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SPOOKTOBERFEST!

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OCTOBER



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WEDNESDAY

Stated Dinner and Meeting 6:30pm

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MONDAY

Illumination Lecture
Bro. Greg Cherry
Death and Freemasonry
7pm

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WEDNESDAY

OSI at Wisdom
7pm

16

WEDNESDAY

First Degree
Mr. Arthur Amadian
6:30pm

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SATURDAY

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTOBERFEST
3pm

25-27

FRI-SUN
Annual Communication Weekend
1pm

26

SATURDAY

Masonic Meditation & Breakfast
9am

30

WEDNESDAY

Eddie G-Night
7pm

Happy Birthday!



Angel Perez (10/02), Richard D. Moser (10/05), Karl Bonsack, Robert Green, William Mallory, Cody Snyder, Jason Wilson (10/07), Youseff Assad (10/10), Armin Schulhof (10/11), Craig Gillette (10/12), Moustapha "Mimo" Akkari (10/14), Milton Morris (10/23), Karl Slusarek (10/24), Edgar Young (10/26), William Barry, Aaron Fries (10/27).



HALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Tuesday, October 15th, 2024
IN PERSON @ 6:30pm



EASTERN STAR DINNER and MEETING
Monday, October 14th, 2024
Dinner @ 6:30pm Meeting @ 7:30pm



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESEARCH LODGE
Monday, October 21, 2024
Quarterly Meeting @ 7pm; Dinner After

Halloween Spooktoberfest



10/19/24
@3pm



NOVEMBER

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MONDAY

Illumination Lecture
(See Flyer Below)

7pm

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WEDNESDAY

Stated Dinner and Meeting 6:30pm
Election of Officers

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WEDNESDAY

Officer Practice
6:30pm

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MONDAY

OSI
at Alhambra Lodge

7pm

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WEDNESDAY

Possible Degree
6:30pm

23

SATURDAY

Masonic Meditation & Breakfast

9am

SATURDAY

LODGE FAMILY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER

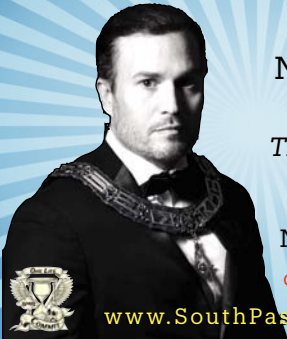
5pm

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WEDNESDAY

Eddie G-Night
7pm

South Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 290 Illumination Lecture Series



SPEAKER

Nathan Bexton

TALK

The Hieroglyphical Emblems

November 4, 2024

OPEN TO ALL - FREE - 7pm

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EASTERN STAR DINNER and MEETING
MONDAY November 11th, 2024
Dinner @ 6:30pm Meeting @ 7:30pm



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESEARCH LODGE
Saturday, November 23, 2024
Installation of Officers @ 3pm

Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gilbert Aguilar (11/02), Mirza Alli, 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), Miguel Ayala, Jordon Hollett, Max Rittenberg (11/26), Gary Gole (11/27), Ryan Hoffman, Aaron Tarazon (11/28).



From The East



Wor. Geno Nadirov

“I encourage all brethren to join us as we initiate another candidate into our growing lodge.”

Brethren,

I am thrilled to share that our line of officers for the coming year has gone above and beyond in their dedication and commitment to our lodge. They have worked tirelessly to qualify, and I couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Thanks to their efforts, our lodge will continue to thrive and grow.

This past month, we were honored to initiate Brother Derek Stillman into our beloved lodge. Derek will undoubtedly be a valuable contributor, and we are excited to welcome his energy and personality to our fraternity. The degree ceremony was exceptionally well-attended, and all the officers performed at their best. We also had a wonderful turnout of our Past Masters, whose support was greatly appreciated by our newly initiated brother.

Looking ahead, we have another Entered Apprentice degree coming up, for Arthur “Art” Amadian, on October 16. I encourage all brethren to join us as we initiate another candidate into our growing lodge. Your presence and support will continue to strengthen our bond and foster the growth of South Pasadena Lodge No. 290.

Fraternally, Wor. Geno Nadirov
Lodge Master



From The South



David VanderSmith

“One thing I have learned from all those experiences: 90% of it simply comes down to ‘just show up.’”

