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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

NOEL GUARNES WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Due to the extraordinary impact of the current COVID pandemic the remaining 2020 Masonic Calendar for Carpinteria Lodge #444 presented here is just a general projection of the year's events, which will change accordingly pending the general direction from the Grand Lodge of California.

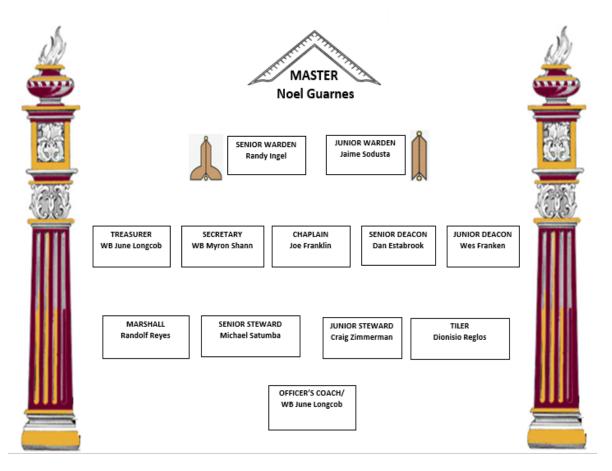
As of this writing The Grand Lodge of California has not authorized formal official meetings in the Lodge. The brethren will be notified of any updates as appropriate. We encourage the brethren to continue fellowship via online media or phone.

Month	Day	Event
August	7	Temple Board
	10	Stated Meeting
	17	OSI Carpinteria Qualification
September	11	Temple Board
	14	Stated Meeting
	15	OSI Santa Barbara Qualification
October	8-11	171 th Annual Communication
	12	Stated Meeting
	21	SO I Santa Paula
November	6	Temple Board
	9	Stated Meeting
	16	OSI Carpinteria Qualification
December	11	Temple Board
	14	Stated Meeting





OFFICERS - 2020 MASONIC YEAR





2020 Travelers to the Celestial Lodge Above

Rest In Peace 1964-2020 Worshipful Brother John Michael Risdon

"Along the road of Suffering You found a little lane That took you up to heaven, And ended all your pain. You may be out of sight, We may be worlds apart; But you are always in our prayers, And forever in our hearts."

From the Brethren of Carpinteria Lodge No. 444 Carpinteria Shriners In Loving Memory of **John Harold Colpitts** July 21, 1926 - March 6, 2020



March 14, 2020 10:00AM Ivy Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home Ventura, CA



Enjoying with the Widows Lunch at Zookers.









Message from the West (Randy Ingel, Sr. Warden)



As we continue to do our part to alleviate the consequences of this pandemic, I would like to wish you all good health and stay safe. Do not forget to reach out to neighbors, brethren, and special someones and ensure that no one goes unnoticed. A simple text, a short phone conversation, or even an email, are all that are needed to brighten up someone's day or provide assistance. As we begin our nation's journey to recovery, these courtesies will not be forgotten and represent the best of what Masonry is within each of us.

Message from the South

Jaime Sodusta, Jr. Warden (Sharing this inspiring poem given to me by the MLQ Lodge during my raising at MGM - Oct 2018)



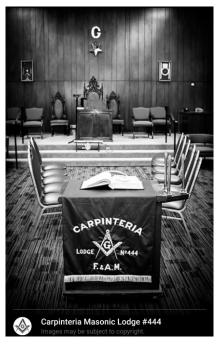


WHERE HIRAM KNELT

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt And took an obligation Today I am closer to my God For I'm a Master Mason.

Good counsel whispers in my ear And warns of any danger. By square and compass, Brother now Who once would call me stranger.

But God, who knows how hard it is To resist life's temptations, Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt And took that obligation.



SHRINERS CORNER



Carpinteria Shriners, a local shrine club of Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles California and Shriner International, was established on January 6, 2018. It's a young organization that supports with benevolence.

Our club secretary Noble Myron Shann said, "many people are familiar with great works of the Shriners Hospital for Children". Our job as a local club is to help raise funds for our Shriners Hospital. We have members who love to assist in fundraising efforts, and also members that volunteer to help decorate the Shriners float for the Rose Parade in Pasadena during New Year's Day.

Above all, is the fun and family-centered offshoot of the Carpinteria Masons fraternity or organization to which we are also all members. All our events promote brotherly love, family and benevolence.

Any man in the community who would like more information about Masonic fraternity or club membership is encouraged to call Noble Myron Shann. Tel- 805 684 4433

June Longcob President





Brethren: How fares your ship yonder during this pandemic? Who you gonna call ?







Jeff... bought a boat. Mulling what to name it. *"M/V Boat with No Name"* Hmmm...Sold!
Jun... bought the disinfectant to disinfect the lodge. Reported that donations to the Gym was done
Randolf...was in his scooter walking his dog. Agreed!
Cano... was busy doing painting of the house
Myron...often at the Lodge doing his secretary duties...will be busy with the GL iMember 2.0 seminar.
Jaime... busy at home doing home improvement.
Dan... reported a successful surgery and had a titanium implant. He is now a recovering "Bionic Man".
Albe... busy at home doing home improvements, gardening and busy with his health and wellness business..
Joni...enjoying doing the "apostolate" work, with the "apo's or grandchildren.

