



# DESTINY LODGE No. 856

## *Trestleboard*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

### MOVING FORWARD AS A LODGE

This is one of the hardest articles I've ever had to write and it's taken me several attempts to get it done. July was a very hard month for this lodge, the members and families connected to the lodge. The heartbeat of the lodge, Worshipful Jerry Chandler passed away early in the morning of July 2, 2024. To all of us, Jerry was the rock and glue that held Destiny Lodge together. Jerry was a fierce friend to everyone he knew and cared for. He was a dedicated family man who loved his lady Pearl, his children and grandchildren. His humor and zingers were legendary, but he always did it in fun. I met Jerry while my parents were on their 3-day assessment visit to the Masonic Home. He was kind and helpful answering all of our questions. Once my parents moved into the home, he was our guide to all of the

pieces of the home...and helped make my parents feel very comfortable.

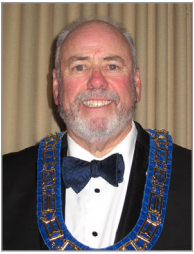
We will move forward as a lodge and find our way into this new chapter of our legacy. A very dedicated member of the lodge has agreed to take the role of Secretary to help bridge the gap until next year, Worshipful Harry Thomas. I'd like to thank him for being willing to aid the lodge and help get us on track. I'd also like to thank Worshipful Fred Bernherdt for being willing to help Harry get familiar with I-Member and show him the ropes. We are lucky to have such a dynamic duo helping the lodge during this time.

Even with our sorrow, the lodge pressed forward and completed our month with pride to make Jerry proud. We had our first ever BBQ and Movie night on 7/14 which was

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Brother Duane Joslin was presented the Hiram Award by brothers of Destiny Lodge No. 856 on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the Masonic Homes in Covina. In attendance for the ceremony were officers from the Grand Lodge of California, Grand Master Most Worshipful G. Sean Metroka, Grand Treasurer Very Worshipful Charles Cross, Grand Organist Steve Millier and Worshipful Robert Secest, Inspector of the 729th Masonic District.



# GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

## HONORING JERRY'S MEMORY

Starting off on a positive note, we had a GREAT time celebrating with Brother Duane Joslin as he received the Hiram Award from our lodge! And to top it off, Grand Master Metroka was there to be Master of Ceremonies and to present the award to Duane.

Duane is such an amazingly kind and generous man who is always ready and willing to help with anything our lodge has going on. The list of ways he helps us would take too long to compile. Suffice it to say, he's a great guy, a great Mason, and has an infectious positive mental attitude.

Congratulations again, Duane!!! You really deserved this honor.

On a more somber point, we lost the last of the four founders of Destiny Lodge. Jerry Chandler was a friend to all he met. He was a great ambassador for our fraternity and handed out a great many applications in his time. He had a dry sense of humor and a storyteller's heart. He loved Pearl like all get out, and he was completely devoted to her. He was blessed to have the love and devotion of Pearl in return, and he was fast to tell others about what a wonderful woman she was and what a great wife she was to him. He could also just as quickly put a mischievous dose of vinegar (about Pearl) into the conversation just to spice it up if she was within earshot.

Jerry really enjoyed making people laugh.

Several times I asked Jerry about the creation of Destiny. You've probably heard the story. John Abernathy, Jim Nash, and another resident (whose name I can't remember and who passed away early in Destiny's history) approached Jerry shortly after he and Pearl moved into the home. They had submitted forms to create a lodge and had hoped to gain U.D. status, but they had done something incorrectly. They convinced Jerry that starting a lodge on campus was important, and with his secretarial skills and connections with Grand Lodge, he would be the perfect guy to help them resubmit the forms correctly.

With Jerry's efforts, in 2013 Destiny became a lodge Under Dispensation, and in October 2014 there was a Charter Ceremony in Solomon's Square with Most Worshipful Russell Charvonja presiding. As an invited guest to the ceremony, that's where I met Jerry and learned about Destiny.

After the ceremony, we had a short talk about Masonry, my grandfather's and uncle's membership, my history on the campus and what the next step would be. About two weeks later I submitted an application for degrees, and the rest is history.

Had it not been for Jerry, I would never have taken the first

step. He was the connection to Freemasonry for a lot of us in Destiny Lodge, and (I'm sure) for a lot of guys at Old West Lodge, Jerry's mother lodge.

