

## Welcome Lodge No. 255

# Trestle Board

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

Making Good Men Better, Since Time Immemorial!

May 2018

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

Brethren,

I would like to first welcome our newest Brothers into the world's oldest Fraternity, Brothers Paul Jones, Eduardo Yumang, and Christopher Hausvik. I hope, in your travels, that you will seize every opportunity to consume and employ the lessons that Freemasonry has to offer. Remember, it is not the cloths that we wear or the status that we hold; it is our actions, often behind the scenes, that define us as Masons.

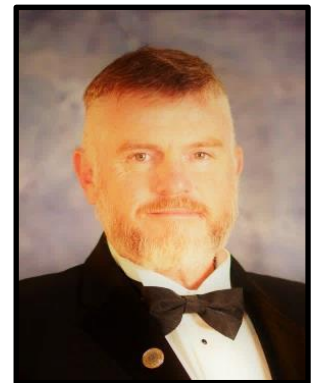
As the Master (and even when I wasn't), I think a lot about the welfare of our Brothers and Masonry in Lemoore. Our predecessors have left us a great legacy and it's up to us to continue their charge. This requires a team effort. Each of our Brothers has a talent to help the Lodge. In all of my inner thoughts regarding Welcome Lodge and its Brothers, those three cardinal virtues keep coming back to mind, Brother Love, Relief, and Truth. Brotherly Love consists not only of supporting each other but ensures that we provide for those who come long after we are gone, and keep in touch with our Brothers who can no longer attend lodge. Our duty to provide relief to our Brothers, and aid and assist our neighbors should always be a goal. Truth is the big one, that we fulfil the obligations that we made, and that we always be there when our Brothers need us. This small phrase equates to lofty goals; goals that require a team effort. I NEED BROTHERS to help me in this effort. There is always more that we can do to meet the needs of Masonry. The key element to meeting these goals is commitment and manpower. Every one of you has a talent, even the gift of gab, which can help promote our values. I would like to challenge you to step up to the plate and talk to me about what you can do to help. You are the key to the viability of Welcome Lodge. Thank you Brothers and I will see you about the Lodge.

*Fraternally,*

*Jack W. Cloud, PM  
Worshipful Master*

## From the East

*Worshipful Jack Cloud, PM*



### Welcome Lodge No. 255

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Lemoore, CA 93245

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Website: <http://welcomelodge255.org>

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### Stated Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

Dinner 6:30pm

Meeting 7:30pm

### Special Meetings

Thursdays

Dinner 6:15pm

Meeting 7:00pm

### Concordant Bodies

Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 OES

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Jobs' Daughters, Bethel #288

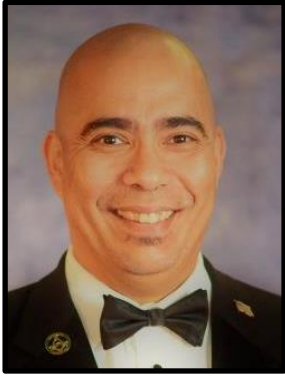
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7:00pm

### A Note to the Family

If you are receiving the Trestle Board and wish to continue to receive it, we are happy to continue mailing it. We also know that some of the families of our departed Brothers no longer wish to receive it. If that is the case, please notify Jack Cloud at [jwcloud@comcast.net](mailto:jwcloud@comcast.net) and we will be happy to update our mailer. We would also just enjoy hearing how the family is doing if you want to let us know. Thank you.

# From the West

*Brother Mel Perez, PM*



## Senior Wardens Schedule

10 May: (Thursday) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree,  
Mr. Jake Villanueva (Pending)

17 May: (Thursday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree,  
(Brother(s) Pending)

31 May: (Thursday) 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree,  
Bro. Victor Superales

Greetings from the West!

Greetings Welcome Lodge!!! 2018 seems to just be flying by doesn't it? I hope the spring has been an enjoyable one for all of you and your families. I know our lodge has been pretty busy with Degree work and business lately and I'm so proud of everyone for stepping up and handling things.

I want to send out a special "thank you" to all of the past masters and brothers that have been filling in for me over the last month. It has been a whirlwind for me and I appreciate everyone taking up my slack.

For those that do not know, I have been a Paramedic for American Ambulance here in Kings County for the last 7 years. When my wife was injured on the job late in 2017 we were trying to figure out a way to make ends meet and I had recently decided to pick up some part time work with another Ambulance service provider. Well, in that time, most of April to be exact I had been working 100 plus hours every week. At the end of April, the company I was with part time made me an offer I couldn't refuse and I accepted a full time position with them. The problem, at least for May is that I do not have a set schedule yet which means my time at lodge will again be limited. I have requested that my Thursday's be made free for lodge but everyone knows how that goes being the "new guy." I appreciate everyone being patient with me and please rest assured I'll be back at some point.

