



Trestleboard

June 2024



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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

Jay Sangalang – June 2
Delmer Venturella, PM – June 3
Rommel Logan – June 5
David Jarvis – June 7
Kenneth Cruickshank – June 9
Alec Lane – June 16

Billie Solomon - – June 21
Richard Cadiente – June 25
Brian Monical – June 25
Beaven Kreschmer – June 29
Melvin Perez, PM – June 29
Allen Lasam – June 30

Anniversaries

	Date MM	Years of Service
Delmer Venturella, PM	1982-06-03	42
John Ashlock	1984-06-21	40
Edgar Buyao	1984-06-14	38
Wilfredo Aquino	1988-06-06	36
Danilo Espiritu, PM	1992-06-25	32
Brian Monical	1993-06-28	31
Richard Cadiente	1996-06-27	28
Gener Barbon	1992-06-11	26
Romeo Gonzales, Sr.	2003-06-21	21
Pabbie John Perez	2003-06-27	21
Michael Encina	2004-06-17	20
Lourey Bartolome	2005-06-04	19
Vongsaisith Lithyouvong	2008-06-12	16
Christian Mesina	2009-06-25	15
Charles Dimaano, PM	2010-06-16	14
Rupert Beckford	2012-06-28	12
Eddie Delapena	2012-06-14	12
David Jarvis II	2010-06-10	11
Victor Superales	2018-06-14	6
Kenneth Wise	2019-06-13	5

From the Grand East...

June 2024 Is Masonic Homes Month

Greetings Brethren,

Since 1898, California Masons have fulfilled their obligation to care for fellow members and their families through the Masonic Homes. One hundred and twenty-five years later, the fraternity remains committed to delivering on that promise by offering crucial services to those in need through the Masonic Homes' retirement communities in Union City and Covina, through Masonic Outreach Services, and the Masonic Center for Youth and Families.

This month, I call on Masons to consider ways that they and their lodges can support these important programs—and to make sure that all members are aware of the benefits they are entitled to as Masons and Masonic family members. Share the Masonic Assistance Line (888-466-3642) with members in need; visit the Masonic Homes online to learn about the services being offered; and of course, make



a gift to the Masonic Homes to ensure that this proud legacy endures into the future.

This is an exciting time for the Masonic Homes. This year, the Citrus Heights Health Center will open in Covina, offering skilled nursing and rehabilitation in a market that has not had those services on campus before. In the north, the Pavilion at the Masonic Homes offers similar services, including high-skilled memory care. And thanks to recent expansions to eligibility, these services and more are now available to more California Masons and their families than ever before.

The Masonic Homes of California is our fraternity's legacy. This month, let's celebrate and preserve it for generations to come.

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California F&AM

G. Sean Metroka

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Sean Metroka", is placed over a white rectangular background.A framed plaque with a light-colored background and dark text. The text on the plaque reads: "LEMOORE", "CHARTERED", "OCTOBER 16 18", "G. M. JO", and "GRANDMASTER".

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GRANDMASTER

From the East...

Brethren,

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



It's June, and it means another change in the seasons. June means schools out and more family time. A trip or vacation somewhere to escape the hot summer weather in the valley or simply enjoy the peace at home. June brings another year for our annual picnic which will be held on June 8, 2024 at 1100 at Lions Park in Lemoore. I'm hoping to see you all there.

June also brings great news to a few deserving students as they close the school year. Our Scholarship Committee, led by Brother Norman Stewart, convened on May 2, 2024 to deliberate and select our annual Welcome Lodge Scholarship winners among the 16 applications received from 4 schools in our area. I am pleased to announce the following recipients:

Avenal High School (1) – Denise Merino Cavero

Coalinga High School (2) – Alyssa Saldana & Angelina Lee

Lemoore High School (1) – Jeramiah Rey Bartolome

Lemoore Middle College High School (2) – Lori Ann Henry & Paige Orton

Congratulations to the annual scholarship winners! And thank you to our Scholarship Committee members led by Brother Norman Stewart. (Chair)

I like to thank Brother Jonathan for leading the for the 100 percent officers giving campaign. I am proud to say that all of the officers have contributed and I am proud to have a line that is dedicated to the craft! Thank you, my brothers!!

I would also like to thank Brother Roskin Metra, Brother Dustin Cooper, Brother Jeff Tortona and all the brothers who assisted on May 18th for the lodge maintenance and clean up. Thank you, brothers!

June is “Masonic Homes Month.” The Masonic Homes of California is a charitable organization devoted to helping our communities and families and has, for over 100 years, provided critical services and support to California Masons and their families, from providing information to financial assistance, shared housing programs, senior care, supporting schools and children in need, and many more through the Masonic Outreach Services and Masonic Center for Youth and Families. This year, the Masonic Homes celebrate its 127th Anniversary.

Please visit Masonic Homes | California (masonichome.org) to learn more about the services offered and how you can support these programs.

For your planning purposes, our schedule looks like this:

- June (Masonic Homes Month)
- June 6 – Stated Meeting
- June 8 – Lodge Picnic at Lions Park at 11am
- June 11 We are invited to attend 1st degree at King David Lodge
- June 18 - Location- Tulare Lodge SOI with 512 District (Topic – TBD)
- July 11th - stated meeting due to 4th of July.

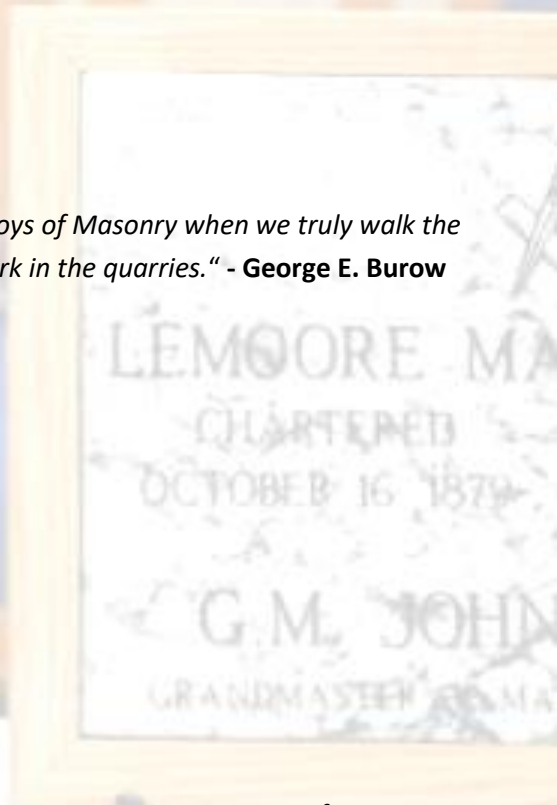
Thank you, stay safe, take care of each other and see you all in the Lodge!

Fraternally yours,

Lourey Bartolome

Worshipful Master

“We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries.” - George E. Burow



From the West...

Greetings from the West,

Fraternal greetings! I hope everyone is doing great as we welcome the month of June. Looking back at our last month's accomplishments. Stated meeting dinner as its finest, thank you for the sumptuous dinner prepared by our brethren behind the kitchen, always looking forward to the next one.



Lodge clean-up day was a success, thanks to our brothers that came out and supported our clean up. We will try to meet again quarterly if not semi-annual to ensure and maintain the upkeep of our lodge. Also, thanks to Brother Dustin for coordinating the pine tree removal and oak tree trimming, making sure we remain in good relationship with our neighbors.

Another eventful month is ahead of us, we will start with our monthly stated meeting scheduled on June 6, and on behalf of the Worshipful Master I will fill in his place as he attends his son's graduation day. Congratulations to your son and also to the year 2024 graduates.

We have our upcoming family and friends annual lodge picnic. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 8 at Lion's park from 11am onwards, and also our annual car wash event on June 22 at our lodge parking lot, 7 am till noon. Please come out and support this event, funds raised will go towards the repair and maintenance in our lodge.

For our degree conferral/s to be scheduled as the candidate qualifies with their proficiencies.

Lastly, Father's Day is on June 16 and I would like to greet all fathers/dads in advance. A very Happy Father's Day to you, enjoy this special day!

Summer is around the corner and as the temp rises in the valley, I would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated and be mindful of your extra activities while under the sun. Besides that, enjoy the summer activities and hope to see you in our events.

Here's this month's masonic education.

The feast of John the Baptist falls on 24 June, and that of John the Evangelist on 27 December. The Significance And Origins Of The Feast Of St. John In Freemasonry The Feast of St. John, celebrated on June 24th, holds great significance for Freemasons around the world. This tradition has its roots in the medieval stonemasons who built majestic cathedrals and castles. These skilled craftsmen often dedicated their work to different saints, with St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist became prominent patrons of the fraternity. Both saints hold significant roles within the fraternity, representing wisdom, knowledge, and spiritual enlightenment.

