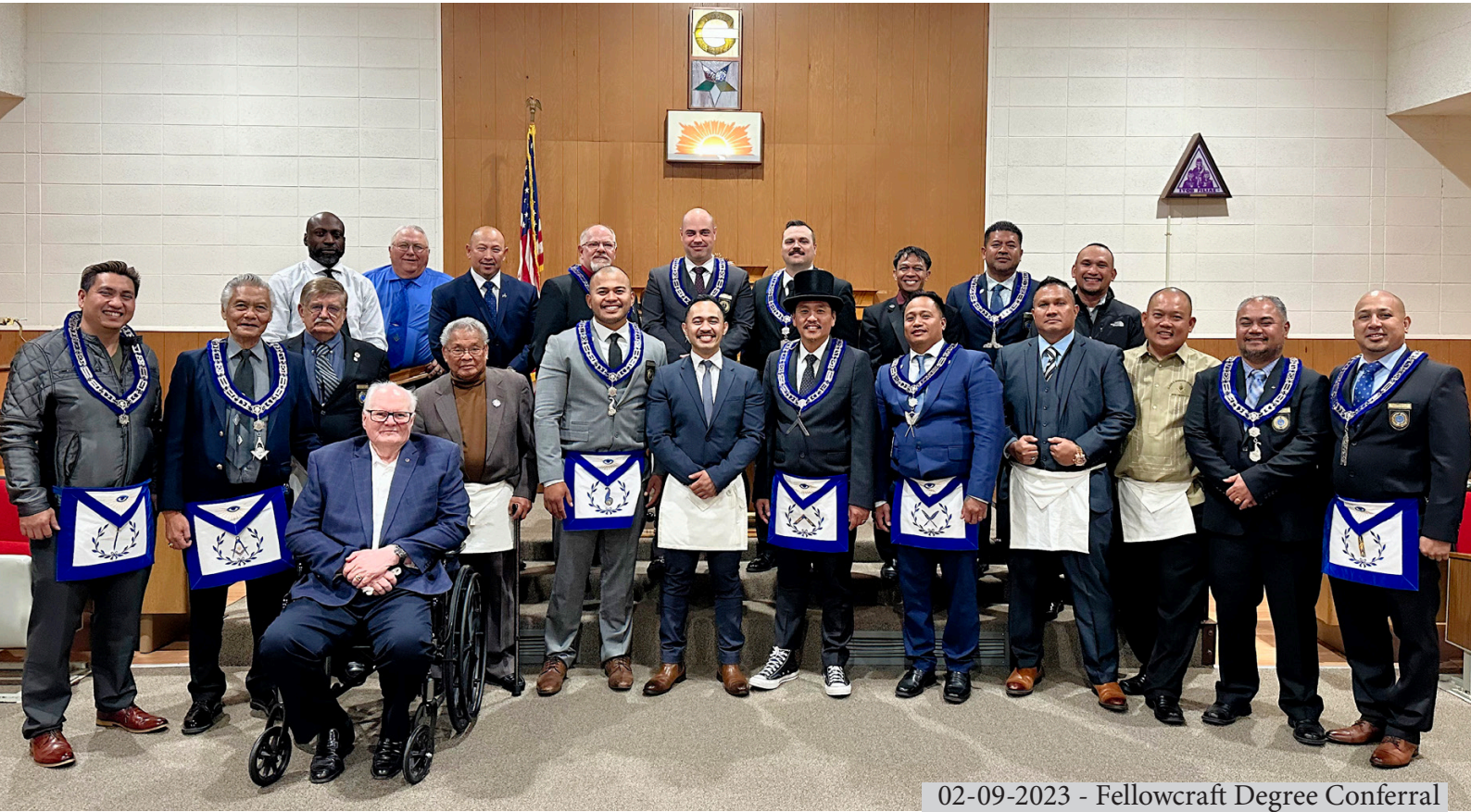


WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



02-09-2023 - Fellowcraft Degree Conferral

2023 Officers

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| 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) |

March Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 02 - Clayton Holmes | 15 - Jack Cloud, Jr., PM |
| 02 - Arturo Gentilezo | 23 - Abner Mangapit |
| 04 - Frank Groth | 24 - Walter Adams |
| 06 - Lewis Diulus, III | 27 - Gemino Barrera, PM |
| 07 - Wright Beltran | 31 - Jules Amores |
| 07 - Mark Topacio | 31 - Rainier Aronce |
| 13 - Lewis Bunch, Jr. | 31 - James Pratt |
| 14 - Don Oliva | |

Masonic Anniversaries

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| Clarence Edwards, Jr. - 54 Years | Melvir Gutierrez - 15 Years |
| Stanley Allen - 40 Years | Marc Jeffries - 15 Years |
| Herminio Valdeabella, PM - 33 Years | Christopher Headley - 14 Years |
| Ireneo Lastrella, Jr. - 25 Years | Fred Dela Cruz - 14 Years |
| Daniel Carbonel - 24 Years | Ralph Oglesby - 12 Years |
| Joselito Sanchez, PM - 21 Years | Allan Overby - 9 Years |
| Noel Satumbaga - 19 Years | Andrew Block - 5 Years |
| Jcid David - 16 Years | Myles Byrd - 5 Years |



