

## CULVER CITY-FOSHAY LODGE NO.467 F.&A.M.

### **AUGUST 6022**





#### FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

My brothers, we are generally dark through the month of August, however this year we will continue to be at labor for there is still much to do. My aim is now to focus solely on degrees and degree work. Being able to churn out a full mason from start to finish will finally get us out of our reduced pandemic capacities. With all this in mind we will have  $2x3^{\circ}$  degree ceremonies this month.

It has been some time since we have been able to come together and raise a brother. Please make an effort to be there!

- Wor. Joseph Emde, PM

#### **CALENDAR**

August 03 : 7:30pm - Stated Meeting (Dinner @ 6:30PM)

August 09 : Building Assn. Meeting August 10 : Practice : 3rd Degree (FULL)

August 17 : 7:30 PM - 3rd Degree : Thomas McKiver

August 24 : 7:30 PM - 3rd Degree : Kazutoshi Shiumizu

AUGUST 31 : Social Night / Cleaning Party Every Sunday 10am - 1pm : Meet the Masters

#### **ERRATA**

- From the Grand Lodge: August is FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH (click link)
- Please bring a non-perishable item (canned food item, pasta, instant ramen, etc) or toiletry items (soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc) on your next visit to the lodge. These items will be distributed to organizations that assist our veterans, food insecure, and houseless neighbors.





#### **FRIENDSHIP**

Masonry is Friendship-friendship, first, with the Great Companion, of whom our own hearts tell us, who is always nearer to us than we are to ourselves, and whose inspiration and help is the greatest fact of human experience. To be in harmony with His purposes, to be open to His suggestions, to be conscious of fellowship with Him-that is Masonry on its Godward side. Then, turning manward, friendship sums it all up. To be friends with all men, however they may differ from us in creed, color, or condition; to fill every human relation with the spirit of friendship; is there anything more or better than this that the wisest and best of men can hope to do? Such is the spirit of Masonry; such is its ideal, and if to realize it all at once is denied us, surely it means much to see it, love it, and labor to make it come true. Nor is this Spirit of Friendship a mere sentiment held by a sympathetic, and therefore unstable, fraternity, which would dissolve the concrete features of humanity into a vague blur of misty emotion. No; it has its roots in a profound philosophy which sees that the universe is friendly, and that men must learn to be friends if they would live as befits the world in which they live, as well as their own origin and destiny. For, since God is the life of all that was, is, and is to be; and since we are all born into the world by one high wisdom and one vast love, we are brothers to the last man of us, forever! For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, and even after death us do part, all men are held together by ties of spiritual kindship, sons of one eternal Friend. Upon this fact human fraternity rests, and it is the basis of the plea of Masonry, not only for freedom, but for friendship among men. - Joseph Fort Newton

#### **LEVEL STEPS**

Charity without feeling is unworthy of the name. When we give, we should do so from a spontaneous sympathy born of fellow-feeling and brotherly concern. If we give alms only to salve our conscience, then we fail to understand the true nature of ourselves and our relationship with our Creator. All life is One and is an expression of God. If we do not recognize our brother, we deny our Creator and to do that is to reduce ourselves to the level of beasts.





#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Healthy Birthday Wishes to our Brothers :

August 02 - Douglas Warner
August 02 - Matthew Jourdian
August 06 - Timothy Veneck, PM
August 06 - Howard Mitchell
August 08 - Massimo Del Grande
August 10 - Jon Hill

August 15 - John Cooper III, PM

August 16 - Jorge Quinones

August 18 - Loyd Bateman August 18 - Jeison Azali

August 19 - David Stoy, PM

August 25 - Snohomish Brown

August 29 - Merrick Hamer, PM

August 30 - Steven Soto

#### **CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER**

Great Architect of the Universe;
How are you doing?
What's new?
These are inquiries or greetings
that we all use every day.
Some people say them with sincerity,
others out of habit.
Regardless of the intonation of the phrase,
that concern is usually welcomed.
May your loved ones always
know your feelings.
May sincerity and truth
always be your guide.
And may you always be true
to the feelings in your heart.

#### **MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

These Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason this month:

Michael Spreier - 12 Years Angel Salazar - 8 Years Justin Duren - 21 Years Mark Nelson - 14 Years



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### GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION AUGUST 2022 IS FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH

Crafting Leadership

Whereas California Masons strive to serve as pillars of society and to recognize, support, and uplift the people and institutions on which our communities rely; and

Whereas our state continues to grapple with enormous crises on multiple fronts, including the ongoing pandemic and historic wildfires; and

**Whereas** we all rely on the skill and bravery of more than 4 million professional and volunteer firefighters, police, EMTs, paramedics, public safety dispatchers, and public safety telecommunicators whose jobs are to keep us safe;

#### As grand master, I therefore proclaim August 2022 to be First Responders Month.

California Freemasons understand what it means to take an obligation in support of others. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police, and 911 dispatchers take one of the most sacred and challenging obligations of all. For that we all owe them a debt of gratitude, and one that California Masons are eager to recognize. As the past year has shown us more than ever before, our communities rely on first responders to serve on the frontline of many of the most challenging and dangerous problems we face.

During this month, I encourage California Masonic lodges to honor the efforts of their local first responders and to thank these important members of our community as they see fit—whether through a donation, volunteerism, or lodge recognition. As California Masons continue to craft leadership among their ranks, it is important we acknowledge the people around us on whom we all rely.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

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