

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



2023-10-14 MM Degree - Ericson Abuan

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)

November Birthdays

2 - Jefferson Imatong	17 - Orlando Manzano
5 - Danilo Espiritu, PM	18 - Clarence Edwards, Jr.
6 - Albert Mendoza	22 - Ferdinand Quinto
9 - Galen Valenciano	24 - James Withycombe
11 - Dann Aldred Arandia	24 - Roskin Metra
14 - Ruben Pasion, Jr.	26 - Jose Barte, Jr.
16 - Pete Bautista, Jr., PM	26 - Bryan Castro
16 - Keith Eden	28 - Dale Delosreyes

Masonic Anniversaries

Alec Lane - 55 Years	Odom Rallos - 16 Years
Frederic Weeth - 52 Years	Jonathan Cruz - 13 Years
Terry Snowden, Jr. - 50 Years	Dale Delosreyes - 7 Years
James Pratt - 50 Years	Jake Villanueva - 5 Years
Steven Champlin - 49 Years	Jules Amores - 5 Years
Eli Malicsi - 40 Years	Christopher Hausvik - 5 Years
Ritchie Fogata - 25 Years	Roland Bautista - 4 Years
Cyrus Botones - 20 Years	Edmon Aquino - 2 Years



M.:W.:G. Sean Metroka

Grand Master of Masons in California

Brother G. Sean Metroka was raised a Master Mason in Table Mountain Lodge No. 124 in Paradise on October 23, 1979. He is a past master of Nevada Lodge No. 13 in Nevada City and the current Master of Harmony Lodge No. 164 in Sierra City.

Brother Metroka currently serves the Grand Lodge of California as Grand Master and is a former Grand Orator, district inspector and chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Leadership Development. He has served on all five of the Grand Lodge constitutional boards.

Brother Metroka's involvement in Masonry began when he joined Paradise Chapter Order of DeMolay in 1972. He served as chapter master councilor in 1974 and Superior Division master councilor in 1977. He was honored with the Degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor. Sean continued his involvement in DeMolay as an adult advisor and was awarded the Cross of Honor, the Grand Master's Youth Support Award, and the Guild of the Leather Apron for his distinguished adult service. Sean credits DeMolay with having the greatest positive influence on his youth, second only to his parents.

In 1976, Sean enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, the start of what would be more than 30 years of military service to his country. After graduating from California State University at Chico with a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography, Sean was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He received numerous promotions during his career and was ultimately elevated to the rank of Colonel. During his tenure, he served in both active duty and reserve capacities. He was the commander of the 5th Battalion, 14th Marines in Seal Beach and served two combat tours of duty in Iraq, where he planned long-range fire support for the First Marine Expeditionary Force and was the Marines' liaison to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, Arabian Peninsula.

Following his initial release from active duty, Sean entered the aerospace industry as a systems engineer with McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach. Through several promotions he ended up as a senior manager in finance and accounting. After a stint in healthcare business management, Sean joined the finance department of Nevada County Superior Court in 2000. Returning from a tour of duty in Iraq in 2003, Sean was selected to be the court's chief executive officer and served in that position for 15 years. As CEO, Sean was responsible for overseeing the management and administration of all non-judicial functions of the court, including personnel, finance, facilities, technology, security, jury management, long-range planning, and public relations. Sean retired from the court in 2018 to focus on other things he loves, especially his service in Freemasonry.

Sean is a Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine Mason, and is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Sciots, National Sojourners, Heroes of 76, Allied Masonic Degrees and Golden Compasses Research Lodge.

Sean has actively supported his community. He served as cub master and scout master when his sons were young, and he coached youth football. He was a member of the board of directors of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation for 15 years, including four years as president. He has served several other non-profits and as a volunteer for Empire Mine State Historic Park.

Brother Sean and his wife, Margaret, live in Nevada City. They've been married 39 years and have three adult children and two grandchildren.



From the East

Brethren,

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

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Brother Jarod Monroe for his passing to the Fellowcraft Degree during a district-wide conferral held at Selma Lodge No. 277 last October 25. I also extend my thanks and appreciation to our officers and members who attended in support of Brother Monroe and filled the chairs as necessary. Everyone performed exceptionally well, thank you!

Our Lodge attendance at the 174th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, led by our District Inspector Worshipful Charles Dimaano, was a weekend to remember. For me, it was my first attendance and a great eye-opener and a learning experience as to how our Grand Lodge conducts business during this assembly. It was a weekend well spent with the Brothers! Congratulations to the Grand Line of the 2024 Grand year!

