

Masonic Trestleboard

Our 171st year

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Brother's Corner

The time has come again for voting for the officers for the next masonic year. As it has been in the past the month of the November we vote for the office of Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary. I have full believe that next years core officers will make pliantly of improvements on everything has been lagging in the past few years. It would be much appreciated for brothers to step up for the hall association which we need to vote for a few members.

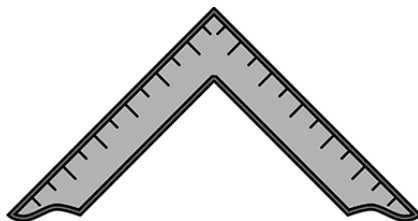


The masonic code of conduct requires all members to show for a funeral service. This Saturday November 4th at 11am is the masonic service for Worshipful Wiessenberger. He was mason of masons form becoming a master of our lodge in 2015. He also received the most honorable honor of the Hiram Award for all the services he provided for the lodge to make it the great place we all love and care for. All members have an equal opportunity to make such an impact on the memory of the lodge.

One brother who has been helping and making such an impact on the lodge for a long time is brother Caleb Betz who this year will be receiving the Hiram Award for his services. The ceremony will be on November 30 at 7pm. Caleb has been providing his assistance to the lodge sense he was in DeMolay. This November he will be becoming Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star on the 18th.

Lastly as a friendly reminder the past master's turkey cook off is still a go. If you like to compete it would make it harder for Worshipful Casey Scott to keep the title. We will also be in suits for the remainder of the year.

**Fraternally Yours,
David Epps
Worshipful Master**



From The West

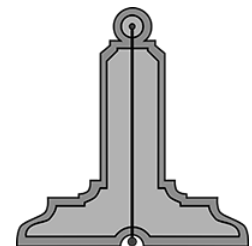
There is a story told about an incident in the life of Count Tolstoy, the great Russian novelist, sometimes reputed to have been a Freemason, who dares to be a socialist in the days of the Czars.

The Count was accosted by a beggar on the streets, Tolstoy searched his clothes but could find nothing that he might contribute. He then addressed the supplicant: "Brother, I hope you are not angry with me because I can find no coin." The trace of a smile crept to the face of the beggar. A dim light came into his eyes. He responded, "You called me 'brother,' and that was a great blessing."



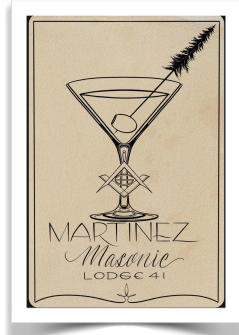
We who use the term 'brother' freely, and are not hindered in so doing, may have little conception of what deep meaning there may be in the word when spoken under certain conditions or circumstances. The derelict who approached the great Russian undoubtedly was accustomed to refusal of his appeals; he must have been accustomed to kicks and cuffs in place of silver. There was none to love him, and none for whom he might show affection. At night he crawled into a dirty hovel, and by day he was hounded from the public places by the police of the Czar. To receive nothing could not have a great disappointment, having so often been his lot. And he expressed no disappointment, but the great Russian who had nothing to give did express disappointment. He apologized almost for being empty of pocket. "Brother, I hope you are not angry with me because I have no coin. Possibly his socialistic beliefs told him that his own empty-handedness made him brother to the other who had nothing. Whatever the reason, he spoke the word that brought to the face of the mendicant the first glint of a smile that it may have known for many a day, for many a month. The kind word may have led the beggar to forget his hunger. That night he may have crawled into his dirty bunk to pleasant dreams. A kind word that costs nothing, but it brought into a dark life more than could have been put thereby a coin that would have commanded bread. "You called me 'brother,' and that was. Great blessing."

**Fraternally
William Wieger Sr.; PM
Senior Warden**



From The South

This article is taken from the June 2022 issue of Fraternal Review titled, "THE ANCIENT MYSTERIES". Part 2 I can account for the greater purity of these Syrian rites only by adopting the ingenious theory of Thirlwall, that all the Mysteries "were the remains of a worship which preceded the rise of Hellenic mythology, and its attendant rites, grounded on a view of nature less fanciful, more earnest, and better fitted to awaken both philosophical thought and religious feeling," and by supposing that the Asiatics, not being, from their geographical position, so early imbued with the errors of Hellenism, had been better able to preserve the purity and philosophy of the old Pelasgic faith, which, itself, was undoubtedly a direct emanation from the patriarchal religion, or, as it has been called, the Pure Freemasonry of the antediluvian world.