As the lodge secretary, Jerry was the glue that held Destiny together. He was the hub of all information and activity. He respected the older guys in the lodge, and ran herd on us younger guys, making sure we didn't overstep our boundaries, or stray too far away from the CMC.

Jerry was an ambassador for the Masonic Home. He was a resident representative to the Board of Trustees, he was on the resident council, he gave tours to visitors, and was active (and interactive) with Masons who applied to live on a campus, especially when they were staying on campus for their 3 day visit.

Jerry helped in the "store" and with Pearl's pottery projects. He was instrumental in Pearl's candy making projects, and was there with her at every boutique or organized event where she would have the chance to sell the toffee.

He loved his kids, grand kids and great grand kids, and could give you an update on what they were doing and where they were at the drop of the hat.

Jerry was also good at being a peacemaker. I guess you could say he was blessed that way.

If he had a sense there was something wrong between two brothers in the lodge, he'd explore the problem to see if there was something he could do to get it sorted...not for his own glory, but for the benefit of the lodge and friendship.

He was the first one to tell you he disagreed with you, but he would also tack onto the end of that sentence that you and he were still brothers and he cared about you.

Jerry's passing has deeply touched all of us, and all of us will have our own stories of how Jerry was a part of our lives. It's important to remember Jerry, and to honor his memory. How can we honor Jerry's memory? We can be Masonic in our relationships. We can be ambassadors for the fraternity. We can ask others how we can help them. We can ask our leaders how we can help the lodge.

How else can we honor Jerry's memory? We can remember Pearl. We all know Pearl, and while she won't want a ton of attention heaped on her, it will be important for each of us to take time to find her, ask her how she's doing, and if she needs it, lend a helping hand.

Soft & Safe to thee my brother, be thy resting place.



**Fraternally,**

**John Pomroy - Senior Warden  
Destiny Lodge No. 856 - 2024**



# GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

EPITOMIZING THE TREE PRINCIPAL TENETS OF MASONRY

I'm writing this Trestleboard article for the month of August with a heavy heart. In July we lost our brother

Worshipful Jerry Chandler. Jerry was not only a member of Destiny lodge, and its secretary, but he was also a charter member Destiny. In fact, he was the only secretary this lodge has ever had. Without Jerry there probably wouldn't have been a Destiny lodge. To say he will be missed is an understatement. Jerry was more than a member of our lodge and our secretary; he was my friend and mentor. He was the first person I met when I found my way into Destiny. He was always there with words of encouragement as I moved through the officer's line. Jerry was always the go to person whenever something needed to get done. He always knew the

right person to talk to. Jerry epitomized the three principal tenets of Masonry: brotherly, relief and truth. Moving forward will be difficult without him, but we will because that's what he would have wanted. Jerry loved Destiny Lodge and he loved living at the Masonic Homes. Jerry's legacy will continue to inspire and guide me in my Masonic journey.

I wanted my article this month to talk about Jerry and the impact he's had on my masonic journey, so it is a shorter article this month.



Fraternally,

**David Gonzalez - Junior Warden**  
Destiny Lodge No 856 - 2024

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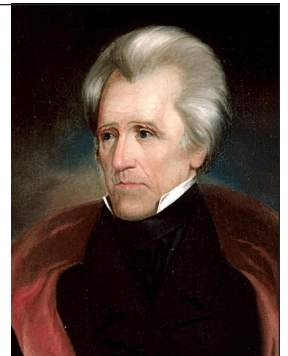
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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

### LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE YEAR

Welcome, Brethren and friends. Here it is, August and we are all working together to navigate the loss of our Worshipful Brother Jerry Chandler.

I am on a STEEP learning curve but have so many willing to help as I continue to learn the many duties of Secretary. There are so many details that this position handles to coordinate the meetings and events we desire they are done well.

We have the memorial services for Jerry at Old West Lodge on the 5th and then here on the 7th at 1 P.M. We also have an OSI later this month.

Our stated meeting has been moved from Wednesday the 7th to Thursday the 8th because of the memorial service for

our Brother Jerry on the 7th, as mentioned above.

We will have a special election at the stated meeting to elect our new Secretary and then install him.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, please understand we are learning and want to make sure that nothing "falls through the cracks". I am asking you to keep me informed of upcoming events so we get them on the calendar and make sure we have the right team(s) in place to continue the good work of Destiny Lodge and the brethren.



