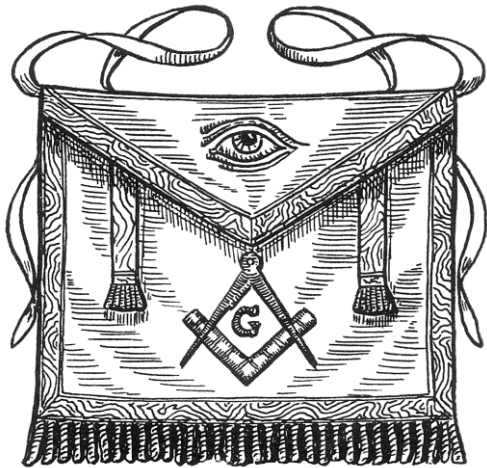




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From the East
Worshipful Daniel S. Bautista



Brethren,

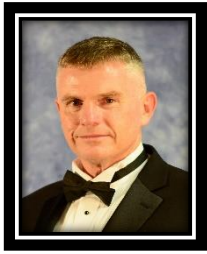
Congratulations to Brother: Bev Kreschmer, Billy Solomon, Jr Barte, Neil Guevara, and brother Zang on their 2nd Degree Conferral. Also, to brother Fabian Gonzalez initiation to his Entered Apprentice Degree.

Our lodge picnic in the park a week ago turn out to be Awesome. I would like to acknowledge all the brethren who came attended with their families and help out to this event. It is nice to shared such quality time with you all and I am hoping that this events will again come back next year.

We will be on Dark for the months of July and August. Be advise that we still having stated meeting on the first Thursday of July and August. We will need some help in opening up the lodge so please, come and help out brethren !

Have a good 4th of July and be SAFE everyone!

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel Bautista
Master of the Lodge



From the West

Brother Jack Cloud



Brethren,

June has come and gone and it was a very eventful month for Welcome Lodge. We passed five of our brothers to the degree of Fellow Craft and I would like to congratulate Brothers Ben Kreschmer, Billie Solomon, Juhn Barte, Neil Guevarra, and Guangfeng Zhang on their accomplishment. One degree to go Brothers! On the final week of the month, we initiated Brother Fabian Gonzalez into Welcome Lodge as an Entered Apprentice Mason. Fabian has steadily proven that he's here for the Brothers of this lodge, so please congratulate our new Brother on his accomplishment. Also, in June, we had the Welcome Lodge Picnic, the first that we've had in a long time. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We will be dark for the months of July and August. We hope everyone gets a chance to be with and enjoy their families as we take this break. I would like to invite those of you who are in the area to help us out on Sunday, July 12th as we do a little renovation in the lodge and general cleaning of our storage areas, yard, and kitchen. Much needs to be done and we can use as much help as possible.

Please take a look at the articles for Masonic Assistance in this month's Trestle Board. Too often we are not aware of our benefits or the importance of maintaining our good standing. Enjoy the summer, get some rest, and be ready to get busy when we come back to work. We'll have a lot of work to do starting in September.

On the Level,
Brother Jack Cloud

Know Your Masonic Benefits:

On June 17th, several of our brethren were fortunate enough to attend a presentation by the Grand Lodge of California which was hosted at the Olive Branch Lodge in Tulare. The presentation covered the Masonic Benefits provided by our Grand Lodge. I was amazed by the services provided to the Masons of our state and I'm sure that the majority of CA Masons, their wives, or Widows do not understand their benefits or the importance of remaining a "Mason in Good Standing". Not every state has these benefits and California is unique in the number and quality of services provided.

In this version of the Trestle Board, we've included a "Masonic Services" article to inform you of the services provided by the Grand Lodge. Please review the services and if you have any questions, feel free to call the Masonic Assistance line or ask any of the lodge officers for assistance. As you read, pay careful attention to the "Eligibility" requirements. You will notice that many of the services are available to any Mason, but you'll also notice the "FIVE", meaning some of these services require you to be a Master Mason In Good Standing for FIVE Consecutive Years.