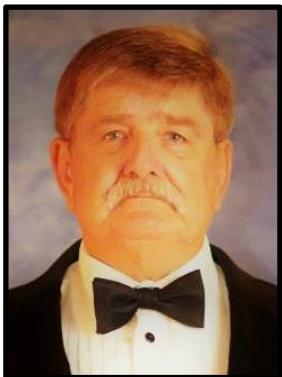
Until then; always treat each other with kindness, dignity and respect, render glad tidings and whisper thoughtful counsel. I'll see you when I see you.

Fraternally yours,

Mel Perez, PM  
Senior Warden

# From the South

*Brother Edwin Kaczynski*



## Junior Wardens Schedule

3 May: (Thursday) Stated  
Meeting Family Dinner

31 May: (Thursday) Past  
Masters Night - Dinner

My Brothers,

Please keep these dates in mind over the next couple of months, May 31<sup>st</sup> is Past Masters Night, June 14<sup>th</sup> is our scheduled Hiram Award Ceremony, and June 16<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Lodge Picnic. More information will be provided for each event in the Lodge.

We have had great participation and turnout for the degrees this year. It's good to see our Brothers come together in support of each other. Continue to encourage all of our Brothers to attend and support our candidates and Brothers as they advance through the degrees.

Fraternally,

Edwin Kaczynski  
Junior Warden

# Lodge Leadership

## Master

Jack W. Cloud, PM

## Senior Warden

Melvin L. Perez, PM

## Junior Warden

Edwin J. Kaczynski

## Secretary

Clayton Holmes

## Treasurer

Richard D. Cadiente

## Chaplain

Joel Gonzalez



## Senior Deacon

Eli A. Malicsi

## Junior Deacon

Tracy J. Miranda

## Marshal

Rupert R. Beckford

## Senior Steward

Virgilio S. Algador

## Junior Steward

Billie B. Solomon

## Tiler

James L. Withycombe

## President

Eli A. Malicsi

## Lemoore Masonic Temple Association

## Building Manager

Edwin J. Kaczynski

## Chief Financial Officer

Tracy J. Miranda

## Secretary / Ex-Officio: Master

Jack W. Cloud, PM

## Ex-Officio: Senior Warden

Melvin L. Perez, PM

## Trustee / Board Member

Rupert R. Beckford

## Trustee / Board Member

Fabian V. Gonzalez

## Trustee / Board Member

Virgilio S. Algador

## Officers Coach

Herminio E. Valdeabella, PM

## Candidate Coaches

Melvin L. Perez, PM\*

Jack W. Cloud, PM

Danilo T. Espiritu, PM

Edwin J. Kaczynski

James L. Withycombe

## 2018 Lodge Committee Members

## Charity

Jack W. Cloud, PM\*

Melvin L. Perez, PM

Edwin J. Kaczynski

## Audit

Billie B. Solomon  
Allan N. Overby

## Delinquent Dues

Herminio E. Valdeabella, PM\*  
Clayton Holmes  
Richard D. Cadiente

## Scholarship

Bermie E. Pascual, PM\*  
Melvin L. Perez, PM  
Charles D. Dimaano, PM  
James L. Withycombe  
Norman W. Stewart

## Hiram Award

Melvin L. Perez, PM\*  
Pat P. Cerdenola, PM  
Joselito R. Sanchez, PM  
James L. Withycombe  
Rupert R. Beckford

## Membership Development

Edwin J. Kaczynski\*  
Billie B. Solomon  
Allan N. Overby  
Audie T. Bedia

## Masonic Widows

Edwin J. Kaczynski\*  
Eli A. Malicsi  
Richard D. Cadiente  
James L. Withycombe  
Rupert R. Beckford

## Investments

Richard D. Cadiente\*

Charles D. Dimaano, PM

Edwin J. Kaczynski



# Secretary's Corner

Brother Clayton Holmes

## May Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	6pm,	LMTA Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	7:30pm,	WL255 Stated Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7pm,	Job's Daughters, Bethel 288
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7pm,	Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	7pm,	WL255, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree (Mr. Villanueva)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	6pm,	Job's - Steak Dinner Fundraiser
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	7pm,	WL255, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree (Pending)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	7pm,	Job's Daughters, Bethel 288 Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	7pm,	Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	6:30pm,	District 506, SOI, Welcome Lodge 255
31 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	7pm,	WL255, Past Masters Night, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree (Bro. Superales)

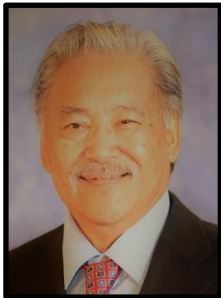
## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Welcome Lodge Celebrates Your Special Day!

Happy Birthday Brothers!

4 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Galindo
8 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Gonzales
9 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Bowen
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Beyer
10 <sup>th</sup>	Edgardo Gonzales
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Liberman
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hector Quioc
14 <sup>th</sup>	Arnel Bisnar
17 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Chaco
17 <sup>th</sup>	Omar Escalante
18 <sup>th</sup>	John Broom
19 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas Scott
21 <sup>st</sup>	Patrocinio Cerdenola
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhoderick Estanislao
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leoniel Guevarra
23 <sup>rd</sup>	James Sperlich
25 <sup>th</sup>	Elmer Anies
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sean O'Conner
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mack Maloney

## Temple Board Association



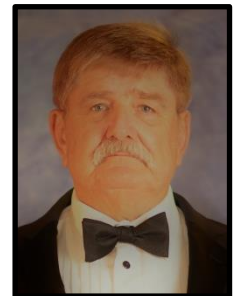
Bro. Eli Malicsi  
Temple Board  
President

May

Temple Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1800

Rentals

May 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat)



Bro. Ed Kaczynski  
Building  
Manager

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Wireless PA System

The Board has approved the purchase of a wireless PA system for the Lodge, depending on compatibility of current speaker system.

### Solar Panel Installation

Bids are currently in work to petition Grand Lodge for approval to install solar panels on the Lodge.

### Hand Rails in the East

Over the July/August break, Hand rails will be installed in the East for easier access up and down the stairs at that station.

# Degree Conferrals!



Brother Paul Jones  
Entered Apprentice  
April 12, 2018

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*Congratulations Brother Jones, Brother Yumang, and Brother Hausvik on being Initiated Entered Apprentice Masons. I hope you enjoyed your admission into the Fraternity as much as your Brothers did. Your journey in Masonry will be as fruitful as you make it. We hope to see you all take on roles within your lodge, and strive to find your own meaning to the lessons of the Entered Apprentice Degree!*

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Brothers  
Eduardo Yumang / Christopher Hausvik  
Entered Apprentice  
April 19, 2018





**WELCOME LODGE NO. 255  
PAST MASTERS NIGHT**

THURSDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2018, 6:30PM DINNER



**JOIN THE BROTHERS OF WELCOME LODGE NO. 255**

**As we recognize the Brothers**

**Who have answered the call of their Lodge**

**And Served As the Master!**

**Enjoy the Show as Our Past Masters**

**Assume Their Positions in the Line-up for the  
Third Degree of**

**Brother Victor Superales**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM**

**Degree: 7:30 PM**

## **Jobs' Daughters 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**

**Only \$30.00**

16oz Choice Rib Eye  
Mushrooms  
Baked Potato  
Vegetables  
French Bread  
And a Drink



**May 11th**

6 – 9 PM  
At Welcome Lodge

Get your Tickets  
now from a  
Daughter or online!

## **Burn Your Own Steak Dinner**

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-daughters-3rd-annual-burn-your-own-steak-dinner-tickets-45180564284?aff=utm\\_source%3Dfacebook\\_email%26utm\\_medium%3Demail%26utm\\_campaign%3Dnew\\_event\\_email&utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-daughters-3rd-annual-burn-your-own-steak-dinner-tickets-45180564284?aff=utm_source%3Dfacebook_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text)



# Lodge Outreach Program



**MASONIC ASSISTANCE LINE:**

**(888) 466-3642**

\*The number is found on the back of your Lodge Dues Card.

\*Leave a voicemail, you will be called back within 24 hours, and you will **NEVER** be put on hold when they call back.

**Calls will address:**

Your primary concerns and they will obtain basic background information.  
Your current living situation, potential risks to your health, and your immediate needs.  
Any Prequalification for financial assistance or public benefits.

**After the Call: They will...**

Recommend and refer you for any community based services that might be available.  
Schedule follow up calls to ensure your needs have been met.  
Assign care managers as needed when the situation cannot be resolved by phone.