St. John the Evangelist personifies spiritual illumination, symbolizing the pursuit of inner understanding and enlightenment through the study of philosophy, morality, and divine truths. His teachings, particularly represented in the Gospel of St. John, are revered by Freemasons as a source of light and wisdom. St. John the Baptist, on the other hand, embodies moral and ethical principles, emphasizing the importance of integrity, virtue, and self-discipline. He serves as a model for Masons to emulate, encouraging them to live their lives with honor and integrity.

In the realm of Freemasonry, two prominent figures are revered as the patron saints: Saint John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. These saintly figures hold great significance within the Masons community. Saint John the Baptist is celebrated for his role as the herald of Christ and his embodiment of purity and spiritual enlightenment. On the other hand, John the Evangelist is commemorated for his deep understanding and portrayal of divine love and wisdom. Together, these two saints symbolize essential aspects of Freemasonry's core values and principles, serving as guiding lights for Masons around the world... (sited: <https://www.meaningfulspaces.com/why-do-masons-celebrate-st-johns-day/>)

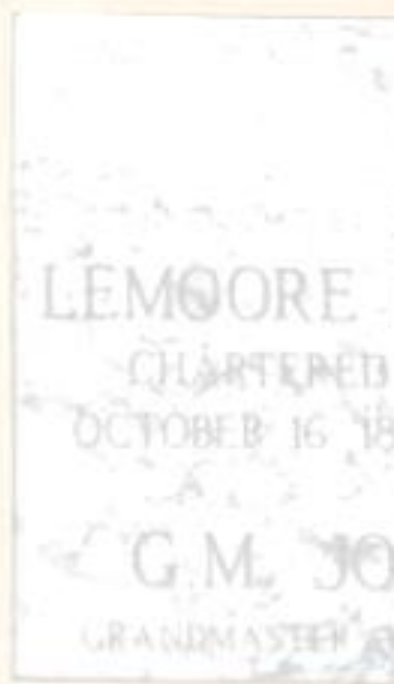
As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's dedication and continued support to our lodge.

Thank you and have a great Masonic day!

On the level,

Bro. Roskin Metra

Senior Warden



From the South...

Greetings, Brethren!

First and foremost, I would like to extend my apologies for omitting a Mother's Day greeting in our May Trestleboard. Allow me to take this opportunity to wish all the wonderful mothers a belated Happy Mother's Day. And before I forget, a very Happy Father's Day to all our devoted fathers!



Our Mexican-themed night in May was a tremendous success, filled with a delightful array of dishes that truly brought the spirit of Mexico to our Lodge. Despite being short-staffed in the kitchen, we managed to serve a remarkable spread featuring carne asada and pollo tacos, Mexican rice & beans, enchiladas, pozole, crab & shrimp ceviche, agua frescas, and a variety of desserts.

A heartfelt thank you goes to my better half, Maissie, for her invaluable help, encouragement, and patience throughout the dinner preparations. I am also immensely grateful to our dedicated Kitchen Crew, notably WB Lourey, Brother Roskin, Brother Roger, Brother Mark, Brother Tommy, and Brother Melvir, for crafting such memorable meals. Additionally, a special thank you to our Brothers and Sisters from Welcome Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for providing the delicious desserts and making our dinner another astounding success — your involvement ensured our parking lot and

dining hall were bustling with joy and fellowship. Brothers Roskin & Roger will graciously take the helm for the upcoming June Stated Meeting dinner. I extend my gratitude in advance for their leadership, allowing me some much-needed quality time with my family.

The theme for our July 11th Stated Meeting dinner is tentatively set as American. More details will follow in our next bulletin.

Fraternal regards,

Bro. Jonathan Cruz

Junior Warden



Masonic Homes
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RELIEF FOR CALIFORNIA MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Information and referrals
- Senior communities in Covina and Union City
- Statewide Masonic Outreach Services for members of all ages and their families
- Transitions short-term care for neurological and post-surgical rehabilitation (Union City)
- The Masonic Center for Youth and Families in San Francisco and Covina—with telehealth services now available everywhere
- **NEW!** Shared housing for seniors in Covina

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The Secretary's Corner



May 2024 Stated Meeting Picture

Our lodge clean-up was a success! Special thanks to those who volunteered their time and effort to help clean our Lodge Office.

A big shout out to all the generous donors who made it possible for Welcome Lodge No. 255 to acquire a new Samsung Smart TV for our Lodge. On behalf of all our members, thank you for your support and contribution.

Happy Father's Day to all the Super Dads! Happy birthday to all birthday celebrants for the month of June!

See you all at our Summer Picnic 2024!!!