Also, keep in mind, that although many of these services are free, they still cost the Grand Lodge. The funds to support these programs come from the Brothers of California Masonry. The funding to provide such quality assistance to the brethren of our fine fraternity is made available through donations, grants, and per capita.

So we include this article, so that our brethren are informed of their benefits, understand the importance of keeping current on dues, and understand the importance of giving. Only through Masonic support can the Grand Lodge of California provide such quality services.

Fraternally,
Bro. Jack Cloud

MASONIC SERVICES

Masonic Assistance Line

(888) 466-3642.

Information and Referral Services:

- Guidance, information and assistance to obtain various related benefits and services.
- In one or two phone calls, the intake care manager can link you to services such as home care, senior housing, public benefits, Medicare and MediCal/Medicaid resources, veterans benefit counselors and transportation agencies.
- Bridging the gap by assisting to reestablish communication with your lodges and fraternity.
- Eligibility:** There are no eligibility requirements to receive information and referral assistance. This service is available to any California fraternal family member.

Masonic Senior Outreach Services (MSOS):

Ongoing care management at “No Cost” without financial need

- Care management is an option when there is a demonstrated need. Needs can include but are not limited to: isolation/lack of support, the presence of health and wellness issues, unsafe care plans, lack of advocacy, confusion about care planning and finances, etc. If it is determined that care management is needed, our MSOS care manager will maintain regular visit schedules and/or telephone contact to continually assess health, financial, social and mental conditions.
- Eligibility:** This service is available to any California fraternal family member with a demonstrated need as described above.

Financial assistance and care management for those who demonstrate need for financial support

- The amount of support is determined by need and will change as needs change. In establishing the budget, MSOS considers public benefits and support that is available from family and the lodge. There is no minimum or maximum amount of financial support or length of time it is provided. Support is available as long as the client’s situation requires it and eligibility is maintained. The client signs an Agreement to Repay, which states that when the assistance ends, all or a portion of the amount expended will be repaid if the client has the financial means to do so.
- Support is offered in-home when there is a safe care plan in place.
- When care needs can no longer be safely met in the home, MSOS will assist in locating a facility in the community and will supplement the cost of care.
- Interim financial and care support is provided to those who are on the waiting list for the Masonic Homes of California.

Masonic Homes for Seniors:

- The Masonic Homes of California are continuing care retirement communities which offer a vibrant active lifestyle and socialization.
- Masonic Homes provide multiple levels of need from independent individuals just beginning the retirement, people needing a little assistance with regular daily activities or in Union City we even have specific neighborhoods for dementia care and a Skilled Nursing Facility.

•The professional staff at both campuses strives for excellence in providing quality care with dignity and compassion. The focus is on individual needs in order to provide the very best environment for each resident and fulfill the physical, social, spiritual, and nurturing needs of our extended community.

Eligibility for Masonic Senior Outreach financial support or for admission to the Masonic Home

- Applicants must be California Master Masons in good standing for FIVE consecutive years or the wife or non-remarried widow of a California Master Mason in good standing for FIVE consecutive years. *Mothers of the eligible Master Mason are also eligible.*
- Applicants must be 60 years or older for Masonic Homes.
- Applicants must be 60 years or older for Masonic Senior Outreach financial assistance or permanently disabled and 55 years or older can also qualify for MSOS financial assistance.

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS):

Ongoing care management at no cost

- We identify resources for families struggling with complex issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other significant life challenges. We also offer services and programs specifically to support families negatively impacted by economic events, such as job loss, foreclosure, and other difficulties.
- Our care management services are broad, flexible, and able to serve families in their own communities throughout the state. We also provide ongoing case management and scholarships for alumni of our children’s residential program.
- Eligibility:** There are no eligibility requirements for Masons to receive non-financial assistance and services from Masonic Family Outreach.

