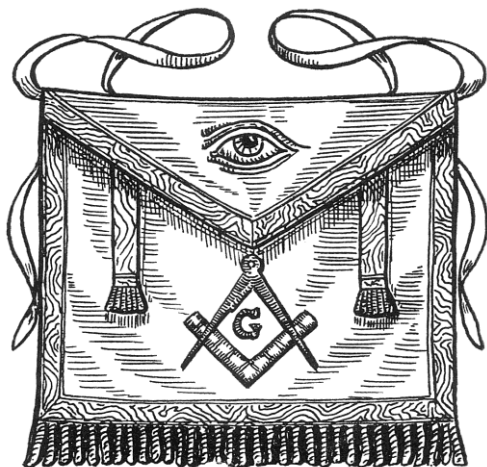




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Brethren,

From the East *Worshipful Joselito Sanchez*



Here we are already at the month of May. It has been a rewarding four months so far and we still have some opportunities and challenges in the future. I sincerely appreciate everyone's support, guidance, and constructive criticism, as it has helped shape the things to come for our Lodge this year and on into the future.

By the time this article comes out we raised two Master Masons. Congratulations to Brother Aronce and Crosby. Now we must help these brothers with what they have learned. We need to show them how to apply the lessons of the degrees in their every day life. We need to show them by precept and yet more by example that there is more to being a mason than conferring degrees. Be a mentor to a new brother and get involved. Let's create the opportunities that we wanted when we were made master masons for our new brothers. It's never too late to make a difference. In the words of our Junior Deacon, "Brethren, The Worshipful Master invites you to seats in the lodge room". I do hope to see you in the lodge soon.

Last month, Welcome Lodge held it's annual Past Masters night. It was a celebration of brotherly love and affection, inspired by the presence of several of these illustrious Brothers, who have led us during past years, laying the foundations for what we are today. Their presence reminded us of their individual and collective contributions to Welcome Lodge, the legacy they left while passing through the chairs, and the peculiar touch each one has given during his time in the East. They continue to be our example and inspiration.

As we approach Mother's Day, let's keep our Mothers in our prayers and thoughts. Let's thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon our Mothers. For Mothers who have passed and gone to be with our great Creator, may their memories continue to live on. Brothers, cherish your mothers and let them know how special they are to you and your families. So this Mother's Day, pick up the phone, write a letter, visit the grave site, regardless of the method, reflect and appreciate our mothers.

May 15th will be our School of Instruction, Welcome Lodge #255 will be the host, Dinner at 6:30 pm and Exemplification of 2nd section of 3rd degree and Master congratulation to candidate at 7:30 pm by Hanford Lodge #279. Attendance is mandatory for all officers and Master Masons are encourage to attend.

Also I would like to announce that on May 22nd, 2014 we will have a Hiram Award ceremony for Worshipful Brother Pat Cerdenola. His award ceremony will be at 7:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:30 pm. This award is in recognition to a brother who display his dedicated service to the fraternity. Please come by and help us honor WB Pats accomplishments.

Fraternally your,
Joselito Sanchez, PM
Master of the Lodge



From the West

Brother Daniel Bautista

Greetings to all Brethren of Welcome Lodge #255.

Please celebrate Mother's Day by joining us for a dinner at Welcome Lodge on May 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Mothers, wives, girlfriends or widows are invited. If possible, Please make your earliest reservation with Brother Jack Cloud at 381-2112.

It is my sincere pleasure to thank all of the Mothers for continuing to take care of their families and always being there when we need them the most. We look forward to celebrating this special holiday with you!

On the Level,
Brother Daniel Bautista



From the South

Brother Jack Cloud

Brethren,

Congratulations to our newest Master Masons, Brothers Ranier Aronce and Shaun Crosby. Two fine additions to our ranks.

Three special events are planned for this month.

First, we honor and celebrate the wonderful mothers in our lives who have reared, nurtured, cared and supported us and our children. We have an excellent evening planned to show them our appreciation and we look forward to seeing you and your guests of honor at the lodge on May 8th at 6:30PM.

Second, this year's Hiram Award will be presented to Worshipful Brother Pat Cerdenola. Please come out and help us celebrate this pillar of our fraternity. W. Brother Pat has carried the torch of Freemasonry for many years and on Thursday, May 22nd at 7PM, Freemasonry's most prestigious award will be bestowed upon him, showing our appreciation for a job very well done.

Third, May has been declared Youth Orders Month by the Grand Lodge of California. These young men and women are the future of the Masonic family and from what I've seen, quite possibly the next leaders of this great nation. So we hope you will make every effort to join us on Thursday, May 29th at 6:15PM for dinner to show our support and love for our Masonic Youth Groups.

