



# Anaheim Lodge 207

## Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California

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## Master's Message

Brethren,

Happy Independence Day!

This Fourth of July, we might find ourselves celebrating with fireworks, barbecuing, congregating with loved ones and enjoying our precious free time with a good day trip to the beach – a far cry from what our founding fathers would have done. But July Fourth is also a time to step back, take stock and appreciate the glorious Freedoms we enjoy every day and make you proud to be an American.

This month is actually another month of reflection as we approach the anniversary of our Country's first day of Independence hundreds of years ago. With our Brother, PM George Washington at the helm, many other Freemasons such as Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and John Hancock all played a significant part in the Great American Revolution that led to this celebratory day.

This great day having come into fruition through the arduous work of Brothers who had a vision, of Brothers who were very dedicated, of Brothers who put their minds together to make that vision become a reality. That vision eventually became the United States of America and we all have the privilege of celebrating this great day every Fourth of July.

How proud we should be, that at least 9 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons and 11 more are rumored to have been Masons. This is but one Masonic snippet in the great intertwined history which our Fraternity shares with the U.S., but it is my hope that this fact will serve as a reminder that we are connected in more ways to the past, and the founders of this country, we Thank you.

Let's remember year-round that many of the greatest principles on which our great nation was founded were inspired by the rituals and tenets of our Craft. I'm glad to be a part of this Great Nation and Great Fraternity with you all.

While politics have no place in our present day Lodges, many of our early American Brethren worked for what would become the start of our Government and literally fought for the Freedoms we now enjoy today. America's second president John Adams is notorious for his love of Independence Day. But if you ask Adams, the country has gotten the date wrong for the past 236 years. Adams wrote that July 2, the date the Second Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Britain, not July 4, the date Congress' president John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, should be "the great anniversary Festival." "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America," Adams wrote on July 3, 1776. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

It took nearly 100 years for Congress to make the Fourth of July an official holiday, despite the widespread celebrations that had been ringing in America's birthday since the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

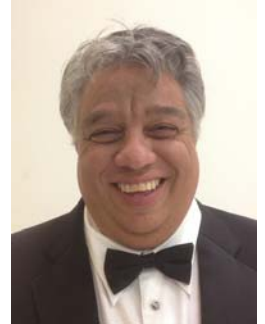
The United States got what may be the country's largest physical birthday present on July 4, 1884, when the French presented it with the Statue of Liberty. It took four months to assemble the 151-foot-tall statue, which was shipped from Paris in hundreds of pieces. While the statue was intended to commemorate America's centennial, it was not formally dedicated until 10 years after the fact, when President Grover Cleveland held a Statue of Liberty ceremony on October 28, 1886.

In looking back to what this Country has endured to salute our Independence and Individual Freedom, let each of us be thankful for our Great Country and all it has given each of us. Today we celebrate the birth of our Country and the Great distinction we have by singing Happy Birthday to our Country – Amen.

Last of all let us not forget our Brothers whom are enduring sickness and health issues. We wish each of them a speedy and rapid recovery. To all others in the Lodge, a well-traveled road to recovery. Also, keep in our prayers the rest of our Brothers and their wives. If you are aware of any sickness or distress among the brethren, please communicate the details to me via email or by calling my cell. Please make sure if it is alright to share this information with the brothers.

The United States of America has an incredible history, and we are proud to share this history as Americans and also as Masons. What can you do out of the Lodge to make this a better Nation?

Fraternally,  
Hugo Ramos, HA  
Master



Hugo Ramos, HA, Master

## From the West

Greetings my Brothers,

I have enjoyed talking to many of our Brethren over the past few weeks. I was notably surprised by the response's I received when I ask the question; 'What are you looking for in Masonry?' A question I ask our brothers as well as all prospective candidates. The answers ran the gambit of "bettering myself", "serving the community", "meet other like minded people". Does just paying our dues and showing up to a meeting once in a while fill the requirements of what makes a good Mason, how about carrying around our paid dues card, and letting everyone know that they are a Mason. We need to take a deeper look inside ourselves to understand and know what it really means to us as well as our brothers to be a truly good Mason.



Rob Morris, Sr. Warden

To quote George Bernard "my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no brief candle to me. It is sort of a splendid torch which I have got to hold for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations." I just hope I can live up to those ideals.

Brothers don't lose sight or contact with our brothers or their spouses who may be experiencing health issues. We need to keep them in our minds as well as our prayers.

My brothers we could use a few more sideliners as well as active members to attend our degrees, and meetings. Serving our brothers is only the beginning of our Masonic Life.

Please keep in mind we are collecting Pasta Sauce as well as Pasta for the motel kids. We owe it to our communities and children.

Remember "Real Men Wear Aprons" my brothers' See you at the next Stated meeting and Degrees.

Fraternally yours,  
Robb Morris  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Brethren,

Last month was a hectic month with two dinners and a plethora of lodge nights. This month I hope we can look forward to a nice relaxing month with a stated meeting dinner of Fourth of July fair and a nice short meeting.



Andrew Bowen, Jr. Warden

We are getting closer to the Second Annual BBQ competition, and I would like to thank Brother Newton for his tireless efforts in this endeavor. It is hoped that soon we will be able to present a full briefing of the festivities.

