

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



03-11-2023 - Master Mason Degree Conferral
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April Birthdays

03 - Benigno Rufo	13 - Herminio Valdeabella, PM
06 - Napoleon Aspiras	22 - Edgar Buyao
12 - Noel Satumbaga	24 - Dave Domantay
12 - Carlito Zialcita	30 - Edwin Kaczynski, Jr., PM

Masonic Anniversaries

Jerry Allen - 57 Years	Roy Cambaliza - 15 Years
Freddy Harrell - 51 Years	Michael Leach, Jr. - 14 Years
Prescillano Gamboa - 41 Years	Donald Willis - 14 Years
Kenneth Cruickshank - 38 Years	Roskin Metra - 10 Years
Orlando Manzano - 37 Years	Rainier Aronce - 9 Years
Joseph Maffi - 27 Years	Robert Poblador - 1 Years



From the East

Brethren,

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

The past month proved to be both challenging and rewarding. With months of planning and preparation, the 506th Masonic District, led by our Inspector, Worshipful Charles Dimaano, PM, successfully hosted the 20th MGM and the first for 2023. In particular, Welcome Lodge 255 has become a beehive of activity! We saw the Brethren come together to accomplish most of the preparation – from cleaning and organizing, painting, and minor electrical repairs to shopping for menu ingredients, cooking, and organizing the golf and basketball events. With the event registration on March 10 in full swing, we saw, met, and greeted over 300 Masons, some with their families, hailing from different lodges across multiple jurisdictions. Despite the weather, the sports activities went through, food was served, handshakes were exchanged, and friendships were made. I want to thank our Inspector for giving me the honor of receiving the MGM Gavel on behalf of the District. On Saturday, March 11 when all attendees gathered at the Hanford Civic Auditorium, we witnessed Brother Aldred Arandia's raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was a splendid event never seen in the Central Valley before.

Each and every one of you should be proud of what our Lodge has contributed to accomplish such a monumental task. What you have done will forever remain in every Mason's heart who have witnessed your hard work and dedication. You made MGM happen in our District! I am proud to say, and it gives me pleasure to see how the Lodge responded to the call. As Master, I cannot ask for a better group of Brothers than what we have here together.

Welcome Lodge also hosted the first-ever District Fellowship on Friday, March 25. This fellowship was born from the collaboration of WB Cecil Venturella of Hanford 279 and Brother Lourey Bartolome, Senior Warden of Welcome 255. Brethren and families gathered to enjoy a pot-luck-style evening event.

As Spring is well underway, I hope everyone finds a moment to recall why each of us chose to be a Mason of our own free will and accord. Spring is said to be a season of growth and development, of rebirth and renewal, where love and affection bloom. It gives us warmth after a long winter, shows us light after darkness, and, most of all – new beginnings from old habits. So I ask each one of you to reflect on your own meaning of Spring and there, hopefully, realize some of the lessons we are taught in Masonry.

This month, we received an invitation from Bethel No. 288, Job's Daughter International, to honor Ms. Savannah Perkins. The reception will be in Welcome Lodge on April 1st at 7PM, followed by refreshments. Let us show our support to our local Bethel!

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

April

4th – LMTA Meeting, 6PM
6th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
18th – School of Instruction (SOI), Selma Lodge, 630PM
20th – First Degree Conferral, 7PM
27th – Second Degree Conferral, 7PM
Note: Blue Lodge & LMTA books are due for Inspector review

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:

“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.”

*Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
Freemason and Founding Father*

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 start off by saying, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” The last couple of months has been busy months for us! First off, I want to take the time and thank all the brothers, friends, families, and volunteers that took the time to help get Welcome Lodge ready and prepared for MGM! Without everyone’s participation, we could not have made the event happen. We had a great turnout. It was great to see everyone come together to make the event happen. Again, thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to help!

It looks like we will have a busy year ahead of us. We have applications that have been submitted and degrees that will be scheduled. We will hold practice for the degrees, so feel free to contact any of the officers if you have any questions or concerns. Also, if any brother is interested in possibly sitting in on any of the chairs or practicing for one of the chairs, please reach out to us.

Again, thank you, and I also want to wish you and your families a Happy Easter.

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden



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From the South

Brethren,

I hope everyone's doing well. Last month we made a mark in history with our masonic events. MGM 2023 was a success! It showed how we, including our families, can dwell together in unity to welcome our masonic families from different lodges and live up to our lodge's name, Welcome Lodge 255. I am humbled to be part of this craft and will continue to support everyone in bringing unity & harmony to our lodge and district. With that, I would like to congratulate Brother Aldred Arandia on being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Undoubtedly, you will carry your duties and responsibilities to practice brotherly love, relief, and truth.

I look forward to what the month of April brings. Start off with April's stated meeting dinner on April 6 at 6 pm and our scheduled masonic degree conferrals. Again, please encourage our families to join us in our monthly Stated dinner at the lodge. Time permitting, please let us show great attendance and support for our hardworking worthy candidates in bringing them to our fraternity. As always, thank you for all your hard work and continued support. It is greatly appreciated!

With heavy hearts, we received the news that Brother Ralph Oglesby has passed away, and it is with great sadness that we bid him farewell. To his family and loved ones, I offer my deepest condolences and sympathies during this difficult time. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide and comfort you in the days to come as you navigate through the eternal heavens. Let us remember Brother Ralph fondly and wish him fair winds and calm seas on his final journey.

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

2023 Annual Dues - \$126.00	Affiliation Fees CA Affiliation - \$0 Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00
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>	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	Masonic Degrees
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	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



RALPH OGLESBY

1930 - 2023



EA 9/30/2010 | FC 12/16/2010 | MM 3/10/2011

MARCH 22, 2023

6:00 PM - VIEWING | 7:30 PM - ROSARY
AT PHIPPS-DALE FUNERAL CHAPEL
420 W D ST, LEMOORE, CA 93245

MARCH 23, 2023

10:00 AM - CHURCH SERVICE
AT ST. PETER CHURCH
870 N LEMOORE AVE, LEMOORE, CA 93245

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