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WEDNESDAY
CINCO DE MAYO
Stated Meeting and
Dinner
6:30pm

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MONDAY
Illumination Lecture
7pm
Ben Wallace
"The Nature of
Initiation"

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WEDNESDAY
OSI at South
Pasadena Lodge
6:30pm

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WEDNESDAY
Second Degree
Bro. Jamison Baker
6:30pm

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THURSDAY
Hall Association
Meetings

17 - 20

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
Master & Wardens
Retreat Weekend

22

WEDNESDAY
Officer
PRACTICE
6:30pm

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SATURDAY
Fellowship Breakfast
9am
Masonic Meditation
10am

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WEDNESDAY
Eddie G-Night
7pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Leopoldo Martinez (05/01), Jerry Anthony, John Seletos (05/03), Ivan Frankel, Edward Spalding, PM (05/04), Harold Gunnerson (05/07), John Ames, John Delianedis (05/08), Marco Garcia PM, Robert Kantardjian (05/12), Jegvinder Singh (05/14), Simon De Jong (05/15), Michael Garoutte (05/16), Richard Bauer, Warren Harger, Richard Spalding (05/17), Robert Wright (05/18), Michael Radcliff, Scott Reams (05/19), John Kaczynski (05/22), Hairabet Kasabian (05/24), Charles Rosenberger (05/25), Bassam Sharif, Charles Urtuzuastegui (05/26), Russell Tice (05/28), Douglas Bailey (05/29), Evald Johnson (05/30), Ron Alcorn III, PM, Joaquin Ayala (05/31).

South Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 290 Illumination Lecture Series



SPEAKER
Ben Wallace
TALK
*The Nature
of Initiation*

MaY 6, 2024

OPEN TO ALL - FREE - 7pm

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HALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
THURSDAY, May 16, 2024
Meeting @ 6:30pm



EASTERN STAR DINNER and MEETING
MONDAY May 13h, 2024
Dinner @ 6:30pm Meeting @ 7:30pm



JUNE



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MONDAY

Illumination Lecture
7pm Open to All.

Lucas Minton

“The Hero’s Journey and
Freemasonry”

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WEDNESDAY

Stated Meeting and
Dinner 6:30pm

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SATURDAY

Kick-Off to Summer
BBQ

4pm

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MONDAY

OSI @ Alhambra
Lodge

6:30pm

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WEDNESDAY

Officer Practice

6:30pm

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SATURDAY

Lodge Shoot-out

9am

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WEDNESDAY

Eddie G-Night

7pm

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9am

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

James Maines (6/02), Javier Hernandez (06/05), Javier Howard (6/06), Levi Medina (6/08), Juan Castillo, Sergio Gomez, Javier Lopez (6/09), Jose Araullo, Stanley Price (6/10), James Drummond, John Pecel, Saul Rios (6/11), Anthony Toscano (6/13), Jerry Solis (6/14), George Poynor, Oscar Sanchez (6/15), Donald Davidson (6/16), Robert Black (6/18), Sidney Head, Robert Lutton, Gary Watts (6/22), Steven Lovett (6/23), Ramiro Montes De Oca (06/24), Russell Wallace (6/26), Robert Leslie (6/27), Alex A. Valenzuela (6/29).

HALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

THURSDAY June 20, 2024

Zoom @ 6:30pm

EASTERN STAR DINNER and MEETING

MONDAY June 10th, 2024

Dinner @ 6:30pm Meeting @ 7:30pm



From The East



Brethren, as we bid farewell to the spring season, let us reflect on the extraordinary journey we've shared in Washington DC. Our recent lodge activities have been filled with moments of pride and camaraderie, reminding us of the profound impact Freemasonry has on our lives and communities.

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed Masonic Award recipients. Their dedication and service to our lodge have truly illuminated our fraternity. Wor. Marco Garcia, PM, presented these well-deserved accolades during our April Stated Dinner, recognizing the tireless efforts of our brethren in making our lodge shine.