Finally, every Wednesday, at 7PM, we will open the lodge doors for anyone who wants to stop by for Masonic education. Please Visit our website www.welcomelodge255.weebly.com, under the ENLIGHTENMENT tab / Masonic Education / Weekly Training Sessions, to see what Topic of conversation will be that evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

By the Plumb,
Brother Jack Cloud



Masonry in California

Masonry has been an integral part of California for more than 150 years. During the Gold Rush of 1849, thousands of settlers came to California in search of fortune. Many of these men were Masons and brought with them Masonic values and traditions. Not surprisingly, some of California's first Masonic lodges were established in the mining towns of the Gold Country. In 1850 - the same year that California became a state - the Grand Lodge of California was established in Sacramento.

Within 10 years, the number of Masonic lodges in the new state had grown from 11 to 130, while membership soared from 258 to more than 5,000. Over the years, the Masons have played a key role in shaping the history of California. To date, 19 California governors have been Masons, and at least four California Masons have been elected to the U.S. Senate. Today there are more than 60,000 members and about 340 lodges, making the Grand Lodge of California one of the largest in the world.



From Operative to Speculative

Freemasons today use the terms 'operative' and 'speculative' to describe themselves and their ancient brethren. Operative Masons preceded the 1700's and describes those Masons who actually worked with stone, chisels and hammers performing amazing task as they carved huge stones weighing thousands of pounds from rock quarries, transported them, shaped them, and raised them high into the air to build marvelous cathedrals and monuments. They did all of this by understanding the art of Geometry and how its proper use could enabled them to perform what appeared as miracles to the common man. Guilds were developed by these craftsman, to hold members to high standards and pass down their craft to newer generations. Secret modes of recognition easily identified a traveling brother of the guild. These craftsman were in high demand.

By the 1500's, the Renaissance introduced the rebirth of science, art and learning. With the invention of the printing press information and knowledge could be passed around the world in a very short period of time. Commoners became better educated and the Masonic Guilds lost their monopoly on building contracts.

By the 1600's Gothic architecture had lost its popularity, and brick, not stone became the building material of choice. In essence, Operative Masons were no longer viable. During the 1640's, English lodges began to admit non-workers of stone, known as 'admitted' or 'accepted' masons. During the Age of Reason, after 1651, scientific theories opened men's minds to the possibility that life was more than just religion, magic and superstition. Faith was still important, but scientist acknowledged that the bible did not have all the answers to life. Some of these scientist became part of the Royal Society of London, consisting also of, philosophers and scholars. It was a think tank of the best and brightest minds and many were Masons. During the 1660's these new speculative masons saw ideal symbolism between the Operative and Speculative crafts. A building constructed of a strong, well balanced structure, constructed by likeminded men, and dedicated to God, easily equated to building character in men. Thus modern Freemasonry obtained its roots.

Welcome Lodge Calendar of Events

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WL255 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	2	3
4	5 Jobs Daughters Bethel 288 Meeting 7 - 9 PM	6 Practice Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 7 - 9 PM	7 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM	8 WL 255 Mothers Day Dinner 6:30 - 10 PM	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 DeMolay International Meeting 7 - 9 PM	13 Lucerne Lake Ch. 13 Meeting 7 - 9 PM	14 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM	15 Masonic District 616 School of Instruction 6:30 - 9 PM	16	17
18	19 Jobs Daughters Bethel 288 Meeting 7 - 9 PM	20	21 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM	22 Hiram Award Dinner and Presentation 7:00 - 8 PM	23	24 Daughters, Color the Park Purple: Disneyland
25 Memorial Day	26 DeMolay International Meeting 7 - 9 PM	27 Lucerne Lake Ch. 13 Meeting 7 - 9 PM	28 All hands Masonic Education Night 7- 9 PM	29 WL 255 Youth Orders Month Presentation 6:15 - 10 PM	30	31

You Were There...

You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door...
You worry now "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder "Where have my children gone?"
Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.
And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home...



Join Us: Thursday, May 8th, 2014 at 6:30PM
We will hold a special dinner in Celebration of Mothers
everywhere.
No Lodge, just good Fellowship and some well-deserved
recognition of those special ladies in our lives.

May Birthdays!!!



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

May 04 – Joseph Galindo
May 05 – Domingo Abella
May 09 – Lawrence Bowen
May 10 – Joshua Beyer
May 10 – Edgardo Gonzales
May 11 – Cyrus Botones
May 11 – Jeffrey Liberman
May 14 – Arnel Bisnar
May 17 – Brian Chaco
May 17 – Omar Escalante
May 18 – John Broom
May 19 – Douglas Scott
May 21 – Patrocinio Cerdenola
May 22 – Rhoderick Estanislao
May 23 – James Sperlich
May 25 – Elmer Anies
May 25 – Sean O'connor
May 26 – Don Watanabe
May 30 – Mark Maloney

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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

Worshipful Master	Joey Sanchez, PM
Senior Warden	Danny 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 Withycomb
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 Withycomb
616 th Masonic Dist. Insp.	Peter Cunningham, PM

