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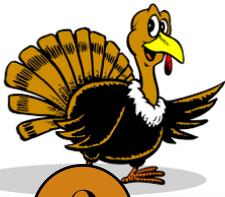
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South Pasadena Masonic Lodge of F&AM

Our Historic United Kingdom Visit



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WEDNESDAY

Stated Dinner and Meeting 6:30pm
Election of Officers

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MONDAY

Illumination Lecture
(See Flyer Below)
7pm

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WEDNESDAY

THIRD DEGREE
Bro. Miko Merced
6:30pm

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MONDAY

OSI
at Alhambra Lodge
7pm

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TUESDAY

Second Degree Practice
7pm

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WEDNESDAY

SECOND DEGREE
Bro. Sean Finley
6:30pm

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SATURDAY

LODGE FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER
5pm

30

WEDNESDAY

G-Night
7pm

MIKE JARZABEK
*James Naismith:
Virtue Through Motion*
November 7, 2022
Open to All
7pm
5PML 290
The Illumination Lecture Series

Happy Birthday! NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gilbert Aguilar (11/02), Mirza Ali, Lloyd Hughes, Dennis Jones (11/03), David Ybarra (11/08), Deo Witt (11/09), Brandon Satterlee (11/10), Wallace Emory, Joseph Steele (11/11), Arthur De La Barra (11/12), Keith Jeffery (11/13), William Gibbs (11/17), Stanley Kimball (11/18), Erik Strom (11/20), Charles Adair, Mark Hopkins (11/24), Eddie Montenegro (11/25), Miguel Ayala, Jordon Hollett, Max Rittenberg (11/26), Gary Gole (11/27), Ryan Hoffman, Aaron Tarazon (11/28).



EASTERN STAR DINNER and MEETING
MONDAY November 14th, 2022
Dinner @ 6:30pm Meeting @ 7:30pm



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESEARCH LODGE
Saturday, November 19, 2022
Installation of Officers @ 3pm



From The East

Wor. Isaac Taylor

Greetings brethren!

Last month we had a wonderful trip to England which is covered a lot in this month's trestle board. I'll share a bit on my perspective on the importance of this event for our lodge and our fraternity as well as my own experience.

The goal for South Pasadena 290 this year has primarily been to bring brethren together again safely, and through that, to strengthen our lodge and the community around us. Included in this audacious goal was doing several events, both at our lodge and abroad. From Masonic Con held at our lodge in July, to the London trip in September, we spent more time together, and more time contemplating Freemasonry, with each other. This trip provided many more opportunities for brethren to spend time over a drink, cigars, and even some fish and chips. We thought about our future, the current state of Masonry, and our own Lodge history.

We also discussed many differences between Freemasonry in England and here at home. We talked about how far Freemasonry in America has come; and shared stories and ideas on ways to continue engaging our communities with the English Masons. We learned a lot from them and also shared our own unique ideas. These moments were great, because we could relate to each other and also discover ways in which we were different and celebrate both equally.

Personally, I had a phenomenal time. For all of the above reasons and many more. I enjoyed spending time with brothers from our Lodge and District 717, while also meeting and sharing fellowship with brothers from other lodges and learning their stories.



Pic by Leticia Burgos

This event was truly a success and was made possible by the efforts of many Masons on both sides of the Pond. It was also made possible by the good planning and financial management of the brethren who came before us. Let us always remember to be good stewards of our resources, and hope future Masons will have wisdom to do the same.

My thanks you to all who have participated and made this a great year—our year—possible. Looking forward to seeing what we do next year! I look forward to seeing everybody at G-Night on the 23rd.

Wor. Isaac Taylor,
2022 Lodge Master

Lodge

News & Notes

A Look Back at Last Month's Events



Entered Apprentice Degree
Bro. Jamison Baker
October 12, 2022

Brothers gathered at our lodge to assist in welcoming Brother Jamison Baker into the First Degree of Masonry.



Grand Lodge Annual Communicaiton
October 21, 2022

Brothers from 290 attended the Annual Communication in San Francisco, CA, (L-R): Max Mironenko; Geno Nadirov; Ian Laurelin; Mimo Akkari, PM; Marco Garcia, PM; Dago Rodriguez, PM, at a visit to Wisdom Lodge's hospitality suite. INSERT: Senior Warden Geno Nadirov displaying the ballot he will soon cast his vote on.