One time financial assistance

- The Masonic Family Outreach Services Program provides one-time financial assistance to qualifying CA Master Masons, their wives and/or widows who are under 60 years of age. The one time financial support is to serve as a bridge toward self-sufficiency and will be applied only when an approved care plan demonstrates this objective AND without such funds, the applicant would otherwise not be able to achieve self-sufficiency or independence. MFOS financial assistance provides the needed support during a transition phase and is used to support an applicants’ basic needs.
- Eligibility:** California Master Mason in good standing for FIVE consecutive years or the wife or widow of a California Master Mason in good standing for FIVE consecutive years.

If more information is needed or if you want to apply for any of the services mentioned in this document, please call the;

Masonic Assistance Line

(888) 466-3642.

Your Benefits: Brother James Withycombe

Brethren, What if I said, "I can almost guarantee a roof over your head for the rest of your retired life as well as for your wife and mom? There are a few caveats to this offer. To you bullet proof Masons, this question might seem premature, but having been where you are now it is not the case.

Sometime in the future you are going to consider retirement and it comes before you know it. I want you to contemplate for a moment how our fraternity can make our golden years less stressful.

What does an assisted living facility cost/day? What does a rehabilitation hospital cost/day? The "sticker shock" is sobering! What kind of investments/insurance do you need long term to cover these inevitable expenses? It is for this reason I suggest, The Masonic Homes of California as an option all of us should consider.

Now, I want to discuss those caveats. You must be close to retirement age when applying and you MUST be a member in good standing for the previous five years. What does this mean? You kept your nose clean and you have a CURRENT dues card in your possession, which brings me to the point of this discussion.

Every Secretary can attest to the sadness he feels when informing a brother of his suspension for non-payment of dues. It is particularly so when this action is preventable. If you have financial difficulty, put your pride aside and let the Secretary or Master know. They can assist if the reason is valid. Most often, the reason is we forget. A lifetime membership will solve this problem. Before rejecting this suggestion outright, run a cost/benefit analysis of the proposal. I guarantee you will find it worthy of consideration.

Fraternally,

"Stretch" Withycombe
Senior Deacon

LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP FORMULA Never Pay Dues Again!

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.

ANNUAL DUES: \$101.00

Example: I'm 55 – 17 x \$101.00 = \$1,717.00

From the Building Manager

Brethren, I need your assistance. Entering rental request dates on the office calendar is just part of the process. The LMTA board approved our current procedures over two years ago and I still get the question: "When did you change those rules? Hopefully, I can clear up any misunderstanding. Members of the lodge get a discount on rental fees and deposits required of the general public. This discount does not eliminate any other requirement of our procedures. By following these rules, I can better assist you with your event.

By the Swab and Broom.
Brother Stretch

JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!!!



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

July 03 – Richard Leslie	August 01 – Alfredo Dela Cruz
July 03 – Eleodoro Merino	August 01 – Jeffery Van Allen
July 04 – Jimmy Nave	August 09 – Larry Gilio
July 05 – Kevin Beatty	August 15 – Brian Neer
July 13 – Herman Marasigan	August 15 – Renz Uy
July 15 – Russell Spencer	August 16 – Gabriel Santillan
July 16 – Curtis Lewis	August 17 – Gerald Dokter
July 17 – Alex Mergillano	August 19 – Odom Rallos
July 21 – Prescillano Gamboa	August 22 – Reynaldo Gonzalvo
July 23 – Billy Cleaver	August 27 – Eddie Delapena
July 23 – Raymond Dias Jr.	August 27 – Nicholas Lawson
July 25 – Bruce Halstead	August 30 – Giecar Reyes
July 28 – Frederic Weeth	
July 31 – Aurelio Remigio	

Officers for the year 2015

Worshipful Master	Daniel Bautista	(559) 759-5595
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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	



Welcome Lodge Calendar of Events

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 LMTA Meeting 6:30 PM	2 WL 255 Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Welcome Lodge Summer Cleaning	13	14	15 “	16	17	18 FILAM Club Yard Sale
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Shrine Meeting	31	

Welcome Lodge Calendar of Events

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 LMTA Meeting 6:30 PM	6 WL 255 Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Masonic Assistance

Fraternal care based on Masonic values



We support and serve
the whole family

" MASONIC HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
" MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES
" MASONIC FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Call

888/466-3642

for information
and support



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.

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