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*Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race.*

*- George Washington -*

## Birthday Celebrants

3	Benigno Rufo	13	Hermi Valdeabella, PM
6	Napoleon Aspiras	22	Edgar Buyao
12	Noel Satumbaga	24	Dave Domantay
12	Carlito Zialcita	30	Edwin Kaczynski, PM

## Anniversaries

52 Years of Service	Freddy Harrell (MM 04/13/1972)
42 Years of Service	Prescillano Gamboa (MM 04/29/1982)
39 Years of Service	Kenneth Cruickshank (MM 04/25/1985)
38 Years of Service	Orlando Manzano (MM 04/17/1986)
28 Years of Service	Joseph Maffi (MM 04/18/1996)
18 Years of Service	TJ Miranda (MM 04/22/2006)
16 Years of Service	Roy Cambaliza (MM 04/10/2008)
11 Years of Service	Roskin Metra (MM 04/25/2013)
10 Years of Service	Rainier Aronce (MM 04/17/2014)
3 Years of Service	Armando Gomez (MM 04/11/2002)
2 Years of Service	Roberto Poblador (MM 04/28/2022)

## From the East...

Brethren,

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

Most of you were probably wondering what happened to March. March came and went. It was certainly a quiet month for the Lodge and many of you are wondering what is in store for us this April. Well, March ushered spring and that means the warm and soon-to-be hot season is finally here for us.

Looking ahead, we have several activities in the works. We are planning on holding a car wash/yard and breakfast sale in April. Here we need your support as we would like to solicit donated items to be sold in the yard sale. So, time to see what you have in store in your garages, sheds, cabinets that you no longer use but of some value and get that overdue spring cleaning going! Also, manpower is required to man the hoses and soap buckets for the car wash as well as the kitchen line for the breakfast sale. Proceeds from this will go towards funding some of our past due improvement projects. We will also be holding a Lodge BBQ in June at the Lodge. This is a family event and we need your input on what activities you want to have for our families and friends. More details are soon to follow.



Currently, our April schedule looks like this:

- 2nd – LMTA Meeting
- 4th – Stated Meeting
- 25th – School of Instruction (SOI), at Welcome Lodge

Lastly, Thank you Brother Junior Warden Jonathan Cruz for leading out last Korean BBQ night for our last stated meeting. And also thank to all the brothers and sisters that donated food. It was a great turn out and I'm was very pleased to see our families getting involved. Also, congratulations to our brother Melvir Gutierrez who recently retired from the greatest Navy in the world!!

In closing, allow me to share you this:

*"The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone."*

- William Howard Taft, Freemason and 27th President of the United States (1909-1913)

Again, thank you my brothers - stay safe, stay healthy, enjoy Spring and hope to see you all at the lodge really soon!

Fraternally yours,

*Lourey Bartolome*

Worshipful Master

## From the West...

Greetings from the West,

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to thank everyone that supported Hanford Lodge #279 3rd degree conferral. Although we did not have a degree conferral last month at our lodge, we found our line of officers contributing within our neighboring lodges. I am pleased to say that not only do we practice being proficient with our craft, but also to practice the three tenets and show what Masonry is all about.



This month of April, I look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly stated meeting and degree conferrals when scheduled by our Worshipful Master. Also, I encourage everyone to practice with us and fill in those empty seats, so we can support other masonic lodges when called upon when extending your cable tow, or simply call us for those who wish to practice any proficiency that you may be interested in.

Here's our Masonic education for the month of April...

"Lambskin or white leather apron" It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason: more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any

other Order that can be conferred upon you at this or any future period by king, prince, potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason and within the Body of a just and legally constituted Lodge of such...

-The reason the Masonic apron is more honorable than the Star and Garter is that all it teaches is exemplified by its wearer.

-The Masonic apron is a reminder to every Master Masons to do no moral evil to any person. It speaks to the charitable forgiveness of his brethren when they purposely or non-purposely do him evil.

-It is the emblem of his dedication to a spiritual knighthood with which man virtuously rises above the crudeness and the ignorance of men.

