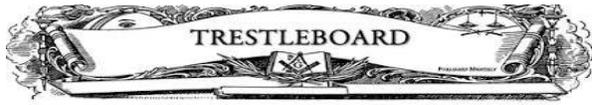


# Welcome Lodge No. 255



**F. & A. M. of the State of California**



**If you are a Mason, anywhere in the World,  
This is your Home!**

**Welcome Lodge No. 255**

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Lemoore, CA 93245

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## May 2017 Trestle Board



**Making Good Men Better,  
From Time Immemorial!**

### Welcome Lodge No. 255

**Meetings:** Every Thursday

**Stated Meeting:**

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:30 pm

**Special Meetings:**

Refreshments: 6:15 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

**Dark:** July / August

## From the East

*Worshipful D.W. Venturella*

Brethren,



This last month has been one for the history books here in Lemoore. First of all, we had one of our best school of instructions in Sanger with Worshipful Cunningham. We received a lot of information in the small detail of our ritual. We also had a pulled pork drive thru fundraising dinner that was a great success. This new format was quick, easy, and profitable. I am sure we will do this again! Thank you to the Eastern Star ladies for their help in preparing the to-go dishes.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had Most Worshipful John Heisner and the Grand family here for a rededication of the Lemoore Temple. It was very exciting to watch the Grand Lodge do their opening (much different from what we do) and rededicate our building.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in the set-up of the Lodge and in the clean-up afterwards. I would like to give special thanks to Worshipful Jack Cloud for his special attention to the new display case that will soon be displaying our time capsule and plaque in the lobby. The time capsule will be opened in 25 years; stick around and see how things will change in the next 25 years.

– *Fraternally, D.W. Venturella, WM*

## Memorial Day Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017



# 2017 LEADERSHIP

## Officers for the Year 2017

Master: D.W. Venturella, PM (559) 380-5486  
 Sr. Warden: Jack Cloud, PM (559) 381-2112  
 Jr. Warden: Jose Pascual, PM (559) 584-6187  
 Treasurer: Bryan Sawyer  
 Secretary: Clayton Holmes  
 Asst. Secretary: Fabian Gonzalez  
 Chaplain: Joel Gonzalez  
 Sr. Deacon: Ed Kaczynski  
 Jr. Deacon: Eli Malicsi  
 Marshal: James Withycombe  
 Sr. Steward: Billie Solomon  
 Jr. Steward: Tracy Jon Miranda  
 Tiler: Don Willis



## Fraternal Support Service Ambassador

Bro. Norman Stewart (559) 707-6354

## Officers Coach

Bro. Herme Valdeabella, PM

## Lemoore Masonic Temple Association

Bro. Ed Kaczynski  
 Bro. Jack Cloud, PM  
 Bro. D.W. Venturella, WM  
 Bro. Rupert Beckford  
 Bro. Bryan Sawyer  
 Bro. Fabian Gonzalez

## Candidates Coach

Bro. Pat Cerdenola, PM  
 Bro. Mel Perez, PM  
 Bro. Jack Cloud, WM  
 Bro. Norman Stewart  
 Bro. James Withycombe  
 Bro. Ed Kaczynski

## DRESS CODES

**All Degrees: Officers:** Black Suit and Tie - or - Tuxedo. **Sidelines:** Suit and Tie.  
**Stated Meetings:** Suit Coat, Slacks, and Collared Shirt. Tie not required (except for Official Visits/Ceremonies)  
**Practices:** Casual attire (No Shorts).  
**June, July, August, September:** Business Casual – Slacks and collared shirt (due to the heat).



**I WILL LEAD WITH CHARACTER**

I will remember that a strong character leads to trust and trust is the foundation of leadership.

I will lead with a strong Masonic character.

# Secretary's Corner

## May Calendar of Events

- Mon, May 1 – 6pm, Welcome Lodge 255, LMTA Meeting  
 Mon, May 1 – 7pm, Jobs' Daughters, Bethel 288 Meeting  
 Thu, May 4 – 7:30pm, Welcome Lodge 255 Stated Meeting,  
 Dinner 6:30PM – Voting on Affiliation for Brother Algador.  
 Sat, May 6 – 8am, Welcome Lodge Cleanup Day  
 Tue, May 9 – 7pm, Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13  
 Wed, May 10 – 7pm, DeMolay International Meeting  
 Thu, May 11 – 7pm, Welcome Lodge 255, Practice (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)  
 Sat, May 13 – Rental  
 Sun, May 14 – Mother's Day  
 Mon, May 15 – 7pm, Jobs' Daughters, Bethel 288 Meeting  
 Thu, May 18 – 6:30pm, @ WL255, District 506 School of Instruction  
 Sat, May 20 – Rental  
 Mon, May 22 – Rental  
 Tue, May 23 – 7pm, Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 Meeting  
 Wed, May 24 – 7pm, DeMolay International Meeting  
 Thu, May 25 – 7pm, Welcome Lodge 255, Past Masters Night  
 Sat, May 27 – 7pm, Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13  
 Mon, May 29 – Memorial Day

