

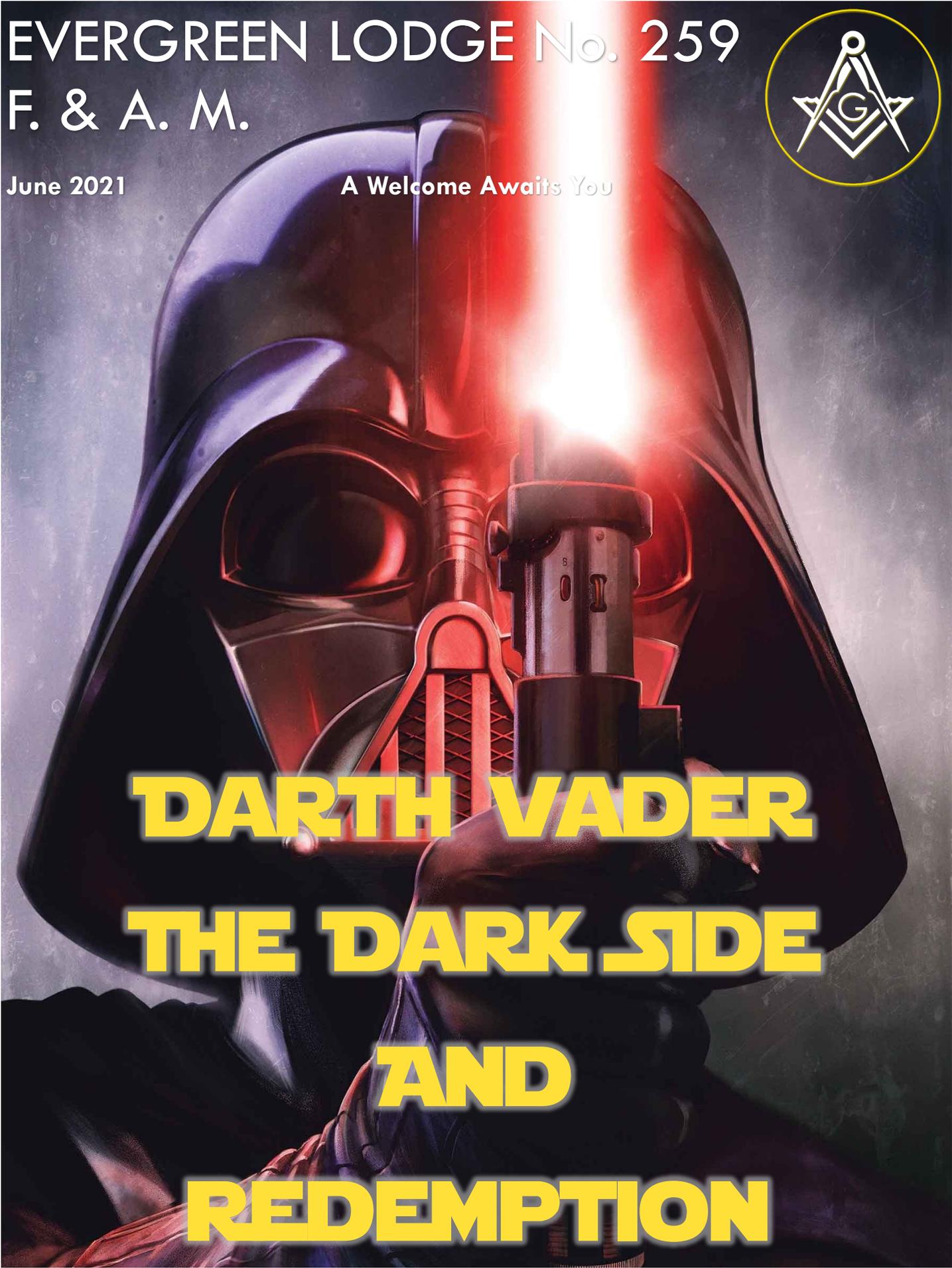
EVERGREEN LODGE No. 259

F. & A. M.



June 2021

A Welcome Awaits You



**DARTH VADER**  
**THE DARK SIDE**  
**AND**  
**REDEMPTION**



# From the East

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Brethren, Family and Friends  
Greetings from the East,

June is finally here and we are ready to open up and meet again in person. Going forward, all Stated Meetings at Evergreen will be in-person. We will schedule degree nights and practices accordingly. However, plan on the remainder of our Wednesday evenings to be spent on Zoom.

As a reminder, we will be opening as per the Grand Master's guidelines for reopening, which means following our Site Specific Plan (SSP). All guests coming to Evergreen must:

- Self-screen at home.
- Be on the guest list.
- Properly wear a mask.
- Have proof of being fully vaccinated OR have a negative Covid test within 72 hours of attending.

Once you get to the lodge our Stewards and Marshal will be verifying the above and asking for all attendees to perform a temperature check. Anyone with a temperature be-

low 100.4°F is welcome to attend.

For June we do have some unfinished Lodge business to go over during the meeting as well as some new business. One other item to keep in mind is that while we are all abiding by the Grand Master's plan from April, we do anticipate being able to relax the restrictions in July. But until we get the word from Grand Lodge, we must obey the laws, rules and regulations in the meantime.

## Christmas In July

On July 17th from 10am to 2pm, LOSNA is hosting our 7th Annual Christmas In July program for the Shrine Hospital in Los Angeles. Be sure to bring your unwrapped toy for children of all ages.

## Grand Master's BBQ

The Grand Master's BBQ and Meet and Greet has been rescheduled for July 31st. If you are interested in attending, you will need to RSVP with Bro. Drew Diederich: 951-323-1538 [Ddventure@icloud.com](mailto:Ddventure@icloud.com) OR

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## Annual Communication

The 172nd Annual Communica-

tion is being planned to be held in-person in San Francisco. While no official announcement has been made, that is the tentative plan. The dates for the Annual Communication are October 8th to the 10th.