From the East

Brethren,

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

The month of February proved to be quite busy for the Lodge. Following our scheduled monthly meetings, we hosted a double event on Thursday, February 9, starting with a Golden Veterans Award Ceremony honoring Brother Michael Crosier of Hanford 279, followed by a Second Degree Conferral on Brother Aldred Arandia. Then on Saturday, February 11, we celebrated our Lodge Sweethearts and Widows at our annual dinner. The following Saturday, February 18, the Lodge conducted a Masonic memorial service for Brother Levy Espiritu. On Thursday, February 23, the Lodge hosted the first School of Instruction of the year.

I sincerely appreciate all the Brethren who made these events successful! While I was out of commission during most of these events, the officers and Brethren worked together to make things happen! Job well done, and thank you to all!

March marks the beginning of Spring, and we are looking into another busy month as the district hosts the very first MGM in the Central Valley. It is an opportunity for the Lodge to showcase our unity, pride, and hospitality to the visiting Masons and their families. Let's demonstrate the same enthusiasm and unified effort to ensure the success of this special event.

Additionally, the Grand Master proclaimed March as Youth Orders Month, recognizing youth orders as important fraternal family members. This month, let's show our support to our local bethel or chapter to remind them we stand proudly with them.

**March
(Youth Orders Month)**

2nd – Stated Meeting, 730PM
10th-12th – 2023 MGM hosted by the
506 Masonic District
21st – School of Instruction (SOI),
Sanger Lodge. 630PM

April

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

**May
(Public Awareness Month)**

2nd – LMTA Meeting, 6PM
4th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
24th – School of Instruction (SOI),
Hanford Lodge, 630PM

In closing, allow me to share you this:

“To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.”

*George Washington (1732 – 1799)
Freemason, First President of the United States*

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 would like to thank all the brothers who took time out of their personal lives to make the widows' and sweethearts' dinner a hit! Without those brothers, it wouldn't have been as successful as it was! With that said, we will need additional help with our upcoming MGM event. We will need help with setup, registration for the event, volunteers for the golf and basketball tournaments, and cooking all weekend for all our visitors. MGM weekend will be on March 10 to March 12. If time permits for you, please come out and help. Feel free to contact any of the officers at our lodge for additional information.

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,

I hope everyone's doing well. First, Congratulations to Brother Aldred for passing to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Second, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for your tireless support and made our sweethearts and widows' dinner a success, the 50th pinning ceremony for our brother from Hanford, and the funeral reception for our beloved brother. Thank you once again!

February has rolled, and we find ourselves quickly moving into another busy month. This month our district, "District 506," will host the Manlalakbay ng Gurong Mason (Travelling Master Mason) MGM XX event on March 10-12. A special occasion where Brethren from different Lodges dwell together in unity as we raise a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. It is a huge event as we will cater close to 400 Brothers and families for a fun-filled weekend. So may we ask again for everyone's support to assist the efforts in the events and join us with your family to participate in this awesome event.

Lastly, we invite your families to join us at our next stated meeting dinner on March 2nd at 6 pm.

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

2023 Annual Dues - \$126.00

Payment consists of:

Lodge Dues: \$65.00

per by-laws, last amended August 2012

Grand Lodge Annual Per Capita: \$61.00

paid in October annually, excluding demitted and suspended members

Affiliation Fees

CA Affiliation - \$0 | Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00

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

Payment Methods

Pay online:

<https://member.freemason.org>

Pay through mail:

Welcome Lodge 255

647 W Bush St

Lemoore CA 93245

Pay in person at any meeting:

Cash, Check, Money Order

Masonic Degrees

Payment consists of:

Lodge Degree Fees: \$500.00

per by-laws, last amended August 2012

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

Sweethearts Dinner Preparation Committee



Photo credit: Bro. Pot Aspiras



The Sweethearts



Photo credit: Bro. Roskin Metra

The Brothers





**MANLALAKBAY NA GURONG MASON
"TRAVELING MASTER MASON"**

03.10-03.12

EARLY REGISTRATION

INDIVIDUAL \$80

FAMILY \$100

REGISTRATION AFTER 2/8

INDIVIDUAL \$100

FAMILY \$120

INCLUDES MGM 2023 SOUVENIR SHIRT, LANYARD, AND PIN

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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

LEMOORE RECREATION CENTER
721 W CINNAMON DR, LEMOORE, CA 93245

CONTACT BRO ROGER GALAMGAM AT (619)254-1146 FOR MORE INFO

GOLF TOURNAMENT - \$100/PLAYER

LEMOORE GOLF COURSE
350 IONA AVE, LEMOORE, CA 93245

CONTACT BRO LOUREY BARTOLOME AT (559)707-7045 FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT CHARLES DIMAANO, PM AT (559)530-7345 FOR ANY EVENT INFORMATION

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