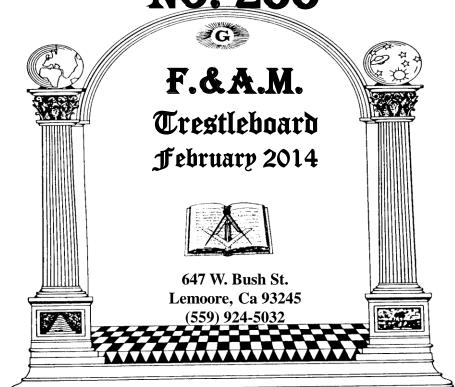
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From the East



Brethren,

I would like to congratulate the newly installed officers for the 2014 Masonic Year. Both elected and appointed, that have agreed to volunteer their valuable time to the fraternity. It is truly a great blessing to be surrounded by such great men. I have no doubt that we will have a great year together.

To all of the committee volunteers, I truly appreciated your commitment and sacrifices. Without volunteers as yourself, this lodge could not move forward. Also, a very big thanks to the officers, members and ladies who worked on the 2014 Installation of Officers a successful and memorable event.

To our Junior Past Master Worshipful Pat Cerdenola, congratulations for your leadership and fine service to the lodge over the past year.

I would like to welcome Brother Charles Demaano, our new member by affiliation. Congratulations to our newly passed Fellow Craft Masons, Brothers Uy, Aronce and Overby on your advancement.

We will be having a possible First Degree on Feb. 13th and a Third Degree on Feb. 27th. Please support our candidates, by being here to show them that we care about their journey into Freemasonry.

February 20th will be our School of Instruction, Welcome Lodge #255 will be the host. Dinner at 6:30 PM and Exemplification at 7:30 PM by Hanford Lodge#279, Reception of Grand Lodge Officer, Running a Stated Meeting and Balloting, 1st degree short form closing. Attendance is mandatory for all officers.

Fraternally your, Joselito Sanchez, PM Master of the Lodge The final meeting of January will be a brainstorming session. We ask that you bring all of your ideas to the table. Don't be afraid to speak up. We've had some good suggestions, such as; developing a lodge logo, possibly making it a contest, putting that logo on a coin, coffee mug or both to raise funds, and having several "fun" nights throughout the year where we meet at a bowling alley or watch a game on a Thursday evening. It's important that we stress fellowship and enjoy some down time as we practice our craft and serve our community.

Some of the projects I would like to tackle this year are;

- •Establishing a Coaching Program for the Lodge in which any "qualified" Master Mason can volunteer as a coach throughout a candidate's qualification process.
- •Revamping our Candidate qualification process and his training. We need to make sure that we give our candidates the tools of Masonry and not just the words.
- •Establishing a Masonic Information program where we would invite the public in for dinner and explain to them who we are, our history, and what we do for the community.
- •Establishing general Masonic training where those Master Masons that want more, can come together and learn from each other, while learning from those who have lead our craft for years.

Finally, as individuals, we'll struggle to reach our goals, but together, we can do great things. I hope, my Brothers, that we will all step up this year and do great things!

By the Plumb, Bro. Jack Cloud



From the South

Brethren,

First I would like to congratulate our corps of officers for this Masonic year. It's good to see brethren step up and volunteer as leaders in the lodge. As for me, I truly appreciate the vote of confidence as your Junior Warden and I promise to do my best for the betterment of Welcome Lodge and Masonry in general as we go about our work in 2014.

I would like to take a minute to reflect on 2013. We "got our feet wet" as we started moving back into our community. We had several successful events in which we provided for local schools and gave to several charitable organizations, such as; the Hanford Women's Shelter, Lemoore Christian Aid, and Toys for Tots. As a lodge we came together to raise money for hurricane victims in the Philippines. Earlier in the year, we came together as a lodge and made vast improvements to the exterior of our lodge, and throughout the year, several of our brethren labored in the rehabilitation of our lobby. We made several monetary donations to deserving organizations, revamped the time honored tradition of looking out for our Widows, and we all come together at the end of the year to enjoy good food and fellowship. So, it's evident that good things are happening at Welcome Lodge.

This year, I ask each of you to re-examine your role in the Lodge and as a Masons in general. During my interviews, I ask the question, "Why do you want to be a Mason?", and the common answer, they want to give back to their community. Our rituals teach Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. What does that mean in your life and are you living up to these principle tenants? Please take some time to reflect on that question and consider raising your hand when the call goes out for volunteers. Those words take on more meaning every day in my life as I have the chance to serve my Brothers, both in a leadership role, and as a tenant of the lodge. I try each week to make Welcome Lodge a better place for all of us. I've never been more committed to working within the community, and every day, I find myself looking at my own life, and applying the principles of Masonry in order to better myself and my family. So I ask each of you, why did you become Masons?

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February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	7	8
9	10	11	12	Possible 1st Degree Dinner 6:15pm Degree 7:00 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 School Of Instruction Hanford Lodge	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 3 rd Degree Bro. Uy Dinner 6:15 pm Degree 7:00 pm	28	