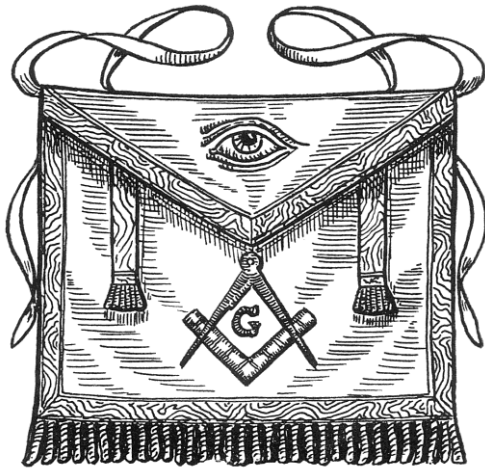




WELCOME LODGE NO. 255



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Brethren,

For the month of April, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Charvonia, has declared this month as Public Schools Observance Month. And as such, I would like to acknowledge all of the children who continue to exert their greatest efforts in pursuing their education, acknowledge all of the school officials and teachers who continue to enrich these students lives and help make their dreams come true, and announce that our scholarship program has been re-instated in light of recognizing the importance of education this month. I would like to say Thank you to all of the committees involved and have worked tirelessly to help make this program available again. Also, I would like to recognize and congratulate, Miss Roma Chong Barrera, niece of our WB Jimmy Barrera, as the recipient of this years scholarship award. Congratulations and may you continue to be successful in your academic career.

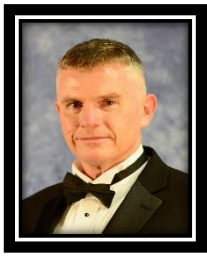
Also, I am pleased to announce that Brother Jack Cloud is our Hiram Award Recipient for 2015, and that this award is well deserved, as he has played the main key player in keeping our lodge organized. The hard work and dedication he contributed to our fraternity is so amazing. To celebrate Jack's award, we will celebrate together on May 14, 2015 to honor his achievements.

Lastly, I would like to recognize and congratulate Brother Kazynski on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. We are having First Degrees on April 9, 2015 and April 16th, 2015. We would like to invite all brethren who have seldom visited the lodge, to attend this degree. We have missed our brothers, and it would be great to see more brethren come back to our lodge and visit.

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel Bautista
Master of the Lodge

From the East
Worshipful Daniel S. Bautista





From the West

Brother Jack Cloud



Brethren,

March has rolled past and we find ourselves quickly moving into a busy April. This month we will host two big events. The On the Level event, April 23rd, is open to the public so that we might tell them what Masonry is about and who we are as the Welcome Lodge. We hope to open a few eyes and enlighten a few minds. The next event will be our Public Schools Night, April 30th. We will have a guest speaker at the event. Both of these events need a huge turnout of brothers to be successful. So please take the time to come to lodge those nights and support both efforts.

Recently, I had the opportunity to go to the Master/Wardens retreat hosted by the Grand Lodge. I was extremely impressed with the people I met and the information I gathered. There's nothing more rewarding than sitting in a room with 200 like-minded men who share so much in common. It was a great opportunity and I recommend it to any of the coming wardens of the lodge.

Here's a UNIQUE opportunity. Our Brothers at the Tulare Olive Branch lodge will be hosting an event on Wednesday, June 17th and it will begin promptly at 7:45pm, with dinner prior to the training. Representatives of the Grand Lodge will make a presentation concerning your benefits as a Mason in reference to the Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach Programs. I sat through the brief at the retreat and was amazed at what our Grand Lodge is able to do with those that we love. You **MUST LET US KNOW** if you would like to attend so Olive Branch can plan dinner but the presentation is free. We will carpool that evening. Feel free to bring your wives; this is great information for them. Also the event is open to all Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons. This is a rare opportunity to get first-hand information and have your questions answered by those who know.

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Finally Brethren, it's time that I start thinking about the officer line up for 2016 should I be elected to the East next year. So please start considering filling a chair and let me know if you are interested. Being an officer of Welcome Lodge is a great experience and I'm sure you will find it rewarding and at times challenging.

I look forward to seeing all of you in lodge!

