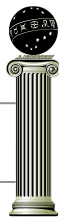


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“Our cause is noble; it is the cause of mankind!” - Wor. Bro. George Washington P.:M.:

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Stated Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at Heartland Lodge, 695 Ballantyne Street, El Cajon, CA. 92021

September SM Dinner



Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy, Sliced Tomato with Balsamic Dressing, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee & Tea. Only \$15. Please RSVP to Secretary by Thursday Before Std Mtg.

Dine Out



September 7th, 8AM at Cafe 67, 12381 Mapleview St. Lakeside, CA. 92040

RSVP so we can reserve the proper number of seats. Call the office or email asstsecretary576@gmail.com

Resources

Grand Lodge of California freemason.org

Masonic Outreach Services masonichome.org

Heartland Hall Assoc. elcajonevents.org



LaFrance L. Bragg P.:M.:
Worshipful Master

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

August was a quite month, There were table lodges, BBQ's, picnics travels throughout the district. I hope all had a good time off. Saturday the 17th, we held a video conference for Pat Englant's memorial & celebration of life. It was well attended here and back East by family and friends. This was a first for us. Thanks to all the brothers who attended and pitched in to help.

In September we are looking forward to Brother Serrano's 3rd degree proficiency and Brother Villasenor's 2nd degree proficiency and 3rd degree. Candidates keep working on your proficiencies. Keep in touch with us for help. Jason Ernest will be installed as our Chaplain at the stated meeting. Welcome him aboard. On 9/14 we will be having a lodge birthday party for Heartland at 1100 am. Members and families are welcome. Three gift baskets will be donated for a drawing. Tickets will be available at a donation, \$5 each. Check the web site for more details at heartland576.org. This is a good time to get together before school starts. Last chance to donate to Masons 4 Mitts before the Padre game 9/16/24! We are sending a check after the September stated meeting.

Fraternally, Lanny Bragg P.:M.: Master





Remembering Wally Schirra



- Born March 12, 1923 in Hackensack, NJ
- Died May 3rd 2007 in San Diego, CA
- Entered, Passed, & Raised on 11/4/1967 Canaveral Lodge 339 in FL
- 33rd Deg. Scottish Rite SJ
- USN Captain & NASA Astronaut

Watch his interviews [here](#)

and [here](#)



September Masonic Anniversaries

- Patrick Murphy - 26yrs
- James Blakeley - 59yrs
- Evan Goldstein - 13yrs
- David Descoteaux - 13yrs
- Warren Ates - 8yrs
- Robert Sinclair - 36yrs
- Sinan Alciddé - 11yrs
- Randy Griffeth - 6yrs

From the West



Brethren, family and friends, greetings from the west for the month of September. Yes, it's already September, believe it or not. I hope that everyone enjoyed the "dark" month of August, and now with a refresh, it's time to get back to work.

The remainder of our year will be busy, with several of us needing to qualify for our officer's seats. We are hoping to conduct a third degree prior to our annual installation of officers, as all installed officers have to be Master Masons! All of this being said, it is my pleasure to present to you, our proposed officer's line for 2025! This will remain tentative until all of the aforementioned requirements are met.

- Master - Steve Thompson PM
- Sr. Warden - Jason Lampley PM
- Jr. Warden - Ron Mullins PM
- Treasurer - Steve Wood
- Secretary - Bryan Meyer PM
- Sr. Deacon - Daniel Berdichevsky
- Jr. Deacon - Jordan King
- Marshall - Dylan Valles
- Sr. Steward - David Serrano
- Jr. Steward - Kenny Villasenor
- Chaplain - Jason Ernest
- Tiler - Walter Schommer

I can't tell you how excited I am that we are going to have a full line of officers. A good, strong line is essential to the continued success of our lodge. As usual, we can always use help, so I would encourage all members to get involved. It doesn't' always mean being an officer. Which leads me to my final comment, "You get out of lodge what you put into lodge"! Until next month.....!