Greetings Brothers:

At our most recent EA degree, I had the incredible honor of sitting as Master of our lodge, for the first time, to initiate our new Brother, Derek Stillman, into our lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. This role came with an awesome weight and responsibility I didn't quite expect. Much like the rest of Freemasonry, one can read about it in books, talk about it in person, and speculate upon it to no end; but it seems nearly impossible to truly appreciate, let alone understand the depths and magnitude of it all, until one is actually there experiencing it—and even then, there always seems to be more to learn and experience each time, if we remain open to it.

We had a great turn out! I gained a new appreciation and respect for the importance of having brothers there in the sideline chairs, participating by being consciously present with the degree. For those who don't get to do the talking parts, that can be its own challenge; but the effect of that “living silence” within the ceremonies can be every bit as important as the words themselves. Like the composer, Claude Debussy, once said: “Music is the space between the notes.”

I think I might have been more nervous going into this night than I was for any of the races I've run, endurance events I've participated in, or even my own initiation into this lodge. One thing I have learned from all those experiences: 90% of it simply comes down to “just show up.” Can it really be that simple? Well, it might not *always*—or even not *usually*—be that *easy*, but at its root essence, it can be that simple. When we truly have the will for it, we don't *find* the time, we *make* the time. The rest, more or less, is a matter of putting one foot in front of the other, doing the work, and being ready to embrace whatever comes next: good, bad, or otherwise. Then simply continuing to push on to that next step. . .
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Lodge News & Notes



Masons-4-Mitts Dodger Game September 26, 2024

Several SPML 290 Brothers were present at Dodger Stadium to see Most Worshipful Grand Master Sean Metroka, and his Grand Lodge staff, present a check for a bit over \$75,000 to the Masons-4-Mitts program, breaking the fundraising record set last year. All the funds were raised by local area lodges, including our own, for this worthy annual charitable community program. In pic (L-R): Emanuel Brown, Derek Stillman, Arthur "Art" Amadian and David VanderSmith.





First Degree

September 11, 2024

Join us in welcoming Bro. Derek Stillman, our first Entered Apprentice of the year! Officers delivered an exceptional degree, sitting in advanced chairs, with Bro. David VanderSmith in the East, who delivered a full form lecture, and even closed in full form; not bad for his first venture in the East. Congratulations to all on an inspiring night!

Bro. Derek Stillman

Eddie G Night and Screening

September 25, 2024

Brothers gathered for our monthly social gathering and snacked on homemade pasta and brownies. The highlight of the night was watching our own Bro. Phil Donlon, who is an actor by trade, have his debut on the NBC show, *Chicago Fire*. Brothers gathered in the rec room to watch the show and toast Bro. Phil on his beautiful performance.



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As things happened to play out, it was fortunate that I had the opportunity to spend over a year in preparation for this particular role. It was a reminder to me that better quality can often be achieved by allowing oneself to take our due time. For this particular degree, and over the last few months especially, the officers have all been diligently working together in the quarries, striving to polish this ritual as finely as we could, as well as preparing for qualifications. I must say, though not yet perfect, I am extremely proud of the work we have done together, and I look forward to the work we still have to come. The time and energy we have poured into this has already paid off big time. It has been absolutely worth the hours upon hours, and days upon days, of chipping at the “stones” of memory and floor work, in service to the brethren and the lodge.

The entire night played out beautifully, and I can't thank my lodge brothers enough for their trust in letting me wield the gavel for the night, as well as for the incredible support from my fellow officers and all the brethren there in attendance. The feedback from our newly initiated Brother, along with everyone else there, was extremely positive; which gives me hope and confidence that, together, our lodge is committed to upholding its obligations to the principal tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Please join us again on Wednesday, October 16, as we initiate our next Entered Apprentice, Arthur “Art” Amadian!
Fraternally, David VanderSmith

2024 Line of Officers

MASTER Geno Nadirov	SENIOR WARDEN Nate Brown	JUNIOR WARDEN David VanderSmith	SECRETARY Mimo Akkari, PM niftymimo@yahoo.com
TREASURER Bob Arnold, PM	SENIOR DEACON Nathan Bexton	JUNIOR DEACON Sebastian Schmidt	CHAPLAIN Charlie Fisher, PM
SENIOR STEWARD Max Mironenko	JUNIOR STEWARD Johan Garcia	MARSHAL Adrian Howard	ORGANIST Miko Merced
TILER Sean Finley	ASST. SECRETARY Jerry Harris, PM	DISTRICT INSPECTOR Paul Bazerkanian, PM	OFFICER'S COACH Ed Spalding, PM

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.

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