This speculative and operative society—speculative in the esoteric, theologic lessons which were taught in its initiations, and operative in the labors of its members as architects—was distinguished by many peculiarities that closely assimilate it to the institution of Freemasonry. In the practice of charity, the more opulent were bound to relieve the wants and contribute to the support of their poorer brethren. They were divided, for the conveniences of labor and the advantages of government, into smaller bodies, which, like our lodges, were directed by superintending officers. They employed, in their ceremonial observances, many of the implements of operative Masonry, and used, like the Masons, a universal language, and conventional modes of recognition, by which one brother might know another in the dark as well as the light, and which served to unite the whole body, wheresoever they might be dispersed, in one common brotherhood.

I have said that in the mysteries of Dionysus the legend recounted the death of that hero-god, and the subsequent discovery of his body. Some further details of the nature of the Dionysiac ritual are, therefore, necessary for a thorough appreciation of the points to which I propose directly to invite attention.

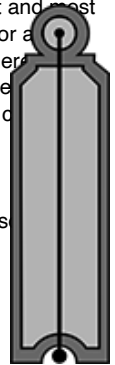
In these mystic rites, the aspirant was made to represent, symbolically and in dramatic form, the events connected with the slaying of the god from whom the Mysteries derived their name. After a variety of preparatory ceremonies, intended to call forth all his courage and fortitude, the aphanism or mystical death of Dionysus was figured out in the ceremonies, and the shrieks and lamentations of the initiates, with the confinement or burial of the candidate on the pastos, couch or coffin, constituted the first part of the ceremony of initiation. Then began the search of Rhea for the remains of Dionysus, which was continued amid scenes of the greatest confusion and tumult, until, at last, the search having been successful, the mourning was turned into joy, light succeeded to darkness, and the candidate was invested with the knowledge of the secret doctrine of the Mysteries—the belief in the existence of one God, and a future state of reward and punishments.

Such were the mysteries that were practiced by the architects—the Freemasons, so to speak—of Asia Minor. At Tyre, the richest and most important city of that region, a city memorable for the splendor and magnificence of the buildings with which it was decorated, there were colonies or lodges of these mystic architects; and this fact I repeat that you will bear in mind, as it forms an important link in the chain

connects the Dionysiacs with the Freemasons.

Extracted from Albert G. Mackey, *The Symbolism of Freemasonry*, New York: Clark and Maynard, 1869, pp. 38-49.

**Fraternally Yours,
Forrest S. Farwell
Jr. Warden**



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Brother's Corner

For the last few years, I've visited numerous lodges both within and without our district and local area. I have enjoyed meeting Brothers I probably wouldn't have by staying within the confines of Martinez No. 41.

By traveling to other lodges and interacting with more Brothers, I have seen and participated in many degrees and have even attended their schools of instruction.

It has been a joy to see how other lodges conduct their stated meetings, ritual work, both words and floor work, and how Brotherly Love prevails within their lodges.

I certainly urge every Brother to visit as often as possible and not just the one next door. To me, every visit is a learning experience and an opportunity to meet and share fellowship with Masons I have met and others that are new to me.

Bro. David Parsons Senior Steward

Eastern Star

Greetings from Los Cerritos Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Save the Dates Nov 8th Farewell Meeting Nov 17th noon to 5pm Set up for OES Installation. Nov 18th Installation of Officers 4pm Dinner to Follow Please RSVP

Hello, We are the Worthy Matron Elect, Sandra Betz and Worthy Patron Elect Caleb Betz, for Los Cerritos #234

Chapter of Order of Eastern Star. We would like to invite you to the Installation of Officers on Nov 18th at 4pm. We have Christine Huff, Worthy Grand Matron, of the Grand Chapter of California, of the Order of Eastern Star in our chapter. We would love to have your support. We know the reason Los Cerritos has been a great addition to our lives is the close relationship we have with Martinez Masonic Lodge. In plan words, We are Better Together. In the upcoming year, we look forward to combining our two great organizations to allow us to thrive and grow. Hope to see you on Nov 18th and/or Social Events to come.

With Star Love, Sandra and Caleb Betz Worthy Matron Elect Los Cerritos #234 Worthy Patron Elect Los Cerritos #234

Join Us

Bruce Wiessenberger Funeral Service November 4, 2023 700 Masonic St, Martinez CA 94553 @ 11:00 am Please join us as we celebrate the life of Bruce Wiessenberger.

Services will begin at 11 am and refreshments will follow.

Please make every effort to attend and support his family.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Sean Whiteside - 11/4
 Jesse Cruz - 11/5
 Ron Wheeler - 11/7
 Johnathan Valdez - 11/8
 Robert Cryderman - 11/14
 Calen Huff - 11/25
 Carlo Romero- Guzman - 11/25
 Mario Wagner - 11/26



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November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Stated Dinner @ 6:00		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Third Degree Practice @ 7:00pm		Third Degree Practice @ 7:00pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		OSI @ Pittsburg @ 7:00pm (Installation)		Third Degree (Borer) @ 7:00pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		DARK		Thanksgiving!		
26	27	28	29	30		
		Dark		Hiram Award (Caleb Betz) @ 7:00pm		