-The Masonic apron should be worn with dignity and honor as it exemplifies man's virtues upon which during his manhood, he may wear it both with pleasure to himself while honoring the fraternity.

The lambskin apron derives from the working apron of the ancient stone masons.

Thus, the apron is proudly compared with the noblest decorations of ancient Rome and of both ancient and modern Europe. For a more detailed explanation please refer to "Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, Volume

I, The New Kentucky Monitor, arranged by Brother Henry Pirtle, 1918, for the Grand Lodge of that State.”

As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's dedication and continued support to our lodge.

Thank you and have a great Masonic day!

On the level,  
Brother Roskin Metra

On the level,  
*Bro. Roskin Metra*  
Senior Warden



## From the South...

Greetings, Brethren!

Our March Stated Meeting dinner was a resounding success, marked by the delicious flavors of Korean BBQ and the warm company of our Lodge members and their families. The increase in attendance and the vibrant atmosphere underscored the strength and unity of our brotherhood.



As we continue our cherished tradition of bringing our families closer to the Lodge, I am pleased to invite you and your families and friends to our April Stated Meeting dinner. This gathering is scheduled for April 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM, and we're excited to announce that the theme for the evening will be **Japanese Night**. It will be an opportunity to indulge in the exquisite tastes of Japan and share enriching conversations in the company of our loved ones.

I am thrilled to acknowledge our kitchen crew's vital role and enthusiastic participation. Their dedication and effort have been instrumental in creating extraordinary dining experiences for all of us. Special thanks go to Jen & WM Lou Bartolome, Azeneth & Roskin Metra, Anna & Arman Santos, Janeth & Roland Bautista, Maricel & Roger Galamgam, Cristina & Jeff Tortona, Don Oliva, Pot Aspiras, Dustin Cooper, Mark Topacio, Mario Topacio, Tommy Nix, Ericson Abuan, Phillip Nunes, Jeff Siagan (prospect), and everyone who contributed to the marvelous spread we enjoyed in March.



We always seek ways to enhance the Lodge experience for our members and their families. If you have any suggestions or ideas, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at (408) 759-1902. Your input is invaluable in making our gatherings more enjoyable and meaningful.

Once again, my deepest gratitude goes to each of you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Your involvement makes Welcome Lodge No. 255 a place of fellowship and a true Masonic family. Together, let's make 2024 a year of memorable and rewarding experiences.

We are looking forward to another beautiful evening at our April Stated Meeting. See you on April 4th for a delightful Japanese-themed dinner!

Fraternal regards,

*Bro. Jonathan Cruz*

Junior Warden



# The Secretary's Corner

March 2024 Stated Meeting and Fellowship Dinner – A Memorable Stated Meeting!

Dear brethren,

We are excited to share the highlights of our March 2024 Stated Meeting and the wonderful dinner fellowship. It was an incredible gathering where families came together to enjoy the delicious food prepared by our Junior Warden, Brother Jonathan Cruz, and his dedicated kitchen crew!



**1. Warm Welcome and Fellowship:** The Stated Meeting began with a warm welcome, setting the tone for the evening of togetherness and camaraderie. The dining hall was filled with laughter, joy, and the delightful aroma of mouth-watering dishes.



**2. Delectable Delights:** Under the guidance of Brother Jonathan Cruz, our kitchen crew prepared a sumptuous feast that left everyone wanting more. From savory main courses to delectable desserts, each dish was crafted with love and expertise. Our taste buds were treated to an array of flavors that truly delighted the senses.



**3. Family Bonding:** The dinner fellowship provided an opportunity for families to connect and strengthen their bonds. It was a joyous occasion where the spirit of unity and love prevailed.





In closing, allow me to invite you to join us for our April 2024 Stated Meeting and we kindly request that you bring your families along to partake in the evening's festivities. Together, let us indulge in a wonderful dinner and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship that our fraternity offers.

Fraternally,

*Bro. TJ Miranda*

Lodge Secretary