Fraternally,

Harry Thomas P.M. - Acting Secretary  
Destiny Lodge No. 856 - 2024

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MASONIC LODGE SECRETARY

The Secretary is the Lodge's Recorder. The Secretary's Lodge Officer Duties require a high degree of lodge experience, Masonic knowledge, diplomacy, and, above all, detailed paperwork skills.

The Lodge Secretary is the backbone of any Masonic Lodge and he holds a position of great responsibility. He sits to the left of the Master.

His duties require him to handle all correspondence to the members, minutes of Lodge meetings, petitions of new candidates, continuous lodge member count, and many other administrative duties. He compiles an ongoing list of

each new candidate and which degrees that candidate has undertaken. From his member list, he sends out the annual dues notices and receives dues payments.

He communicates with other Lodges and the Grand Lodge, types letters, retrieves the mail as well as handles many other details.

The Secretary's Lodge Officer duties are many, not the least of which is that he must be well versed in Grand Lodge By-Laws for his jurisdiction and his Lodge By-Laws. He keeps the list of Lodge members and helps the Master organize his meetings... many times he is a Past Master of the Lodge.

## DESTINY LODGE No. 856 2024 OFFICERS

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# BROTHERS, FAMILY, AND BBQ – THE PERFECT TRIO

On July 13th a First Degree Conferral by Granada Hills Lodge No. 378 was held at Destiny Lodge No. 856. Lunch was served by William Rhodes Hervey Lodge No. 767. Please welcome our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Renato “Rene” Pasco, to our prestigious craft! We would also like to thank Terry Quigley, President and CEO of Mason Homes of California for attending that day’s BBQ lunch event.





## DESTINY DIVAS

Hope this finds each of you well.  
I am looking forward to our next dinner together and gathering on Wednesday, August 7th.

Going to give you a couple of choices at what we do after the dinner.

One would be to use 'Sharpen your senses cards', sharing something about yourself that probably no one would know, or play a game.

My Husband is a  
Freemason



See you soon,

**Pamela Sandstrom**

## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST 2024

Asher (Gus) Cordes 08/27/2007 17 Yrs.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST 2024

(Actual Birthdays)

William John O'Brien II	08/01
Michael Scott Leffin	08/06
James Russell Crist	08/16
Rick Allen King	08/16
Richard Keith Haren	08/20
Roy Richard Pool	08/20
Michael Majai Magliato	08/22
William Earl Rogers II	08/27



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### YOUTH ORDERS: (APRIL)

Ernie Salcido, David Gonzalez

### MASONIC EDUCATION:

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Juan Mena

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### PUBLIC SAFETY:

John Pomroy

### MASONIC OUTREACH:

David Gonzalez, John Pomroy

### MASON OF THE YEAR:

Ernie Salcido, Hersh Mazer



# FEELING FINTASTIC!



Destiny Lodge No. 856 hosted 'Movie Night' in the Fellowcraft room and a bar be que at Masonic Homes at Covina on July 14th. Brothers of Destiny Lodge, residents of the Masonic Homes at Covina, friends and family enjoyed great food and a showing of the movie 'Jaws'. Thank you to Brother Edgar Reynoso for making arrangements for the showing in the Fellowcraft room, and all others who helped make this a successful event.





# GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

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a huge hit! 30 people attended the evening and were treated to a nice BBQ picnic dinner, movie popcorn & snacks, beverages and the movie Jaws! Thank you to Brother Edgar Reynoso and the committee for putting on such a great evening. Then, we had the Hiram Award for Brother Duane Joslin which was attended by his family, lodge members, home residents and friends. Our Grand Master, MW Sean Metroka was in attendance and participated in the ceremony for Duane. He shared with me that this was the 1st Hiram he had attended this year and by far the most touching, heartfelt ceremony he had ever seen. Congratulations to our dear Brother Duane and we are all proud of you! We also attended the Grand Master's breakfast the next morning, held Bagels with the Pillars and held several degree practices. Thank you to all who participated in our very busy month.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped pull our events together during the month of July. I know that we are all dealing with a huge loss and wondering what happens next. We have received guidance from our inspector which has been a tremendous help. As you are probably aware, there are going to be 2 memorial services for Jerry. The first one is on 8/5/24 and will be held at the Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall at 2:00 PM with a reception afterwards at the

Elks Lodge in Newhall. The second one will be held at the Masonic Home on Wednesday, August 7th at 1:00 PM.