*Feel free to call WB Jack at (559) 381-2112 regarding the schedule.  
 The calendar is fluid and changes often happen.*



## May Birthdays

- 04** Joseph Galindo  
**08** Craig Gonzales  
**09** Lawrence Bowen  
**10** Joshua Beyer  
**10** Edgardo Gonzales  
**11** Jeffrey Liberman  
**11** Hector Quioc  
**14** Arnel Bisnar  
**17** Brian Chaco  
**17** Omar Escalante  
**18** John Broom  
**19** Douglas Scott  
**21** Patrocino Cerdenola, PM  
**22** Rhoderick Estanislao  
**23** Leoniel Guevarra  
**23** James Sperlich  
**25** Elmer Anies  
**25** Sean O'Conner  
**30** Mack Maloney

## 2017 ANNUAL DUES

*Brethren,*

*The 2017 dues remain at \$108.50. For those who desire to pay with a card, you can do so now using the Lodge App. (There is a \$3 processing fee on the App., total \$111.50) For access, please contact Bro. TJ Miranda, Bro. Clayton Holmes, or WB Jack Cloud.*

*Thank You.*

## CONDOLENCES

In April, Our Brother, and Secretary, Clayton Holmes had his Sister pass away. Please take a moment to remember Brother Clayton and his family in your prayers. Brother, on behalf of the Lodge, I'd like to express our sympathy for the pain you've experienced and let you know that we are here if you need us.

Bro. Jack Cloud

## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR POINT OF CONTACT

*Please take some time to review your contact information (email, telephone, and mailing address) at <https://www.freemason.org>. Update it if you can, if you cannot update, please contact the Secretary to update your info.*

# Masonic Education

## THE SQUARE AND COMPASS

The Square and Compass, two of our most iconic symbols, have and continue to stand the test of time, however their more esoteric meanings seem to have almost been forgotten to some of us. This is not to say there are no teachings of what they elude to, but such explanations are almost bland and raise more questions than is truthfully answered. This is only but a short explanation, and it is hoped that the Brother reading this may become intrigued to further his own study to gain a deeper understanding, and to endeavor to search for more Light.

The Compass, as I am sure you are familiar with its representation, is clearly explained to us in the teachings of the First Degree. For the newly Raised Master, this may suffice, however for those in search of more Light, this but only scratches the surface, and in combination with its representations of the previous Degrees, this explanation makes no due course to what it truthfully eludes to. How could it, when using this explanation applied to the previous Degrees, simply mean such? The short answer is it can't.

For all intensive purposes of this synopsis, I will use its meaning that most can relate to, that of it being an emblem of spirituality. It is the Spirit of the Deity inside every one of us, also emblematic of Moral Sense and Reason, both of which it is said to be given to us by the G:.A:.O:.T:.U:., showing one example of the proof of His existence in man. With this in mind you can now see how the symbol cannot simply mean its short explanation. If it were, I would only need to "adjust" it as I see fit, taking away from the splendor it inculcates, and depriving the Deity of His Power, which no man is capable of doing.

To keep this brief, I will explain the Square very shortly. It is an emblem of the material, or primal side of man. Things such as passions and vices are symbolic of it as well. Governed only by this, man would be nothing more than an animal, and remain in a state of perpetual ignorance, or Darkness. Thus is the material nature of man.

Now we see that the Compass, in combination with the Square, have far more profound meaning. If you but reflect, you see now that the points of the compass were where they were intended to be symbolically in the "Blue" Degrees. With both points of the Compass "Raised" above the Square, we see we are "Raised" above our ignorance (material and earthly appetites) to a spiritual plane with an understanding that we are also spiritual, in the sense of our consciousness and our immortal soul. Further and more profound meanings are to be studied by you, my Brother, in your quest for Light.

Fraternally,  
Brother David Jarvis

**"The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other."**

**— Bro. Vasilios Karpos**



# Welcome Lodge #255

## Pulled Pork Fundraiser

**\$330 Raised**



### OFFICER LINE-UP 2018

It is that time of year, when we should start considering the line-up for 2018. To be proficient, our incoming officers need to practice and be ready to qualify no later than October 2017.

If you are interested in filling a chair in 2018, notify the Master of the seat you would like to occupy. Study the ritual and contact Worshipful Brother Herme Valdeabella, the Officers Coach if you have questions about the ritual.



### GRAND LODGE REDEDICATION OF THE LEMOORE MASONIC TEMPLE

THANK YOU, TO SOME VERY FINE MASONS,

The Grand Lodge of California convened on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at Welcome Lodge No. 255 in Lemoore, for the purpose of rededicating the Lemoore Masonic Temple. This was the first time that the Grand Lodge Family had visited Lemoore. I believe it's safe to say that everyone enjoyed a memorable experience that most of us rarely experience as the Grand Master Rededicated the Masonic Building that the Brothers of Lemoore call home.

