## President's Message February 2022

And so it goes...

Occasionally, you do the right thing for the right reasons, and life throws you a curve.

This past month, my brother and I threw a 90th birthday party for my dad. The invitations to the party said that you needed to be fully vaccinated against COVID 19 to protect my dad.

Despite testing before we went out to San Diego, my daughter Allison, my grand daughter Abigail, my wife Iris, myself as well as my dad and his partner all tested positive for COVID-19. We had the party as no one had tested positive until after the party. No one else had any issues despite there being about thirty people at the party. Why only my family? Well it was my idea to throw the party in the first place. Omicron had not been an issue when we made the plans in November, and since everyone was vaccinated, we did not feel the need to cancel the party, even though I was concerned. Despite our best efforts, Omicron won, and we got to stay in a hotel room for a week in quarantine. When I called to tell Vice President Marsha what was going on, I found out that she and Karl also caught the virus.

To keep our temple family safe, we cancelled all in person temple activities for January. We will discuss the upcoming month at our board meeting on February 7th at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. If you wish to listen in on the conversation or make your opinions known, you are always welcome to join in.

Zoom information for the board meeting is: Join Zoom Meeting

As of today, everyone in my family is healthy and we are back to our daily routines. I hope to see you all soon, but the board will make the decisions that we feel are best to keep our congregation as safe as we can. Love, Howie