Mitchel... in L.A. going well with work and business.



FROM CLINIC TO MASONIC

Dear Brethren,

I hope that y'all are staying safe from the Coronavirus. I think we are turning the corner on this and hopefully come up with a vaccine and antibodies soon.

I am looking forward to seeing my brothers at the Lodge more often when we open up again now that I have retired (Oct 1, 2019) from my dental practice of 36 years.

ZOOM IT! OR SKYPE IT!

While the world goes into lockdown due to the Covid pandemic, the Brethren at Carpinteria Lodge#444 continued their fellowship via social media and videochat.





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Thursday, June 4, 2020



Note: Original Article Published by Bro. Wes Franken, Jr. Deacon, Carpinteria Lodge #444

Kara Chatterton displays her scholarship award letter, as her mother Vickie Chatterton (Left), Myron Shann (Right) and Joe and Wes Franken look on.

Maintaining social distance and donning facemasks, students and Masons met at the Carpinteria Masonic Lodge to be honored and recognized.

Masons Award College Scholarships

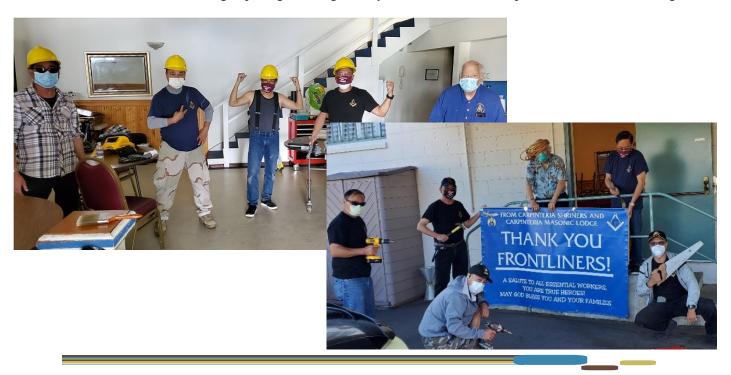
The Carpinteria Mason's Scholarship Committee selected three Carpinteria High School seniors for \$1000 scholarships: Kara Rose Chatterton was awarded the Dan Groves Scholarship; Olivia J. Sheaffer was awarded the Charles Lobue Fine Arts Scholarship; and Michelle Alpizar Farfan was awarded the Masonic Lodge #444 Scholarship.

A statement from the Masons read in part, "Those who applied and did not receive a scholarship are to be complimented for their good deeds and accomplishments, knowing our best wishes for a positive and creative future are in store for them... The Masonic Fraternity worldwide endorses and supports public education as one of their community pillars."

OPERATIVE MASONS AT WORK ! MAJOR REMODEL OF THE CARPINTERIA LODGE #444

WB June Longcob who spearheaded the renovation said "The Brethren will be so surprised by how much the Lodge has improved since the lockdown."

Brothers, be there when the Lodge open again and get ready to be amazed, and be proud member of this Lodge!



Carpinteria Lodge#444 Lockdown: Locked but not Down.

COVID19 lockdown could not stop Carpinteria Lodge #444 brethren from doing their outreach Masonic activities. They continue to have their presence felt in the community by reaching out to thank the FIRST RESPONDERS, donating donuts, coffee and water.





FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY Myron Shann, PM

How much beauty is there in a stained-glass window in pitch darkness? None!

Is there a lesson for Masons?

How much beauty is there in Freemasonry that is kept from the light, that is left in the Lodge room between communications? Particularly, how much of the beauty of Freemasonry is developed by those who receive the degrees, make big speeches on the night they are raised, tell what Freemasonry is going to mean to them and what they are going to do to be worthy of being Masons, and then thereafter do nothing?

The beauty of Freemasonry, like that of the stained-glass window, is developed only in the light by its practice by those who have received the degrees by the observance of its obligations by those who have received them, by the practice of charity, by the association with our fellows, by developing Brotherly Love and Friendship, by visiting the Brother who is unable to mingle with his Brethren, by whispering good counsel in the ears who have erred, or who are troubled, by walking a way with those who are lonesome, by rendering to a Brother every kind of service we should like performed for us under like circumstances.

Let us keep Masonry in the light so that its beauty may be forever visible.

Fraternally,

Myron Shann Secretary

IMPORTANT BLOGS TO NOTE

1. Remember to register for the ONLINE 171st Annual Communication –10am October 10-11, 2020.

2. AL-Malaikah Shrine Historical Virtual Ceremonial (via Zoom) September 12, 2020 at 10 am.

3. The Grand Lodge app iMember 2.0 is now available for all members. Install it in your phone or PC. Go to: <u>https://member.freemason.org/users/sign_in</u>

4. The official website of the Carpinteria Lodge #444 is now built and also has been embedded in the iMember 2.0. Check it out. Go to: <u>https://lodge444.freemason.org/</u>