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TRESTLEBOARD

OCTOBER 2020

THIS MONTH

- **October 7th, 2020** Stated meeting is **CANCELLED**, **BUT**, we are conducting a drive through dinner. 4:00pm—6:00pm
- **All Events and meetings are subject to change in the next few months**
- **October 2020 Masonic Formation Classes will be conducted via Zoom conference. Contact Brother J. Gonzales.**

Please check our website and your email for changes to the schedule.

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From the East

Greetings from the East, Hello Brethren and ladies, I hope everyone is in good health and well. Let us keep our hope for the return of Normalcy, and prayers



for those who had been affected by the pandemic crisis. Unfortunately, there are a few of our Brothers and their families that were affected by the recent fires, please keep their safety and well being in your prayers. If you need any assistance, please contact our Brother Secretary Armando Telles at 650-201-4300 or you may contact our Masonic outreach services at 888-466-3642 or go to www.freemason.org for the

(distressed worthy Brother). Again, Our stated meeting for the month of October is cancelled. Our 171st Annual Communication will be taking place online on October 10-11, 2020 as a virtual zoom event. Please register in iMember 2.0 or contact member services 415-292-9810 for assistance.

Let us welcome our new Grand Master for the year 2021 Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss, and the farewell address of Most Worshipful John Trauner.

The Annual Blood Drive had a very successful turn out. I want to thank our co-chairman Brother Bruce Lyons for all his hard work. We are grateful to those Brothers, Sisters, friends and community donors who donated blood to save lives. I also want to thank all the officers who help and provide assistance to this charity event.

(RSVP NOW: Public Schools Month Online Events) Let us celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Masons of California Public school month. This online event honors local schools and our fraternity historic connection to public education. Please register using iMember 2.0 for the zoom link. We will be holding our drive-thru dinner pick up on October 7th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Please make your reservation through sign up genius. As a reminder, please remain in your car with your mask on. The officers will hand you your To-go dinner box. We look forward to reaching out to our Brothers and Sisters! Thank you and continue to be safe and well!

Fraternally,
Renato Alfonso
Master



In Memoriam

Bro. Solon Castillo

Called from labor -September 17, 2020

With sadness, we would like you to inform you that our brother and Truly a great Mason and a great friend, Solon Castillo traveled from this imperfect world to the all perfect, glorious and celestial lodge above where the supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever reside. God have him in his glory and peace to his family



From the West

Greetings Brethren,

There was this young apprentice who had a boss that had served the community for many years. This boss was up there in age and is now tired. His battle scars and a heart full of aches that burdens his soul. One day the boss takes the young apprentice for a drive and took him to a park. There the boss takes off his shoes and then his socks and slowly walked on the freshly cut grass, his feet absorbing the cool moisture of the finely minced greens on the ground. The boss stretched out his shoulders, his chest towards the sky like Superman. He closed his eyes as he tracked the location of the Sun, and then there he was, all the rays of the smoldering star seems to embrace his withered face, his hands holding his shoes and socks. A magical scene that the young apprentice have never seen before. And then the boss turns to his apprentice and tells him, "This is the day". Then he sat down on the ground and proceeded to put his socks and shoes back on. The apprentice was baffled by the the-

atrics displayed by his boss but he said nothing. The boss and the apprentice then went back to work.

The next day, the young apprentice realized that his boss, mentor, and friend have reached the pinnacle of his career and is now bound to enjoy the rest of his life and would no longer be there to guide him, teach him, and give him advice. But the young apprentice has been taught to be persistent and fearless which will allow him to survive the rough and rugged roads he will travel, and the peaks and valleys he will encounter in life.

You see my brethren, all things, good or bad, will come to an end. Pain is temporary and so is misery. I say that the pandemic and the effects of COVID-19, the natural disasters, and any personal challenges we may be experiencing, no matter how grave, will also reach its pinnacle. It too will be a memory. It too will be cast to the four winds of heaven.

The young apprentice went on

with his career as he was taught, with honor and pride. He became very successful and an honorable man.

That apprentice became my boss and i became his apprentice. He did not say much to me but when he did, the words he uttered were priceless. He told me about his boss and told me that when the day comes to leave, i will surely know. Fore one day my boss goes to a park...

My boss, he hopped on a log and the log rolled, causing him to fall. He required multiple surgeries and had all sorts of screws in his shoulder. He retired soon after that.

I have survived many trials and I have trained many apprentices. I realize now that I too shall pass on, and somehow, someone will take my place like those that have come before me.

My boss happens to be a brother who got me involved in Masonry.

I am now his boss.



Francis Feliciano
Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings from the South!

It's now autumn time really flies and also flu season don't forget to get your "flu shot". Last month we have our Annual Blood Drive and it was a great success thanks to Brothers

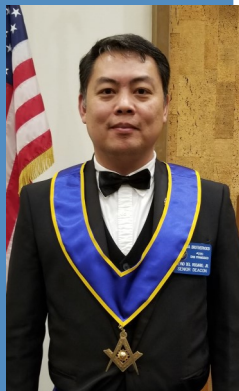
Bruce Lyon and to all the donors.

This month of October 7th we are going to have a drive thru dinner from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Please make your reservation through sign up genius. As a reminder, The Fi-

nal day for reservation is on Sunday before our stated meeting.

Stay safe and healthy brothers and sisters!

Reyno Del Rosario Jr.



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Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Home Program

You know the good that our Home in Union City provides to aged Brothers and Sisters, however this takes money. You can help by just attend a Stated Meeting. The Lodge will donate one dollar to the Union City Masonic Home for every meeting you attended.

Working together we can do so much more!

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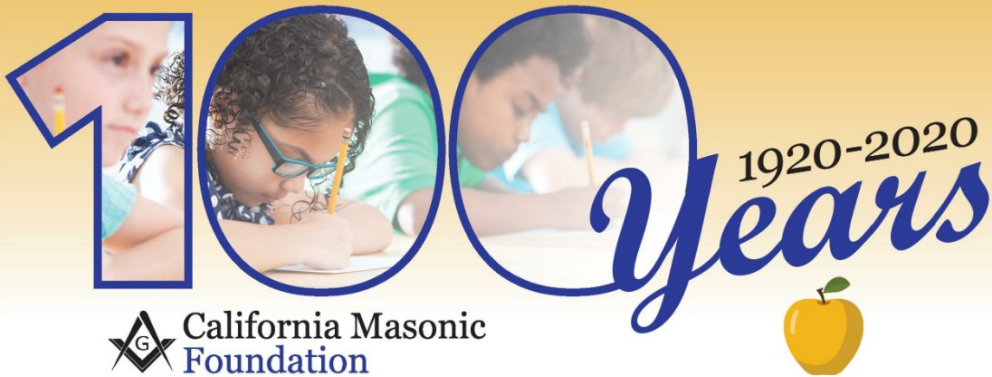
The COVID-19 outbreak virus is different from anything we've seen before. Many of our members suddenly find themselves out of work and unable to make ends meet, even for essentials, like rent, groceries, and medication. Public programs will help, but for a great many, those dollars will take time to arrive and there will still be a significant gap.

It is at times such as these that our fraternity is strongest. We have all taken an obligation to support a distressed worthy brother, and the time to fulfill our oath, to the best of our ability, is now. In sudden, unforeseeable emergencies such as this one, we can come together. Please give what you can to support our brothers in this time of need.

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CELEBRATING FREEMASONRY'S SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To attend, simply register in advance to secure your spot. **All registrants will receive an email 1 hour before the start time with a Zoom link for the event.**

**Paul Revere School
San Francisco Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4 p.m.**

This year marks the [100th anniversary](#) of the Masons of California's Public Schools Month. To celebrate, the fraternity is hosting a series of online events to celebrate this historic milestone and our ongoing support of public education. Hear from Grand Master John Trauner and his wife, Dana; learn about the history of Masonic Public Schools Month from Past Grand Master and California Masonic Foundation chairman John Heisner; and celebrate the hardworking principals, administrators, teachers, and parents who make our schools go.

CBL #370 Masonic Class

By: James Gonzales, Sr. Deacon **Citizenship**

With the advent of the officer elections in the lodge, ad hoc candidate election in the lodge, and the general elections in the United States, the responsibilities of Citizenship come to mind.

Several articles are to be found on this subject; an address given by George P. Ellis on Citizenship and Freemasonry in Edmonton in September of 1947, http://phoenixmasonry.org/citizenship_and_freemasonry.htm, offers some interesting ideas about democracy, citizenship in a free and democratic society and freemasonry.

Democracy

An Internet search shows the denotative definition of democracy as, "a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives."

Ellis states that Mr. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company some years ago defining democracy as, "A personality poised in moral, intellectual and social balance is a personality approaching maturity, and when you multiply it by multitudes you inevitably have Democracy... Democracy is not a system it is a bloom and quality of public character... It is not the product of political organization... Democracy is produced by national character and by nothing else."

