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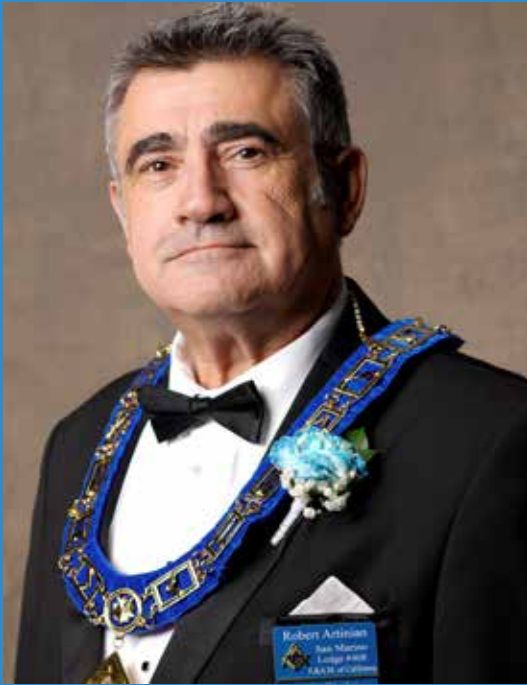
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Greetings from the East,

As most of you noticed, I was absent from Lodge for a few weeks due to illness. I want to thank our Senior Warden, Mark Goluskin, all the officers and our officers coach for stepping in and continuing to fulfill Lodge duties in my absence. I appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing everyone and resuming my duties.

Senior Warden, Mark Goluskin, Junior Warden, Asadour Meguerditchian, and I attended the Master and Wardens retreat in Indian Wells over the weekend of May 20-22. There was a variety of topics discussed in the many sessions we attended that were highly informative and enlightening. It was also an opportunity to meet with members of other Lodges statewide and share ideas. We had the distinct honor to sit together and have lunch with Most Worshipful Jeffery Wilkins and his wife, Liz and discuss the future of Masonry in California. Thank you to all the members of San Marino Lodge for allowing us to represent our Lodge and obtain knowledge which will enable us to put in to practice what we learned and better our Lodge.

As we look ahead, we have several brothers working on their proficiencies that will further their journey in Masonry. As of the date of this writing, there are two proficiencies (an EA proficiency and a FC one) that we will witness in June. We also have an applicant awaiting investigations after which we will schedule their initiation into our craft.

There are several activities planned in the next few months that are still in the planning stages. Information will be disseminated once the details are worked out.



The month of June brings several important celebrations. Although each day of June has a special significance that deserves tributes in their own right; the following are only a few that I have chosen, that remind me of the gift of "Servitude for Humanity":

- **D-Day, WWII - June 6** - On this historic day in 1944, Allied troops invaded the beaches of Normandy, France. It is the largest amphibious assault in world history. This massive, bloody battle was the turning point of the war in the European theater. On this day, 156,000 troops from the United States, Great Britain and Canada stormed five beaches. American troops landed on Omaha and Utah beach. At the same time, British troops landed on Gold and Sword beach, and Canadian forces landed on Juno Beach. 4,000 Allied troops died on these beaches on D-Day, 2,000 of them were American. Please take a moment of silence today and thank the many soldiers who fought and died for our country on D-Day.
- **Flag Day - June 14** – Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers, and makers. Our flag represents the United States of America and its citizens. Our country is the greatest country in the world. We should pause today, to recognize our great country and our great citizens over the ages. Our flag represents our independence and our unity as a nation....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.
 - o The American Flag is lovingly referred to by other names, including:
 - o Old Glory
 - o Stars and Stripes
 - o The Red, White, and Blue



Origin of Flag Day: In 1775, the first American flag, called the Continental colors, was created for our fledgling country. It looked remarkably like the British flag. So, on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

It was not until 1916, that President Woodrow Wilson issued an official decree making June 14th Flag Day. However, some say the original Flag Day occurred in Wisconsin in 1885, and that Bernard J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, began the practice of celebrating the flag's birthday. He assigned his class to draft essays about the flag and its significance.

- **Father's Day - June 19 (third Sunday)** – The first Father's Day celebration was in Spokane, WA. on May 18, 1910. A Day to honor Dad. NO. Rather, it is a day to enjoy time with Dad and appreciate all he does for you. What Dad really wants is healthy, happy, and successful kids. He wants you to spend a few moments with him on Father's Day. Today's lifestyle is busy for both dads and kids. So, a little time with dad on Father's Day is just what he wants. A Father is more than the biological paternal source of our being. It is the person who cares and provides for us. It is the man who helps to set the standards, the family values, and the example. So, add to this group, stepfathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition today and do not hesitate to call him "Dad". There are many who are biological father's, take the role of a father figure or who are surrogate fathers in one shape or another. I want to wish all the men of our Lodge a Happy Father's Day. "No man I ever met was my father's equal, and I never loved any other man as much."
– Hedy Lamarr

Quote of the month:

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal" - Ernest Hemingway

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert Artinian
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West,

Brethren, I had the honor and pleasure to attend the masters and wardens retreat over the weekend of May 20-22 along with our worshipful master, Robert Artinian and the junior warden, Aso Megurditchian.

