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From the East: Wor. Jared Yoshiki



I wanted to start my article with how much the tenets of our Fraternity are more important now than ever. Whether it is dealing with the COVID crisis and checking in on our brothers who need assistance or with healing a community witnessing so much destruction.

Our ancient and honorable fraternity has spanned the conflicts of this globe for over 300 years. Our traditions are woven into the fabric of this nation and into the hearts and minds of brothers from all walks of life. It is my hope that we as Freemasons can help guide the way to extending a friendly hand of Brotherly Love and affection.

This past week our beloved Masonic Temple fell victim to vandalism and caused one of our longest tenants to see his business reduced to shambles. It is my hope that we can provide our friend with relief and assistance as he works to put his livelihood back together following these events. There is currently a GoFundMe campaign posted on Facebook that, if you are financially able and willing, you can donate to help Tony's Deli.

See page 6 for more information on how you can help Tony's Deli.

It is in times like these that I deeply miss seeing all of you in Lodge. The saying “you never know how much you lost something until it's gone” could never be truer today, in my opinion. It proves that we are social and caring individuals who thrive on interactions and promoting the welfare of each other and our livelihoods. I do not think I need to tell or remind you how much not being in lodge and missing that camaraderie and Brotherly Love has made many of us feel how important our Lodge family really is.

As the calendar turns to June, I want to renew my efforts to strengthen our Lodge family. To support you in any way I can to ensure that our Lodge can be a light to help those in need. At a time when we need strength and support for our societies, our Fraternity, and our Lodge family, can be a welcomed presence to a community in need of hope and relief.

I hope many of you will join us in breaking bread on Thursday, June 6th, via Zoom in hopes that we can enjoy an abbreviated “Stated Meeting Dinner” with each other as Brothers and friends. I want to wish all of you fathers a Happy Father's Day and a belated Happy Mother's Day to our wives and widows, as I neglected to mention that last month.

I did want to make a brief mention of the leadership retreats that are now freely available to you online. The Grand Lodge has allowed any member of the lodge to take some of the leadership seminars that would have been presented at these retreats. I would strongly recommend any Brother take these courses. It is not just for Officers or those looking to take a step into a leadership role. The information you will gain from these seminars will help all of us ensure that our Fraternity can thrive in the future. If you are interested in some of the masonic seminars being organized by the Grand Lodge, our Brother Senior Warden has published a full list in his article on page 2.

“May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons.
May Brotherly Love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.”

~ Amen





From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



As large crowds of protesters surrounded the Capitol over the last weekend of May, there were several instances of looting and destruction in the downtown area. Our beloved **Tony's Delicatessen & Catering** was one of the businesses severely damaged by organized rioting groups. Truly one of the saddest moments in the history of our community. **Elias Silhi** is a wonderful person with a kind heart, who has been a special part of our lives for the past 29 years, rain or shine. Miosa Bridal and XSIGHT Video & Photo Studio were also devastated by looters. While the lobby and other floors of the Masonic Temple remained relatively intact through the rampage, the whole perimeter of our building was destroyed and is now completely boarded up.

I am glad to report that none of our tenants and employees were injured during the pillaging and I want to take this opportunity to thank all my Brothers and friends who stopped by the Masonic Temple in the morning of June 1st and helped us clean up the mess left behind by this violent attack to our building. Many of you called or sent messages via social media with words of concern, solidarity and encouragement. Thank you. It meant a lot to me.

This summer will have a different feel at the Temple, but I am hopeful that the public health orders will be eased over the next few weeks. As our Junior Warden, Brother **Russ Tomas**, beautifully wrote this month, we all miss hanging out with our fellow Brethren, and we can't wait to return to our regular Masonic activities.

It's been too long since we last had a chance to enjoy one of the fantastic culinary creations by Master Chef **Bob Taylor** in the Banquet Room or share in-person fellowship in the Lodge Room or Club Room. It is with that in mind that Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki** is inviting you to a very special **Virtual Happy Hour / Dinner** on Thursday, June 4th, at 6:00 PM. Let's have a meal together and share what we are having. This will be a super cool online event through Zoom. Look for the email from the Stewards with the link.

Gathering online has actually been a blessing for many of us. There has been just so many opportunities to participate in online social events and Masonic Education sessions hosted by Masonic Lodges in our area and all over the world. The Grand Lodge of California has stepped up to the challenge and brought us the **Masonic Speakers Series** featuring enlightening lectures on a range of topics since April 29th. If you have missed one, catch up on past lectures via the link: <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/04/21/speaker-series-archive/>

It gets better! The **California Masonic Foundation** has just funded the brilliantly innovative **2020 Online Masonic Leadership Course** with sessions taking place each Tuesday and Thursday starting June 9th. All sessions are repeated in the afternoon and evening, making it easier than ever to attend. This is free of cost for all regular Masons. See full list of topics below.

