

The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

APRIL 2020

FROM THE EAST

A message from Worshipful Adam J. Hanin

Brethren, Sweethearts, Friends and Family All:

The situation we find ourselves in is unprecedented, and it calls for unprecedented actions. I urge you to follow all directions from the CDC and State and Federal authorities regarding shelter-in place and social distancing. When this is over I hope our Friendly Lodge, our members and our extended friends and family are spared the suffering COVID-19 can bring.

As Masons, we learn that our three core tenets are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These three tenets will serve us well during the next few months. I urge you to reach out to each other and demonstrate that Brotherly Love. Check in, make sure we are all healthy (physically and emotionally) and that we are safe. For those who are in need of assistance, let me or any of your brothers know. This is NOT the time to be shy or embarrassed about asking for assistance. If you do not have the contact information for a brother, the Grand Lodge website has a very simple Member Search feature.

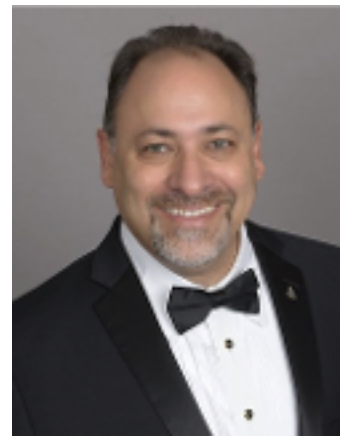
As for the core tenet of Truth, I will do MY best to keep you all informed with lodge news and updates. Given the Grand Master's recent proclamation, ALL lodge business is suspended until further notice. But this does NOT mean that we can't still gather virtually. As a result, our April Stated Meeting WILL happen, but in a VERY different format than usual.

I will host a small call among lodge officers to read the bills, and vote to pay them, per Grand Master's proclamation, this vote will need to be officially ratified when we finally meet in person again, but this will allow our lodge to stay financially solvent. Following that call, I will host a virtual dial-in meeting. This will be perhaps the first non-ritual Stated Meeting in our Lodge's 100 year history. We will review any relevant lodge issues, check in on each other, and will even have our scheduled Masonic Education session - this month focusing on the Plumb and delivered by our Junior Warden, Brother Terry Killgore. Instructions for this meeting are in the "Important Upcoming Dates" section below. I encourage all to attend.

To give you something fun and interesting to investigate while sheltered in place, why not check out the results of the "Honoring Our Past" project I introduced several months ago? I have digitized every Past Master photo, and made them available on our lodge website. You can search for a particular name or year, see the Past Masters from a specific lodge (our lodge heritage has three unique lodges in its past), and see the progression of men who gave so much to keep our lodge active and grow it into the wonderful home it is today.

Even though our Lodge activities are on hold, that doesn't mean our Masonic activities have to halt. In fact, this is an ideal time to practice memory work. Call a brother and work together. Learn one of the charges. Work on your degree proficiency (or if you are a Master Mason and have never done it, learn the Third Degree proficiency). Officers - work on your proficiency for NEXT year's role. We should use this time productively. In closing, I once again remind you that the lodge is here for you in time of trouble. Please let me know if any of our brothers are ill during this time, if anyone needs assistance getting groceries, or if someone just needs to talk. Together, we will come through this experience stronger.

My healthiest wishes and regards to you and your families.



*Worshipful Adam Hanin
Master*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Shane Simpson - April 3

George Konstantopoulos, PM - Apr. 6

Alan Sherman - April 7

Edward Stack = April 7

Richard Keihner - April 11

Thomas Riley, PM - April 15

James Barley - April 16

Frederick Lezak - April 17

E. G. Keefer - April 20

Garth Korwin - April 20

Mark Williams - April 23

Timothy Wilbur - April 24

Otis Simonsen, PM - April 26

THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Axtman - 61 years

Mark Williams - 9 years



FAMOUS (AND NOT SO FAMOUS) MASONS

Note: Multiple answers may apply, for additional difficulty can you name the mason?

