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LODGE EVENTS SUMMER

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20TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT

JULY

9TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
11TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
17TH - MONTHLY OSI
23TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
25TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT

AUGUST

3RD - 3RD DEGREE ZACHARY BUSH
7TH - STATED MEETING
13TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
15TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
21TH - MONTHLY OSI
27TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT
29TH - CANDIDATE COACH NIGHT

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SUMMER UPDATES HONORING BROTHERS

Jeff Gatchell

The happenings of our lodge!

Brethren,

I hope this finds you all well. As per usual, try to stay cool and hydrated as we trudge through another summer.

A couple of sad notes: Brothers Dr. Edward Paget and Jimmy "Bronc" Howard, Sr. have recently traveled to the Celestial Lodge. Both had been brothers in the fraternity for many years.

Due to the fact that they both resided in Needles, we were, unfortunately not able to see them on any sort of regular basis, but we offer our deepest collective sympathy to the families of both.

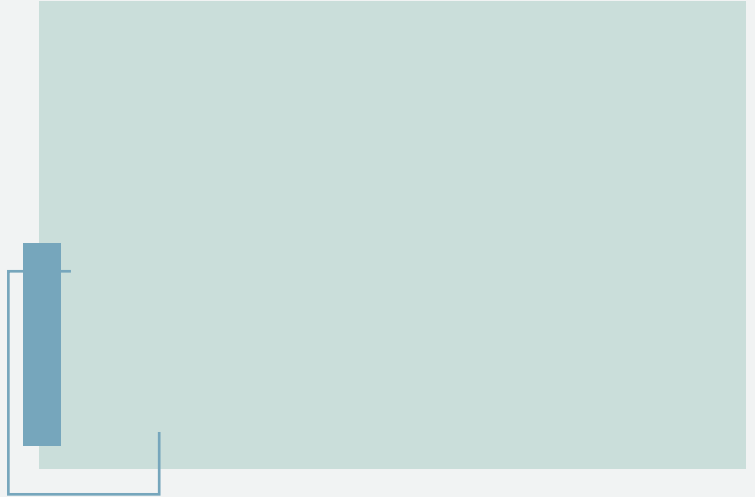
On May 11th, we took part in a double third degree at Coachella #476. Brother Salvador Beltran-Soto along with brother Guillermo Gallardo from Coachella were raised to MM's with major assistance provided by the Widow's





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Sons degree team. All told there were around 50 brothers in the room, and it was extremely impressive. A handful of us carpoled, and two of us from our lodge were asked and honored to participate in the opening, as well as deliver the Master's charge to brother Sal. Great food (and a lot of it) and fellowship followed, and it certainly was a great day in every sense.

Brother Zachary Bush was passed to FC mason on the 15th of last month, and on the 30th, we had a special meeting in which he returned his FC proficiency (that was fast !!). Just as he did with his EA proficiency, he elected to do the long form. Once again, he did a stellar job, along with his coach (brother Jared Rusk). It bodes well for the future to have young men with such sharp minds ascending through the ranks! Brother Bush will be raised to the sublime degree of MM in the not-too-distant future. We will keep you informed.

As you may be aware, we are dark this month and next, but there will be a stated meeting in August. In the meantime, we will continue to have voluntary practices this month at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd weeks of this month

(Tuesdays & Thursdays), as we have moved OSI to the 12th, also at 7pm. I expect that July will revert back to practices being on the 2nd and 4th weeks with OSI being during the 3rd week, as is normally the case. Hopefully our calendar reflects these changes. 🙏

