

**“Man at the Bar”, Oil
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I found a photo on Facebook, I believe, that I really wanted to paint. I was drawn to it and felt compelled to paint it. This image of a man sitting at a bar. What does it mean? What kind of story does it tell? I could read a lot of stories into this composition. Especially at this particular time. Is the man depressed and is he depressed because he is isolated from everyone he loves? Or, does he want to be alone and is deep in thought contemplating his life? Or, perhaps, he’s listening to music and waiting for his lunch to be served. His lover has stood him up? He has just finished an important meeting at work and needed to wind down after a tough day at the office. I could go on and on creating different scenarios for this dude. He does not have a face. Another factor in determining the imagery? This man does not want us to know what he is feeling. Perhaps you, the viewer, would like to create your own story.