

Welcome Lodge No. 255

Trestle Board

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

Making Good Men Better, Since Time Immemorial!

November 2018

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

Brethren,

It's that time again, to elect the new representatives of our Lodge. At the November Stated Meeting, we will hold our annual election of officers. If you are available, please come in and support this important event. With new leadership comes new and fresh ideas, and change can only make us better.

Also, this month the holidays begin, and with them, so do our busy schedules. I hope each one of you have a great Thanksgiving and that you have family and friends close to celebrate it with. As we celebrate all that we have, please remember those, especially our Brothers, that are having a tough time. They are out there, and a simple phone call will go a long way to lift their spirits.

This year, Welcome Lodge has raised five Master Masons, and by the end of the year, we will have raised 8-9 new quality Brothers. One of the many things that I'm thankful for this year, is that we do not have cliques in our ranks, and our Brothers are as close to each other as any organization I have ever seen. It's always refreshing to come to lodge and see all the smiling faces. Thank you, Brothers, for all that you have given me through your friendship and fellowship.

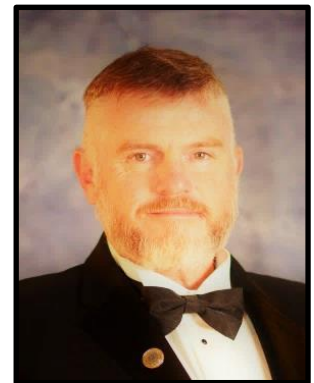
So, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your beautiful families. May your holiday be full of fun and laughter and may the year be capped off with the blessings due to those who live by the principle tenants of our institution. Next month, let's be ready to celebrate good tidings and bring out your families for our entry in the Lemoore Parade and of course for our annual Christmas Dinner celebration. See you about the Lodge!

Fraternally,

*Jack W. Cloud, PM
Worshipful Master*

From the East

Worshipful Jack Cloud, PM



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Stated Meeting

1st Thursday

Dinner 6:30pm

Meeting 7:30pm

Special Meetings

Thursdays

Dinner 6:15pm

Meeting 7:00pm

Concordant Bodies

Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 OES

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Jobs' Daughters, Bethel #288

1st and 3rd 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 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.

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

Ex-Officio: Senior Warden

Melvin L. Perez, PM

Chief Financial Officer

Tracy J. Miranda

Secretary / Ex-Officio: Master

Jack W. Cloud, PM

Building Manager

Edwin J. Kaczynski

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

Jack W. Cloud, PM

Danilo T. Espiritu, PM

Edwin J. Kaczynski

James L. Withycombe

2018 Lodge Committee Members

Charity

Jack W. Cloud, PM*

Pending

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*

Charles D. Dimaano, PM

James L. Withycombe

Norman W. Stewart

Hiram Award

Norman Stewart*

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

*Chairman: Shall call at least one regular meeting of the Committee and present minutes to the Secretary.



Secretary's Corner

Brother Clayton Holmes

November Calendar

1 st	Thu	7:30pm	WL255 Stated Meeting
5 th	Mon	7pm	Jobs Daughter, Bethel 288 Meeting
6 th	Tue	NA	General Elections (at Welcome Lodge)
8 th	Thu	7pm	WL255, 3 rd Degree, Bro. Villanueva
13 th	Tue	7pm	Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13 Meeting
15 th	Thu	7pm	WL255, Degree Pending
19 th	Mon	7pm	Jobs Daughter, Bethel 288 Meeting
22 nd	Thu	NA	Thanksgiving (No WL255 Meeting)
27 th	Tue	7pm	Lucerne Lake, Ch. 13
28 th	Wed	6:30pm	SOI, District 506, Selma Lodge
29 th	Thu	7pm	WL255, Degree Pending
30 th	Tue	6pm	LMTA Meeting

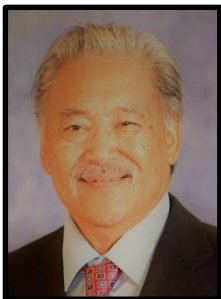
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Welcome Lodge Celebrates Your Special Day!

Happy Birthday Brothers!

2 nd	Jefferson Imatong
5 th	Henry Bean
5 th	Danilo Espiritu
6 th	Curtis Loftis
6 th	Albert Mendoza
9 th	Galen Valenciano
14 th	Ruben Pasion Jr.
16 th	Keith Eden
17 th	Orlando Manzano
18 th	Clarence Edwards Jr.
18 th	Guanfeng Zhang
22 nd	Ferdinand Quinto
23 rd	Tracy Jon Miranda
24 th	Carl Bravo
24 th	Roskin Metra
24 th	James Withycombe
26 th	Jose Barte
28 th	Dale Delosreyes
30 th	Audie Bedia

Temple Board Association



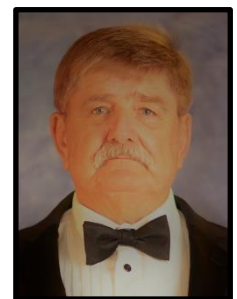
Bro. Eli Malicsi
Temple Board
President

November

Temple Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 30th, 6pm

Rentals

November 3 (Sat), 6 (Tue), 10 (Sat), 17 (Sat), 24 (Sat)



Bro. Ed Kaczynski
Building
Manager

CURRENT PROJECTS

Solar Panels

Bids are submitted to Grand Lodge for approval to install solar panels on the Lodge. A roofing inspection has been obtained and a building structural inspection is being arranged before deciding on the type of roof repairs we need before finalizing a bid.

Hand Rails in the East

The rails will be installed as soon as the caps are placed on them. They will be installed before our annual installations of officers begin for the various organizations.

ANNUAL DUES

Notices for dues will be mailed by the end of October. Current dues of \$113.75 include the annual per capita from Grand Lodge. Dues may be adjusted depending on new per capita.

Masonic Education

“Masonic Wisdom”

Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.

– Bro. Douglas McArther



“The energy level I felt at the retreat was an extreme high. The connections and knowledge I gained was priceless.” - 2018 Retreat Attendee

2019 MASONIC LEADERSHIP RETREATS

Build friendships and connections with fellow officers. Learn to be an effective and inspiring leader. Take advantage of time-saving tools and techniques. Learn real-world leadership skills you can apply within and beyond your lodge experience. All officers are welcome to attend?

**Register for all events
at freemason.org**

2019 Secretary & Treasurer Retreats

Irvine: February 1-3

San Ramon: February 8-10

2019 Master & Wardens Retreats

San Ramon: March 29-31

Irvine: April 12-14

Lake Tahoe: May 3-5

Palm Springs: May 17-19

CAN YOU WRITE?

I'm sure all of you have a Masonic story to tell. Others are talented at the gift of writing, and still others enjoy history and like performing research.

Our Trestle Board should be an interactive tool to enlighten our Brothers to the benefits and history of Masonry. Each of you have something to say and can take an active role in our education.

If you would like to write an article for the Trestle Board, we would love to hear what you have to say. We have many active brother whose Masonic experiences, lodge visits, or personal thoughts of what Masonry means to them would make great articles.

Please feel free to email articles to me at jwcloud@comcast.net. Keep them to a half page or less, and we'll be happy to share your thoughts.

I KNOW YOU ARE OUT THERE!



FRANK LUOI,
Senior Grand Warden

Frank Luoi

Lessons From **George Washington**

The Cherry Tree.

Everyone knows the story; Washington, maybe just six or seven years old, is playing around with a hatchet, and takes a chunk out of his father's prized cherry tree. The tree dies. His father is furious. Washington doesn't hesitate – he immediately comes clean with that famous line; "I cannot tell a lie."

I remember hearing that story as a boy, when I was first learning about George Washington. And it has always stuck with me. Come to find out, the story may not be true – but if it was made up, it was to demonstrate a point. It shows this superhuman figure, one of history's greatest leaders, in a very human moment. He made mistakes too. But even at a young age, in the face of a father scolding, he maintained great character.

Washington's legendary strength of character made him a natural leader – arguably the most significant leader in the founding of the United States of America.

In Masonry, we put a lot of time and hard work into building our own leadership skills. It's only natural that we take a few lessons from Washington. What can we learn from him?

Washington had courage, ambition, and vision. Qualities that were larger than life, awe-inspiring, and that he used to define a republic. Qualities we should each imitate to the best of our abilities, even just a little.

But he had some very humble qualities, too. He was a man of patience, determination, and great charisma. In moments when we feel intimidated by the demands of leadership, it's important to remember that these

a sense of trust and affection. I think Washington's more humble qualities helped him harness the power of fellowship.

A final lesson I think we should take from Washington is the way he worked tirelessly to better himself. He sought out role models in his family and friends, and British generals Braddock and Forbes, to name a few. Their influence helped shape him into a leader who would change the course of history.

In summary. Be principled, be consistent, be sincere. Be honest. Seek out role models. These are important lessons, as we sort out how to be leaders in the 21st century.

Being a leader within Masonry requires knowledge of where the fraternity is, and a vision for where it's going. It requires having the humility and the good sense to lean on other leaders. Don't try to do it all yourself. Get your fellow lodge leaders involved. Look to past grand masters for inspiration, and to other Masonic organizations to broaden your ideas. Take a page from Washington's book, and harness the power of fellowship.