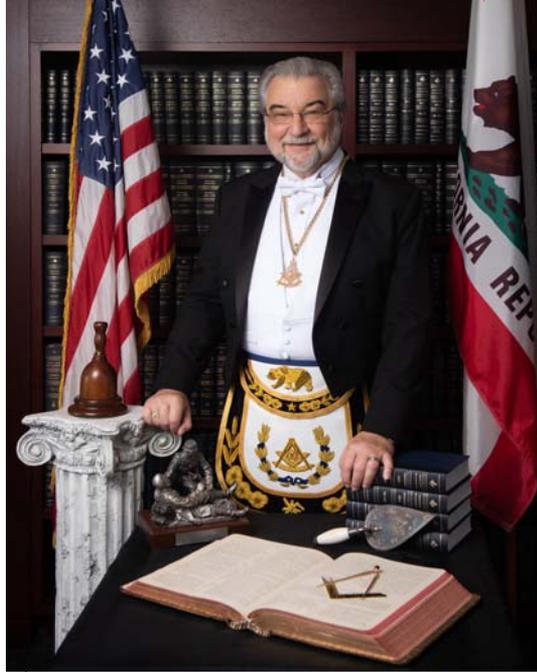




Meet Our New Grand Master: Most Worshipful Randall L. Brill

Wor. Brother Randall Louis Brill was raised a Master Mason in San Diego Lodge No. 35 on September 9, 2005. He served as Master of the lodge in 2009. Brother Brill now serves the Grand Lodge of California as Grand Master, having served in a number of roles over the past decade. He was appointed Grand Chaplain in 2012. He also served on the Fraternal Support Services committee, the Institute for Masonic Studies, the Masonic Education committee, and the Public Schools Advisory Council, for which he was the San Diego chairman. Brother Brill has acted as a facilitator for Grand Lodge leadership retreats and the Inspector Development Academy, serving as the chairman of the program and of a recent task force to reorganize it. For six years, Brother Brill served as a Trustee for the California Masonic Foundation and has been an integral leader in the *Let's Write the Future Campaign*, as well as on the boards of the Nob Hill Masonic Center, the California Masonic Foundation, Acacia Creek and the Masonic Homes of California.

Brother Brill received a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. After four years of teaching science and math at a private school in Illinois, he began a long career in marine mammal training and research that led to research and leadership assignments around the globe. In 1975, he was a marine mammal trainer and training supervisor for the Chicago Zoological Society. After proving that dolphins use their lower jaws



to hear returning echolocation signals, he went on to serve as a scientist and branch head of the Scientific and Veterinary Support Branch of the U.S. Marine Mammal Program; also, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Centers in Hawaii and in California. During this time, he received the Professional Achievement Award from the International Marine Animals Trainers Association. He served as technical agent and contracting officer for the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency. He was the Office of Naval Research science advisor to the Commander of the U.S. Naval Central Command and Fifth Fleet in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and received the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal from the U.S. Department of Defense. Randy returned to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego as a leadership coach for the Lean Six Sigma Process Improvement program. He retired in 2009 after 20 years of Naval service.

Randy and his wife, Susan, live in Escondido; they have four adult children, and four grandchildren.

United Grand Lodge of England Visit

The Masonic 717 District Makes History By Becoming the First Lodge in California to Exemplify a Full Third Degree in Freemasons Hall.



Masonic District 717 in London

On September 24, 2022, the 717th Masonic District, made up of Alhambra, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Wisdom Lodges, traveled across the continent and the Pond, to become the first lodges from the State of California to exemplify the Third Degree of Masonry from gavel to gavel. The trip, spearheaded by our District Inspector Paul Bazerkanian, PM and Bro. Younes Safa, was several years in the making. Originally scheduled for 2020, the Covid Pandemic threw a wrench into our plans to England that summer. The planning committees from the four District 717 lodges and English lodges coordinated diligently to make the event finally come to fruition. Thus, with time, patience, and perseverance, the trip was rescheduled for the Fall of 2022. The week of September 19–29, 2022 were added to the Master’s calendar as the official dates for the trip of England.

The roles for the Third Degree were cast by members representing each of the four lodges in our district. The Master’s roles in the East were shared by our own Wor. Isaac Taylor and Pasadena Lodge’s Wor. Dennis Yang, PM. Throughout the course of 2022, monthly Officer School of Instructions (OSI) were used to practice the Third Degree, and two actual conferrals were made for Alhambra and Pasadena Master Masons. The degree exemplification was conferred at the United Grand Lodge of England’s (UGLE) truly magnificent Freemasons



Hall. Ten brothers from SPML 290 and four of their ladies made up the SPML 290 contingency, which was one of the biggest representing our district.

As the date grew near, excitement and anticipation grew. For many of our brothers, it would be their first trip to the United Kingdom. The direct flight departed from LAX on September 19, 2022. Upon safely arriving in London's Heathrow Airport, brothers immediately tried the local fish and chips and spent the days leading up to the Master Mason Degree exemplification visiting the various sites and tourist attractions in and around London. In England, we encountered brothers from the States who had visited our lodge, such as Bro. Adam Goldman of Washington DC, Bro. Angel Millar of New York, and our own Bro. Ivan Kamaras, now Master of his lodge in Hungary, who brought with him a contingent of 20 fellow Hungarian Masons. During our visit, we were also privileged to attend a Lodge Installation and a First Degree in Freemasons Hall.

On September 24, 2022 the District 717 Masons met at Freemasons Hall at *(Continue on page 12)*



Visiting the Other Side of the Pond





SPML 290 brothers extended their travels and visited Scotland, while other went to Paris, Istanbul, Lebanon and Germany.



*SCOTLAND



*PARIS



Junior Deacon David VanderSmith traveled to Wimbledon UK and completed a half marathon, clocking in a time of 2:22:52 and adding another medal to growing growing collection.



*ISTANBUL

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I am to hold a slated two-hour practice, at Americana Lodge No. 3368, one of the 800 lodges that meet at the iconic building. After our brief rehearsal, and a return to our hotels for a quick change, on our return to the Americana Lodge at 4pm everything seemed to flow in such a smooth and collected manner that even we were impressed by our presentation. All those months of hard work really came through that afternoon. We could not have been prouder to have represented our respective lodges and our State! Our English brothers lavishly praised our presentation, with several pointing out that they had never witnessed such an impressive degree performance in their many years as Freemasons. In their ritual, the second section is simply narrated rather than acted out as ours does. Many even joked that we must be hired actors from Hollywood. (Ha! Ha!) Following the presentation, we retired to a restaurant next door for a grand festive board dinner. At that dinner, our English brothers presented us with gifts including pins, cuff links, crystal scotch tasting glasses, and a unique cheese board with all of our names engraved on it. This was truly an exceptional night full of bonding and fellowship—proving that Freemasonry is a far reaching and global brotherhood!

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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.”.