In this coming November Stated Meeting, we will hold our required flag presentation and, most importantly, our annual election of officers for the ensuing masonic year. I encourage all members in good standing of Welcome Lodge No. 255 to attend and participate in this important duty. The future of our Lodge lies in the Brethren who commit to serve our beloved fraternity. To maintain the harmony of our Lodge, it is incumbent upon each one of us to fulfill our duty as members in ensuring our deserving Brothers are placed in those positions.

As discussed during our last meeting, I would like to remind everyone of our toy donation drive for our holiday party. Instead of the Lodge purchasing toys for our little ones, I ask each Brother to donate at least 2 toys for the cause. All excess toys will be donated locally. Please reach out to myself, our SW, JW, or the Secretary if you have any questions.

Lastly, it has been both an honor and pleasure to serve as your Master during the last two years. Thank you for an opportunity of a lifetime, I am truly humbled by your support and friendship and hope that you all will extend the same to our incoming Master for 2024.

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

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 20th – Welcome Lodge No. 255's 146th Installation of Officers, 1PM

In closing, allow me to share you this:

Brotherhood
broth-er-hood

*a feeling of kinship with and closeness to a group of people or all people;
relationship between brothers; as association, society, or community
linked by common interest, religion, or trade*

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.

It is amazing how time flies! Here we are, about to wrap up another year. October proved to be another busy month for the Lodge.

Congratulations to Brother Ericson Abuan for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Also, Congratulations to Jarod Monroe for being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. We held our Annual Joint Lodges Camping Trip at Millerton Lake, and we also had Annual communications in San Francisco. For our upcoming Stated meeting, we will be holding our annual elections for the incoming officers. Hopefully, our brothers who have time can attend.



As we come closer to the end of this Masonic year, I would like to thank again all the brothers who have helped in the Lodge and contributed their personal time to help the betterment of the Lodge. We accomplished a lot this year and made several improvements in the Lodge. Also, the brothers who helped cook and prepare the dinners for our stated meetings and conferrals, your time and efforts have not gone unnoticed.

For our upcoming year, please let me know if you have any ideas for fundraisers, community service, or anything you might want to do to give back to our community.

Again, I can't express enough how thankful I am to everyone who has come together and shown their support for our Lodge and our beloved fraternity. As our Worshipful Master, Pete Bautista, had said to all of us before,

“We should regard our Masonic duties and responsibilities with equal importance as well. As Masons, we were taught the use of various working tools of the Craft. If we are to remain true to our obligations and honor our badge as Masons, we must be able to apply each implement for the betterment of ourselves and to the benefit of our Lodge and Brethren.”

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden

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From the South

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing well. October had passed by quickly, and we're in the month of November.

Before anything else, I would like to congratulate Brother Ericson Abuan for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The eyes of the fraternity are now upon you; continue to practice the lessons taught in Masonry. Also, congratulations to Brother Jarod Monroe for being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft held at Selma Lodge during our joint lodge conferral of District 506. It was great and pleasant to see brethren from our district dwell together in unity, supporting each other's Lodges.

Additionally, thanks to everyone who made our annual masonic camping a success, and we look forward to our next camping trip.

This month will be as eventful as our previous months. We start the month with our monthly Stated Meeting on November 2nd, with dinner beginning at 6 PM and gavel raps at 7:30 PM. Our degree conferrals and practices will be determined as scheduled by our Worshipful Master.

Also, this month, we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th. We salute all Veterans and thank you for all the services and sacrifices made for our nation and our family. Lastly, on November 23rd, may you celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your loved ones filled with an abundance of blessings from our Supreme Architect of the Universe.

As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's dedication and continued support of our lodge. Please let us know of any suggestions to improve our lodge events further. Thank you, and have a great Masonic day!

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

NEW! Masonic Value Network

A Select Network of Independent Providers



Looking for caregivers or senior care for a loved one? Searching for services and resources in your own community?

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2024 Annual Dues - \$131.00

Payment consists of:

Lodge Dues: \$65.00

per by-laws, last amended August 2012

Grand Lodge Annual Per Capita: \$66.00

paid in October annually, excluding demitted and suspended members

Affiliation Fees

CA Affiliation - \$0 | Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00

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

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

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 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.

Birth Announcements



Congratulations, Arandia Family!

Aldred Jax Dauz Arandia

Born on September 30, 2023, at 8:36 PM

4 lbs 10 oz | 18.5 inches



Congratulations, Trinidad Family!