



2020 Annual Meeting Notice
Funeral Consumers Alliance of Stanislaus/Merced Counties
Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. on Zoom

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Stanislaus/Merced Counties, like many other community groups, has been forced to forgo in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. While we regret that we cannot meet face-to-face, this year's annual meeting will be held on Zoom, Saturday, October 24, at 11 a.m.

You will be able to access the meeting by inserting the following meeting number and passcode when prompted to do so:

[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94687505306?](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94687505306?pwd=RU1qN1lsc05WMDB4VkdKeisxbkYwdz09)
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Password: 209195

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16699006833,94687505306# or
+12532158782,94687505306#

Or Telephone:

+1 669 900 6833 (US Toll)

+1 253 215 8782 (US Toll)

If you don't already have a free Zoom account, go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and set one up ahead of time. Zoom will require you to download its free application which will allow you to join the meeting. Doing this in advance will ensure a smooth experience.

The meeting will take no more than an hour of your time and will feature a short presentation by MJC Professor Venesse Metcalf, who teaches a course on "Death and Dying," along with several of her students. In addition, our members will need to approve last year's minutes, review chapter finances and elect trustees for the coming year. We require a quorum of at least 20 of our 700 members to conduct business, so we urge you to attend.

We are also asking you to consider donating time or treasure to FCASMC by completing and returning the enclosed envelope. Providing us with your email address (or sending your email to info@fcasmc.org) will allow us to

reduce our considerable mailing costs. There is a Pay Pal link on our web page.

We encourage you to visit our website—www.fcasmc.org—for updates and more information on our activities and links to useful information. There you will find our recently updated price list that allows you to compare charges for basic burial and cremation services offered by area funeral homes.

If you still have questions, we invite you to call (209) 521-7690, or email us at info@fcasmc.org.

Your local FCA depends on you to spread the word about our mission to protect the right to a meaningful, dignified, and affordable final rites. Please let us know if your group or organization would like one of us to make a presentation about what we do.

Finally, we would be happy to send you our membership brochure, as well as a pamphlet on the pros and cons of prepaying for funerals. We also have a supply of Spanish language brochures, as well as a limited number of the “Before I Go You Should Know” organizer for \$15 each.

Thanks for listening and for your support of our volunteers.

FCA of Stanislaus/Merced Counties

From The Wall Street Journal

“Death Tech” startup AFTR now offers all-weather cameras for gravesites with two-way audio streaming to ensure ‘an eternal connection” with loved ones. The camera’s microphone is built to pickup “peaceful sounds from the resting place.” AFTR claims that this device removes “every obstacle preventing one from visiting a loved one’s gravesite.” AFTR’s cameras run \$499 each, with an additional monthly charge of \$12.99. The company joins other entrepreneurs who offer systems that turn human remains into compost, trees and even diamonds.