

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



07-27-2023 - Past Master's Night

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)

August Birthdays

1 - Fred Dela Cruz	19 - Odom Rallos
2 - Edmon Aquino	20 - Jonathan Cruz
10 - Jayvenyl Superales	20 - Audie Musngi
11 - Erikraymund Anonas	27 - Eddie Delapena
15 - Renz Uy	27 - Nicholas Lawson
16 - Gabriel Santillan, PM	30 - Pabbie John Perez
19 - John Gonzaga	

Masonic Anniversaries

Abner Mangapit - 24 Years	Arnel Bisnar - 13 Years
Pete Bautista, Jr., PM - 18 Years	Beaven Kreschmer - 8 Years



From the East

Brethren,

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

So much for dark months! We saw July passed us by and got us busy enough. Although we initially planned on going dark last month (and August as well), work never stops at Welcome Lodge!

First and foremost, I extend our deepest condolences on behalf of all the officers and members of Welcome Lodge No. 255 to the families of Brother Dustin Cooper and Brother Napoleon Aspiras. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We gathered last July 8th for our annual Joint-Lodge Picnic with Hanford Lodge No. 279. It was a day of food, fun, and fellowship enjoyed by many who attended. My congratulations and thanks to the Special Events Committee led by our Senior Warden, Brother Lourey Bartolome, and to the Brothers who volunteered their time and effort for another job well done!

The following Saturday, July 15th, we held our annual car wash fundraiser to raise funds for unfinished lodge projects. Again, with the Special Events Committee on the forefront along with the Brethren, the event raised close to \$300.00 towards the improvements in our hall. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated and to those who fed our hardworking group of Brothers!

Of course, we did not idle by for the rest of the month, for on July 13th, we passed Brother Eriq Juarez to the degree of Fellowcraft, initiated Brother Eric Abuan as an Entered Apprentice on the 20th, and raised Brother Dustin Cooper to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 27th. Congratulations to all, and many thanks to the Officers and Brothers who participated in the degree conferrals and supported our Lodge and our candidates. Congratulations, as well, to Brother Tommi Kitchens for successfully completing his Third Degree proficiency.

This month of August, some of us will travel to Long Beach, CA, for the next MGM (August 11-13) hosted by Andres Bonifacio Lodge No. 879. The District being the last host, we will have the pleasure of delivering the MGM gavel to Long Beach for the turnover. I wish everyone attending a safe and pleasant trip, and we'll see you there!

There's still much work to be done before we conclude this year. Our prospective officers for the ensuing masonic year are busy working and completing their requirements and proficiencies. I congratulate and thank all of them for entering this very important undertaking. For those brothers aspiring for lodge officer positions, it's never too early to study and learn the rituals, familiarize yourself with the floor work, and understand the inner workings of lodge management. I encourage you to take this journey, invest part of your time, and reflect on what you can bring to our Lodge to keep it thriving and vibrant. Remember that time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things!

The Grand Master, MW Randall Brill, has proclaimed the month of August as "First Responders Month," recognizing the hard work of millions of first responders, from law enforcement to paramedics, firefighters to emergency response personnel, and the challenges and risk they face as they serve our communities.

Lastly, the Grand Lodge of California will hold its 174th Annual Communication on October 27 – 29 at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. Don't miss out; register if you are planning to attend.

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

August (Dark)
(First Responders Month)

September
(Public Schools Month)

October

3rd – Stated Meeting, 730PM
11th-13th – MGM, Andres Bonifacio Lodge
No. 879, Long Beach, CA

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

5th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
14th – General Meeting, 1PM
25th – School of Instruction (GL Results, Flag
Presentation, Annual Elections of
Officers) - Selma Lodge, 630PM
27th-29th – Grand Lodge of California 174th
Annual Communication, San Francisco, CA

November

December

January 2024

2nd – Stated Meeting, 730PM
Flag Presentation and Annual Election
of Officers

7th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
9th – Welcome Lodge Annual Holiday Party,
6PM

4th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
13th – Welcome Lodge No. 255's 146th
Installation of Officers, 1PM

In closing, allow me to share you this:

Gratitude
grat-i-tude

:the state of being thankful :the quality of being thankful

*A word to remind us to pause and contemplate the many things that are good in our lives
and be thankful for the manifold blessings we often take for granted.*

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

First, I would like to thank the brothers who came out and supported and participated in our fundraising car wash. It was great to see the brothers get together for a good cause. We will be planning another car wash in the near future. Also, I would like to congratulate Brother Eriq Juarez for his conferral to becoming a Fellowcraft mason, our newly obligated brother, Ericson Abuan, and our newly raised brother, Dustin Cooper. Further congratulations to Brother Tommi Kitchens on an excellent Master Mason proficiency.

