

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



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2023 Officers

Master	Pete Bautista, PM (Estrellita)
Senior Warden	Lourey Bartolome (Jen)
Junior Warden	Roskin Metra (Azeneth)
Treasurer	Norman Stewart (Carolyn)
Secretary	Jonathan Cruz (Maissie)
Assistant Secretary	Bryant Mergillano (Laoja)
Chaplain	Tommi Kitchens (Grace)
Senior Deacon	Roger Galamgam (Maricel)
Junior Deacon	Daniel Baumer (Alexis)
Senior Steward	Don Oliva
Junio Steward	Jeffrey Tortona (Cristina)
Marshal	Melvir Gutierrez (Glen)
Tiler	Napoleon Aspiras (Let)
Inspector - 506th Masonic District	Charles Dimaano, PM (Elizabeth)
Officers Coach	Jack Cloud, Jr., PM (Tonya Lynn)
Officers Coach	Ed Kaczynski, PM (Patricia)

Birthdays

January

- 03 - Victor Superales
- 06 - John Ashlock
- 08 - Stuart Lyons
- 11 - Jerry Allen
- 11 - Christopher Headley
- 13 - Rupert Beckford
- 13 - Christian Mesina
- 15 - Allan Overby
- 20 - David Amponin
- 20 - Bermie Pascual, PM
- 24 - Roger Galamgam
- 26 - Daniel Baumer
- 30 - Danilo Cruz

February

- 02 - Melvir Gutierrez
- 09 - Paolo Verzosa
- 13 - Lourey Bartolome
- 13 - Charles Dimaano, PM
- 13 - Alfred Canoy
- 15 - Donald Willis
- 17 - Florentino Tatco
- 19 - Mario Mercado
- 19 - Mario Topacio
- 20 - Alberto Andres
- 21 - Myles Byrd
- 22 - George Wilkinson
- 24 - Steven Champlin

Masonic Anniversaries

- Pat Cerdenola, PM - 41 Years
- George Wilkinson - 39 Years
- Douglas Scott - 39 Years
- Benigno Rufo - 38 Years
- Richard Mc Clelland - 36 Years
- Ferdinand Quinto - 27 Years
- Emmanuel De Leon - 25 Years
- Gemino Barrera, PM - 21 Years
- Arthuro Gentilezo - 18 Years
- Roger Galamgam - 15 Years

- Ruben Pasion, Jr. - 13 Years
- Stuart Lyons - 12 Years
- Lewis Diulus, III - 12 Years
- Dave Domantay - 11 Years
- Keith Eden - 11 Years
- Renz Uy - 9 Years
- Wright Beltran - 8 Years
- Albert Mendoza - 8 Years
- Adan Trinidad - 8 Years
- Marc Lastrella - 3 Years



From the East

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and great spirits!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are combining the January and February Trestleboard for this release.

To recap... I hope you and yours had a great Holiday Season! I hope this new year brings brand-new beginnings to everyone. Whatever we may have missed or failed to accomplish in the year before, may we all find the opportunity this time around. I invite every Brother to make this year a year of reconciliation. If you are one of those who have not been in our meetings or activities due to one reason or another, please find time to visit. This lodge is your lodge too! And I am confident that you will always find a welcoming, smiling Brethren eager to see you. Remember that Masonry “unites men...” and “causes a true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.”

I want to congratulate our new Entered Apprentice, Bro. Aldred Arandia, who was initiated on December 15, 2022, and to Bro. Bryant Mergillano, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 26, 2023. We are honored to be part of your masonic journey!

To you, my Brothers, I convey my appreciation and gratitude for allowing me to serve in the past year. If you will remember our last installation, I laid out my goals as Master, and I am glad to say that we have accomplished what we set to do. Last year, while full of challenges, was successful. Yet we still have a lot to do, and there is still unfinished business to complete. So I am looking forward to your continued commitment and support this year. I also like to specifically thank WB Ed Kaczynski for his tireless dedication to the lodge over the years; to WB Charles Dimaano for his wisdom and guidance; to our Secretary and Treasurer – Brother Jonathan Cruz and Brother Norm Stewart, respectively – who tirelessly work in the background to ensure our administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled; the officers, the committee chairs and members, and to all the Brethren who dedicated and continue to dedicate a portion of their time to support and assist in every lodge meetings and functions or simply making things happen! Your efforts truly keep Masonry alive in Lemoore! Thank you all!

Additionally, thanks to all the Brothers who made our 145th Installation of Officers memorable and successful! From food preparations led by Bro. Lourey Bartolome to set-ups and clean-ups performed by a host of Brothers, Lodge Ladies, and friends – thank you all, and congratulations once again!

February (Masonic Widows Month)

2nd – Stated Meeting, 730PM
9th – FC Conferral, 7PM
11th – Lodge Sweethearts and Widows Annual Dinner, 6PM
23rd – School of Instruction (SOI), Welcome Lodge, 630PM
28th – LMTA Meeting, 6PM (early)

March (Youth Orders Month)

2nd – Stated Meeting and Reception of Grand Lodge Officer, 730PM
10th-12th – 2023 MGM hosted by 506 Masonic District
21st – School of Instruction (SOI), Sanger Lodge. 630PM
TBD – Fundraiser event

April

4th – LMTA Meeting, 6PM
6th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
18th – School of Instruction (SOI), Selma Lodge, 630PM

In closing, allow me to share you this:

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. It is like the precious oil on the head, running down the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

Psalm 133, New Testament

Thank you, stay safe, take care of each other and see you all in the Lodge!

