

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



2023-09-28 MM Degree - Hawaiian Night
Brother Tommy Nix

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)

October Birthdays

3 - Jake Villanueva	16 - Terry Snowden, Jr.
7 - Michael Leach, Jr.	19 - Jojo Randa
10 - Eddie Ferreras	20 - CJ Noralez
11 - Robert Poblador	24 - Eduardo Yumang
14 - Joel Castillo	27 - Richard McClelland
15 - Jcid David	29 - Reynaldo Bartolome
16 - Bryant Mergillano	

Masonic Anniversaries

Donal Ziemer - 63 Years	Sean O'Connor - 15 Years
Jeffrey Liberman - 54 Years	Jack Cloud, Jr., PM - 12 Years
Stephen Dias - 47 Years	Nicholas Lawson - 10 Years
Mario Mercado - 36 Years	Leoniel Guevarra - 8 Years
Danilo Cruz - 30 Years	Daniel Baumer - 2 Years
Noel Bantay - 26 Years	Bryan Castro - 1 Year
Rommel Logan - 24 Years	Paolo Verzosa - 1 Year



From the East

Brethren,

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

First and foremost, I congratulate Brother Ericson Abuan and Brother Tommy Nix for successfully passing their proficiency examination on the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees during our September Stated Meeting, respectively – well done, Brothers!

Additionally, congratulations to Brother Abuan on his passing to the Fellowcraft Degree on 14 September and to Brother Nix on his raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 28 September during our Lodge’s first ever (if memory serves us right) “Hawaiian Night”

conferral.

This month of October, we will travel to Hanford Lodge No. 279 to support their Entered Apprentice conferral on 6 October. Many thanks to all the Brothers/officers who volunteered to participate and fill in the vacancies! All Brothers who are willing and available to attend, please do so in support of Hanford Lodge and their candidate!

On 25 October, Selma Lodge will host the following School of Instruction (SOI) at 6:30 PM. As SOI goes, attendance is mandatory for all lodge officers. Topics include Flag Presentation and Annual Election of Officers, which will occur at our November Stated Meeting. It is very important that officers attend this particular SOI to get us ready for next month.

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:

October	November
5th – Stated Meeting, 730PM	2nd – Stated Meeting, 730PM Flag Presentation and Annual Election of Officers
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	
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December	January 2024
7th – Stated Meeting, 730PM	4th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
9th – Welcome Lodge Annual Holiday Party, 6PM	13th – Welcome Lodge No. 255’s 146th Installation of Officers, 1PM
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In closing, allow me to share you this:

Albert Mackey’s Landmark Sixteenth

“No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give degrees to brethren who are members of other Lodges. This is undoubtedly an ancient Landmark, founded on the great principles of courtesy and fraternal kindness, which are the very foundation of our Institution. It has been repeatedly recognized by subsequent statutory enactment of all Grand Lodges.”

- The Landmarks of Unwritten Law by Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33 °

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

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones doing well.

Here we are in October already, and time stands still for nobody. That said, we will be scheduling some upcoming degrees and work around the Lodge soon.

As a reminder, proficiencies are required for all the Officers who occupy a chair in the Lodge. If anyone desires to study, our Past Master and Officers Coach, Worshipful Ed Kaczynski, has offered to work with anyone who wants to practice.

If anyone has any ideas for any community service or fundraising event that you think our Lodge can be a part of, please let me or any of the officers know. I would appreciate it if we could give back to the community in any way!

Congratulations to Brother Ericson Abuan on becoming a Fellowcraft Mason, and also, congratulations to Brother Tommy Nix on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!

Just another reminder: our 506th Masonic District camping trip is set for October 20-22 at Millerton Lake SRA - Meadows Loop. We hope to see you there!

Thank you again, brethren, for your continued support and dedication to our Lodge!

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden



From the South



Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing well! Regarding our last month's conferrals, congratulations to Brother Ericson Abuan on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and Brother Tommy Nix on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. There is no doubt that you, my brothers, will continue to display the beauties of Freemasonry throughout life.

Another eventful month is ahead of us. Let's start the month with our Monthly Stated Meeting on October 5th, with dinner beginning at 6 PM and gavel raps at 7:30 PM. Our degree conferrals and practices are as scheduled by our Worshipful Master. Our annual masonic camping is on October 20-22 at Millerton Lake Campground, and the 174th Annual Communication is on October 27-29 at California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco.

We look forward to seeing you, our masonic families, and friends join us at these events.

As always, please let us know any suggestions to further improve our Lodge events. We greatly appreciate everyone'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
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 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

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.

What is the LMTA?

The LMTA stands for the Lemoore Masonic Templeboard Association. It consists of 5-9 of your Brothers who go above and beyond the call of Masonry and volunteer their time to support the financial and legal matters of the Lodge, which enables it to keep opening its doors. It has a President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and several Board Members. The Brothers work diligently to ensure the Lodge is structurally, legally, and financially sound. We've long needed new members.

Please consider volunteering yourself for this all-important part of Masonic Membership.

See Brother Lourey Bartolome today and ask him how you can help!



Visalia #55 Calendar



October

10/3 Speak to Tulare Lodge
10/8 Meeting @ 2:30
10/11 Fun Night @ 5:30
10/15 San Luis Obispo @ 9:00
State Mom & Dad reception
10/21 Fundraiser: OES luncheon @ 8:30
10/22 Meeting @ 2:30



November

11/5 Meeting @ 2:30
11/15 Fun Night @ 5:30
11/19 Meeting @ 2:30



December

12/3 Meeting @ 2:30 -Initiation
12/17 Meeting @ 2:30- Election
12/20 Fun Night @ 5:30



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