July has been a busy month for us, and it's not going to slow down. If any of the brothers are interested in learning any of the chairs or floor work, please come out to our practices when they are announced. It's a great opportunity for those interested in becoming an officer or just learning more about our craft.

Stay cool and safe out there, my brothers. Hope to see you all at the upcoming degrees!

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden



From the South



Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing great in managing the heat in the valley, and as a reminder, ensure to stay hydrated and be mindful of your outdoor activities. Also, the start of the school year is around the corner, so please support our local community and school district with their back-to-school program.

A recap of last month's Lodge events: The combined picnic with Welcome Lodge 255 and Hanford Lodge 279 was successful. The lodge car wash fundraiser had concluded with a great turnout, leading to another round, "Car Wash Fundraiser, Part 2," dates TBD. Our lodge conferrals: congratulations to Brother Eric Juarez for passing as Fellowcraft, Brother Erickson Abuan for being initiated as our newly obligated brother, and Brother Dustin Cooper for being raised to the

sublime degree of Master Mason conferred by our Past Masters. Brother Tommi Kitchens also returned his Master Mason proficiency successfully.

This month of August will be just as eventful as last month. We will start with our monthly stated meeting scheduled for the 3rd of August; dinner begins at 6 PM, and gavel raps at 7:30 PM. We look forward to everyone with their families joining us at our stated meeting dinner. The upcoming Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason (Traveling Master Mason) MGM event on August 11-13, hosted by Andres Bonifacio Lodge 879 in Long Beach, CA, wherein we are to deliver the MGM gavel. Further, our degree conferrals, as scheduled. I hope to see everyone. Let us know if you have further suggestions to improve our Lodge events.

As always, we greatly appreciate each and every one's dedication and continued support of our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

Affiliation Fees CA Affiliation - \$0 Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00	Masonic Degrees
<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 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>

CMC 2022 §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.

Life Member



Gerlyn and Tracy Jon Miranda

Tracy Jon Nable Miranda's remarkable life journey is truly captivating. Hailing from San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines, he was raised with unconditional love and care by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Estrellita Miranda, alongside his two siblings. Affectionately known as TJ among close relatives and friends, he demonstrated an unwavering determination in his pursuit of education, culminating in successfully attaining a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science in 2001.

At the age of 21, TJ embarked on an adventurous new chapter by migrating to Saipan, a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, where he found both love and companionship with his future wife, Gerlyn, during his tenure at a car rental company.

In 2009, TJ and Gerlyn decided to make California, specifically San Diego County, their home, marking the beginning of an exciting new phase in their lives. In November of the same year, TJ's deep patriotism and commitment to his new home country led him to enlist in the US Army Reserves. He proved to be an exemplary soldier, undergoing rigorous basic training at Fort Knox, KY, and excelling as a Unit Supply Specialist at Fort Lee, VA. Despite his military responsibilities, TJ remained dedicated to his passion for computer networking. He pursued courses at Southwestern College, Chula Vista, earning the prestigious Dean's List accolade in the spring semester 2010. His dedication was further recognized when he was invited to join the esteemed Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society two years later. During this journey, he was joined by his father, Jerry, and later, his mother, fortifying family bonds in the US.

In addition to his academic and military achievements, TJ embraced his roots as a Freemason from Emon Lodge No. 179 under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He also became associated with Claude H. Morrison Lodge No. 747 and Welcome Lodge No. 255 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, further embodying the principles of Freemasonry.

March 2013 saw TJ, Gerlyn, and his mother settling in Lemoore, California, where he continued to flourish personally and professionally. His unwavering dedication and honed skills led him to an immensely gratifying career in the Navy as a Contractor. He eventually achieved the prestigious distinction of becoming a Civil Service Federal employee.

Throughout his life, Tracy Jon Nable Miranda has proven to be a remarkable individual, positively impacting everyone around him through his unyielding determination, commitment to education, exemplary military service, and profound devotion to family and community. He sets an inspiring example of perseverance and excellence, motivating others to follow in his footsteps to make a difference in their own lives and those of others.



07-13-2023 - Fellowcraft Degree



07-20-2023 - Entered Apprentice Degree