IF you plan to attend the service at the Masonic Home, you need to RSVP in advance so we can get your name on the official guest list for the security gate, where you will have to check in with your ID. Please reach out to me directly via my email at [inmazer67@icloud.com](mailto:inmazer67@icloud.com) and let me know if you are coming and how many will be attending.



Lastly, our stated meeting has been moved to Thursday, August 8th 2024 due to the memorial service being held the day before. PLEASE make note of this change for the stated meeting and plan for the 8th of August. Please send your RSVP for dinner to our acting Secretary, Worshipful Thomas at [destiny856sec@gmail.com](mailto:destiny856sec@gmail.com). This is his new lodge email address so please take note of it. We will have much to discuss with you at the August Stated Meeting so please plan to attend on 8/8/24.

On a personal note – I wish to share with you that there has been a change in my life. Kayelynn and I have decided to end our relationship and marriage due to irreconcilable differences which we couldn't get past. She is a wonderful lady and I will miss her deeply. She loved being apart of the Divas and the relationships she made while she was here. She told me to wish you all well and thank you all for your kindness and friendship. As for me, I will be moving to a new apartment by the end of August but will remain in the area to be close to my father, the lodge and my new place of employment. I thank you for your support and respecting our privacy during this emotional time of change.

Fraternally,

Ira Mazer - Master  
Destiny Lodge No.856 - 2024





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## The Meaning Behind Common Masonic Symbols



### The Letter G

While Freemasons can't claim an entire letter of the alphabet as their own, they do use the letter G within their symbolism quite frequently. The problem is, there's a bit of contention around what it actually means.

Some say it's as simple as standing for 'God' and 'Geometry'. Others believe it represents the word 'Gnosis', meaning the knowledge of spiritual mysteries, which is a big component of Masonry. Others still devise that the letter G in ancient Hebrew had a numerical value of 3, which is highly referenced throughout history when talking about God.





# GRAND MASTERS BREAKFAST RECEPTION HELD BY THE LOS ANGELES MASONIC SERVICES BUREAU

This is the largest assembly of Freemasons outside of our annual communication of the Grand Lodge! It was held on Sunday July 21, 2024 and was a fantastic opportunity to network with Masons from all over Southern California. At the Grand Master's Breakfast from Destiny Lodge were the following member: Tom Chillis, Ernie Salcido, David Gonzalez, Michael Gutierrez, John Feagans, Tom Jones, Ken Kenyon, Harold Whitford, Harry Thomas, Fred Bernhardt, John Parcher Herschel Mazer, Ira Mazer and John Pomroy. From San Dimas lodge, joining us at our table, was Fellowcraft Mason, Antonio.



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## AUGUST 2024 CALENDER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 DESTINY LODGE 6:15 PM DINNER 7:30 PM STATED MTG. DESTINY DIVAS LODGE SHIRTS	9	10 BBQ DINNER WITH RESIDENTS/STAFF @ EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN COVINA
11	12	13	14 DESTINY LODGE PRACTICE 1ST DEGREE	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 DESTINY LODGE PRACTICE 1ST DEGREE	22	23	24 DESTINY LODGE BAGELS WITH THE PILLARS 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
25	26	27	28 DESTINY LODGE PRACTICE 1ST DEGREE	29	30	31

## DESTINY LODGE STATED DINNER MENU 2024

*All meals will come with salad, dessert & vegetarian options if needed.*

<b>JANUARY:</b>	Roast Pork Loin w/ Natural Ju & Sautéed Apples, Roasted Fingerlings Potatoes, Garlic Squash
<b>FEBRUARY:</b>	Chicken Alfredo, & CHEFS CHOICE & garlic bread
<b>MARCH:</b>	Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Red Potatoes and Carrots, Sliced Marble Rye
<b>APRIL:</b>	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sautéed Green Beans, Warm Roll
<b>MAY:</b>	Steak Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans & Rice
<b>JUNE:</b>	Beef Roast, Salmon, Scalloped Potatoes & Asparagus
<b>JULY:</b>	BBQ Ribs, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn on the Cob & Biscuits
<b>AUGUST:</b>	Meat Lasagna, Cheese Ravioli
<b>SEPTEMBER:</b>	Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Peas
<b>OCTOBER:</b>	No Stated Meeting Dinner This Month
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	Glazed Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes & Broccoli, Salad, Dessert
<b>DECEMBER:</b>	Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Green Bean Casserole

