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FROM THE EAST

END-OF-YEAR LODGE MESSAGE

Worshipful Jeff Gatchell

Brethren,

Brethren,

As we are now in the middle of the holiday season, I wanted to wish everyone the best and brightest of holidays.

Now that the officer lineup for next year has mostly been determined, that leaves the installation to be held on Saturday, January the 10th. Time will be determined, likely at our December stated meeting.

Thank you for the help I received from Jimmy, Debbie and Steven Ryan, and also Kevin Currier for their help at the November 22nd races. It was "Service Club Night", with the goal of not only increasing awareness, but to spark interest in Masonry. We set up a booth along with a handful of other





clubs. Not sure how effective it was, but hopefully it will get one or more individuals to inquire at some point. I want to again express my gratitude to those who have assisted at the races, and all who will be of help starting again next year. Money earned there will make its way into our Lodge account as we are certainly in need of any and all funds we can muster up. Our current membership dues are not commensurate with the ever-rising expenses. There will be a need for an increase for the 2027 year. Keep in mind that our facility is available for rental use so suggest it to anyone you know who may be looking for a venue.

Our last stated meeting for this year will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd. As usual, the dinner will begin at 6pm with the meeting immediately following.

Thank you for your time and your commitment in

keeping our doors open.

Again, happy holidays!

With brotherly love,

Jeff Gatchell, WM
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FROM THE WEST A MESSAGE OF UNITY AND GOODWILL

Senoir Warden Sutton Miller

Brethren,

Brethren,
As we move into
December, we enter a
time of reflection — a
month when the world
slows down just enough
for us to look back on
the path we've traveled
and the light we've
shared along the way.
Despite the busyness of
the season, this time of
year always seems to remind us of the simple but meaningful
values that guide us as Masons: kindness, charity, patience, and
gratitude.



December also gives us a chance to recognize the quiet acts of
brotherly love that often go unnoticed throughout the year. A
Brother offering a ride, lending an ear, checking in on someone
who's been absent, or giving his time when it's needed most —
these small gestures are the true heartbeat of our Lodge. They



are what keep our Fraternity strong, even when the calendar is full and our days feel long.

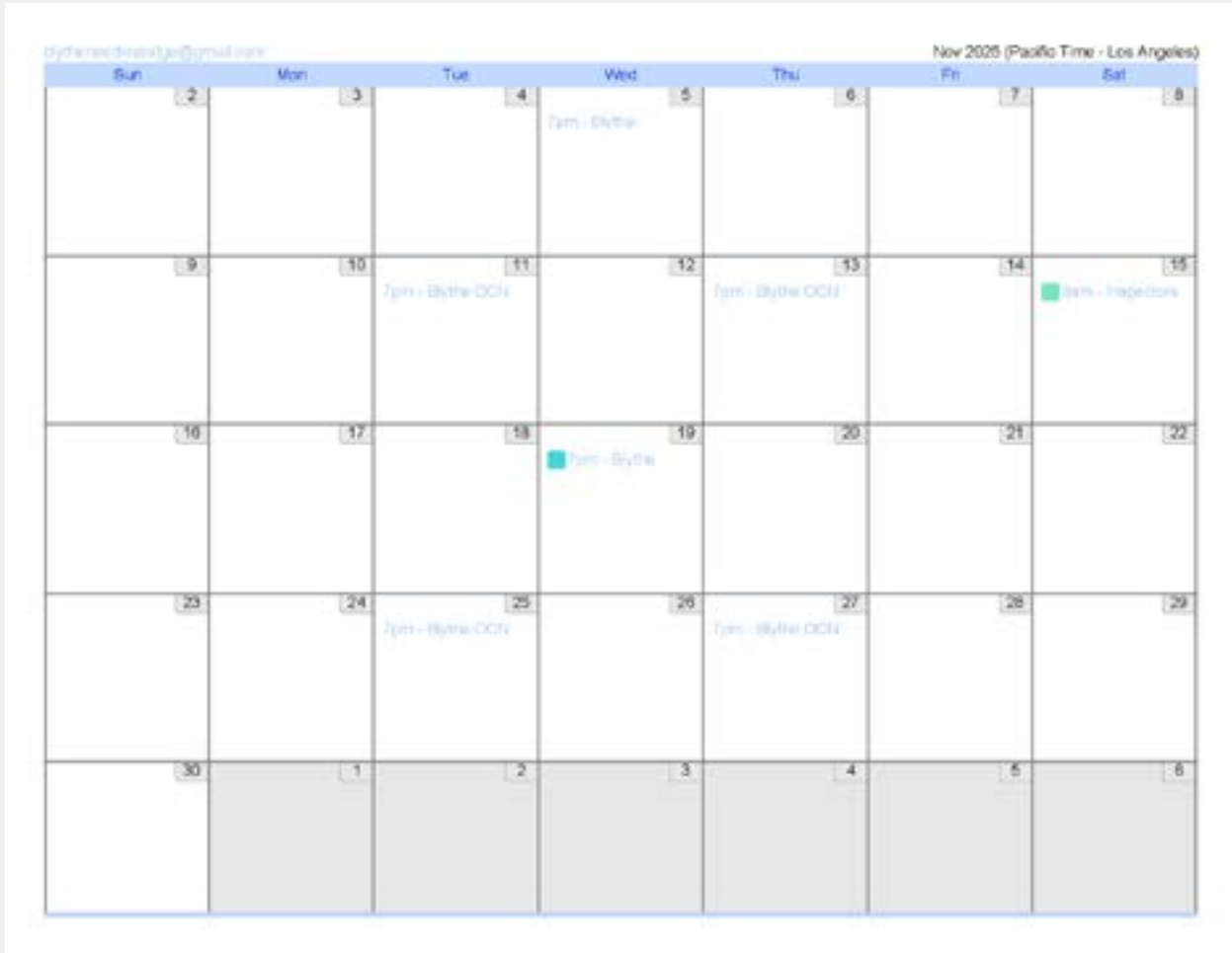
This season encourages us to look beyond ourselves and remember the needs of those around us. Whether it's supporting a charitable effort, helping a family in need, or simply being present for a Brother who could use a friend, we continue the Masonic tradition of giving from the heart. It doesn't take grand gestures to make an impact — just sincerity, and the willingness to act.

As we prepare to close out the year, let us carry forward the spirit of unity and goodwill that defines our Craft. Let us continue to support one another, strengthen our bonds, and meet the coming year refreshed, focused, and committed to improving ourselves and our Lodge.

May this season bring peace to you and your families, and may the new year find us ready to build further upon the solid foundation we've laid together.

Fraternally,
Sutton Miller
Senior Warden

Fellowship



UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 3** DINNER & STATED MEETING 6PM
- DECEMBER 11** OFFICER COACHING NIGHT 7PM
- DECEMBER 24** CHRISTMAS EVE
- DECEMBER 25** CHRISTMAS