I also want to commend Bro. Angel Perez on his advancement to the Fellow Craft degree. This milestone marks the beginning of a new chapter in his Masonic journey, and our officers, particularly Bro. Nate Brown, demonstrated exceptional leadership in orchestrating the ceremony.

Our engagement with the public schools this year was a testament to our commitment to education and community outreach. The recognition of outstanding students and educators, spearheaded by Bro. Johan Garcia, showcased the positive influence Freemasonry can have on young minds and society as a whole.

Lastly, I express my profound gratitude to Bro. Nate Brown and Bro. Aaron Habibipour for organizing our unforgettable trip to Washington DC. Witnessing the historical roots of our nation, established by Brother Masons, was a deeply moving experience. It reinforced the responsibility we carry as Masons to strive for excellence and contribute to a more harmonious world. Let us continue to embody the values of our great Fraternity as we forge ahead on our Masonic journey.

Fraternally,
Wor. Geno Nadirov, Master

Lodge News & Notes



Fellow Craft Degree
April 17, 2024

Bro. Angel Perez

Bro. Angel Perez was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, with an exceptional ceremony, with Senior Warden Nate Brown sitting in the East and delivering the Lecture. This was our first degree of the year, with several more Fellow Craft degrees to follow.



Eddie G Night
April 24, 2024

About a dozen brothers and visitors gathered for the monthly meet-up to catch-up and socialize. A delicious meal was put together by Brothers David VanderSmith and Adrian Howard.

2023 Masonic Service Awards



At our April Stated Meeting Dinner, two time Past Master Marco Garcia, PM presented six worthy brothers with Service Awards, as voted on by their lodge peers. The Service Award ceremony was received with much adoration and love for those honored. The biggest award of the night—Mason of the Year—was awarded to Brother Nate Brown.

“He has earned the respect of his brothers by his commitment to Masonic education, leading cipher practices, and Friday night mentorships, to name a few, established Bro. Brown as a leader of our lodge,” commented Wor. Marco Garcia, PM on awards night. Unfortunately, Brother Brown was out due to a back injury and was not at lodge to accept his deserving award. Please see the side bar for a list of all the award winners.

WINNERS LIST

Mason of the Year – *Nate Brown*

New Mason –

Johan Garcia

Best Charitable Event –

Robert Kant

(Shriner’s Hospital Visit)

Service to the Lodge –

Dago Rodriguez, PM

Best Ritualist –

Nathan Bexton

Sartorial Excellence –

Mimo Akkari, PM

Public School Awards



On April 20, 2024, SPML 290 brothers and guests gathered in the dining room to celebrate Public Schools Day. Brother Johan Garcia, a school teacher himself, served as committee chairman for the second year in a row. For the first time in many years, the event took place on a stand alone day. The Saturday evening started with a one hour reception, and giving of lodge tours, followed by a tasty chicken fettuccini dinner, and closing with the presentation of three *Student Service Awards* concluding with the *Teacher of the Year Award*. During the dinner, we found out that South Pasadena's High School Principal, John R. Eldred, was Wor. Geno Nadirov's high school history teacher!

A description of the history of Public Schools by Wor. Geno Nadirov was followed by remarks from our 717 District Inspector, Wor. Paul Bazerkanian, PM, who discussed the importance of public education and the purpose of the

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WINNERS & PRESENTERS

Emmet Mendel - Dago Rodriguez, PM
Sofia Zabrodskia - David VanderSmith
Romy Terhune - Marco Garcia, PM
Teacher of the Year
Cathy Mason - Johan Garcia

California Masonic Foundation Trustee. High School Junior Emmet Mendel was presented an award by Dago Rodriguez, PM; a tearful Sofia Zabrodskia was presented with her award by Bro. David VanderSmith; and
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SPML 290 Visits D.C.

By Dago Rodriguez, PM



The Capitol: First full day in D.C. and SPML 290 brothers, family and friends from Alexandria-Washington Lodge made an insightful trip to The Capitol.