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## Masonic Homes of California



### A Legacy of Relief

California Masons dedicated the first Masonic Home in Union City in 1898. Created to shelter widows and children left destitute and alone, it was our fraternity's first major, tangible testament to the Masonic Ideals of brotherly love and relief.

Since then, the Masonic Homes of California has expanded into a robust, statewide network of critical resources and services for our members.

Through compassionate care, the Masonic Homes pledges to keep Masonic family members of all ages throughout California, safe, healthy, and connected.

**[masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org)**



## MASONIC HOMES AT UNION CITY

Located 40 miles east of San Francisco, atop 267 acres of scenic property, the Masonic Home at Union City offers panoramic views and a moderate climate.

Its gated grounds are home to about 300 residents who live in comfortable studio or one-bedroom apartments. The campus offers independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, memory care, and on-site post-surgical rehabilitation. Residents enjoy multiple health and wellness centers, walking trails, activity areas, comfortable indoor and outdoor areas for small or large groups, a lodge room and a worship center.

The Union City community is bustling and vibrant, shaped by the energy and care of residents and staff.

- Three meals daily in a gracious dining room
- Year-round recreation activities, celebrations, and parties
- Apartment maintenance and utilities, including high speed internet
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Secured and monitored entrances and grounds
- Transportation to off-site events and appointments
- Chaplain and individual pastoral care
- Lodge room and outdoor lodge site
- General store and retail shop
- Computer center, library, and game rooms
- Beauty salon and barber services
- Fitness center and wellness programs
- On-site medical and dental clinic
- Pharmacy services
- Preventive health care services
- Pharmacy services
- Rehabilitation services, including speech, physical, and occupational therapy
- Guest accommodations and meals

## MASONIC HOMES AT COVINA

- Three meals daily in a gracious dining room
- Apartment maintenance and utilities, including high speed internet
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Secured and monitored entrances and grounds
- Transportation to off-site events and appointments
- Chaplain and individual pastoral care
- General store and retail shop
- Computer center, library, and game rooms
- Beauty salon and barber services
- Fitness center
- Preventive health care services
- Pharmacy services
- Guest accommodations and meals
- Future services include skilled nursing and memory care



In the sunny San Gabriel Valley, just 30 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the Masonic Home at Covina sits on 33 acres of a retired citrus ranch. Its scenic setting features wide expanses of lawn dotted with large native trees, characteristic of the beauty of Southern California.

Our campus is home to about 80 residents who live in comfortable one-bedroom apartments designed for independent and assisted living. Residents choose the Masonic Home at Covina for its intimate setting, vibrant quality of life, and perhaps most of all, the sense of community created by fellow residents and staff.

## CARE SERVICES

**Independent Living:** Comfortable apartment-style residences provide modern amenities for residents who live independently.

**In-home Care:** Friendly, professional caregivers are available to help residents who require some in-home assistance with daily activities, such as bathing, medication management, dressing, personal care, or mobility.

**Skilled Nursing:** For residents, who require greater support, 5-star rated skilled nursing and rehabilitation services are available on campus in Union City and through trusted community partners in Covina.

**Memory Care:** The Union City campus offers specifically qualified staff, comfortable accommodations, and focused, dignified care for residents experiencing dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

**Hospice:** Caring, professional staff and clergy are available to support residents and their families with end-of-life care and arrangements.

## WAIT TIMES

Depending upon the level of accommodation needed, historically wait times could be up to 24 months. Recent developments however have helped cut these times and in some cases, wait times are between 3 to 6 months.

## VISIT AND TOUR THE HOMES

Tours can be arranged to visit the Homes. In 2017, my Wife and I visited the Home in Union City. It's was just beautiful. We met and talked with the residents and were able to tour the facility. The Lodge (and the outdoor Lodge also) would be enough for most Masons, but the facilities, accommodations, and the activities that are available are extraordinary. Residents glowed and spoke highly of the staff. If you're like the rest of us, we all worry about the abuse the can take place in a 'retirement home'. This is different, much different from any home that I've ever had to visit for a friend or loved one. I can truly recommend this as an option if at some point you feel a need to actually retire. Payment options vary, but the one thing most everyone told us during the visit is that "They should have moved in earlier".

— Jack W. Cloud, PM

## Eligibility for the Homes

1. Must be 60 years or older.
2. A California Master Mason in Good Standing for 5 consecutive years.
3. The wife or widow of an eligible Master Mason.
4. The Mother of an eligible Master Mason.

## Payment Options

- 1: **Partial Assignment (75%) of Assets and Income.** No fees are required. Residents are provided all care and services, including health and dental, at no additional cost.
2. **Entrance Fee + Lower Monthly Fee.** With this option residents are responsible for their own medical and dental expenses.
3. **Monthly Fee Only.** Higher monthly fee and residents are responsible for their own medical and dental expenses.

