

WELCOME LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



2024 Officers

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Master	Pete Bautista, PM (Estrellita)
Senior Warden	Lourey Bartolome (Jen)
Junior Warden	Roskin Metra (Azeneth)
Treasurer	Norman Stewart (Carolyn)
Secretary	Jonathan Cruz (Maissie)
Chaplain	Tommi Kitchens (Grace)
Assistant Secretary	Bryant Mergillano (Laoja)
Senior Deacon	Roger Galamgam (Maricel)
Junior Deacon	Daniel Baumer (Alexis)
Marshal	Melvir Gutierrez (Glen)
Senior Steward	Don Oliva
Junio Steward	Jeffrey Tortona (Cristina)
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)

December Birthdays

2 - Roy Cambaliza	20 - Toy Lithyovong
4 - Norris Wilson, Jr., PM	24 - Noel Bantay
7 - Adan Trinidad	26 - Ireneo Lastrella, Jr.
9 - Marc Lastrella	30 - Eli Malicsi
10 - Daniel Bautista, PM	30 - Joselito Sanchez, PM
12 - Stanley Allen	30 - Jose Marin
14 - Gener Barbon	

Masonic Anniversaries

David Amponin - 26 Years	Ryan Deguzman - 14 Years
Norris Wilson, Jr., PM - 23 Years	Alfred Canoy - 13 Years
Mark Topacio - 18 Years	Joel Castillo - 11 Years
Melvin Perez, PM - 17 Years	Jose Barte, Jr. - 8 Years



From the East

Brethren,

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

First and foremost, I would again like to congratulate our elected and appointed officers for the 2024 Masonic Year! The line looks great for next year, led by the pillars, Worshipful (Elect) Lourey Bartolome, Senior Warden (Elect) Roskin Metra, and Junior Warden (Elect) Jonathan Cruz. We are confident that you will lead us to greater heights in the coming year and look forward to the many achievements we have yet to accomplish. Congratulations!

I would also like to congratulate Brother Phillip Nunes, a member of both Hanford 279 and Welcome 255, on receiving the Hiram Award during the ceremony held last November 4 at Hanford Lodge. If you will recall, Brother Nunes was responsible for the huge lodge logo that now adorns our lodge hall. Congratulations to Brother Nunes on achieving this outstanding milestone in his masonic journey!

Well, the Holidays, once again, is now upon us and just patiently waiting around the corner! We are into probably the busiest month of the year. As we all prepare to meet it head-on, let's not forget to pause a moment to reflect on the events of 2023 as well as give thanks for the manifold blessings the Great Architect of the Universe has graced us and our loved ones throughout this year. I hope your hearts are filled with gratitude, comfort, and joy in celebrating this special occasion. From my family to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

A reminder: the Lodge will kick off the Holidays with our annual Christmas party set on December 9. Dress your best and bring the family! Our Lodge Elves are busy formulating events and refreshments. Let's help them as much as we can when called for.

Also, 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 me, our SW, JW, or Secretary if you have any questions. As my tenure in the East draws to a close, I would like to once again thank each and every one of you, whithersoever dispersed, for your trust, confidence, and support during the last two years. Without you, your commitment, and your love for the fraternity, there will be no Welcome Lodge. 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 speaking of your support, lodge dues, like Christmas, is again upon us too! Our Brother Secretary will very much appreciate it if you send your dues no later than December 31. Lodge dues for 2024 is \$131.00. Lastly, as we prepare to welcome the 2024 Officer line, I would like to remind everyone that we will hold a series of installation practices, TBD at the moment. The installation date is still fluid (still set for January 21), so I ask that you be flexible. Once the date is truly confirmed, we'll send out the official invitation.

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

December

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

January 2024

4th – Stated Meeting, 730PM
TBD – Installation Practice
21st – Welcome Lodge No. 255's
146th Installation of Officers, 3PM

In closing, allow me to share you this:

Cable Tow

A strong rope used for binding and/or pulling objects.

In Masonry, it is one of the visible symbols binding a Mason to the fraternity and a representation of his vow to fulfill his obligations and assist a Worthy Brother to the extent of his full capability; thus, the length of the cable tow is significant to a Mason.

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,

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

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate all the elected and appointed Lodge officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. This year is quickly coming to an end, and for all the incoming officers, a new chapter of their Masonic journey begins. As some of the officers have already been advised in the past by our current Worshipful Master, "In order for you to be successful as an officer, you need to implement the "4 Ps" - **Presence, Participation, Practice, Proficiency.**" I will echo this to all the incoming officers, as these helped me this past year. I've learned more about myself and gained a better understanding of my own Masonic journey, and I hope it does the same for you. Thank you, Worshipful Pete, for all the guidance you had and continue to provide us!



Again, Should officers need any help with qualifications, our Officer's Coach, WB Ed Kaczynski, and WB Pete Bautista are always available to assist.

As another month passes, I would like to invite all the brethren and their families to our annual holiday party on December 9, 2023, at Welcome Lodge. It's always great for brothers and their families to get together. I'm excited and hopeful to see you all there.

Thank you, brothers, for your commitment, and I look forward to working with you!

*"Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them,
leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth.
All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles,
love of God and love of man."*

- J. F. Newton

Fraternally,
Lourey Bartolome
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,

Let this find you and your loved ones in great health and moral spirit. At our November Stated Meeting, we elected and appointed the officers of our lodge, and I am grateful to be elected as Senior Warden for the ensuing masonic year. To the rest of our newly elected and appointed officers, congratulations, and I look forward to serving with you.

For our December events, our stated meeting is scheduled on December 7; dinner starts at 6 pm and gavel raps at 7:30 pm. Our Masonic holiday party is on December 9; details and notifications to follow. Degree conferrals for this month, if any, will be determined and scheduled by our Worshipful Master.

As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's dedication and continued support of our lodge. May all the joys of the holiday season fill your heart and follow you throughout the coming year.

Thank you, and have a great Masonic day!

Fraternally,
Roskin Metra
Junior Warden

2024 Annual Dues - \$131.00	Affiliation Fees CA Affiliation - \$0 Non-CA Affiliation \$85.00
Payment consists of: Lodge Dues: \$65.00 <i>per by-laws, last amended August 2012</i> Grand Lodge Annual Per Capita: \$66.00 <i>paid in October annually, excluding demitted and suspended members</i>	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
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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.



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Chaplain	Roland Bautista (Janeth)
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HOLIDAY

Party

December 9, 2023
Saturday 6:00 PM

Holiday Best Attire
647 W Bush Street, Lemoore

RSVP by December 7, 2023
TJ Miranda - (619) 730-8655
Jonathan Cruz - (408) 759-1902