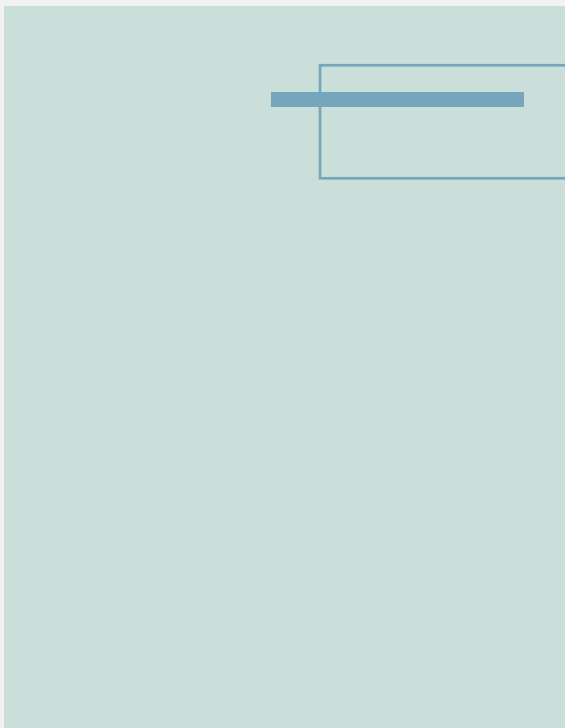
If any of you know of anyone looking for a venue to have a party, etc., always keep the lodge in mind. With the kitchen being there it provides a great place to host events. Also, we have lodge pins now available (custom made for our

lodge!) for \$5 each. They turned out amazing and the \$5 is just enough to cover the cost to the lodge. Contact myself or any of the other officers if you are interested. Special thanks to Worshipful Stu Ryan for putting that all together!

Well, that's it from me for now. Stay healthy and out of trouble!

On the Square,

Jeff Gatchell



“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi

MASONIC EDUCATION

THE MASONIC COMMITMENT TO CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the most important goals of a Freemason is to be a good citizen. This dedication to civic duty and community service is why Masons are renowned for their philanthropic efforts and commitment to the welfare of others.

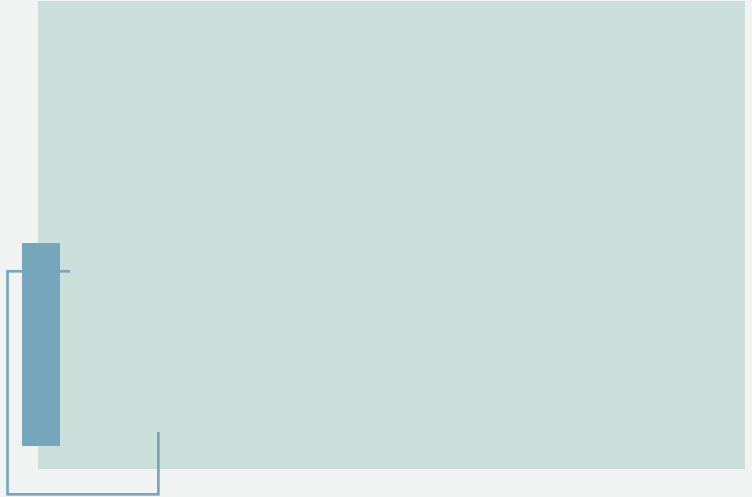
Local Community Support

At the local level, Masons actively support causes that are important to their communities. This can range from participating in community clean-up projects and sponsoring local events to providing scholarships and supporting local schools. The spirit of giving back and making a positive impact in their immediate surroundings is a cornerstone of Masonic values.

Masonic Homes of California

A significant part of Masonic charity work focuses on taking care of vulnerable members and their families. The Masonic Homes of California





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is a key outreach organization dedicated to supporting seniors and at-risk Masons and their families. This organization provides a range of services including health care, residential services, and emergency funds, ensuring that those in need have access to essential resources and support.

Global Impact on Education

Freemasonry's commitment to education is evident on a global scale. Historically, Freemasons have played a crucial role in the establishment and support of public schools. Many of the first public schools in the United States were launched by Freemasons, reflecting their belief that equal access to knowledge is fundamental to a civil society. This tradition continues today through the California Masonic Foundation.

California Masonic Foundation

The California Masonic Foundation is dedicated to supporting public schools and youth education initiatives. This foundation sponsors numerous student scholarships, awards, and literacy efforts, helping to foster a love of

learning and providing opportunities for academic achievement. By investing in the education of future generations, Masons aim to build a more informed and equitable society.

In summary, the Masonic commitment to being good citizens is reflected in their extensive philanthropic activities. Whether through local community support, providing for vulnerable members, or championing educational initiatives, Masons strive to make a meaningful difference in the world.



**“The best way to predict
the future is to create it.”**

Peter Drucker