## July and Beyond

Like I said before, we're still planning to have our Stated Meeting for July in-person. But we do anticipate some news coming from Grand Lodge in the coming weeks. We do remain hopeful, but like with everything in life, hope for the best, plan for the worst.

One thing that will not be coming back to Evergreen for the meantime will be dinners. I have talked with many of our brethren and our widows and the general consensus is that they simply do not feel it is appropriate to consider doing so at the moment. We will revisit that subject later in the year.

But with this being our first in-person Stated Meeting in 14 months, I sincerely mean it when I say I can't wait to see you at Lodge.

**Fraternally,**

Tom Philp

Worshipful Master

Evergreen Lodge #259



# From the West

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Greetings from the west

Finally we will be meeting in person at the lodge June stated meeting and I'm so anxious

and excited.

Last week we have had our rehearsal at the lodge to refresh our minds and bodies of what we used to do before the pandemic which took away from us every single move, action, words for more than 15 months.

I'm hoping to see everyone around in the lodge this

Wednesday also I do urge every brother to get along with the temporary restrictions and guides to keep us safe until better days yet to come without any restrictions and back to normal.

Stay safe out there and see you all soon.

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

## Toy Drive

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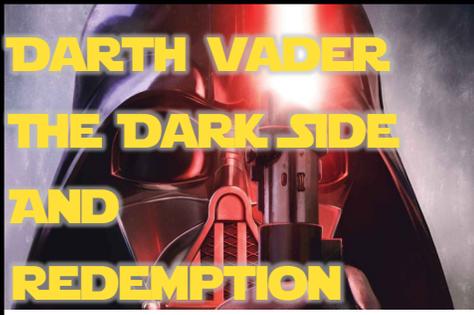


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## Happy Birthday to our June Celebrants

**Steve Boryk P.M. ~ John Sheldon ~ Michael Bazoian  
Phillip Mc Reynolds ~ Richard Waggoner ~ Pete Serbantes  
Keith Downs ~ Anthony Fenison ~ Bonifacio Nocon  
David Garner**



## DARTH VADER THE DARK SIDE AND REDEMPTION

Masonry brings an individual from the dark to the light, from the vulgar to the righteous. In Masonry, the dark not only represents the lack of knowledge, but it also represents man operating on his baser instincts and desires. The light represents knowledge as well as Masons' desire to dedicate their lives to truth, love, kindness, and serving their fellow man.

As Plato said, "so long as we have the body accompanying our reason in its impurities, so long as our souls are befouled by this evil admixture, we shall assuredly never fully possess that which we desire." According to the Platonic tradition, the material world is limiting and possibly evil. Our bodies distract us from the higher, more virtuous purposes of life, that of thinking, and doing altruistic actions. This is echoed in the Calvinist and other Puritan traditions.

When Obi-Wan tells Vader that "if you strike me down, I shall become more powerful

than you can possibly imagine," Obi-Wan is telling Vader that he will be freed of the Platonic material limitations. Vader, like all Sith, believes that power comes from the ability to manipulate the material world.

St. Augustine wrote that God creates all beings in the universe, that they are not inherently good or evil. They have free will. Anakin Skywalker was not evil or good, he was like you and me, morally ambivalent, choosing his actions based on moral necessity. Anakin did not choose to be evil but was seduced by the dark side. When Anakin slew a tribe of Sand People, he says "I'm a Jedi, I know I am better than this." He chose to do evil. This is his path to the dark side.

There is the light or good and there is the dark or evil, doing something purposely helpful or destructive being the difference. Moral evil is choosing to do what is harmful to others. The seduction by promises of a power beyond his gifts, Anakin moves down the path from his cultural norms. This choice is not wrong for him, but a necessary move to achieve what he believes is his right. Anakin seeks the significance

that his ego says is his right. Proverbs 16:8 says, "*Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*" Pride and ego tell Anakin, he is the "chosen one," thus, he fell.

A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor. Vader's Redemption began with Luke's willingness to die rather than fall to the dark side. Vader's sacrifice of Redemption is when he surrendered evil and sought the light — to look upon Luke with his own eyes. Vader saw Luke touch the Dark Side in Return of the Jedi, yet reject it, seeking light and understanding.

Man has his hand in both the light and the dark. Masons are taught to cut away the superfluities of life, circumscribe our passions, and always act by the square of virtue. The shedding of Vader's Ego and his willingness to forgo selfishness brought him to the Light. Likewise, Masons realize that Ego, Pride, and materiality are hindrances. As Milton said in Paradise Lost, rather shine the Celestial light inward so that "*I may see things invisible to mortal sight.*" Vader's Redemption is to see the Celestial light of the Force.

# THE GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC FAMILY

*Meet & Greet*

# BBQ

**Saturday July 31st, 11 AM to 3 PM**

*Dress Casual and Enjoy Some Grub,  
Great Music & Better Fellowship*

37400 Applegate Rd. | Lodges will supply the  
Murrieta CA. 92563 | grub, you bring the fun!

*All we ask is that you bring the whole family along.*

Everyone is Welcome to Join Us

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## June 2021 Calendar - Evergreen Masonic Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 <b>Stated Meeting</b> @ 7:30pm	3 <b>EMTA</b> @ 7:00pm	4	5
6	7	8	9 <u>Lodge Zoom</u> @ 6:30pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <u>Lodge Zoom</u> @ 6:30pm	17	18	19
20	21	22 <u>OSI @ 7:00pm</u>	23 <u>Lodge Zoom</u> @ 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <u>Lodge Zoom</u> @6:30pm	1	2	3