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here was a lot of words of wisdom and new directions from our Grand Lodge leadership. It was great to meet fellow Masons from throughout, mostly, Southern California.

In many, many conversations, we are bringing back some practical ideas and policies that we will begin to implement as soon as this year and well into next year.

I am very excited to start the conversations and process to make our already awesome lodge, San Marino #408, an even better one.

Thank you for giving your pillar officers the chance to represent us in this retreat.

Fraternally,
MARK J. GOLUSKIN
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I hope everyone had a fun, happy and healthy Memorial Day. The Wardens Retreat in Indian Wells, was a very nice experience, and we got to meet masons from all over the State. We also got to have lunch with Grand Master Wilkins while there and being able to converse with him on topics was a real treat. I look forward to seeing everyone at the June stated meeting. Where we can break bread together, dinner will be Chinese food.

Fraternally yours,
ASADOUR MEGURDITCHIAN
Junior Warden

June Stated Dinner
Menu

Chinese



June Stated Meeting

Wed. June 1st
DINNER 6:30PM
STATED 7:30PM

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DRESS CODE: Business Casual
OFFICERS:

REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS

None

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Upcoming Event

Events TBA

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Clifford J. Bender 3, Martin P. Udell 1, Wesley R. Lind 14
Robert H Cronshey 9, Zafer Babur 12, John C Reed 26
Artur Zabounian 5, Sebouh Badoyan 25, Michael A Berner 26
Justin C Green 8, Armen Allen Sarafyan 27, Krikor Agoyan 11
Hovsep Ohannessian 3, Raffi K Momdjian 9, Melik S Hidari 14
Dergham W. Mahfoud 4

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BROTHERLY LOVE - TRUTH - RELIEF**

May Events



MASONIC FUN FACTS & HISTORY

Operative V. Speculative



May Masonic Light

In Freemasonry we discuss two kinds of masonry Operative and Speculative.

By definition the term Operative means "functioning; having effect". Operative masons were those who actually worked with stone. In the operative lodges or guild lodges, they were not only labor unions, they were educational platforms

There a young man who had little or no opportunity outside the lodge for education in the various arts and sciences found it within its walls. Geometry, techniques for refining stones to fit them for the building were skills given to the young operative apprentice. He'd also be taught how to read and write, two skills critical for making a plan for a building and following it..

Speculative by definition means "engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge." Speculative masonry, individuals who do not work with stone and who instead work in the more philosophical realms, use the tools and skills of operative masons as metaphors for living a good life. One of the more common uses appears in popular language, "on the level". Someone who is on the level in a speculative sense is being straight forward and honest. In masonic ideas it also means we are all equal.

Operative masonry, with little question, is the origin of the speculative masonry we now enjoy. Many will claim Speculative masonry began in 1717 with the forming of the Grand Lodge of England, also known as the Premier Grand Lodge. This is actually not the case. Little is known about how or why speculative masonry came out of operative masonry. Some of the earliest documentation shows a speculative mason being part of an operative lodge in the late 1500's. It is unknown whether this is the first speculative mason or if they existed long before.

As far as the precise moment when speculative masonry began, which by the way was not the end of operative masonic lodges another misconception some people hold, is unknown. There are probably more theories put forward then there are living speculative masons in the world today.

What I offer here, is my opinion on how speculative masonry came to be, it is just an opinion which happens to fit various facts and should only be taken as what it is, an opinion. In the late 1500's the world was in the midst of the renaissance. Knowledge was beginning to flow more freely in the world. The first printed books were in existence, the Gutenberg Bible was first printed in the 1450's. The operative lodges were in danger of losing their livelihood. People were learning about mathematics and other skills outside of the lodges. Not to make our ancient operative brothers sound like they were only in it for the money, they actually probably were, they probably began to become concerned with the fact soon anyone could figure out the knowledge needed to build a cathedral. They needed a way to keep themselves tied to their benefactors, the people who paid to have the cathedrals and other edifices built, the aristocrats. By now the aristocrats were hungry for knowledge as well, the age of enlightenment was on it's way in. There were benefits all around. Operative masons brought wealthy influential men into their organization, the speculative initiates got the opportunity to learn some of the skills taught in the lodges.

Eventually the individuals who called themselves speculative masons wanted to apply the knowledge they were receiving, what better way than through tools for their everyday life.

As I stated, this is purely opinion on my part and happens to fit the events of the time.