



# Glendora Masonic Lodge #404

F. & A.M.



November 2023

Pride of the Foothills

Wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. Take a moment to remember all of the many things that we should be thankful for in our country and Freemasonry. We are members of the greatest Fraternity in the world. Never take this for granted, be thankful for this important privilege, and remember why you became a Mason.

Worshipful Rick Haren



*As we celebrate Thanksgiving it's important to reflect on the history of this holiday. Two Freemasons heavily shaped the celebration that we know today. Bro. Elias Boudinot and former President and Freemason George Washington rallied together to create this holiday as a way to give thanks and prayer to our communities, families, and friends.*

## The Masonic Connection

In 1621, the settlers from the Mayflower created a tradition that would last for centuries to come. This celebration was to thank God for the harvest and his many blessings. Members of the Wampanoag tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts were also invited to the feast. This feast is what we now call Thanksgiving where we are pushed to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for.

On September 25th, 1789 Congressman and Brother Elias Boudinot of Burlington, New Jersey appeared in front of the House of Representatives with a proposition. Brother Boudinot asked that the government create a committee to persuade the President and Freemason, George Washington, to declare a national day of thanks and prayer. Without his Masonic values, Brother Boudinot may have never been inclined to rally for this national day of thanks.

In 1789, President George Washington delivered the Proclamation of 1789 that assigned November 26th as the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. This proclamation was also a symbol to our former monarchy that the colonies were a self-governing and legitimate state. Washington **remarked**, "both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

It goes without doubt that our national holiday of Thanksgiving would not have been established without the help of two Freemasons. Brother Elias Boudinot and President George Washington are two strong foundations of our Thanksgiving tradition. As Freemasons, we should take this time to practice gratitude for our fellow Brethren, lodges, and local communities.

Happy Thanksgiving from Glendora Lodge 404

**Attend Your Blue Lodge**

**"Ask not what your Lodge can do for you; ask what you can do for your Lodge."**

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	<b>International Order for Rainbow Girls Citrus Assembly #206</b>	
		2nd & 4th Monday 7:00pm

### Actual Birthday's

Stanley	Samuel	11/2
Dean	Holdridge PM	11/3
Jason	Duarte	11/7
Johnny	Mallory Jr. PM	11/13
Nabil	Chaoui	11/20
Michael	Babineau	11/24
Noah	Saeedy	11/26
Ray	Teare	11/30

### Masonic Anniversary's

Gerald	Robinson	11/8
Nabil	Chaoui	11/10
Anthony	Hamway	11/14
Robert	Burns	11/16
Edward	Fitz-gerald II	11/19
Jean	Malki	11/23
Robert	Whitten PM	11/25

### November



Date	Title	Time	Comments
Oct 30	Temple Board	7:30p	
Nov 1	Exec Board	7:30p	
Nov 2	Dinner Stated Meeting	6:30p 7:30p	
Nov 11	Hall Rental		All Day
	No OSI in Nov		
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day		
	Rainbow Meet		1st & 3rd Monday
Proficiency Class every Monday @ 6p			
Practice Session Tuesday's @ 7:30p			

"Everybody matters or nobody matters."

The end of daylight saving time is at hand.

We'll fall back this year at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023. Most devices these days will adjust automatically to the time change, but don't forget to set any traditional clocks back by one hour.

But didn't we already get rid of daylight saving time? Yes, in fact, we did, but... It's true that Oregon, Washington and California have collectively agreed to abolish seasonal time changes. However, making the change a reality is stuck at the federal level.

In 2022, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bi-partisan bill called the [Sunshine Protection Act](#) – which promptly died in the House of Representatives.



Sunday,  
November  
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# November 2 Stated Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Menu:**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**\$15.00 p/p**

**Traditional Roast Turkey, Traditional Cornbread/Sausage Stuffing, Salad(s) Vegetable(s), Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Turkey Gravy, Rolls and Butter, Beverages and Pies for Dessert**

*RSVP's REQUIRED, No RSVP, No DINNER 'Show ups' without RSVP will be served AFTER those with RSVP's, with what is left to serve...No Guarantees!*

**to Br. Fred Bernhardt @ 626 327-7757 Text Preferred**

**by no later than Monday Oct 30, 2023**

***Please help: setup, servers, cleanup, serving and clean up, volunteers greatly appreciated!***

From the West



Hey Brethren, the year is coming to an end. It was fun being able to attend the various events that we had. We are headed in the right direction. If any brother is lonely during thanksgiving, please give me a call or a text at (626) 225-1482 , so I can extend an invite to have dinner with my family. You may even see Josh Carr. As always, take care and enjoy your time with your family!

