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# FROM THE EAST

# INDEPENDENCE

# INVOLVEMENT AND

# ICE CREAM

## **Worshipful Jeff Gatchell**

Upcoming events  
& vital decisions.

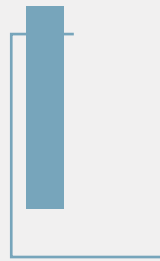
Brethren,

First, I am excited once again to be able to celebrate the birth of our great nation. I think it goes without saying that we should celebrate in moderation,

and look out for your loved ones while you do. Tip: STAY OFF THE RIVER!

Our weekly practices have been pretty well attended as we work diligently on degree exemplifications. It seems that once a week (Thursdays, 7pm) draws the most brothers. I'm happy to see the effort, because there will come a day that





we actually have to do it 'live'!  
Nothing raises one's anxiety more than being unprepared.

A shout-out to brother Jared Rusk for ensuring that the 3 scholarship recipients received their gifts from the Lodge last month. We were able to give a little more than we have in the past. Unfortunately, I was gone and could not attend.

A big thanks to brother Kevin Crain and Wor. Stu Ryan for their effort and donations with the ice cream social event. In fact, several of you pitched in and I left that day being thankful that we did it, and I felt it was certainly worth the effort!

Our social media presence (fb) has produced some results, not surprisingly. My goal is to keep the public in the loop as to what we are doing. This is sure to promote interest, and If you know of any group looking to rent the Lodge, please spread the word!

That's it for now, and

I hope to see you all at the August stated meeting - 1st one in a couple months.

On the Square,

Jeff Gatchell  
Master

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FROM THE WEST

# GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY BUILDERS OF CHARACTER

## **Senoir Warden Sutton Miller**

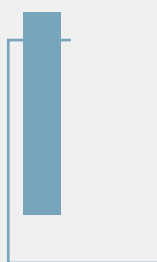
The Power of  
Fellowship

Brethren,

As we find ourselves in the heart of summer and during the time our Lodge is dark, July offers us a moment to pause and reflect—not just on rest and refreshment, but on the responsibilities we carry as Masons in a free society. With the celebration of Independence Day, we're reminded that liberty is not something to be taken for granted—it is something to be preserved, nurtured, and carried forward



## Fellowship



by the actions of good men. Though we aren't gathering formally this month, our Masonic journey doesn't truly pause. Each of us carries the working tools of the Craft with us in daily life. The principles we learn in Lodge—truth, integrity, brotherly love—are just as vital outside our tiled doors. In fact, it is during times of quiet and reflection that we are best able to demonstrate the kind of leadership and character that Freemasonry promotes. Whether it's mentoring a younger man in need of guidance, giving your time to a cause in the community, or simply practicing civility in a world that often forgets it, these are the ways we keep the light of Masonry burning. And while our meetings may be on hold, our connections don't have to be. A phone call, a lunch, or an invitation to a Brother can go a long way in maintaining the strength and spirit of our Lodge. May this season serve as a reminder that liberty thrives when good men take action—quietly, consistently, and with purpose.

Fraternally,  
Sutton Miller  
Senior Warden

# THE MEANING OF BROTHERHOOD

Treasurer  
Jared Rusk

In Freemasonry, we often talk about brotherhood—but what does that really mean?

Brotherhood is more than sitting together in Lodge or wearing the same emblem. It's about building real, caring relationships with one another. It means being someone your Brothers can count on—for a helping hand, a kind word, or a listening ear.

True brotherhood shows up in the small things: checking in on a Brother who's been quiet, offering support during tough times, and celebrating each other's successes. It's about putting others before yourself and treating every Brother with dignity, regardless of age, background, or belief.

When we call each other "Brother," we are reminding ourselves of a promise—to live with compassion, respect, and loyalty. And that promise doesn't end when the meeting does. It should guide how we live every day.

In a world that can feel divided, the brotherhood we practice in Masonry is a powerful example of unity and friendship. Let's continue to live that example, inside the Lodge and beyond.

Fraternally,  
Jared Rusk  
Treasurer



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Jul 2025 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
			7pm - Blythe OCN 7pm - Coachella			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						12pm - Root beer
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				7pm - Blythe OCN		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
			7pm - Blythe OCN			

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 3**

DEGREE PRACTICE

**JULY 12**

ROOT BEER FLOAT SOCIAL

**JULY 17**

DEGREE PRACTICE

**JULY 31**

DEGREE PRACTICE