

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



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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)

September Birthdays

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| 3 - Ryan Deguzman | 18 - Stephen Dias |
| 3 - John Dunlap | 18 - Norman Stewart |
| 4 - Donal Ziemer | 19 - Michael Encina |
| 6 - Eriq Juarez | 25 - Freddy Harrell |
| 9 - Alfredo Gallardo | 26 - Joseph Maffi |
| 13 - Ding Ortiz | 29 - Romeo Gonzales, Sr. |
| 15 - Marc Jeffries | |

Masonic Anniversaries

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| Gabriel Santillan, PM - 53 Years | Jefferson Imatong - 18 Years |
| Lewis Bunch, Jr. - 51 Years | Frank Groth - 14 Years |
| James Withycombe - 51 Years | Billie Solomon - 8 Years |
| Raymond Dias, Jr. - 47 Years | Clayton Holmes - 7 Years |
| Mario Topacio - 40 Years | Jojo Randa - 5 Years |
| Larry Bowen - 33 Years | Eduardo Yumang - 5 Years |
| Florentino Tatco - 31 Years | Erikraymund Anonas - 2 Years |
| Daniel Bautista, PM - 25 Years | Jeffrey Tortona - 2 Years |
| Bermie Pascual, PM - 25 Years | Tommi Kitchens - 1 Year |
| Eddie Ferreras - 24 Years | Don Oliva - 1 Year |
| Allen Lasam - 23 Years | |



From the East

Brethren,

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

The month of August highlighted the attendance of Welcome Lodge No. 255 members at the 21st MGM (Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason) hosted by Andres Bonifacio Lodge No. 879 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Long Beach, CA. Our group, led by our 506th Masonic District Inspector, WB Charles Dimaano, along with several of our families, enjoyed the 3-day event of fellowship. To our attendees, thank you for your passion in supporting the activities of the Craft!

As we move forward and out of the dark months, we'll resume regular scheduling of all examinations and conferral after the September stated meeting. All sponsors are reminded to coordinate with your candidates and get them to our calendar. Additionally, I would like to commend our incoming officers for the ensuing masonic year for their diligent work in their qualifications. I am excited to see you all seated at your respective stations next year!

The Grand Master, MW Randall Brill, has proclaimed the month of September as "Public Schools Month," celebrating 103 years of support to our schools, teachers, and students. Support for our public schools "is a bedrock of California Masonry." The Masons of California assist our public schools in ensuring students enjoy a safe and healthy environment to learn and grow. Your donations to the California Masonic Foundation help provide key material and technology support our students need to succeed!

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:

September (Public Schools Month)	October	November
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	2nd – Stated Meeting, 730PM Flag Presentation and Annual Election of Officers
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December	January 2024	
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:

Albert Mackey's Landmark Tenth

“The government of the Craft, when so congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens, is also a Landmark. To show the influence of this ancient law, it may be observed by the way, that a congregation of Masons meeting together under any other government, as that for instance of a president and vice-president, or a chairman, and sub-chairman, would not be recognized as a Lodge. The presence of a Master and two Wardens is as essential to the valid organization of a Lodge as a Warrant of Constitution is at the present day. The name, of course, vary in different languages, the Master, for instance being called “Venerable” in French Masonry, and the Wardens “Surveillants”, but the officers, their number, prerogatives and duties, are everywhere identical.”

- 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

Greetings Brethren,

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

I hope everyone had a great summer. That said, it's time to get busy in the Lodge. 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. All you have to do is call him, and he will make the time.

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!

The 506th Masonic District Camping Trip is from October 20 to 22 at Millerton Lake SRA - Meadows Loop. Spots are filling up quickly, so try to book yours soon!

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

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden





From the South

Greetings Brethren,

And just like that, we're on to the month of September. I hope this message finds you well and in great health.

A quick recap from last month's event. A huge success on the recent Manlalakbay ng Guro ng Mason (Traveling Master Mason) MGM XXI event in Long Beach, CA, hosted by Andres Bonifacio Lodge #879. It is indeed "how good and pleasant to see our brothers dwell together." Thanks to our brothers who attended and dedicated their time to help in the event.

This month, before we resume labor. I wish everyone a safe long weekend as we celebrate Labor Day on the 5th of September with our family and friends.

On our events schedule, we will start with our monthly stated meeting, scheduled on the 7th of September; dinner begins at 6:30 PM, and gavel raps at 7:30 PM. The rest of the month's schedule for degree conferral will be TBD, as scheduled by our Worshipful Master. I hope to see everyone and let us know any suggestions to improve our lodge events.

As always, we greatly appreciate each and 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
<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.

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!

Birth Announcement



Sister Megan and Brother Robert-Francis with their daughter and newborn son, Josefina-Dena and Robert-Franco "RJ" Santos. RJ was born on August 10, 2023, weighing 6 lbs 15 oz. Congratulations on the new addition, Santos Family.