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CONFIDENCE LODGE #110 F. & A. M.
OF CALIFORNIA

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Brian Calverley - Master

Brethren, Family and Friends

welcome to November it's been a challenging year as 2020 winds down we are all looking forward to brighter days. I hope this message finds you and your family in good health

Our new Grand Master – Arthur Weiss was installed on October 11th along with our very own Wr. Frank Young as Grand Bible Bearer – congratulations to our new Grand Lodge Team. We are here to support you. One of the first big changes to come out of Grand Lodge is that we can now hold legal stated meetings via virtual “zoom” format. On that front - we will be holding Lodge elections at our November 2nd – virtual stated meeting along with voting on the Lodge renovation/construction proposal in addition to regular Lodge business. The building is in much need of repair and our Hall Association has worked diligently on getting the project to the point where we have presented the Application for Property Improvements more than \$25K to the Grand Lodge Masonic Properties Committee along with the construction bid by Slatter Construction. Thanks to all the many hands who have assisted over the years to get us to this point!

I’m hoping we can get some movement on how we can legally handle applications and degree work, we are very fortunate to have a number of applicants waiting patiently along with brothers looking to advance in their work! Thank you for your patience.

We are planning on holding our annual Holiday Lodge Party on December 14th, possibly in person this is a tradition Wr. Sigismondi and his lovely wife Andrea started with assistance by Brother Pete Cardilla and Santa Claus. More news to come.

On a somber note we recently performed a Masonic Memorial service in our Lodge for Wr. David Greer who passed away suddenly on July 30th. His widow Susan wanted to fulfill Wr. David's wishes for a Masonic Service, due to Covid restrictions we could not attend the interment at Fort Ord with Military Service so we held the Masonic Service prior. I only knew Wr. David for a short time but he was true gentleman and had a great sense of humor. He is/was the kind of person that makes me proud to say “I’m a freemason” on page three I’ve included “bio” information that his widow Susan provided to me. I remember fondly David telling me stories about fixing generators during flood season on the Mississippi little did I know he ran the whole operation for the Army National Guard of TN, I just took it that he was a citizen volunteer. He really did serve all of us well – Wr David Greer – he lived a life of service and will be missed!

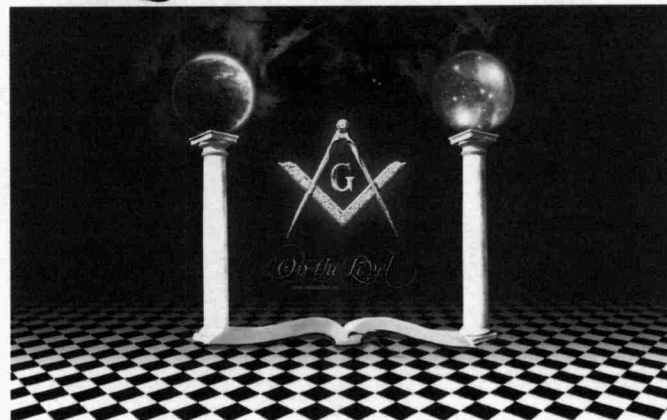
Our brother Chaplain – Herm Graham and his wife Bev have had a few medical setbacks recently but brother Herm is remaining positive and an active participant on our Monday zoom meetings. Please keep thinking positive thoughts for Herm and Bev.

I hope you and your family can get together even virtually over Thanksgiving and find many things to be thankful for. There will be brighter days to come!

Brian Calverley – Worshipful Master – 2020 / 2021?



HAPPY
Thanksgiving



Happy Birthdays Brothers!

Robert Carmichael	11/01
Alan Schattensburg PM	11/02
Andrew Almanza PM	11/08
Howard Johnson	11/11
Jose Salas	11/14
Jack Green PM	11/15
William Lev PM	11/19
Hal Leister PM	11/20
David Fisher	11/24
Gene Castro	11/27
Paul Karz	11/29

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Masons of California

Brethren,

As the holidays approach, we are reminded to limit family gatherings. We have to understand that this COVID-19 situation WILL pass. Brothers, it's hard to believe that one day soon we will reflect on the "New Normal" and it will be the Old Normal. My belief is that as herd immunities increase and the creation and distribution of an effective vaccine we Will return to life as we knew it pre COVID-19

However, we will never again be ill prepared for such evil virus. We now have the tools and knowledge to drastically minimize the effects of any future devastating viruses as well as the common cold and flu season. I was one of the unfortunate people to contract the Swine Flu while manning a trade show booth in Austin Texas 2009. If I had just been sanitizing my hands and not touching my face or nose the infection may have been avoided. In the interim we must have patience which is a virtue well known to Masons which will allow us all to get past this. Until then, officer study your ritual as your officers' coach I am confident that when we get the green light to resume normal activities, we will be prepared.

Sincerely and Fraternally
J Sigismondi P.M.

Dear Friends,

November is almost here, which means Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. As your Junior Warden, who is responsible for food and refreshments, there is nothing I would love more than to whip up some mashed potatoes, toss together a robust salad, and roast some fine turkey for you all. Unfortunately, that will have to wait like so many other things these days. I am sure the Great Architect of the Universe has everything figured out and things will surely work out for the best. Waiting a time with patience is something Masons should understand. There will be lots of labor to resume as soon as the lodge reopens, so let's use this time for reflection, study, and hope for the future.

November also brings elections, and it's a good thing that Masons are taught to leave their politics at home and keep their passions within due bounds! We are still prohibited from meeting at the lodge, but we now have permission to hold formal stated meetings online. This being the case, we can finally review the building renovation project proposal and hold an official November election of our own! For those of you following the progress so far, you know that the structural and architectural plans are complete. Slatter Construction has submitted their revised bid for the job, which costs the following:

Subtotal		\$438,060.13
Overhead/Insurance	8%	\$35,044.81
Profit	3%	\$13,141.80
Total		\$486,246.74

Slatter is ready to get to work for us and there are good reasons to get started now rather than waiting any longer: The lodge is empty at this time and the recent fires means that Slatter and their subcontractors will be flooded with other work next year. I realize this is an expensive proposal and some may object to the scope and layout, so please join us to have your voices heard.

Most fraternally,

Zeke Floro
Junior Warden
Hall Association President





Brother: David E. Greer PM



Of: Confidence Lodge No. 110
Entered into Rest: July 30th, 2020
At the age of: 69 years
*Offices Held: **WORSHIPFUL MASTER - 1988***

Park Avenue Masonic Lodge No. 362 – Memphis TN



David E. Greer, Biography



Brigadier General, US Army, ret David E. Greer, 69, passed away at his home in Santa Cruz, California on Thursday, July 30th, 2020.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, David was born on October 30, 1950 to Paul and Margaret Greer. David graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1972 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Corps. He served 3 years with the Second Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, and later transitioned to the United States Reserve, and then to the Tennessee Army National Guard. General Greer served in various command and staff positions within the Tennessee Army National Guard, as the Deputy Commanding General at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, OK, and completed his military career by serving as the Land Component Commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard, retiring in 2008. He also served as President of the National Guard Association of Tennessee. He was the recipient of numerous major awards and decorations for invaluable service to his country over his 36-year military career.

David earned his MPA from Memphis State University. Most of his working career was spent in Memphis where he served as Administrator, Office of Budget and Internal Control for Shelby County and Executive Director of the Memphis Cook Convention Center before going into business with his brother Paul.

In 2008, David traveled to Iraq where he worked for the US State Department with the Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team and the Office of Provincial Affairs. In 2011, he again retired, moving to Somerville, Maine, with his wife, Susan, whom he had married in Baghdad in 2009. In 2012 he was asked to head the American Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, serving as its Executive Director until his death. David had a strong Christian faith and attended St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ben Lomond, California. He was a Master Mason, belonging to Confidence Lodge in Soquel, California, and Al Chymia Shrine Temple in Memphis, Tennessee. David was also a member of York Rite, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, and the Eastern Star. David is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Kathryn (Katie) Greer Harvey; her husband, Chad; grandson, Caleb of Murfreesboro, TN; and stepson, Richard Depolo, of Berkeley, CA. He is also survived by his mother, Margaret Ann Cobb Greer; aunt, Irma Greer Marks; sister, Julia Ann Greer Crow; her husband, David; and their son, Greer; brother, Paul Cobb Greer; his wife, Carolyn and their daughter, Alexandra.

In light of the unusual health climate at the moment, the family will privately celebrate David's life and legacy, and they invite all of his friends and extended family to celebrate by remembering the significant impacts that he had on their lives. The family requests donations be made to either the American Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East or to a favorite charity or cause.



Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

— George Washington's 1789 - Thanksgiving Proclamation