Session 1: **Welcome and Masonry at a Distance** on June 9, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 2: **Engaging Brothers: The "Can't-Miss" Stated Meeting** on June 11, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 3: **Three Tools for Engagement: A Mason's Journey** on June 16, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 4: **Sharing the Work of Lodge Leadership and Lessons of the Beehive** on June 18, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 5: **Thinking Ahead: 2050 Vision and 2025 Plan** on June 23, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 6: **iMember 2.0 and Tools for Engagement and Communication** on June 25, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 7: **Building Strong Lodges: Bringing Brothers Home** on June 30, noon and 5:00 PM

Session 8: **Annual Communication, Budget, and Per Capita: What to Expect** on July 2, noon and 5:00 PM

This is a very special and unique opportunity to learn game-changing techniques and hear expert advice from Masonic leaders in California. Simply register today to reserve your spot at:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/14/masonic-online-leadership-course/>

In closing, I want to wish a great day to the fathers of all my Masonic nieces and nephews! Happy Father's Day!



From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



Before I start my June article, I want to let the Lodge know that I miss hanging out with all of you. I miss attending Stated Meeting and Degrees. I miss the practices, the meals, and the happy hours. I miss our conversations about everything and nothing. I miss the Brotherhood.



Father's Day being in June leads me to reflect on the meaning of being a brother of a Masonic Lodge when not in Lodge. My article last month discussed the importance of the ones we leave at home to raise our children while participating in our Masonic duties. This month, I'm going to write about the importance of the balance of and our participation in, all aspects of lives when not performing our Masonic duties.

Growing up, my dad (who was not a Mason) was a great example of a balanced man. He dedicated his life to his work, his wife, his children, his religion, and his friends. Many men can fall into dedicating their lives in only one aspect. Some will focus all of their energy on work and end up distancing themselves from family. Others may dedicate their entire life to their family and allow their personal lives distract their work lives. As Masons, it is ingrained in our minds to balance ourselves. We are continually reminded to divide our time properly.

That proper balance can be maintained if we are equally “present” at whatever we are doing at any given moment. When at work, instead of being distracted by our personal lives, we maintain our focus on completing our tasks (and keeping our bosses happy). At our place of worship, we focus on prayer and keep our minds toward our faith. At home, we focus our lives on maintaining our household and caring for our loved ones. In Lodge, we focus on our conduct (well most of us) and our work. Being present gives us the “presence of mind” in every aspect of our lives.

Happy Father's Day to the fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers of our Lodge. If you're a father of young ones like me, you probably have it a little more difficult with the stay-at-home order (Like that dad at the end of a commercial filming himself laying on the couch as his kid continually climbs and jumps on his head). Be safe and hopefully soon we can all be “present” at a pub together.

Washington Lodge No. 20

Mission Statement

To practice and promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences.

Through Masonic principles and tradition, and by the outward expression of these through its fellowship and compassion, Washington Lodge No.20 Free & Accepted Masons provides ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self in an environment that contributes to the enrichment and betterment of its members, mankind, and its communities.





Member Birthdays

01 • Joseph A. Mayo IV	MM
01 • Brian C. Schoenborn	MM
04 • James J. Lenau	MM
05 • Theodore P. Vergis	EA
06 • Steven W. Brown	MM
06 • D. T. Pinkney	EA
07 • Richard A. Entrican	MM
08 • Virgil T. Johnson	EA
10 • Patrick L. Ferguson	MM
10 • Nico E. Montero	MM
13 • Jon L. Gilbreath	FC
15 • Robert C. Breese	MM
17 • Albert E. Rowe Jr.	MM
22 • Jon P. Horton	EA
22 • Ronald J. Speno	MM
24 • Matthew R. Mason	MM
25 • Larry T. Afzal	MM
25 • David H. Cameron	PM