Ellis provides the definition of citizenship from a standard encyclopedia, as follows:

"Citizen (Lat. civis, citizen), in its most general sense an individual member of a political society, or state; one who owes allegiance to, and may lawfully demand protection from, the government. The more general sense of the term 'citizen' is more closely in accordance with the original meaning of the word. In the free republics of classical antiquity, the term 'citizen' signified, not a resident of a town, but a free, governing member of the state, just as the term civitas, from which we derive our 'city', signified, not merely a local municipality (urbs), but the state at large. The Greek idea of citizenship is expressed by Aristotle, who declared a citizen to be one to whom belonged the right of participating both in the deliberative or legislative and the judicial functions of the political community of which he was a member. The right was jealously guarded, and was rarely conferred on those of foreign birth. In Rome there were two classes of citizens one that had a share in the sovereign power, i.e., were capable of attaining the highest offices of state; the other possessing only the private rights of citizenship. These, however, included the privilege of voting in the public assembly. There, as in the Unit-

ed States of America and some other modern states, citizenship, though usually acquired by birth, might be attained by naturalization or special grant of the State."

Ellis also quotes W.L. Sheldon's treatise on citizenship:

"The status of a citizen implies the existence of

A political body established to promote the general welfare and collective, as well as individual, rights of those composing it.

Individuals who have established, or submitted themselves to the dominion of that political body.

Such benefit from, or participation in, the administration of that political body by the individuals composing it, that they may be designated as citizens, and not as mere subjects of a despot or an absolute monarch under whom they have no voice in administration.

"The same authority above quoted defines a citizen as 'a member of a nation or sovereign state, especially a republic; one who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it'. That definition is broad enough to make every subject a citizen of the government to which he owes allegiance, and from which he receives protection; but the term
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From the Secretary

The Trestleboard is only mailed out to persons who make their request through me. All others will receive links to the electronic copy from our website, www.cbl370.com.

The dues are \$73.00 per year.

If you know you are delinquent, just mail payment to the lodge.

Secretary - Armando Telles

Candidates Corner

Masonic Formation Class members are progressing in their Masonic experiences during this pandemic. Bro. James Gonzales is conducting classes via telephone conferencing technology. Please contact him via email to be invited. The schedule is listed on our calendar via our website.

Bro. Gonzales prepares his classes with interesting topics each session. Please participate, even if only to listen if you choose not to be part of the discussion.

We wish all of you and your loved ones good health and protection, and we look forward to a time when we can again safely come together as a group.

Masonic Formation Class



The Masonic Formation Class is comprised of coaches and participants interested in learning more about Freemasonry. Classes provide a forum for candidates and brothers to exchange thoughts and information to achieve a better understanding of Masonry. All men interested in learning more about Freemasonry are welcome to participate in:

- Proficiency work in all three degrees, long and short forms.
- Individual coaching and mentoring
- Discussion groups including information provided in the Masonic-formation "Red Book"
- Lodge operation, Lodge & Grand

Lodge events and current events affecting Freemasonry

- Lodge etiquette and parliamentary procedures
- Symbolism, spirituality & personal development in Masonry
- Famous Masons & Masonic leadership
- Science, geometry, their effects on society through the ages
- Masonic Rituals (Available to brothers who achieved applicable degrees)
- Special proj & special speaker
- Please contact a member of the Masonic Formation Staff for assistance outside of class times

- Invite a friend or a brother from another lodge. Everyone is welcome
- Check the Trestleboard Calendar for the monthly class schedule.

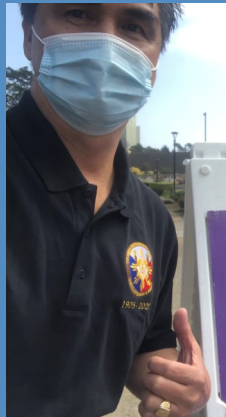
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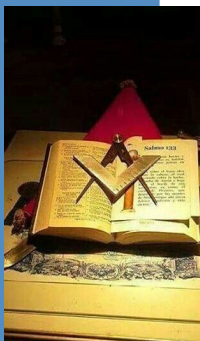
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Masonic Formation
 6:00 dinner
 6:45 Formation Class
 7:30 proficiency / coaching



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citizen, as it is commonly understood, implies membership of a political body in which the individual enjoys popular liberty to a greater or less degree.

"The word 'citizen' is never used of the people in a monarchy, since it involves an idea not enjoyed by subjects, to wit: the inherent right to partake in government."

Ellis quotes a caption entitled, *Civilization and Freemasonry*, in the *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* by Mackay:

"Those who investigate in the proper spirit the history of Speculative Masonry will be strongly impressed with the peculiar relations that exist between the history of Masonry and that of civilization. They will find these facts to be patent; that Freemasonry has ever been the result of civilization; that in the most ancient times the spirit of Masonry and the spirit of civilization have always gone together; that the progress of both has been with equal strides; that where there has been no appearance of civilization there has been no trace of Masonry; and, finally, that whenever Masonry has existed in any of its forms, there it has been surrounded and sustained by civilization, which social condition it in turn elevated and purified"

"We then arrive at these conclusions, namely, that Speculative Masonry is a result of civilization, for it exists in no savage or barbarous state of society but has always appeared with the advent in any country of a condi-

tion of civilization grown with its growth and strengthened with its strength and, in return, has proved, by a reactionary influence, a potent instrument in extending, elevating and refining the civilization which gave it birth advancing its moral, intellectual, and religious character."

Ellis also offers ideas from Erwin Haskell Schell's book, *New Strength for New Leadership*,

"If democracy is a normal way of life, it is the men of parts who must provide its maintenance and protection." ...

"Men privileged owe a responsibility. The principle that one's mood, no less than one's mind, should relate harmoniously and constructively to one's effort." ... "That the beginning of wisdom is found in the principle that we are designed for struggle. We must take an active part in the business of living. Were talents so employed then a better world would result. When tempted by ease and indifference, we may remember that the natural leader is obligated to serge the led."

Ellis cites a caption entitled "Purposes of Masonry" which appeared in an Iowa Grand Lodge bulletin:

"The Masonic fraternity seeks no control over processes of government and the enforcement of the law and, as an organization, it takes no part in solution of industrial and social problems except through the influence of its teachings upon the character and conduct of its members. The primary purposes of Masonry are to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience, stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart. It seeks to promote the best type of manhood based upon the practice of brotherly love and the Gold-

en Rule. When these results have been accomplished the mission of Masonry has been achieved."

Finally, Ellis quotes Erwin Haskell Schell:

"If democracy succeeds or fails, it will succeed or fail at the top. It was de Tocqueville [Alexis Charles de Tocqueville (1805-1859) was a French aristocrat, diplomat, political scientist and historian] who over one hundred years ago maintained that democracy in America rested upon the twin bases of patriotism and religion. We may paraphrase his thought and say that the continuance of our democratic inspirations, whether of government, industry, or the professions, will require the presence of a devoted people and an inspired leadership."

"Such leaders there must be if the democratic way of life is to remain our way; if our free institutions are to survive...."

So as freemasons, we are called to be leaders in our conduct in the lodge and abroad in the world by being honest in our thinking, by being leaders in thought; by being well informed; by carefully considering the principles of those who we elect to receive the degrees of masonry in our lodges; by participating in the election of our officers and supporting them and giving them feedback during their tenures; by being good and charitable in our lives; and by holding those who lead us in our representative government to the same principles which we hold dear as masons.

October Birthdays

Michael		Balopoulos
Ralph	Herman	Baxter
Gerald	Andrew	Benjamin
David	Arthur	Bier
Mark	Julian M.	Brett-Warburton
Roberto		Bueno
Thomas	Charles	Burkard Jr.
Rodney	R.	Carolino
Donald	Alvoro	Chollet
Christopher	William	Cole

Jan	Thore Bori	De La Mahte
Reyno	Manuel	Del Rosario Jr.
Perfecto	S.	Dizon
Alfred	Henry	Edwards
Jesse		Estolano
Ernesto	Santiago	Fronda
J.	Kern	Hamilton
Paul	Sebastian	Hamor
William	Arthur	King
David	Howard	Leeds
Wolfgang	Dietrich	Linnenbach

Gregory		Matt
Ermanno	Agostino	Matteucci
Kaare		Myksvoll
Serafin	F.	Padlan
Jason	Alan	Pollard
Kenneth	V	Sanchez
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Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe. This is an update that August calendar events will still be cancelled.

Our stated meeting for the month of October is also cancelled with no planned events. However, we will be providing dinners who respond to you online invitation. More information of masonic gatherings will be sent via email and posted on our website.

Please visit our website and monitor your email from our lodge for changes in the calendar.



Thank you and stay healthy.



Masonic Quotes

*“In seeking wisdom
thou art wise;
in imagining
that thou hast
attained it -
thou art a fool.”*

Brother
Philip Dormer Stanhope,
4th Earl of Chesterfield

