

~ Views from the News ~



DeMolay was well represented at Ca. Grand Chapter Eastern Star.

~ Events Column ~

- **Huntington Beach Chapter Installation**
 - Sat, Nov 4th, at 7:00 pm, Location: 601 Palm Ave, Huntington Beach
- **Long Beach Chapter Installation**
 - Sat, Nov 4th, at 7:30 pm, Location: 3610 Locust Ave, Long Beach
- **Temecula Chapter Installation**
 - Thu, Nov 9th, at 7:30 pm, Location: 27895 Diaz Road, Temecula
- **Antelope Valley Chapter Installation**
 - Sat, Nov 11th, at 7:00 pm, Location: 44702 Cedar Ave, Lancaster
- **Redlands Chapter Visitation and League Meeting**
 - Thu, Nov 16th, at 7:30 pm, Location: 131 Cajon St, Redlands
- **Paradise League Meeting/ Activity**
 - Fri, Nov 17th, at 7:30 pm, Location: 9813 Beach St, Bellflower

~ Sports Column ~

- **Sonora League Football**
 - Sat, Nov 4th, at 9:30 am, Location: Brookside Park, 1630 Brookside Avenue, Redlands
- **SCJ Ultimate Frisbee**
 - Sun, Nov 12th, at 10:00 am, Location: Masonic Home at Covina, 1650 E Old Badillo St, Covina – East Lawn

The Green Lantern's Spotlight

In this issue we look at Civil Liberty, represented by the flag of our country.
By Oliver Rodriguez, Neo-Trital League President

Since the birth of our country, our flag has symbolized liberty, justice, and democracy for billions of people across the globe. For those who do not know, my family immigrated to our country in 1985 when they were escaping a regime in Nicaragua that oppressed and killed its own people. During that entire decade in Nicaragua, rights like freedom of speech, freedom to peacefully assemble, and freedom of the press did not exist. If you challenged the government in any way, you would be silenced, thrown in jail, and even publicly executed.

When my family was able to walk freely on American soil, the mere notion of a government securing and protecting these basic human rights for its citizens was unfathomable to them considering what they had just gone through back in Nicaragua. They came to love our country for the freedom and love it bestowed on to them.

Today, there are millions of people who believe that our banner has not lived up to those virtues. To say that these people are wrong would deny the reality of their experiences. Our country is not by any means perfect. There are still a myriad of challenges that we as a country have yet to overcome. We must come together, have productive conversations, and push for a brighter future so that the liberty, justice, and democracy that our banner represents is extended to all groups of people no matter what the color of their skin, their religion, creed, political view, or economic status is.

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