Upon the Square...

Pete O. Bautista, PM
Worshipful Master

From the West

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you and your families are doing well.

I'm looking forward to this upcoming Masonic year. With all the inquiries and new visitors coming to the lodge, I expect another busy year. With that said, we would like to invite all of our brethren and their families to the Stated Meeting and Conferral dinners. We would love to see everyone together. Also, this would be a great opportunity to invite some friends or family members who might be interested in learning more about our craft. I'm hoping to see you in the lodge soon!!

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden



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From the South

Brethren,

I hope this finds you and the family doing well. I want to congratulate our newly installed officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and we look forward to the future successes of our lodge. Also, I would like to thank our brothers and sisters who dedicated time and assisted in our successful installation of officers. It is my honor to serve as Junior Warden of our Lodge, and I will ensure to perform the duties, labor, and refreshments with everyone.

The first order of business was a success during the February Stated Meeting dinner. We are providing ample refreshments for our families and brothers in attendance. We have a busy February schedule of events ahead of us, from “award ceremonies, degree conferral, sweet hearts

dinner, and lodge beautification” may we ask everyone for continued support to lend a helping hand in making these events possible to share memories amongst our brethren and families.

Our goal is to bring harmony to our lodge and include our families and friends in our fellowships as one big family!

P.S. Sadly, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family of our departed Brother Leviem Espiritu. May our GAOTU guide him in his journey to eternal heaven. Fair winds and calm seas, my brother.

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

Officers Coach

Brethren,

As I step away from the line, I want to thank all who helped me through the chairs at Welcome Lodge. It has been enjoyable, and you all are Great Masons. The Past Masters are a wealth of knowledge. Those in the chairs and considering a chair in the future need to talk to them. Worshipful Hermie, Jack, Danny Pat Bernie, DW, and Charles, thank you for your guidance over the years. Worshipful Pete Cunningham told me when it all started you will only get out of Masonry what you want very great words to remember. Worshipful Hermie, thanks for the memories. God Bless you all.

Fraternally,
Ed Kaczynski, PM
Officer Coach



Life Member



Left to Right: Melissa, Ashley Briana, Alyssae Bianca, and Aurelio L. Remigio, Jr.

Brother Aurelio joined the United States Navy in 1993. He served in several military conflicts, including the Bosnian War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. On July 01, 1999, Welcome Lodge No. 255 received his Application for Degrees, where he was subsequently initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 19, 1999, passed as a Fellowcraft on December 16, 1999, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 11, 2000. He retired from the service in 2014 and now resides in Bremerton, Washington, with his lovely wife, Melissa, and two daughters, Alyssae Bianca And Ashley Briana.

<p>2023 Annual Dues - \$126.00</p>	<p>Affiliation Fees CA Affiliation - \$0 Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00</p>
<p>Payment consists of: Lodge Dues: \$65.00 <i>per by-laws, last amended August 2012</i> Grand Lodge Annual Per Capita: \$61.00 <i>paid in October annually, excluding demitted and suspended members</i></p>	<p>Non-Jurisdictional Affiliations (Non-CA) Payment consists of: Lodge Affiliation Fee: \$0.00 (no charge) Application Fee: \$30.00 Background Check: \$30.00 Masonic Homes Contribution: \$25.00</p>
<p>Payment Methods</p>	<p>Masonic Degrees</p>
<p>Pay online: https://member.freemason.org</p> <p>Pay through mail: Welcome Lodge 255 647 W Bush St Lemoore CA 93245</p> <p>Pay in person at any meeting: Cash, Check, Money Order</p>	<p>Payment consists of: Lodge Degree Fees: \$500.00 <i>per by-laws, last amended August 2012</i> Application Fee: \$30.00 Background Check: \$30.00 Masonic Home Contribution: \$25.00 G.W. Masonic Memorial Contribution: \$15.00 CA Masonic Memorial Contribution: \$9.00</p>



LEVY M. ESPIRITU

CHAPLAIN OF WELCOME LODGE NO. 255, 2014

1960 - 2023



EA 10/11/2012 | FC 12/13/2012 | MM 2/23/2013

*Viewing on February 17, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Whitehurst-McNamara Funeral Home
100 W Bush St, Hanford, CA 93230*

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2023 AT 9:00 AM
ASSEMBLE AT WHITEHURST-MCNAMARA FUNERAL HOME
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EVENTS

MARCH 10, 2023 (FRIDAY)

WELCOME LODGE #255
647 W BUSH ST, LEMOORE, CA 93245

10:00 AM - CHECK-IN STARTS
01:00 PM - BASKETBALL & GOLF TOURNAMENTS
06:00 PM - FINANCIAL PLANNING PRESENTATION
07:00 PM - MASONIC OUTREACH PRESENTATION
DINNER WILL BE SERVED

MARCH 11, 2023 (SATURDAY)

HANFORD CIVIC AUDITORIUM
400 N DOUTY ST, HANFORD, CA 93230

10:00 AM - BRUNCH
01:00 PM - THIRD DEGREE CONFERRAL
06:00 PM TO 12:00 AM - DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 12, 2023 (SUNDAY)

WELCOME LODGE #255
647 W BUSH ST, LEMOORE, CA 93245

10:00 AM - BRUNCH

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - \$100/TEAM

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721 W CINNAMON DR, LEMOORE, CA 93245

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