

# The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

JUNE 2020

## FROM THE EAST

*A message from Worshipful Adam J. Hanin*

Brethren, Sweethearts, Friends and Family All:

Has ANOTHER month of quarantine passed already? It's becoming hard to keep track of time, let alone what day it is. But I know it's June because school has ended.

I am so proud of the work our lodge has done, even in quarantine. We were quickly able to pull together several brethren (and one sweetheart) who collectively contacted (or at least attempted to contact) EVERY lodge member or sweetheart and check in on them. Through that effort we shared that the lodge was here to support our Masonic family, and just to spread some joy. Our efforts were just recognized in the May/June 2020 issue of California Freemason! You can find the reference here: <https://bit.ly/CAFreemasonCOVIDArticle>

We also have initiated SEVERAL efforts to show support for the staff supporting our Seniors at Acacia Creek and the Masonic Homes. Many of our members submitted "Thank You" videos which I edited into a single Thank You video. That video was recently featured on the Grand Lodge COVID-19 page as an example for how other lodges can support the staff as well. You can see that mention and the finished video here:

<https://bit.ly/CAFreemasonCOVIDUpdates>. We also recently raised funds to supply

Ghiardelli's Chocolate to the Staff. Special thanks to our Treasurer David Kreutzinger for both the idea and for handling the logistics.

I know that many brothers are keeping tabs on each other, and checking in regularly. PLEASE continue to do this. As we spend more time in isolation, the human connection becomes more and more critical. I encourage you all to reach out to your brethren and say hi. And of course, you can always join us for our weekly lodge calls. We may not be able to be together physically, but we can certainly get together online, and that has seemed to be very effective. Our meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7pm, and are easy to access.

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*Worshipful Adam Hanin  
Master*

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Please feel free to drop in and chat with your brethren. We've all found it to be a great way to stay connected and ease some of the isolation loneliness. On Tuesday, June 2, we will have our "Non-Stated Meeting" which will feature, in addition to general lodge and freemasonry updates, a continuation of our monthly Masonic Education with a discussion on Charcoal, led by our Senior Steward, Fraser Marshall. This past month has seen many new programs and offerings arise in our Masonic world, and I wanted to ensure you were aware of each and were taking advantage or supporting each one as you see fit.

## **Distressed Worthy Brother Campaign**

This valuable Grand Lodge Program has been established to assist brethren who are struggling financially as a result of COVID. In addition to many helpful services and resources, this program provides financial assistance for brethren who are having difficulty making ends meet during quarantine. And if you are blessed to not need those services, there are contribution options to assist your brother Masons, withersoever dispersed. Learn more at <https://masonicfoundation.org/>

## **Masonic Speakers Series**

Grand Lodge is now offering a series of online lectures covering all sorts of aspects of Masonry. The two I've attended already have been remarkable and fascinating. I encourage all our brethren to attend. You do need to register for EACH lecture you are interested in... I suggest you register for them all. If you can not attend you will still receive a link to the recording of the lecture to watch at your convenience. Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/MasonicSpeakers>

## **Masonic Leadership Courses**

Each year, Grand Lodge hosts a series of Masters and Wardens Retreats. Across the state. Because of the quarantine, those have all been cancelled. But as a replacement, Grand Lodge has turned them into virtual education sessions which will be offered Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in June, and they have made them available to all Masons. So if you are currently a line officer, or are interested in potentially becoming one at some time, or if you are simply interested in one or more of the topics that will be covered, register for the sessions that interest you at <https://bit.ly/MasonicLeadership>

## **Masons for Mitts**

See the Masons for Mitts article later in the Trestleboard for more insight into this important annual charitable effort we support. But if you already KNOW you want to donate, you can do so here: <https://bit.ly/Masons4Mitts>

As always, I'd like to remind you all that even though our Lodge activities are on hold, that doesn't mean our Masonic activities must stop. 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, so we come out of the quarantine ahead of where we were when it started.

Finally, 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 continued healthiest wishes and regards to you and your families.

*Adam J. Hanin, Master*

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Harry Burt, PM - June 1

David Pillon - June 3

John Mulhall - June 4

Phillip McAllister, PM - June 5

Stephen Galop, III - June 5

Gerald Hertz - June 10

Roger Burt - June 10

Reynold Danden - June 12

Bob Strohmeyer - June 15

James Reno, III - June 17

Theodore D. Zeller - June 18

B. Ryder Brose - June 18

Franklin Shoffner - June 22

Gerald Patchen - June 23

Jeffrey Fesunoff - June 26

Scott D. Haile - June 27

Richard Kellogg - June 28



# MASONS 4 MITTS

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with the San Francisco Giants (and three other, FAR less important Southern California Major League Baseball (MLB) Teams; the Los Angeles Angels, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the San Diego Padres) to bring fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to underserved California kids.

For more than 10 years, teams of Masonic lodges have faced off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can by raising funds for programs through these MLB partnerships. The COVID-19 crisis has hit these communities particularly hard. With the help of Freemasons across the state, and PARTICULARLY those in the East Bay, kids will still get an enriching summer experience. Now more than ever, these kids need our help!

Your past generosity has helped to provide more than \$797,000 – over 39,000 mitts – for deserving boys and girls all over Northern California.

We are proud to continue our partnership with the Giants Community Fund and the Junior Giants program.

Over the next few months, you will hear a lot about this program from me, as I am one of the co-captains for the East Bay Aces. If you have given in the past, please consider repeating and increasing that donation. And if you have never contributed to this important cause before, this is a great time to start!

To help create an amazing summer experience for underprivileged kids across the state, visit our site here: <https://bit.ly/Masons4Mitts>, and click the box under the words “Give a Mitt”. This will take you to a donation page, pre-filled to ensure our East Bay Aces team gets the “credit” for your donation.

Using this online site is HIGHLY preferred for ease of processing and accounting of donations. But if you need to contribute via check, please make your check out to **Masons4Mitts** and **put "East Bay Aces" in the memo line**. This is important because it is the only clear way that Grand Lodge will know that the check should be coming to our team!

Please mail your donations directly to:

Masons4Mitts

1111 California Street

San Francisco, CA 94108

Whether you donate online or by mail, if your company has a donation matching program, this should qualify (depending on your company's program, limits, etc). If your company needs it, the CA Masonic Foundation's Tax ID Number is 23-7013074.

No matter how you choose to, PLEASE DONATE! This year the East Bay Aces want to crush our competition, and show that the East Bay has the biggest hearts of any Masons in California. I know we do - this is how we prove it!



# SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Many of you are aware that for the past several weeks, the lodge has hosted Tuesday Night community calls to connect and check in with each other. These calls have been a wonderful opportunity to keep our fraternal bonds strong, and will continue until we can return safely to our beloved lodge.

Starting in June, we will begin our Summer Speaker Series, with every other week dedicated not to a check-in call, but to a noted speaker on Masonic issues. And we have two exciting speakers and topics to announce!

## **Tuesday, June 9**

6:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE from our normal calls)

### **The Two Futures of Freemasonry: COVID Edition**

Right Worshipful Mark Koltko-Rivera, Ph.D.

Past Grand Historian, Grand Lodge of New York

Futurist, Author

**Synopsis:** The Masonic Fraternity in the United States is at a crossroads, with two possible futures ahead. In one, the Fraternity becomes virtually extinct within the lifetimes of men whom we are now initiating--a possibility made only more likely by the current pandemic. In another possible future, the Fraternity becomes stronger than it has ever been (in multiple meanings of "strong"). R:W: Bro. Koltko-Rivera discusses what actions will lead us to each possible future.

**Register here**

## **Tuesday, June 23**

7:00 pm

### **Civility in the Time of Pandemic**

#### **Most Worshipful Russell E. Charvonja**

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California

Masonic Family Civility Project

**Synopsis:** Is civility dead? M:W: Russ Charvonja shares why we seem to be losing our sense of it, how we can get it back and why we need it to solve the big problems of the world, particularly in the shadow of a global pandemic.

**Register here**



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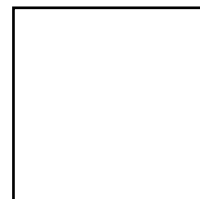
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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### *Every Tuesday*

#### *Virtual Meetup*

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**Start time is 6:00pm**

**RSVP via EventBrite**

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