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Brethren, Family and Friends

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. In the words of the late great Yankee catcher Yogi Berra - *"It's déjà vu all over again"* one of my favorite quotes by him. *"No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded."* another quote by him that in our pre COVID-19 times I would have thought was very funny but now sadly rings true. For a good chuckle there's a list of fifty - Yogi Berra quotes at the following link: <https://ftw.usatoday.com/2019/03/the-50-greatest-yogi-berra-quotes>

We are still in a holding pattern and not allowed hold any Masonic gatherings until we are directed otherwise by Grand Lodge. I was hoping to be back at some in person meetings by June but its now looking to be more like late summer.

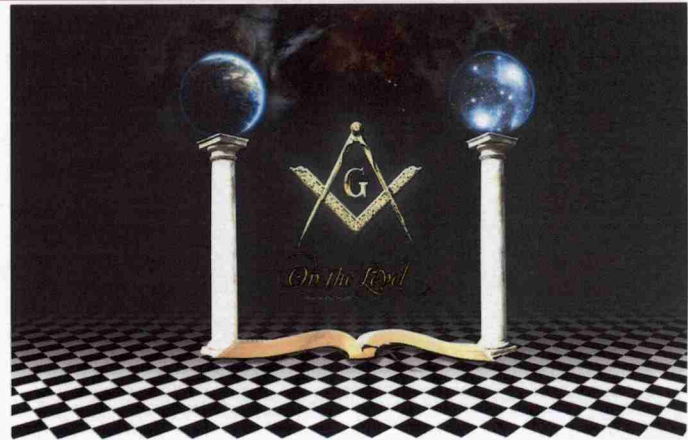
If you are in need of assistance Grand Lodge has established the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief fund which is designed to help Masons affected by COVID-19 get back on their feet. The fund is designed for short term relief as well to provide access to local, state and federal resources. If you are in a position to give to the fund this is a perfect opportunity to fulfill our obligations as Masons to take care of our fellow brothers. More information is available at the following link:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/03/26/dwb-relief/>

While we're in this holding pattern some virtual meetings during this period and I'm trying to hold these on Monday evenings. If you would like to attend please contact myself or any of the Confidence Lodge officers for virtual meeting information.

Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Calverley - Worshipful Master



## Happy Birthday Brothers!

Steven W. De Grace	6/03
Charles B. Cowden, P.M.	6/13
Kurt R. Likins,	6/17
Steven A. Sullivan,	6/18
Peter M. Cardilla,	6/19
Richard T. Skillicorn, P.M	6/19
Leopoldo Ornelas	6/21
William K. Young	6/21
Michael C. Moody	6/26
Kalle Hoffman	6/29

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From the West



As we are out of our regular routines of Monday to Friday for work and family time, Saturday and Sunday for rest and more family time, it doesn't sound that different now days. But so much has changed around us.

Hopefully all the brothers are doing well and have kept your regular jobs, or you are still getting some funds to get through your basic needs. For those who are having trouble to get by, don't hesitate referring to "The new Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund" that has been designed to help Masons affected by COVID-19 get back on their feet. For those who need an urgent hand paying for groceries or medication - or facing longer-term income instability - the Relief Fund will provide access to local, state, and federal resources, offer direct emergency funds, and assist in other ways. Despite new government assistance and other programs, many people will have gaps to fill. The Relief Fund can help cover some of those gaps: <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/03/26/dwb-relief/>. And for those that are able to contribute with a donation, go the above link and click on DONATE; small or big the contribution will make a difference.

From the west I wish you all good health in this time of covid-19.

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Senior Warden

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From The South



Entering the third month of unprecedented disruption due to the global pandemic, the significance of this moment in history should be clear. Life is sure full of surprises! (Sorry, Forrest Gump, but coronavirus isn't such a tasty box of chocolates). A great way of coping with the uncertainty is with humor and brotherly affection. So, sign into Slack\* to follow the latest lodge news, join in some silliness, and learn about participating in our weekly teleconferences. Staying in touch online may not be as good as the real thing, but it's still great to see everyone often and share some fun. Let us know what you're up to these days:

Cleaning out the garage to create a home gym?

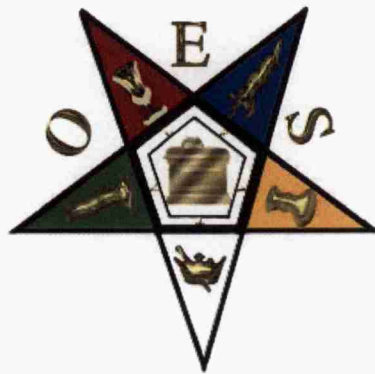
Learning to play a new instrument?

Perhaps sitting back and binging on classic sitcoms?

And should any of you be spending time working on degree proficiency and want help, drop me a note at [zfloro@yahoo.com](mailto:zfloro@yahoo.com). Hopefully, we will be able to open the lodge back up soon and take care of those examinations and perform some wonderful degree ceremonies. Since we missed Rey's famous Cinco de Mayo meal this month, we'll have to throw together something extra special and tasty for our next stated meeting dinner!

Fraternally,  
Zeke Floro

Please Support our Youth  
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Chapter for more  
information please visit  
our [website](#)



## New Digital Hangout on ZOOM Every Monday Night 8:00 PM

ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!  
Contact Worshipful Master Brian Calverley for an invite

**Slack Channel for the benefit of the Lodge** chat line open 24x7  
Contact Worshipful Sigismondi or Brother Peter Cardilla  
for an invitation



### How Freemasonry Began

In the Middle Ages, the term “freemason” was awarded to highly skilled stonemasons hired as free agents to build castles and cathedrals in England and Scotland. Because of the inherent danger of their work, stonemasons formed local organizations, called lodges, to take care of sick and injured members as well as the widows and orphans of those killed on the job. Lodge members met in temporary buildings, built next to the cathedrals, to receive their pay, plan their work, train new apprentices, and socialize.

The first grand lodge was established in 1717 in London. In 1718 English Freemasonry spread to France and Spain, and after 1729, to India, Italy, Poland, Sweden, other parts of Europe, and eventually the American colonies. In 1733 the first American lodge was established in Boston under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Of the 39 men who signed the U.S. Constitution, 13 were Masons.

### Freemasonry In California

Freemasonry has been an integral part of California for more than 150 years. During the gold rush of 1849, thousands of settlers came to California in search of fortune. Those who were Masons brought their rich traditions with them, soon establishing some of California’s first Masonic lodges in the mining towns of the Gold Country. In 1850 — the same year that California became a state — the Grand Lodge of California was established in Sacramento. Within 10 years, the number of Masonic lodges had grown from 11 to 130, while membership soared from 258 to more than 5,000. Over the years, the Masons have played a key role in shaping the history of California. To date, 19 California governors have been Masons and at least four California Masons have been elected to the U.S. Senate. Today, the Grand Lodge of California has more than 60,000 members and about 340 lodges located throughout the state, making it one of the largest jurisdictions in the world.

### A Legacy of Philanthropy

Throughout their 150-year history, California Masons have remained steadfast in their commitment to helping others and serving the California communities. Among the fraternity’s first charitable activities was helping victims of the great cholera outbreak in Sacramento in 1850. Roughly 300 California Masons raised more than \$32,000 within 10 months to help build and maintain a hospital at Sutter’s Fort. Today, our members volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours and donate millions of dollars to provide a wide range of critical services to families statewide.

Learn more at [FREEMASON.ORG](http://FREEMASON.ORG).

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