of wood because and it is elevated. The argument is that stone would not be used for an elevated floor. While this is most likely a true argument, it does not take into account that a Mosaic floor does not have to be one of stone, merely one of multiple colors. It makes it difficult to prove or disprove what the floor was made of since no archaeological evidence of the Temple of Solomon exists and any written accounts of the temple were most likely done by scribes in the court of Solomon, who had no knowledge of the engineering that went into the building of the temple.

The explanation Freemasons use is that the black and white floor of King Solomon's Temple is representative of the good and evil in every man's life. This explanation attempts to explain the reasoning for the floor. It would tend to make the concept of the Mosaic floor a more modern creation, at least in its philosophy. The philosophical explanation would have been easier for scribes in the court of Solomon to relate in their writings. Since this fact is not related in the descriptions of the temple it is less likely that it was the reasoning for the floor. Again there is no genealogical evidence for the Temple of Solomon so it is hard to say whether it is lost knowledge or a modern interpretation.

Regardless of whether it is meant as a direct representation of the floor in Solomon's Temple or not, the philosophical explanation is what should be most important to the Freemason. The reminder that good and evil is present in all of our lives should be taken as a reminder and as a warning. It should be a reminder that there are always those who would, by design or by accident, bring unhappiness or "evil" into our daily lives and to be vigilant to those threats and concerns. It should not just be to avoid them, it should also be to temper our reaction to those events and actions. It should be a warning to ourselves that we are just as capable of inflicting that unhappiness or "evil" on others.

Freemasons should remember that it is our own deeds that color the Mosaic floor. That we all have good days and bad days, that the goal is to always have the one extra white square balancing our life to the good and not the bad. We keep this balance by how we respond when "evil" enters our life and whether we choose by our actions to insert "evil" into the lives of others.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



W. STEVE JOHNSON
HIRAM AWARD

San Marino Lodge 408

Is Pleased to Present
The
Hiram Award
to
Brother
W. Steve Johnson

Saturday, October 30th, 2021

Social Hour: 5:30PM
Hiram Award Program: 6:00pm

Dinner & Refreshments
Followed by Hiram Award Program

Please RSVP by 10/20/2021
By Visiting

Sanmarinolodge408.org, Go to events
and RSVP through the event section.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

STEVE JOHNSON'S HIRAM AWARD CEREMONY
SATURDAY OCT. 30, CEREMONY 5:30PM
DINNER & REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2021 -2022
SATURDAY DEC. 11, 5:30PM INSTALLATION
DINNER & REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION

FOR ANY QUESTION REGARDING THE STATED MEETING OR YOU
HAVE ANY OTHER CONCERNS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

To update your email, please email W. Sarkis Shirinyan
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We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers.

Albert Pike