Happy November, Brethren...



I came across the following article and wanted to share it with you. What can we do to improve? What are we doing or not doing to improve?

**There was once an old Mason who hadn't attended his lodge for 20 years. One day he thought he'd go and see what's been going on with his lodge in his absence. When he arrived he found boards on the windows, and a padlock on the door with a sign saying CLOSED.**

**As he stood staring at this sad lonely building a younger man walked up and looked along with the old man. The old man said; I was a member here for many years.**

**The young man replied; I was the secretary.**

**I just can't understand how this lodge could have gone dark. I bought my life membership 50 years ago. Said the old man.**

**To this the young man replied every member here were life members as well.**

**Puzzled the old man said; if everyone had life memberships, then what happened? How did it go dark?**

**The young man replied; no one attended the meetings or became involved.**

**My point is just this; It isn't enough to buy a life membership, it isn't enough to pay dues, and it isn't enough to say you're a Mason. You have to attend, get involved, and claim your benefits.**

As always, my contact phone is; 626 483-1342 or email: [mileshb3@gmail.com](mailto:mileshb3@gmail.com) See you next month. Miles

# Hello Brethren Please Read !

## Instructions for paying 2024 Lodge dues



1. If you pay your Lodge dues on the Grand Lodge website (iMember 2.0) **ONLY** pay \$178.00  
 Then you will be invoiced by the Glendora Lodge for the difference of \$TBD (TBD if Square pay)  
 Total \$TBD

2. If You pay the Lodge by check or Cash \$TBD  
**PREFERRED METHOD**



check to: Glendora Lodge 404 and send to:  
 PO Box 636 Glendora, CA 91740-0636  
 And of coarse Cash is always accepted

3. If you pay by Credit Card (Square) \$ TBD  
 Processing Fee \$ TBD  
 Total: \$ TBD  
 See Secretary for CC Payments



OR (PayPal)  
 Log in to [www.glendoramasons.com](http://www.glendoramasons.com)  
 CLICK THE "PayPal" Box in the upper Right corner On the left side click "annual dues"  
 and follow instructions.  
 PayPal will be \$ TBD + transaction fee

*The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum AMT of ??? plus the Per Capita (rounded up to the next \$5.00) sum approved by Grand Lodge at Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January. (CMC Sect 802.020)*

**Please! WE** Would like your email if you have one or your current address

### How to Register for iMember 2.0

The First item is the addition of **iMember 2.0**, our Grand Lodge's database platform. For those who may be unfamiliar with the platform, it is where we are able to manage our member's records.

The following are quick steps for a member to register and gain access to their existing accounts and view their masonic records:

To Sign up (register) Go to [freemason.org](http://freemason.org)

On the top right corner of the main page click MEMBER Sign In button and it will redirect you to the sign-in page.

If this is your first time on [freemason.org](http://freemason.org), on the top right of the sign-in page click the Member Registration tab and it will redirect you to the registration form. Complete the form by inputting the following:

- Your Lodge Number "404"
- Your Member ID (contact me for help if you do not know your ID number) found on your current dues card
- Your Last name

Then click Check Membership Status and continue to follow the final steps to verify your account.

You will also find a short video-guide available on the same page on how to register your account.

You will notice an APP tab at the top right corner of the Sign-in or Membership page. Click for instructions on how to add the iMember 2.0 App to your IOS device.

Once you are logged in, you will have access to your Masonic records.

Please take the time, when you are able, to explore your account and take advantage of all the resources and training tools available to you.

You will also have the capability to update your personal information such as (address, phone, email, etc.).

A few exciting features are your Virtual Dues Card, viewing your dues balances and transactions, and downloading or printing your Dues Card (PDF).