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FROM THE EAST BACK TO THE WORK OFFICERS & THE HIRAM AWARD

Worshipful Jeff Gatchell

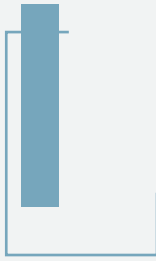
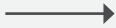
Upcoming events
& vital decisions.

Brethren,

Thank the Lord above for the impending change of season looming ever closer. If you're reading this (except for a few of our brothers in northern climates), you're probably going to make it the rest of the way.



We had our first stated meeting since May, and considering the brief 'layoff', it went pretty well. Bills got paid, our District Inspector (W. Thomas Johnson) came for



his annual visit, and we had two past masters from the Imperial Valley attend. The Inspector passed along a few tidbits as to how we can perform better, which are always welcome suggestions. Our next stated meeting will take place the first Wednesday in October (which happens to be the 1st). No plan as to the dinner menu yet, but there will be one at 6pm, followed immediately by the meeting itself. If anyone would like to step up and / or has any suggestions, please contact me asap!

I have been penciling in names for next year's officer lineup, and am excited to say that we are very close to having all positions filled! We will be discussing that further at the next meeting, and try to get it firmed up.

One final note - the Hiram Committee has voted yes on a candidate for the award, and it will be

announced at the October stated meeting.

See you all then, and hopefully sooner, and keep your eyes open for any potential prospects.

Fraternally,

Jeff Gatchell
Master

STRENGTH IN FELLOWSHIP DURING OUR DARK MONTH

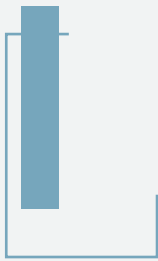
Senoir Warden Sutton Miller

The Power of Fellowship

Brethren,
September finds our
Lodge still in its season
of rest. While we're dark
this month, the lessons
of Masonry don't pause
with us. This quiet time
is a chance to step back,
catch our breath, and
think about how we're
applying the working
tools of our Craft in our
daily lives.

It's also fitting that September is recognized as U.S.
Constitution Month. Just as our Nation's founders built a





framework of freedom and unity, we too build our lives on the solid foundation of Masonic principles—truth, brotherly love, and relief. Both Masonry and the Constitution remind us that true strength lies not in division, but in working together toward a common good.

Even though we aren't meeting formally, let's take this time to stay connected with one another. A quick call, a shared meal, or even checking in on a Brother goes a long way to keeping the bonds of fellowship strong. These small gestures keep our light shining until we gather again.

Next month we return to labor, refreshed and ready to continue the good work of our Lodge. Until then, may this September bring each of us time for reflection, gratitude, and renewed purpose.

Fellowship

Fraternally,
Sutton Miller
Senior Warden



BLYTHE-NEEDLES LODGE NO. 473

“Brother Kenny Luper Annual “

BLAST-N-BBQ

SKEET SHOOT & RIBEYE STEAK DINNER

Mark your Calendar: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2025**

5:00pm - 9:00pm

All Masonic Friends & Family

SCHEDULE

- ♦ Trap & Skeet Shooting - Shotguns Available if Needed
- ♦ Dinner @ 6:30pm - Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll & Dessert
- ♦ Social Fire Pit - After all firearms & ammo are secured

COST

\$55 per person includes dinner and 1 round (25 targets)
Ammo available on site (\$12 box) If you need to purchase.

Shoot as long as you like!

\$25 Dinner Only

Water \$1.00 / Soda \$2.00

RSVP By OCTOBER 13th, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18 OFFICER COACHING NIGHT 7PM

SEPTEMBER 24 OSI 7PM

OCTORBER 1 STATED DINNER & MEETING 6PM

OCTORBER 18 SKEET SHOOT & DINNER 5PM