Steve Thompson P.:M.: - Senior Warden



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Secretary's Desk

Concordant Bodies

Scottish Rite
scottishritesandiego.org

York Rite
yorkritesandiego.org

Al Bahr Shrine
albahrshrine.org

Shriners International
shrinersinternational.org

Order of the Eastern Star
oescal.org

Youth Orders

DeMolay International
demolay.org

Jobs Daughters
International
jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls
gorainbow.org

931st District

La Mesa Lodge 407
lodge407.freemason.org

Lemon Grove Lodge 736
facebook.com/groups/lg736/



2023 DUES \$242 Grand Lodge has sent out dues notices for **2024 of \$262**

We have set up a Venmo account on our website so that you may pay your dues directly to Heartland Lodge, this will save you a fee. **You may go online to the Heartland 576 website, click on the link and Pay your dues via Venmo, "Bryan Meyer-88", without paying a fee, or on iMember 2.0 and pay your dues with a credit card via Grand Lodge. There is a fee using the Grand Lodge site.**

Go to Grand Lodge website ([http://imember.freemason.org/users/sign in](http://imember.freemason.org/users/sign_in)) Click on sign in, Check membership status, Enter your E-mail Address. Or Your member ID number (which can be found on your dues card or above your name on your issue of California Freemason Magazine), which can be used to sign for the first time.. Enter a password, confirm password, complete form. Go to IMember 2.0 and log in. Use the dashboard to select the different sections/ this will put you into your personal data file. You will be able to change your information only. You will not be able change anyone else's information. There will be certain reports that you may view but not change. **The new program has no provision for printing batches of dues cards. Dues cards will not mailed.** You will be able to print out your dues card by accessing iMember 2.0. Also by selecting the tab for virtual dues card, this Grand Lodge app can be downloaded to a smart phone for a "virtual dues card" when visiting other lodges. This app has a 5 minute window to show the Tiler. Call us if you need assistance to log-in. Fraternally, Bryan D. Meyer, P.:M.: Secretary Be Sure to check our website every month the calendar and updates, also special events. **The secretary's email has changed. It is now secretaryheartlandlodge@gmail.com. The assistant secretary email is now asstsecretary576@gmail.com**

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Fraternally, Bryan Myer P.:M.: Secretary



The 7 Liberal Arts & Sciences



Welcome Brethren, in this series we will be covering the 7 liberal arts and sciences. In ritual, they are only mentioned during the 2nd Degree staircase lecture, and only Geometry gets any additional explanation. However, they are mentioned because they are important. Unfortunately they do not get the attention and discussion that they merit. Remember this is not a strictly Masonic topic

As we are taught, the 7 liberal arts and sciences are Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, (The Trivium) Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy (The Quadrivium). The Mason should endeavor to understand all of these, and more. At least the basics of each subject. Masonry of course only stresses then need to understand the 5th science mentioned, Geometry. Which is considered the 1st and noblest of them all, for somewhat obvious reasons. In the 17th century, these subjects were regarded as the basic curriculum of a liberal education. And no, “liberal” does not mean what it has come to mean today in the political sense. This is in the traditional context, which is the Latin “liberalis”, meaning free. Over the years, concepts have changed. Which is also true with the subjects, for example, astronomy is interrelated with math and physics. It is also worth noting that some subjects such as chemistry, biology and electricity and others were unknown when Masonic ritual was created.

Now obviously the ritual as never changed to add these other subjects, and that is for a good reason. If they changed the ritual to add a new discipline every time one was formed, the ritual would be too long to be practical. It is best to consider the classic 7 as an overall symbol of knowledge (an education) itself. And most things you could learn in academia can be traced to these 7 as the foundation. Just because a subject is not in ritual doesn't mean to not learn about it and grow as a person. After all, that is the overall purpose of Masonry, to make good men better, is it not?

Over the next several months, we will be taking a look at each one, their meaning and importance. I will endeavor to make it not too dry a read. Next month we start with Grammar.

Editorial

Brethren,

I have always said that if what Masonry teaches as a whole, and is applied correctly, then the result will be in fact becoming a better man. However, it is no easy task to actually learn everything Masonry teaches. There are several reasons for this. And my observation is that in this day and age, most Masons are really not all that concerned with it. The more social aspect is now front and center, with the constant need to get new members just behind it. The more formal teaching of “here are things that will help you become a better man” are extremely rare and hard to find. I have heard the term “Masonic Education” and the need for it mentioned with some regularity during my time as a Mason. Yet I have never seen it take root. In fact, aside from doing my own research, the only Masonic education I have received from Masons in person has been informal and by chance. In fact more and more Masons seem to believe that we are primarily a charity/service organization like the Lions club, and not a fraternal organization which we actually are.

This is why I am endeavoring to produce some more formal Masonic Education with the opportunities that have been provided to me. I would like to see a stronger emphasis on the goal of “making good men better”. I am not saying that there is anything wrong with doing degrees and hanging out and having dinners. However, if that's all a Lodge does then the members are not getting everything out of the Fraternity that they were meant to. Also there is more to making a good man better than just guiding him morally. Ask yourself, why are most of our famous well accomplished Brothers, are Masons of yesteryear? Why not as many contemporary Brothers? Is it because we just don't know about their membership, or because we just do not have as many? And if so, why is that? It's probably both, but I think it's more of the latter. And I think one reason is because our fraternity has become less intellectual oriented and more social and philanthropy oriented. If Grand Lodge spent as much money on some online courses to at least give it's members a general understanding of the 7 arts or even some in person seminars, as they spend on Masons 4 Mitts, could you imagine the difference it could make in our Brothers lives and the communities they live in? Masons have historically been a net positive wherever they are. Why not continue to foster that as much as possible.

Another thing that is driving me in this direction is the decline of Western Civilization. Which is the greatest civilization the Earth as ever seen, by any metric. Freemasonry is a direct product of Western Civilization and is also a quintessential representation of it. We need to relearn this and apply it. If we get back to our roots, and apply it, I have no doubt it will help make good men better, Mason or not. And we live in a time where we need all the good men we can get.

Also, we have an X (twitter) account and an Instagram account, so please follow us on those if you are so inclined. The links are on page 3. And If any words are underlined, it's probably a link, so click on it for more info.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Jason Lampley P.:M.:





Joe Shell Daylight Lodge



Joseph L. Shell

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Joseph L. Shell Daylight Lodge is the only Lodge in San Diego County who meets during the day and is a great alternative for those who can not meet in the evening.

Come visit us at the new beautiful Scottish Rite in Mission Vally! Even if it's just your day off, we always welcome your fellowship. If you know any prospective Masons who can not meet at night, please let them know that they can still participate in Masonry with us. We look forward to seeing you!

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the month at 10AM

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San Diego, CA 92108

Hiram Award



This year's Hiram Award goes to Steve Thompson!

Congratulations Wor. Bro. Steve!



The Hiram Award Ceremony will be held on October 12th, 11Am here at Heartland Lodge.

Lunch will be provided.

Memorial Livestream for Pat Englant

Floyd, from all of us at Heartland, our condolences. We are always here for you Brother, we love you.




September

2024



Click the picture for a detailed description

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Dark 	JL Shell Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting 10AM @ SRC		Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30PM		Dine Out 8AM MOS Meeting at Garden Grove Lodge 351
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	3rd Deg. Proficiency and practice 7pm		Order of the Eastern Star 7pm	DOSI at Heartland 576 2nd Deg. 7pm (meal 6:30pm)		Hall Set up 3pm, Heartland Bday Party 5pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	3rd Deg. Practice 7pm M4M Padres game 6:40pm		Sharru Court 7pm	3rd Deg. Practice 7pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	3rd. Deg. Practice 7pm		Order of the Eastern Star 7pm	Possible 2nd Deg.Proficiency 3rd Deg. Or practice		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	Exec. Meeting 6pm 3rd. Deg. Practice 7pm					

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