

EVERGREEN LODGE No. 259

F. & A. M.



April 2021

A Welcome Awaits You

THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOURSELF





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From the East

COVID-19

Vaccines are becoming more available and the requirements are now less restrictive. As of today, anyone 50 and over that lives or work in Riverside County is eligible. Also the eligibility is opened to anyone who works in healthcare, public transit, janitorial, education, emergency, childcare and anyone 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions. [Click here for a list of conditions.](#) If you haven't scheduled a vaccine appointment yet, I have been able to find several resources for getting a vaccine appointment. Click on any of the three links below for more information:

- [My Turn CA](#)
- [Curative](#)
- [University Health System](#)
1-800-720-9553

Lodge Business

This month will be our Inspector's Official Visit to Evergreen. Our inspector, Wor. Mike Padilla, will have some important news from Grand Lodge and on our district in particular. Please see page 5 for a message from Grand

Master Weiss regarding Lodge meetings. Also, as some of you know we will be holding a special vote and discussion regarding consolidation with Riverside Lodge. This will be an important meeting our members do not want to miss out on.

Lodge Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2021, please do so soon. If you are having issues or a hardship, please reach out to us so we can work with you. If you have already paid, but iMember still shows you as not being paid up, please contact me immediately so we can get it resolved.

Masonic Education

Beginning this month we will be devoting our second and third or fourth Wednesday's to Masonic Education, depending on our OSI schedule. Our Masonic Education Committee is working on topics for this month and all future months.

Fraternally,

Tom Philp
Worshipful Master
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Brethren, Family and Friends
Greetings from the East,

Wednesday, April 7th is our Stated Meeting. This month our Lodge will be needing to vote on some important business that will be affecting the organization of the 822nd Masonic District. Also, April will be our Inspector's Official Visit. The Zoom meeting will be opened at 7pm with the Stated Meeting beginning at 7:30pm

Stated Meetings (1st Wednesday)

Zoom is opened at 7pm
Business portion at 7:30pm

Meeting ID:
965 4628 4093

Password: EVERGREEN

To access our Zoom meetings, click the button below:

[Evergreen
ZOOM MEETING](#)



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From the West

stances are.

We would like you to participate, if you can't let's hear from you more often or if you are in need of help, let us know and we will be there for you. It is your duty at least to update your contact information on the [iMember2](#) platform and keep the connection alive between you and the fraternity.

Walking away with ignorance and complete negligence is a work of cowardly

men who lack principles, and discipline in life, which does belong to us.

It is my urge to be more effective and responsible toward our fraternity in every possible ways so we can prove to the community that our choice was the right path in making us a better men than we were in the past.

Don't hesitate to contact any of us if you need any help. We are willing to help.

Greetings from the west,

My brothers this month I would like to spotlight the importance of being engaged with the lodge and the online system we have, no matter what the circum-



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From the South

these articles so much more difficult to write. I miss the interactions with everyone. I miss the meals, the greetings, and the ritual. There was always something or someone to write about. With that being said, it has been wonderful to see Freemasonry being forced to grow and expand in this digital world we now live in. I foresee the "behind the scenes" meet-

ings, paperwork, etc. becoming much easier. And what really brings me joy is the discussions I hear of people wanting to practice our craft within the Lodge setting. I see complacency leaving and a yearn for knowledge returning. The future looks bright my brethren!

It's astonishing to think that physical in-person Freemasonry has been on lock down now for 13 months. It makes



Happy Birthday to our April Celebrants

**Sam Roach ~ Ron Wilkerson ~ Harry Jensen ~ Edgar Mc Bride
William Hendrick ~ Charles Wheat ~ Stephen Gebhart ~ Gurvinder Uppal
Ghassan Hreish ~ Ramiro de Melo ~ Thomas Shaw ~ Ryan Foy
Tom Philp ~ Terry Roberts**

THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOURSELF



It has already been shown that the structure and appointments of the lodge are symbolic; that the lodge is a representation both of the universe and of man himself as a Microcosm of the universe in miniature; that it is an image of his own complex constitution, his heavens and his earth (his spirituality and materiality) and all that therein is.

By contemplating that image, therefore, the Mason learns to visualize himself; he is given a first lesson in that self-knowledge in the full attainment of which is promised the understanding of all things. "Know thyself" we have said, was written over the portals of the ancient temples of initiation, self-knowledge being the aim of their intention and the goal of their purpose.

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Masonry perpetuates this maxim by recommending self-knowledge as "the most interesting of all human studies." It is the tersest, wisest of instructions, yet little heeded nowadays, and it is incapable of fulfillment unless undertaken in accordance with the ancient science and with a concentration of one's whole energies upon the task. It involves the deepest introspection into oneself and perfect discrimination between what is real and permanent, and what is unreal and evanescent

in ourselves.

As aspirants to the mysteries could not learn the secrets of the temple without entering it, learning its lessons, undergoing its disciplines, and receiving its graduated initiations.

No one can attain self-knowledge save by entering into himself, distinguishing the false from the true, the unreal from the real, the base metal from the fine gold, sublimating the former into the latter, and ignoring what is negligible or superfluous.

TO GO WITHIN

The very word initiation primarily derives from the Latin *inire*, to go within; and thence, after learning the lessons of self-analysis, to make a new beginning (initium) by reconstructing one's knowledge of life and manner of living. The 43rd Psalm restates the same instruction: *Introibo ad altare Dei*, "I will go in to the divine altar."

Similarly, the Masonic initiation contemplates a going within oneself, until one reaches the altar or center, the Divine Principle or ultimate hidden basis of our being.

To know the anatomy and physiology of the mortal body is not self-knowledge. The physical fabric of man is a perishing self, mere dust and shadow, projected from vitalizing forces within it, and without permanence or reality.

EMOTIONS AND DESIRES

To understand the nature and mechanism of the mind, emotions and desires, is useful and necessary, but is not selfknowledge, for they, too, are transient and, therefore, unreal aspects of the deeper real self. The personality we present to the world is not our real self.

It is but a mask, a distorting veil, behind which the true self abides hiddenly and often unknown to our unreal surface self, unless and until it be brought forward into consciousness, displacing and overriding the notions and tendencies of the natural, but benighted, superficial self. Until then its "light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:5)

To bring it forward out of its veils of darkness, to "comprehend" and establish it permanently in our awareness is, and has ever been, the purpose of all initiation. But this cannot be achieved until the outer bodily and mental vestures have been purified and a voluntary dying or effacement of everything in us alien to, or conflicting with, the real self has been suffered; all which is implied by the teaching of our three degrees respectively.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT

True self-knowledge is unobstructed conscious union of the human spirit with God and the realization of their identity. In that identic union the unreal, superficial selves have become obliterated. The sense of personality is lost, merged in the impersonal and universal. The little ego is assumed into the great All, and knows as It knows.

Man realizes his own inherent ultimate divinity, and thenceforth lives and acts no longer as a separate individual, with an independent will, but in integration with the Divine Life and Will, whose instrument he becomes, whose purposes he thenceforth serves.

Written by **W.L. Wilmshurst**

This article is taken from the [August 2020 issue of Fraternal Review](#) titled, "Justice."



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GRAND MASTER
ARTHUR H. WEISS

March 26, 2021

Dear Brethren,

Though this pandemic has been extended much longer than most people ever imagined, we now see the light at the end of the tunnel. As more and more people are vaccinated, the possibility of returning to in-person events seems more likely. However, state and local ordinances still prohibit social gatherings like Masonic meetings and events. Therefore, my October 19, 2020 directive prohibiting in-person Masonic meeting and events is still in full effect.

I've worked with the executive committee and others to prepare a re-opening plan. I will share that plan with you at the appropriate time, and the plan will be implemented as soon as state and local governments determine it's safe for us to do so.

In the meantime, I recommend that lodge and hall leaders look at the state and local guidance being provided to other sectors like places of worship and movie theaters. It could be that similar requirements will be expected at our meeting places.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation, and leadership as we work together through this challenge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Arthur H. Weiss'.

Arthur Weiss
Grand Master

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[April 2021 Calendar - Evergreen Masonic Center](#)

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