On the Level,
Brother Jack Cloud



From the South

Brother Joel Castillo



Brethren,

We are planning to have a fundraising for the students backpacks. We need to accumulate enough backpacks for the students, to do these, we need all hands in the deck preparing the fundraising. Any suggestion and ideas are welcome. Bro. Jim point out a good subject about cell phone usage while in the meeting, especially during degree conferral.

WB Charles Dimaano mentioned a while ago about having a night of bowling competition between two lodges. The brethren will enjoy this event and we will have a chance to get to know our fellow brother from Hanford lodge.

Congratulations to Bro. Ed Kazynski for passing the degree of Fellowcraft...

By the Plumb,
Brother Joel Castillo

APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!!!



The Lodge celebrates these Brethren
and we wish you a very special day, Happy Birthday!

- April 03 – Benigno Rufo
- April 04 – Brian Sawyer
- April 08 – Joe Reel
- April 11 – Tyrell Thomas
- April 12 – Jeffrey Canonoy
- April 12 – Noel Satumbaga
- April 13 – Herminio Valdeabella
- April 15 – Frank Dale
- April 16 – Wallace Nelson
- April 16 – John Wages
- April 18 – Rodande Albaniel
- April 22 – Edgar Buyao
- April 24 – Davy Domantay
- April 27 – Sadiri Lopez
- April 29 – Felino Baltazar
- April 30 – Edwin Kaczynski



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Grand Master's Proclamation: APRIL 2015 IS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH *Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves*

Whereas, the Masonic fraternity is built on a commitment to truth and equality, two principles at the heart of improving ourselves and in the spirit of providing free, public education; and

Whereas, Freemasons believe that our nation's democratic ideals depend upon a well educated citizenry, and thus making an investment in future generations is essential; and

Whereas, since California's founding, Freemasons have taken up the cause of public schools, including leading the first Public Schools Week in 1920; and,

Whereas, Freemasons in California continue to lead statewide support of public education, with Investment in Success scholarships, family literacy engagement, and burn prevention programming through Firefighters in Safety Education; and

Whereas, Freemasons throughout California actively develop local partnerships and initiatives to support public education in their home communities; now,

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim April 2015 **Public Schools Month** in California, and ask all California Masons to take steps to *make a profound difference for our local public schools* by renewing their commitment to our students, teachers, staff, and administrators by volunteering as tutors; helping maintain school grounds; encouraging students to succeed by offering scholarships and conducting essay contests; and providing tangible rewards to recognize exemplary academic efforts.

Together, we will show California's youth that we are committed to their academic success and to supporting their scholastic efforts while they strive to build a brighter future for us all.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell E. Charvonia".

Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan L. Casalou".

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Brethren, Have You Considered a Life Membership?

It does two things!

1. You never pay dues again, so you are always current!
2. It becomes a constant source of Lodge income as you contribute to its welfare.

The CMC, (§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP) establishes a life membership program for its members, which allows the brethren pay an established fee, based on their age and forever exempts a member from making a dues payment.

“The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

A. A sum of money which is not less than 20.83 times the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or” (*not used by our lodge*)

B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member’s age in the following schedule:

Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
65 and over, 11 times annual dues. “

If you have not considered this as an option, it is a win-win for both you and your lodge. Additionally, later, should something happen that you change your mind, you can recoup a portion of the moneys by petitioning the lodge. If interested, I recommend you look into the CMC for specific details or talk to our Brother Secretary.



**WELCOME LODGE NO. 255
INVITES YOU TO IT'S
HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION**

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2015

**Dinner: 6:30pm
Presentation: 7:30pm**

Recipient: Brother Jack Cloud

The “Hiram Award Program” is the official recognition of a Brother by his own Lodge for his devoted service to that Lodge and to Masonic principles in general. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, displays his devotion without receiving special recognition or special honor. Every Lodge has many such members.

They are the living cement that binds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood. You will find them at labor in kitchens, the coaching rooms, the committees, their churches and communities – anywhere that a true and steady hand of assistance is needed.

Welcome Lodge Calendar of Events

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 WL 255 Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4
5 Rental	6 Jobs Daughters Meeting 7 PM	7	8 DeMolay International Meeting 7 PM	9 WL 255 Special Meeting 1st Degree Dinner 6:15 PM Meeting 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Jobs Daughters, Association Qualification Competition for Grand Bethel	13	14 Lucerne Lake CH. 13 Practice 7-9 PM	15	16 WL 255 Special Meeting 1st Degree Dinner 6:15 PM Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18 WB Hermie Valdeabellas Retirement Party All are invited!
19	20 Jobs Daughters Meeting 7 PM	21	22 DeMolay International Meeting 7 PM	23 On the level Public Open House 7 PM	24	25 Rental
26	27	28 Lucerne Lake CH. 13 Practice 7-9 PM	29 District 616 "SOP" Hanford Lodge 279 Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	30 WL 255 Public School Recognition Ceremony 7 PM		

Welcome Lodge is Proud to Present our Newest Master Masons



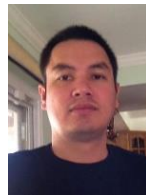
Brother Jonathan Morales is 27 years old and serves in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Maintenance Instructor for CNATTU. He is one of four brothers and one sister. His hobbies include DJing, group fitness, reading and working on cars. Brother

Morales recently left us and moved back to his hometown of Aquadilla, Puerto Rico where he will be finishing his studies in aeronautics. He looks forward to gaining proficiency in the lessons of Masonry in both English and Spanish. Brother Jonathan was initiated into Masonry on June 19, 2014, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 16, 2014, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on December 11, 2014.



Brother Joseph Adan Trinidad is 26 years old, and serves in the U.S. Navy as a Navy Corpsman, Surgical Technologist. His hobbies include playing guitar, playing drums, playing piano, photography, basketball, and singing. Brother Adan was initiated

into Masonry on September 25, 2014, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 13, 2014, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 26, 2015.



Brother Albert Mendoza is 42 years old and serves in the U.S. Navy as a Ships Serviceman. He's also the proud father of Allen Kenneth Mendoza. His hobby is basketball. Brother Albert is also left us in March to fulfill naval orders aboard ship in San Diego, and will

soon change homeports to Hawaii. Brother Albert was initiated into Masonry on September 11, 2014, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 15, 2015, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 7, 2015.



Brother Wright Beltran is 27 years old and serves in the U.S. Navy as a Biomedical Technician. He and his wife, Michelle, are the proud parents of their daughter Laveinia K. Beltran. His hobbies include watching movies and playing basketball. Brother Wright was

initiated into Masonry on September 11, 2014, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 13, 2014, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 29, 2015.

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Welcome Lodge No. 255 welcome you into this time honored and revered organization and remind you that Masonry is what you put into it. Welcome Lodge is proud to have you as Brothers!



Welcome Lodge No. 255
PAST MASTERS NIGHT
 Candidate: Bro. Edwin Kaczynski
Thursday
May 28th, 2015
 6:15pm Dinner
 7pm Open



The Worshipful Master, Daniel Bautista,
 request your presence at the 2015 Past Masters Night!

Our Past Masters are truly the Wisdom of Welcome Lodge and each year they gather for the conferral of the Master Mason degree. Join us for a truly remarkable evening as the Masters of our craft display their incredible work. It's a truly amazing experience

Officers for the year 2015

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Asst. Secretary	David Jarvis	
Chaplain	Renz Uy	
Senior Deacon	James Withycombe	
Junior Deacon	Roskin Metra	
Marshall	Rupert Beckford	
Senior Steward	Liviem Espiritu	
Junior Steward	Allan Overby	
Tiler	Danny Britton	
Officer's Coach	Gemino Barrera, PM	
Candidate's Coach	Patrocinio Cerdenola, PM	
	Jack Cloud	
	Norm Stewart	
	James Withycombe	
616 th Masonic Dist. Insp.	Peter Cunningham, PM	



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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE
Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a nursing home, incapacitated in any way or if he passed away. Thank you in advance.

April Is Public Schools Month

Tutor a young person. Beautify a playground. Celebrate students. Thank educators. Sponsor a Firefighters In Safety Education training. Give the gift of literacy.

Our statewide programs strengthen families, empower young people, and promote the ideals of equality and knowledge at the core of our democracy. Every April, we reaffirm our commitment to public education lodge by lodge, brother by brother.



This April, how will you make a difference?



To support our statewide efforts, visit freemason.org/contribute.

