

# WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



06-22-2023 - Scholarship Recipients

## 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)

## July Birthdays

1 - Charles Dimaano, Jr.	21 - Prescillano Gamboa
1 - Arman Santos	23 - Raymond Dias, Jr.
4 - Jimmy Nave	27 - Tommy Nix
11 - Christopher Hausvik	27 - Andrew Block
13 - Herman Marasigan	28 - Frederic Weeth
15 - Marion Tabije	31 - Aurelio Remigio, Jr.

## Masonic Anniversaries

Robert Francis Santos - 15 Years	Charles Dimaano, Jr. - 1 Year
Galen Valenciano - 10 Years	Jose Marin - 1 Year



# From the East

Brethren,

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

“Happy Independence Day, America!” Every July 4th, the United States celebrates Independence Day.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, declaring that the 13 American colonies to be a new nation – the United States of America. While we celebrate this important occasion, take a moment to refresh your memory on the significance of this national event.

I would like to thank our Lodge officers, led by Brother Lourey Bartolome - SW, and all our members for ensuring our lodge business and activities continue during my absence. Your support and dedication are very much appreciated!

Congratulations are in order to the following:

- To Brother Jonathan Cruz and Brother Don Oliva for successfully completing their Third Degree proficiency on June 27
- To Brother Dustin Cooper on his passing to the Fellowcraft Degree on June 29

Congratulations to all, and we are proud to be a part of your continuing masonic journey!

On Saturday, July 8, we will hold our annual Joint Lodge Picnic with Hanford Lodge 279. Bring yourself and your families and join us at Lions Park (852 Fox St, Lemoore) for fun, food, and fellowship! The event runs from 11AM until 5PM (or 1100 until 1700 for those of you on military time).

Lodge work does not stop even though the summer heat is upon us. On Saturday, July 15, we will hold a car wash fundraiser to benefit various lodge projects. Come out and join us on this worthy endeavor! Car foam bubbles at 730AM and hoses secured at 12PM (or 0730 until 1200 for you on military clock).

As the valley weather heats up, remember your risk management basics. Exposure to heat can cause illness and death. The most serious is heat stroke. Other heat illnesses such heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash should also be avoided. To mitigate these, dress appropriately, hydrate with plenty of fluids, avoid outside work when the temperature gets too hot, etc. For more information and hot weather tips, visit <https://www.cdc.gov>

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

**July (Dark)**  
**(Support Our Veterans Month)**

6th – Stated Meeting, 730PM

**August (Dark)**  
**(First Responders Month)**

3rd – Stated Meeting, 730PM

**September**  
**(Public Schools Month)**

7th – Stated Meeting, 730PM  
12th – School of Instruction (Lodge Management) - Sanger Lodge, 630PM

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 this finds you and your loved ones well. Now that summer is here, our annual Lodge picnic is scheduled for July 8, 2023. We look forward to seeing you and your families there. For any of the brothers who would like to help out, please come by Lions Park at 8 AM.

If any brothers have any ideas for any type of fundraiser for the lodge, please let me or Worshipful Pete know so we can coordinate it. Our fundraiser for the lodge is scheduled for July 15, 2023. Also, we will do some work around the lodge that same day.

I would like to congratulate brother Dustin Richard Cooper on being passed as a Fellowcraft Mason and brothers Don Oliva and Jonathan Cruz on an excellent Master Mason proficiency.

Stay safe, cool, and hydrated. Summer is here.

Fraternally,  
Lourey Bartolome  
Senior Warden



# From the South

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this finds everyone in good health as we enter the month of July. It really is starting to get hot in the valley, so please be mindful of your outdoor adventures and stay hydrated.

Another busy month is ahead of us, but first, I would like to Congratulate Brother Dustin Cooper for passing to the degree of Fellow Craft and thank you for the scrumptious meal.

On to our Lodge events as follows... Our monthly stated meeting is on 6th July; dinner starts at 6 PM, then gavel raps at 7:30 PM. Welcome Lodge #255 and Hanford Lodge #279 combined picnic is on 8th July from 11 AM to 5 PM; we look forward to seeing everyone with families

and friends. Our lodge carwash fundraising is scheduled on 15th July from 8 AM to 12 noon. Please spread the word and support us in this event, as the proceeds will benefit our lodge's various projects. Lastly, lodge conferrals will be scheduled as needed. As always, we greatly appreciate each and everyone's dedication and continued support of our lodge.

I wish everyone a fun and safe 4th of July as we celebrate our nation's Independence Day!

Fraternally,  
Roskin Metra  
Junior Warden







06-29-2023 - Fellowcraft Degree

<b>2023 Annual Dues - \$126.00</b>	<b>Affiliation Fees</b> CA Affiliation - \$0   Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00
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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*

**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

<b>Payment Methods</b>	<b>Masonic Degrees</b>
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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  
*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

**CMC 2021 §809.320.B LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

- Age 49 and under, a factor equal to or greater than 24 times annual dues;
- 50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues;
- 55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues;
- 60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues;
- 65 to 71 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues; and
- Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues.