



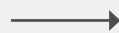
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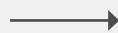
FROM THE EAST

AUTUMN UPDATES AND CELEBRATIONS

Worshipful Jeff Gatchell

Lodge News and
November Plans
Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing well as we move rapidly into the fall and into the holidays. Where does the time go? The grant for building improvements finally came through and we received some much needed funds to address a few of the areas that have been on our to-do list. We didn't receive the full amount that we applied for, but I don't think any of the other CA lodges did either, as there was a limited amount available. I'm proud of those of us that put forth the effort to get this completed and submitted before the deadline. It takes a village!





Winds of Change

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Congratulations are in order for our newest MASTER MASON, brother Zachary Bush! On Saturday the 28th of September. He achieved the “Subliiiiiiiiiime” Degree of masonry in front of a good crowd of his brothers. I must say to the brothers of this Lodge that you all did a great job with the opening. As you know, all of those nights practicing really paid dividends, and it showed. We will continue to meet a handful of days each month to practice in an effort to sharpen our skills. Check the enclosed event calendar under the “Events” link.

Additionally, I would like to thank the Widow’s Sons for their terrific work yet again on a 3rd degree. We all learn a lot by watching a group like that, while being entertained at the same time. I would like to thank everyone involved for assisting in putting that whole thing together - from the gathering of groceries, to cleaning of the Lodge room, dining room, rest rooms, food prep, and clean-up afterward. All told, we had close to 50

in attendance, including 3 of our own from out of the area (Worshipfuls Tom & Ted, and Kevin Crain), 6 from Coachella #476, at least 3 others (2 from AZ) and 1 from the 29 Palms area. Family members were also well represented and it’s always a pleasure having them join us.

For the November stated meeting, we are currently hoping to witness anywhere from 1-3 brothers return their proficiencies. Because of this, the meeting could run a little longer than normal, but I feel it’s a small price to pay for supporting your brethren and the hard work they’ve put in. Officers please wear tuxes, or a dark suit at the very minimum. There will also be officer elections for next year. If you have a desire to be in the lineup (and I hope you do), please let me know asap.

I have a pretty good idea for a dinner prior to the meeting (6pm). I think it will be a nice surprise. Please make an effort to attend - I think you’ll be pleased. Family members, of course are always welcome.

Keep Masonry in the forefront of your mind as you continue to practice its principles both in and out of the Lodge. A reminder to get out and vote if you have not already done so. November 5th is rapidly approaching.

On the Level,

Jeff Gatchell
Master

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 6pm - Stated Dinner 7pm - Stated Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12 7pm - Degree	13	14 7pm - Degree	15	16
17	18	19	20 7pm - Monthly OSI	21	22	23
24	25	26 7pm - Degree Practice	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER EVENTS

NOV 6 STATED DINNER & MEETING

NOV 12 DEGREE PRACTICE

NOV 14 DEGREE PRACTICE

NOV 20 OFFICER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION