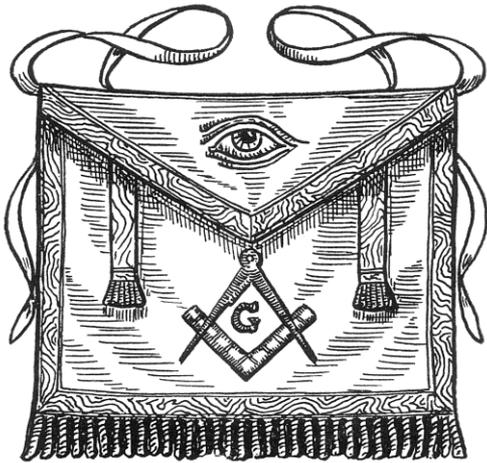




WELCOME LODGE NO. 255



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From the East *Worshipful Joselito Sanchez*



Brethren,

As you celebrate your freedom this Independence Day by going to a parade, having a family cook out or watching the fireworks that night. Just remember that freedom is not free. There are some many that have paid for our individual freedom by making the ultimate sacrifices. On the 4th of July, as you go about celebrating, say a prayer for the one's that have paid that price and the families they have left behind.

I would like to thank all the Officers of the Lodge for their hard work, dedication, and love as we have completed our first half of this Masonic year. I couldn't be more proud and have asked for a better group. We have worked so hard this year, and have dedicated so much of our time out of love for the Craft and our Lodge. As we go dark for this summer (July/August), I ask you Brothers to relax and enjoy this time of refreshment and repose. Contemplate the glorious works and creations of our Great creator for he is proud of us as well. Congratulations to Brother Guevara and Brother Morales-Vera were initiated into Entered Apprentice degree of masonry. To our members whose faces that we see on the sidelines every time and occasionally, it is you who make the night so special for the candidate.

We are now entering the hot summer months the dress code for officers will be collard shirts and slacks. Remember that T-shirts and denim jeans are NOT allowed in the lodge for neither stated nor special meetings. I appreciate in advance your cooperation. We will keep a relaxed dress code throughout the summer. I may extend the code into September based on the heat.

Reminder to the officers advancing to the next stations, please spend time and make extra effort to review and study your proficiency. Worshipful Brother Jimmy Barrera, our Officers coach is very willing to help you. July 3rd will be our Stated Meeting. Snacks is at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm. Have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation, and God Bless you all.

Fraternally Yours,
Joselito Sanchez, PM
Master of the Lodge



From the West

Brother Daniel Bautista

Brethren,

Once again, I'd like to congratulate our newly obligated Brothers Neil Guevara and Jonathan Morales for their Entered Apprentice Initiations. Welcome Aboard Brothers.

As a friendly reminder, the lodge will be dark this coming July and August. However, please note that we will have stated meetings on the first Thursday of July and August. Brother Jack will be preparing hot meals, so I suggest that everyone will come and make the best of it.

As usual, summertime will be warmer in many areas, please be careful when going out. Be sure to drink plenty of water and always play SAFE.

Have a safe 4th of July Brothers!

On the Level,
Brother Daniel Bautista



From the South

Brother Jack Cloud

Brethren,

June brought two new brothers into our Lodge, Brother Neil Guevara and Brother Jonathan Morales. These brothers worked very hard for their initiation and I have a strong feeling that they will be extremely beneficial to Welcome Lodge in the coming months and years. Congratulations Brothers! We would have had a 3rd Apprentice, Mr. Chase Simpson, but the needs of the Navy has diverted his initiation and we will get him in as soon as possible after his return.

July and August will be dark, so there will be no special meetings. We will still however have our stated meetings. If you are in town, please come out on July 3rd for the stated meeting. I have it on good faith that we'll have a pretty good dinner that night. For those of you taking advantage of the break in our schedule, be safe in your travels, and enjoy your time off.

On Saturday, July 19th, beginning at 8AM, we will gather at the lodge for a maintenance day. We have some painting to finish up and a few other projects to take care of. So if you are available, come on out and bring your tools. We'll put both to good use. Afterwards we'll BBQ some burgers and dogs and enjoy some good fellowship. Last year we had a really good turnout, let's try to top it this year.

Finally, as we move into the end of the year, it's time to start thinking about our charitable efforts. Last year's Backpack Brigade turned out well netting 65 backpacks fully loaded with school supplies. This year, it would be nice to shoot for 100 backpacks. More information will be coming out in the near future and I hope that the brothers will find some time to donate to this and other end of the year efforts.

Happy 4th of July everyone!

By the Plumb,
Brother Jack Cloud

JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!!!



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

July 03 – Richard Leslie
July 03 – Eleodora Merino
July 03 – Francis Patol
July 04 – Jimmy Nave
July 05 – Kevin Beatty
July 05 – Jahmial Williams
July 11 – Zack Patrick
July 13 – Herman Marasigan
July 15 – Russell Spencer
July 15 – Marion Tabije
July 16 – Curtis Lewis
July 17 – Alex Mergillano
July 21 – Daniel Abelardo
July 21 – Prescillano Gamboa
July 22 – Robert Vassar
July 23 – Billy Cleaver
July 23 – Raymond E. Dias Jr.
July 25 – Bruce Halstead
July 28 – Frederic Weeth
July 31 – Aurelio Remigio

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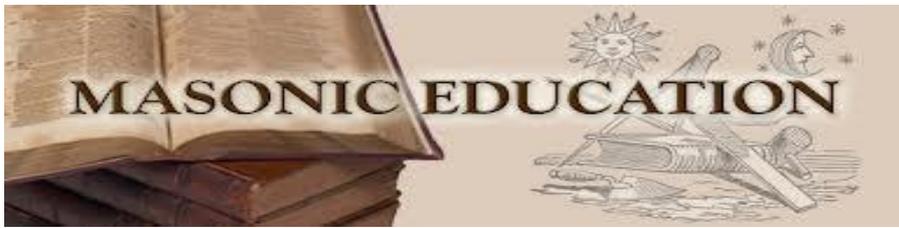
Paper Trestle Boards

Soon, Welcome Lodge will begin to move away from the use of the mailed, paper trestle board. Because the trestle board can be found on the website and emailed directly to the Brother, the paper versions are not needed in many cases. Welcome Lodge does recognize; however, that there are brethren who do not have internet or email capabilities. If you know one of those Brothers, please have them call us at the Lodge and leave a message (along with an updated mailing address) that they would like to continue receiving the paper trestle board in the mail.

Beginning in the August/September time frame, a card will go out with the Dues Notices, in which we will ask each brother to annotate their preferred method of receiving the trestle board and we'll also ask them to update their contact information. Please make an effort to get this information back to the lodge in a timely fashion. Thank you.

2015 OFFICERS TRAINING

If you have been approached about filling a chair in the lineup of officers next year or if you would like to eventually fill one of those chairs, we invite you to visit us at the lodge on Wednesdays, 7 PM, during the months of July and August. It's important that you're ready to go when we return in September in order to be ready to work following your installation. We will have brothers on hand that will be happy to work with you in ritual, floor work, or both. Serving as an officer is a great way to serve your lodge.



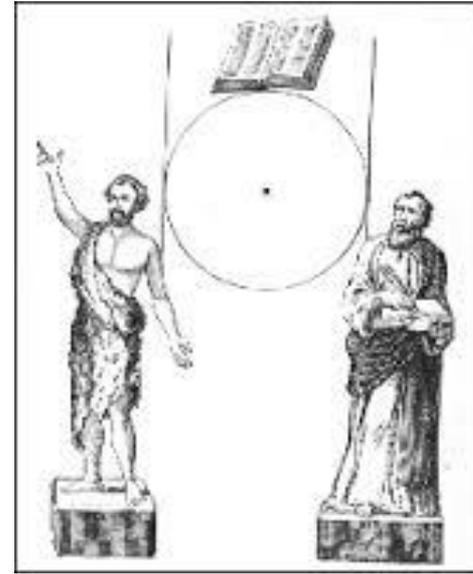
Who Were the Patron Saints of Masonry?

Masonry, since time immemorial, has dedicated itself to the Holy Saints John. It's important that we not only know who they are, but also who they were and why we dedicate our Blue Lodge craft to their examples.

St. John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus, and was described as a "voice crying in the wilderness" who's purpose was to "Prepare the way for the Lord". He spread the word of God faithfully and as he did he baptized believers in the river Jordan. He preached and lived righteous living and any deviation was unacceptable.

Because of his devotion to Jesus and his refusal to change his ways, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded by King Herod. His heroism, fidelity and integrity are echoed in the legends of Jacques DeMolay and Hiram Abif and should still today be an example of conduct regarding our beliefs and devotion to the Masonic teachings.

St. John the Evangelist is believed by the Christian faith to be the Author of the book of John, and many believe that he also wrote the book of Revelations. Regardless, he was an apostle to Jesus, among the most loyal of his disciples, and described as Jesus closest friend. It was with John the Evangelist whom Jesus entrusted the care of his Mother upon his death. He is credited for tying the Masonic Concept of God and Light together in the book of John. Nowhere in the bible, with exception of Genesis, is the concept of light so entwined with the idea of the Devine spirit. He expands on the theme that Gods word and Light are inevitably linked together and ties in Truth as a link in the chain.



The concept of Brotherly Love and Fellowship are explored more thoroughly by John the Evangelist than any other New Testament writer.

Both the Baptist and the Evangelist were considered men of impeccable character. Both were known for their integrity and inflexible fidelity but their manner of teaching the doctrine differed between the two. The Baptist was considered to be dogmatic and rigid in his beliefs. The Evangelist was considered more intellectual and esoteric. It's easy to see why these men have such a prominent place in our history. Although their paths differed in the pursuit of their beliefs, their unwavering devotion and dedication to the doctrine stand as examples for all Masons to exemplify and is why these Patron Saints are considered guides for the way Masons conduct themselves in daily life.

Welcome Lodge Calendar of Events

July 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 1 LMTA Meeting 6:30 PM | 2 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM | 3 WL 255 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM | 4 Independence Day | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 DeMolay International Meeting 7 - 9 PM | 15 | 16 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM | 17 | 18 | 19 Welcome Lodge Maintenance BBQ Day 8 AM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 DeMolay International Meeting 7 - 9 PM | 29 | 30 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM | 31 | | |

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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.

Officers for the year 2014

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| Worshipful Master | Joey Sanchez, PM |
| Senior Warden | Daniel Bautista |
| Junior Warden | Jack Cloud |
| Treasurer | Steven Roberts, PM |
| Secretary | Mark Jeffries |
| Asst. Secretary | Nick Lawson |
| Chaplain | Liviem Espiritu |
| Senior Deacon | Joel Castillo |
| Junior Deacon | Danny Britton |
| Marshall | James Withycombe |
| Senior Steward | Daniel Guevara |
| Junior Steward | Roskin Metra |
| Tiler | Stephen Healy |
| Officer's Coach | Gemino Barrera, PM |
| Candidate's Coach | Patrocinio Cerdenola, PM |
| | Jack Cloud |
| | Norm Stewart |
| | James Withycombe |
| | Peter Cunningham, PM |
| 616 th Masonic Dist. Insp. | |