Lastly, I would like to remind the brethren to support not only our lodge, but the bodies that we are here to support. Come by and support our Bethel on the first and third Mondays as well as DeMolay on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They are always welcoming, and I assuredly know they will be thankful for your time.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Bowen  
Junior Warden

**Br. Mason Wasington was Raised to the Sublime Degree by the Past Masters on June 15, 2016.**



# July Birthdays

Kenneth F. Pawson	July 1	William B. Turner PM-84	July 14	Sal Navarrete	July 27
Roger D. Christensen	July 1	James Ruddocks	July 15	Christopher Read	July 27
John H. Bryant III	July 2	Ronald J. Schneider PM89	July 15	Fred E. Heistand	July 29
Douglas L. Highlen	July 7	William T. Meehleis	July 15	Jack Alastuey	July 30
Charles H. Downing	July 7	Merritt E. Read PM-82	July 16		
William D. Hayes	July 9	Robert Thomas III	July 17		
Eliot Workman	July 10	Ray Dailey PM 2012,13	July 20		
Veral J. Parr PM 82	July 10	Joe C. Wang	July 20		
Duane L. Sandberg	July 14	James L. Kitley	July 21		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHERN

## Candidate Advancement

All candidates and their coaches are encouraged to meet at the DeMolay center dining room on Stated meeting and degree nights to study your proficiency. The Head Candidate Coach, Mort Tandy, will be pleased to check a candidate's work and recommend him for advancement when ready.

Candidate	Degree	Coach	Candidate	Degree	Coach
Erick Franco	EA 5/16	Hector Garcia-Moreno	Steven Thornton	FC 1/15	Nelson Echesabal
Johnny Nix	EA 5/16	Mort Tandy	Geoffrey Ray	EA 12/14	Andrew Bowen
Jose Neyra	FC 4/16	Jerry Morter	Joshua Franco	FC 8/14	Chuck Ogden
Abdulkader Rahmo	FC 4/16	Craig Holoboski	Robert Parekh	FC 7/14	Garou Keurjikian
Ashot Nalbandyan	EA 4/16	Andrew Bowen	Randy Warrick	EA 8/13	Chuck Ogden
Kervork Keurjikian	EA 2/16	Garou Keurjikian	Ara Kashishian	FC 7/13	Garou Keurjikian
Nicholas Derian	EA 2/16	Garou Keurjikian	Art Torossian	FC 7/13	Garou Keurjikian
Darren Campbell	EA 10/15	Mort Tandy	Aramazad Fidanian	FC 5/13	Garou Keurjikian
Aiden Johnson	EA 9/15	Matthew Reidy	Steven Ball	EA 5/13	Rickey Rodriguez
Michael Smith	EA 4/15	Richard Nash	Steve Llebaria	FC 2/13	Chuck Ogden
Eddie Magana	EA 4/15	Patrick LaBrecque	Douglas Cale	EA 6/11	Mort Tandy
			Sam Kbushyan	FC 9/10	Garou Keurjikian

## Circle of Concern


The following Brethren and Ladies could use a call or visit to help ease them through difficult times.

Thomas Brotemarkle  
Bud and Mary Ellen Coleman, PM  
Sandy and Ray Dailey, PM

Tom and Peggy Horngren  
P. Dale Johnson  
Bobby Ollar


Roger Schendel  
Danny Wilcox

**If you need a current phone number or email address for a person on the list, contact the Secretary**



### Ken Jahr, P.P., Memorial Shrine Ceremonial


Sunday, July 17, 11:00 AM  
El Bekal Shrine Center  
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.  
Anaheim, CA



There is an opportunity to become a Shriner on Sunday, July 17th, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. The ceremonial is a memorial to a Past Potentate Ken Jahr. Your family or significant others are invited to attend. There will be light refreshments after the ceremonial.

If you are interested, I will be happy to sign your petition. Please let me know. The application must be received by July 8th so that you can be voted in as a candidate.

Fraternally,  
Merritt Read, PM, HA  
Assistant Secretary



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*To the Family of the Lodge  
Member to whom this newsletter  
is addressed: Please notify us if  
our member is in a hospital or  
nursing home or is incapacitated  
in any way.  
Thank you*

## Event Calendar

July 4 Happy Independence Day! Or was that July 2nd?

July 6 Stated Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner—Celebratory Fair 6:30pm

July 13 1st Degree for Kenneth Jordan 7:00pm

July 20 2nd Degree for Ashot Nalbandyan 7:00pm

July 27 Dark

Aug 3 Stated Meeting 7:30pm

Hiram Award Presentation Honoring

W. Br. Brandon Cook, PM

Dinner 6:30pm

Ladies – Even though July 4 is past, bring something red, white, or blue for BINGO nite... stop by the 99 cent store and get a gift you would like for yourself. Keep the prizes new and under \$1.00. Which will be the most useful, pretty or funny! See you there at the Lodge for dinner etc.!!!  
Agnes P.

### Online Calendar at [www.anaheimlodge.com](http://www.anaheimlodge.com)

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