1 Which fast food derives from a mason?

- a. McDonalds
- b. KFC
- c. Fish and Chips
- d. Subway

2 Which bathroom item(s) were invented by a mason?

- a. Sunlight Soap
- b. Tooth Paste
- c. Toilet Paper
- d. Gillette razor

3 Masons love driving which car(s)?

- a. Ford
- b. Chrysler
- c. Cadillac
- d. Chevrolet

4 Although a number of law enforcement officers are masons, which fictional sleuth has a Masonic origin?

- a. Hercule Poirot
- b. Sherlock Holmes
- c. Nancy Drew
- d. Magnum P.I

5 If you need to acquire a firearm which Freemason Inventor could you call on for advise?

- a. Beretta
- b. Colt
- c. Glock
- d. Smith

6 Which part of the car was invented by a mason?

- a. Steering Wheel
- b. Pneumatic Tire
- c. Windshield wipers
- d. Windshield

7 Many Freemasons are musicians and composers, which of the following could we call brother?

- a. Beethoven
- b. Mozart
- c. Liszt
- d. Haydn

8 As we celebrate our centennial year, who was the worship master of our lodge 50 years ago?

- a. William Armstrong
- b. Leonard R Bern
- c. Paul Muller Porter
- d. Otto Graf

9 Who am I?

Initiated in 1901, however due to other commitments I resigned from my lodge in 1912 although I contributed to Freemasonry all my life. Although English by birth I was made an honorary citizen of the United States in 1963 for my decisive actions during WWII. I received the Nobel prize for literature and the Russians often compared me to a bulldog.

10 Who am I?

Born 1930, I spent my career in the military. Easy seasick, I quickly went from the Naval Academy to the skies. In 1969 I joined one of the most exclusive clubs that has ever existed. The summer of that same year many saw me take a walk. My name is because my sister could not pronounce brother. I can be said to have gone "further than any other Freemason has."

Answers:

1 b – Colonel Harland Sanders

2 a – William Lever & d – King Camp Gillette

3 a – Henry Ford & b – Walter Percy Chrysler

4 b – Arthur Conan Doyle

5 b – Samuel Colt

6 b – John Boyd Dunlop

7 That's right, all of them

8 c – Paul Muller Porter (Fellowship 480) & d Otto Graf (Acalanes 723)

9 Sir Winston Churchill

10 Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin

MUSICAL REFLECTION

From Brother John Minagro

Several decades ago, long before I became a Freemason in 2017, I learned a wonderful Jewish hymn called "Hinei Ma Tov" (Here is what is good). Its lyrics are from the first verse of 133rd Psalm which translates to "How good and how pleasant it is that brothers dwell together."

The lyrics, as translated from Hebrew:

Behold how good and how pleasing / for brothers (people) to sit together in unity.

When I became a Mason, and especially when I became our Lodge Organist, this song kept playing over and over in my mind. Could you find a better expression for Masonic brotherhood than the verses of Psalm 133:1?

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

So, for some time now I've contemplated using one of the several melodies that "Hinei Ma Tov" has been set to, as the opener for the Senior Deacon when he makes his way to the altar centered in our lodge room, opens the Bible and literally invites the spirit of God to be centered in our midst. I invite you all to familiarize yourself with the simple and plaintive melody by playing the song found on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFCGHvhK5dQ> — This recording will introduce you to the melody that you heard at our January Stated Meeting, with voices singing the Hebrew words and an English translation below. The recording that we play in our meetings however is a simple piano version with no voices of course.

Personally, I would encourage us all to learn the Hebrew and/or the English words and sing along in your mind as the melody is played at each monthly Stated Meeting.

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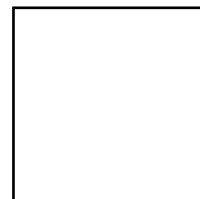
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 31 - Lodge Check-In

We've had a lot of success with our weekly dial-in calls, so I'm extending the concept for the next few weeks. Feel free to drop in to say hi, chat with your brethren, learn what's happening, and just feel a little less isolated. We will have a call on **Tuesday, at 7pm** just to check in and see how everyone is doing.

PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android

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Phone: (623) 404-9000

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April 7 - Stated Meeting

This month we will have a modified Stated Meeting. Since there is no ritual we can do, it will primarily be a check-in with our brethren. We will feature Masonic Education from our Junior Warden.

Start time is 7:00pm

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