During the ceremony, I was mentioned specifically by Worshipful D.W. as pulling this all together. While I appreciate his sentiment, the success of this event, and truthfully, all events that we perform, can only be attributed to the hard work of the Brothers that dare to answer my calls. So I would like to thank a few of the Brothers for all of their support.

First and foremost, the meal this past Saturday was beyond compare. Mr. Greg Bush, and his wonderful Bride, Cindy, deserve recognition for doing such a great job with this event and each and every time they support Welcome Lodge refreshments. Thank you so much. I would also like to thank Brother Norman Stewart for volunteering Saturday to assist in the kitchen and in keeping the food stocked for the luncheon. Brother your efforts are greatly appreciated. Finally, Mr. Augusto Credo volunteered on that day and was outstanding in assisting me put out a few fires when I needed help the most.

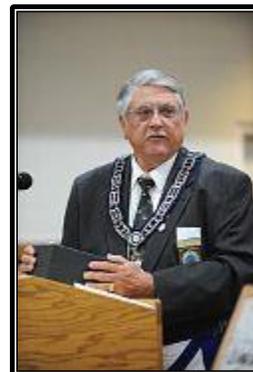
Every available Brother supported this event at one or more times by answering one of my many texts. If I tried to name everyone, I would inevitably leave some well-deserving Mason off of the list, so I won't do that. What I will say is that Lemoore has not only the finest Masons, but also the finest people that I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. Our Brethren, never fail to amaze me in the support that they offer, both mental and physical, when I put out calls for help. If you've ever said yes to one of those request, you are on the list. Thank you Brothers for all that you do to support this Lodge. Your efforts are always recognized, and ALWAYS appreciated.

Respectfully, and Fraternally, Bro. Jack



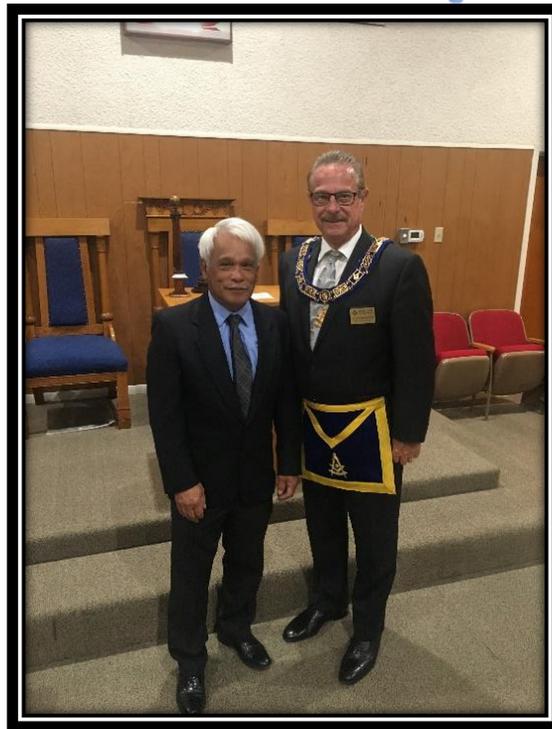
# Lemoore Masonic Temple Rededication

## April 22, 2017





# Just Good Fellowship



# WELCOME LODGE ANNUAL OFFICER DONATIONS

## IN SUPPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE'S PHILANTROPIC EFFORTS

Brethren,

For the past three years, Welcome Lodge has been recognized for 100% of their Officers donating to the Grand Lodge in support of a range of different programs.

During my discussions with and visits to the Grand Lodge, I have only the greatest respect for the work they are doing with the money that I donate each year.

Donations can be in ANY amount you can afford. Please show your support for the good work that the Grand Lodge is doing all over the state, and give. See/call me if you can give.

I hope that ALL of our Welcome Lodge Brethren will donate this year. I particularly ask that ALL of our Officers donate.

Fraternally,

Bro. Jack Cloud, PM (559) 381-2112



# WELCOME LODGE 255 PAST MASTERS NIGHT 2017

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS ANNUAL  
TRADITION**

*(Date has Changed to)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Dinner Served: 6:15 PM

Degree Begins Promptly: 7:00 PM

**Worshipful Brothers,**

**Please Contact WB Jack Cloud, (559) 381-2112**

**to reserve your chair for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral of**

**Bro. Edwin Tates.**



### 2017 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarships have been received from Lemoore, Avenal, and Coalinga. They are being reviewed by the committee and a decision is expected soon.

If you would like to volunteer to attend the award presentations, and present the scholarships, please contact W. Bro.s Berme Pascual or Jack Cloud.



**Sunday, May 14th**