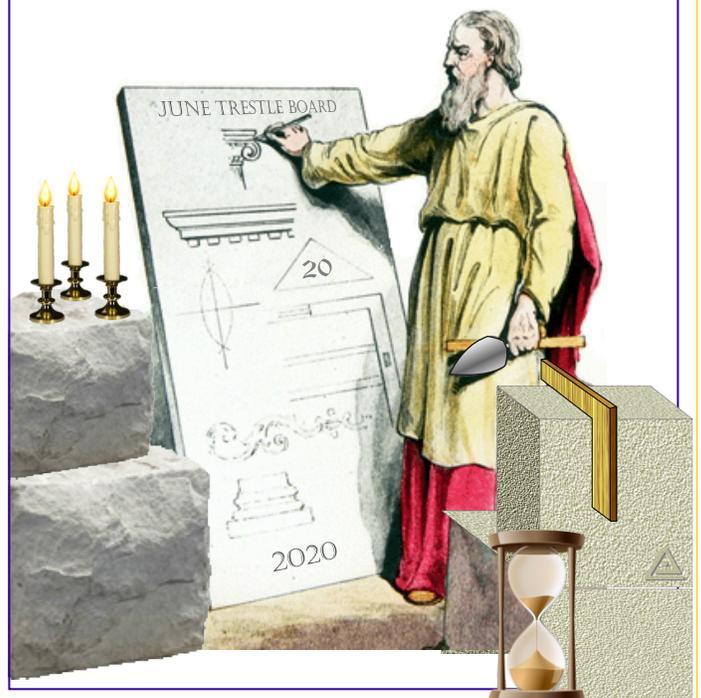


Master Mason Anniversary Dates

06 • Erick C. Leutholtz	12 Years
12 • Michael D. Schell	25 Years
13 • Patrick L. Ferguson	35 Years
17 • George P. Jamison Jr.	38 Years
18 • Christian A. Wheeler	5 Years
19 • John D. Lowrey	30 Years
20 • Donald A. White	63 Years
20 • William J. Workman	1 Year
21 • Jeffrey A. Hardiman	12 Years
22 • Jack C. Penny	66 Years
22 • Frank J. Werner	20 Years
23 • Richard W. Hixson	15 Years
24 • Steven W. Anders	44 Years
24 • Brian C. Schoenborn	10 Years
25 • Devin J. Gray	5 Years
27 • Jared M. Dailey	7 Years
28 • Jason B. Henderson	8 Years
29 • Eric W. Hixson	20 Years

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- YouTube**
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Masonic Events During COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions

On March 16, the California Department of Public Health released new guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department has found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is provided. **All Masonic gatherings are non-essential in the context of this guidance.**

Based on the foregoing, it is my direction that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me. This includes all Masonic organizations and Masonic Youth Orders.

Payment of Lodge Essential Bills

As a result of these actions, no lodge can hold a stated meeting to pay its bills, and there is no clear remedy in our law to solve this problem.

Special Procedure for Lodges

Effective today, 03/18/2020, a majority of the elected officers of the lodge may order the advancement of lodge funds to pay those essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred.

The elected lodge officers may confer by telephone, video conference, or email in making this determination.

Expenditures by the lodge charity committee are an essential lodge bill for which payment should not be deferred.

The lodge must ratify these payments at the next stated meeting held by the lodge.

The lodge master should inform the inspector of any other circumstances that may need to be addressed while this special procedure is in effect.

This special procedure is available only during the pendency of any applicable inhibition or prohibition on non-essential gatherings. In any event, it will have no further force or effect after my term as Grand Master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN E. TRAUNER

Grand Master

Grand Lodge F&AM of California



Help for Tony's Delicatessen & Catering

Elias Silhi has been a tenant of the Sacramento Masonic Temple since 1991. He is a good man with a kind heart and a beautiful soul. Truly a "Mason Without Apron" - a term some of us use to describe a gentleman who was never himself been initiated a Freemason, but certainly deserving of being called a Brother nonetheless.

Over the last weekend of May 2020, **Tony's Delicatessen & Catering** was looted, vandalized and completely destroyed. All windows and doors were smashed to pieces, tables and chairs shattered, refrigeration systems destroyed, kitchen appliances and a safe stolen. The deli and basement were flooded, causing water damage.



"I've been here 29 years, going on 30 years.
My life is here. What can I say?
This is not good, this is not the way to do things.
Why did they do this to me? What have I done to them?"

"This weekend my life work was shattered by looters. 29 years of work taken from me in just two days. We were already closed for 8 weeks because of COVID-19. We had just reopened under the new guidelines for restaurants, hoping to make up the lost revenue. It would be at least a month before we can reopen, if not more. That is three months of no income, but ongoing business costs. I have retained all my employees, who have been with me for a long time, and don't want them to worry about the future. I don't know how to recover from this and rebuild. I am devastated.



I don't know why this happened, but I know that God will provide the path forward. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help clean the damage, the support means everything to me, my family, and my employees.

Many have asked how to help. Donations in any amount to help us survive the next couple months as we rebuild life would be a blessing. I'm sorry to be in the position to need to ask. Thank you for your business these past 30 years, it has meant everything.

God bless,
Elias"

To help Elias rebuild our beloved Tony's Deli please go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-tony039s-deli-destroyed-by-riots>

Thank You



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