From April 22 – 26, seven SPML 290 brothers made the journey to Washington DC on a Masonic tour of our Nation's Capitol. Our visit proved to be an enlightening and enriching experience, as we embarked on a journey through some of the most iconic landmarks in the nation's capital. Our itinerary included visits to the US Capitol, the Scottish Rite House of the Temple, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, WWII Memorial, Washington Monument, the White House, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Along with the pleasure of enjoying two Fellow Craft degrees, performed by Washington-Alexandria Lodge No. 22, Wor. Brother George Washington's original lodge.

At the Capitol, we marveled at the grandeur of the historic building that serves as the center of American democracy, symbolizing the principles of freedom and unity that our country upholds. We had the privilege of being led by a brother who works for the Capitol Police escort us through this prestigious building. The Scottish Rite's House of the Temple left us in awe with its intricate architecture and deep-rooted Masonic symbolism, emphasizing the values of brotherhood and enlightenment that we hold dear in our fraternity.



The House of the Temple



The Capitol



The Lincoln Memorial



Bro. Washington's Study at Mount Vernon



Mount Vernon

Our visit to the various memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, and WWII Memorial, offered a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by past generations in the name of freedom and justice. As we stood before these monuments, we reflected on the importance of remembrance, and honoring those who have come before us.

Mount Vernon was a breathtaking visit to Bro. George Washington's home and his tomb. With vast open fields by the Potomac River, food gardens, and a museum with a screening room. The only thing we missed was the distillery, located a few yards away, but only open seasonally.

On our last full day, we walked to the George Washington Masonic Memorial, where we enjoyed a guided tour of the building, enjoying original artifacts from Bro.

The Washington Monument



George Washington himself and the lodge of which he was a member. Did you know he was Master of his lodge while serving as the first President? He was. In the evening, we returned to the Masonic Memorial and witnessed two excellent Fellow Craft Degrees; followed by a social at a local pub with our newly found brothers, where we exchanged vows to visit each other again soon.

Overall, our visit to Washington DC was a profound and moving experience, strengthening the bonds of fellowship among our Lodge members and reaffirming our commitment to upholding the principles of Masonry in our daily lives. Special thanks to Brothers Nate Brown and Aaron Habibipour, who put the trip and itinerary together for us.



The George Washington Masonic Memorial



Washington DC
Trip Attendees

- Wor. Geno Nadirov
- Charlie Fisher, PM
- Dago Rodriguez, PM
- George Amerian
- Allen Bergstrom
- Max Mironenko
- Christian Montenegro

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an enthusiastic Romy Terhune was presented his award by Marco Garcia, PM. This year, all of the students were nominated for our Public Schools Awards by their teachers. The evening concluded with Bro. Johan Garcia presenting the Teacher of the Year award to Ms. Cathy Mason, who teaches Elementary Education, Virtual Business, and Entrepreneurship, and leads a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at SPSHS. She was moved and honored by the award and mentioned that she was herself a byproduct of Masonry, as her father was a Freemason and her mother a member of Eastern Star.

This teacher has been teaching at South Pasadena High School for many years! She is a Career Technical Education instructor. The way she structures and delivers her lessons, as well as the educational content she creates to engage and inspire students, make her an outstanding educator. Her project-based classes encourage collaborative learning and development of skills in global business, problem solving, communication, personal finance and technology. Her Virtual Enterprise team has won multiple awards at the National Level, including first in the nation in the National Finance competition. In the National Business Plan Competition (consisting of more than 300 teams) the SPSHS Varsity Team, PEBBLY, placed fourth in the nation!! In addition to her time in the classroom, Cathy Mason also leads the SPSHS chapter of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), the world's largest Business Career and Technical Student Organization.



Teacher of the Year Ms. Cathy Mason with Chairman Johan Garcia.

2024 Line of Officers

MASTER Geno Nadirov	SENIOR WARDEN Nate Brown	JUNIOR WARDEN David VanderSmith	SECRETARY Mimo Akkari, PM niftymimo@yahoo.com
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SENIOR STEWARD Max Mironenko	JUNIOR STEWARD Johan Garcia	MARSHAL Adrian Howard	ORGANIST Miko Merced
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South Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 290 Meets On the First Wednesday of Every Month At 6:30pm. Please make a reservation at (626) 799-2695 if you wish to visit our Lodge.