

## **From the East - August 2023**

Brethren,

It appears that we dodged the super-hot weather bullet in June, but this month is sure making up for it! Consistently high temps have hit many parts of the country, and it has been extremely difficult for many. If anyone is aware of any brother in a dire situation, please reach out and let one of us know so that we can assist them. If you are planning on doing any travel involving the airlines, all I have to say is, good luck!

We are very much looking forward to teaming up with Coachella Lodge #476 to do an actual 3rd degree for brother Jared Rusk on Saturday, July 29th in Coachella. The raising of a candidate is always an extra special event for everyone involved, and of course we all aim to put on a 'good show'. If anyone wants to go, we are carpooling. Contact me (760) 574-7427 if you would be interested in tagging along. We leave early, and usually get home mid-afternoon. Lunch will be provided at their lodge following the degree.

I would like to thank those of you that have been participating in our practices. You have been consistent, willing participants, and we have been able to slowly but surely improve our ritual work. Please join us as often as you like! We meet 3-4 times per week at 7 pm. I have had fun doing the work, probably more than I ever have. Kind of reminds me of the old days when the 'Old Guard' was running around keeping us all on task!

Our next stated meeting will be Wednesday, August the 2nd at 7pm. We don't have a huge agenda by any means, so we won't keep you very long. Anyone interested in being a part of next year's officer line, please let me know as we'll be formulating a plan for that.

On the square and with brotherly love,

Jeff Gatchell

Interim Master

## **From the Desk of the Senior Warden - August 2023**

Dear Brothers,

As we step into a new month, August holds a special significance in our Fraternity as it marks Constitution Awareness Month. It is a time to reflect on the principles that have guided our nation since its inception and the esteemed Master Masons who played pivotal roles in shaping our country's foundation.

Our Founding Fathers, including notable Master Masons like Brother George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and James Madison, were not only instrumental in establishing the United States but also in crafting the very essence of our Constitution. Their dedication to liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness laid the groundwork for the Constitutional Republic we cherish today.

As Master Masons, we are bound by our principles and values, not only as guardians of the Craft but also as citizens entrusted with upholding the spirit of our Constitution. The ideals set forth by our Forefathers continue to guide us in our journey towards a more perfect union, reminding us that we, too, have a role in preserving the sacred principles that define our nation.

As we celebrate Constitution Awareness Month, let us look to our past to gain inspiration for our present and future. Let us remember the sacrifices made by those who came before us and the wisdom they imparted upon us through their contributions. As Masons, it is our duty to carry on the legacy of our Forefathers and safeguard the liberties and values enshrined in the Constitution for generations to come.

In these challenging times, let the bonds of brotherhood unite us as we strive to be better men and better citizens, always being mindful of the principles that connect us to our past and guide us toward a better and brighter future.

Fraternally,

Brother Sutton Miller

Interim Senior Warden