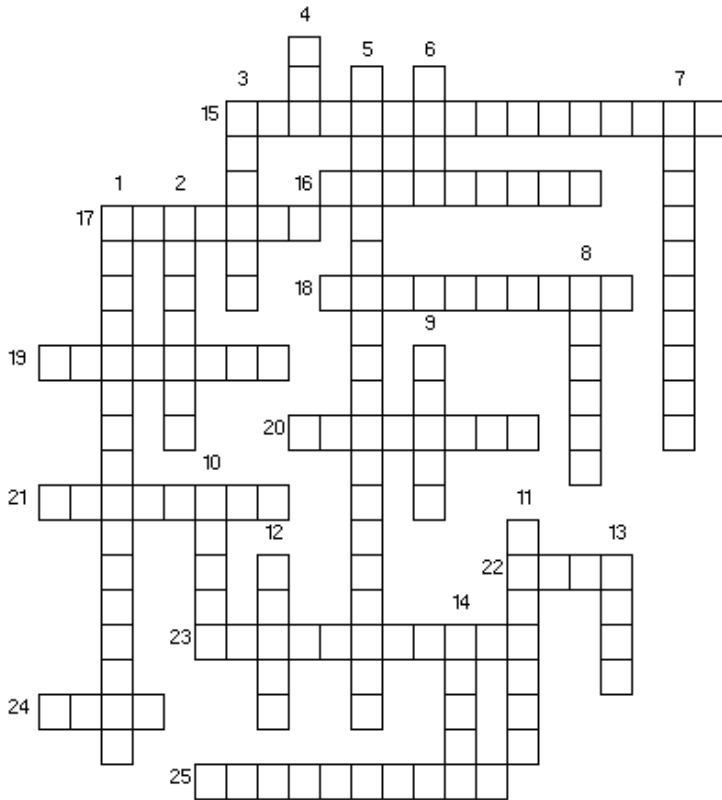
Keep in mind, one doesn't need to lead a revolution or even an officer line to embody these qualities. Our inner leader makes himself known in the day-to-day how we treat our brother and our families, what responsibilities we embrace in our communities, how we show our character. I think Washington would agree.

- An excerpt from California Freemason Magazine;
Feb/Mar 2010 by Past Grand Master Frank Luoi

Masonic Education (cont'd)

Entered Apprentice Crossword Puzzle

Answers Coming in the December TB!



DOWN

1. "To walk around" some central point or object.
2. To the ancients; something devine, deeply profound, and worth knowing.
3. Symbol of virtue, morality, truthfulness, and honesty.
4. A central point within the circle.
5. Formed in 1717.
6. The station of the Worshipful Master is in the ...
7. Represented be two parrallel lines.
8. One of the Three Pillars of Masonry.
9. An unqualified or fraudulent mason.
10. The outer guard of a Masonic Temple
11. Derived from the Regius Manuscript of 1390.
12. To suuport as being true; to assert, attest, or verify.
13. To produce a pattern by eating into a materials hard surface.
14. A Mason's quest for truth.

ACROSS

15. Symbolic of the physical union of heaven and earth.
16. Freemasonry is an _____ order.
17. One of Three Great Lights.
18. So may it ever be.
19. One of the Four Cardinal Virtues.
20. Symbol of the darkness, or ignorance of the uninitiated.
21. A candidates attachment to the outside world.
22. To hide or conceal, to cover, to keep out of view.
23. Our imperfect selves.
24. Wearing footgear.
25. Original home of Californias Grand Lodge in 1850.

Candidates and Degrees

Knocking

Mr. Christian Datu

Entered Apprentice

Bro. Paul Jones

Bro. Billy Antes

Fellow Craft

Bro. Jake Villanueva

November and December are busy with Lodge elections and the Holidays. Study your Proficiencies and Grand Lodge Courses. We look forward to your degrees and there is still plenty of time to complete them this year.

Coaches are available to assist you!!! Just Ask!!!

Conferrals

2nd Degree: Fellowcraft



Brother Jake Villanueva

On October 8th, we passed Brother Jake Villanueva to the degree of Fellowcraft. We look forward to your Raising Brother.

Congratulations!

The Sublime 3rd Degree of Master Mason



Brother Matthew Baggett

On October 18th, we Raised Brother Matthew Baggett as a Master Mason.

Congratulations Brother Matt!

Now the work begins! Remember, it's not the rings that we wear or the offices that we hold that make us Masons. Character and willingness to serve are what define us!

Bethel No. 288 Lemoore



Raisa Beckford
Bethel Guardian
rkbeckford@gmail.com

Our fall term is in full effect!

During October the daughters took on the challenge of the corn maze at Vossler Farms in Visalia. It was a great time trying to navigate through the twist and turns of the maze

SAVE THE DATE! February 24, 2019 Our Grand Bethel Officer Reception. It will be a day filled with food and magic. You don't want to miss it!