**(888) 466-3642**



**masonichome.org**

# Masonic Wisdom

## MAY: DISTRICT 506 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM  
Hosting: Welcome Lodge No. 255  
Exemplifying 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree / 2<sup>nd</sup> Section

## California Masonic Code

<https://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/secure/publications.htm> (Select: **References**)

### **BALLOTING**

#### **804.440: BALLOTING PROCEUDRE:** (*Paraphrased*)

- A. The Master shall read the name of the applicant(s) and their essential information before the ballot.
- B. A Lodge shall have but one ballot for the three degrees.
- C. There shall be no discussion in the Lodge during a ballot.
- D. Every present member in good standing must vote.
- E. The Master should not permit anyone to enter or retire from the Lodge during a ballot except for sickness of other imperative reasons.
- F. When balloting on two or more candidates, it is at the Masters discretion regarding a separate or collective ballot.
- G. A unanimous vote of the members present and in good standing is required to elect an applicant.
- H. If balloting upon a single applicant and only one cube appears, a second ballot shall be ordered to correct a possible mistake, and shall not be postponed to another meeting. If a cube appears in the second ballot, the Master shall declare the applicant rejected.
- I. If balloting upon a single applicant and two or more cubes appear, the Master shall declare the applicant rejected.

**804.450. BALLOT SECRECY:** Except for the three officers whose duty it is to examine the ballot box, no one is entitled to know the number of votes cast for or against an applicant. There shall be no discussion regarding an unfavorable ballot. No member of the Lodge shall be required, requested, or allowed to divulge his vote upon a ballot, or to assign reasons for such vote, if it be known, except to the Master for the purpose of correcting a mistake. The fore going notwithstanding, such discussion or disclosure is permitted when reporting, preparing, investigating and/or adjudicating charges of alleged un-masonic conduct relating to a ballot.

## Secretary Guide

<https://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/secured/publications.htm> (Select: **Manuals and Guides**)

### **LODGE STATED MEETING ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **JANUARY:**

1. Treasurer presents the Annual Budget.
2. Secretary presents any Dues remission recommendations.

#### **FEBRUARY:**

1. Treasurer presents the Annual Financial Report.
2. The Secretary presents the Membership and monies received report.
3. The Investment Committee/Lodge Trustees Report is presented.
4. The Hall Association presents its Annual financial and status report.

**MARCH:** Nothing pending.

**APRIL:** Recommend suspension for non-payment of dues.

**MAY:** Announce suspensions and have lodge approve list.

**JUNE:** Nothing pending.

**JULY:** Nothing pending.

#### **AUGUST:**

1. Treasurer presents the semi-annual financial report.
2. Secretary presents the semi-annual membership and monies received report.
3. Hall Association presents the semi-annual financial and status report.

**SEPTEMBER:** If needed, elect the Lodges Representative for the Annual Communication.

**OCTOBER:** Nothing pending.

**NOVEMBER:** Annual Election of Officers.

**DECEMBER:** Nothing pending.



## Masonic Quote

All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

-Bro. Edmund Burke

# Bethel No. 288 Lemoore



Raisa Beckford  
Bethel Guardian  
rkbeckford@gmail.com

On March 31<sup>st</sup> the daughters held a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser! Thank you to all who came to support us! (picture below from the breakfast)

May 11<sup>th</sup> is our Third Annual Burn Your Own Steak Dinner! It will be \$30 from 6pm-9pm and will include: 16 oz Choice Rib Eye, Bake Potato, Vegetables, Mushrooms, French Bread, and Drinks. The Daughters and council members have tickets and you can also buy tickets online at the link below. We hope to see you there!

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-daughters-3rd-annual-burn-your-own-steak-dinner-tickets-45180564284?aff=utm\\_source%3Demail%26utm\\_medium%3Demail%26utm\\_campaign%3Dnew\\_event\\_email&utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jobs-daughters-3rd-annual-burn-your-own-steak-dinner-tickets-45180564284?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text)

## Upcoming Events!

Below are the current happenings for the daughters in May!

7<sup>th</sup>: Regular Meeting with Initiation

11<sup>th</sup>: Steak Dinner at the Lemoore Masonic Lodge

20<sup>th</sup>: Grand Guardian Official Visit at the Fresno Lodge at 12pm.

21<sup>st</sup>: No Meeting due to the Official Visit

