

# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons  
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## THIS MONTH

### JANUARY 4

\*Stated Meeting

### JANUARY 7

\*Officers/ Committees  
Planning Meeting

### JANUARY 9

\*Masonic Formation Class

### JANUARY 17

\*DSOI (Hosted by Cal 1)

### JANUARY 23

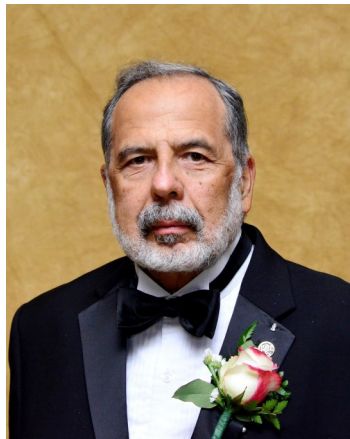
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## From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Sisters,

As we start the 2023 calendar year and in anticipation of the 118th year of our lodge, I am pleased, grateful, and honored to send you greetings from the East.

Happy 6023 A.L.<sup>1</sup> I hope that all of you had a most enjoyable holiday season and enjoyed your end of year activities and hope the upcoming year will be characterized by providence, personal growth, and prosperity in all aspects of your lives.

Before our stated meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, our Lodge members, sisters, and visitors, presented Worshipful Brother George Lee Masson with his 50-year, the Golden Veteran Award. Brother Masson and His wife Charlotte

have been extraordinarily busy with Masonic activities and in supporting fellow Masons, and he was characterized as a Mason's Mason. We are grateful for WB Masson's presence and continued guidance in our lodge, and we look forward to his 75-year award.

On Saturday, December 10, members of the lodge held its Masquerade Ball. It was an enjoyable evening and our thanks go out to Brother Jim and Sister Mayra for planning and executing this event.

A Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meeting was held on December 12 during which first degree symbols and the officers installation were discussed and, assistance was offered to those working on proficiencies.

Our 2023 officers' installation took place on December 17, 2022, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all who were

there to participate in and witness this event, and special thanks go out to WB Dionisio Dela Cruz as Installing Master, WB Allan Nubla as Master of Ceremonies, WB William Aldridge as Installing Chaplain, several Past Masters of Columbia Brotherhood No 370 lodge for assistance and guidance; to the California Commandery No. 1, including WB Norman Malilin, Brother Steve Cheechov, Brother Bill Eadus, WB Danney Stiltner (Commander), Brother Alan Young, WB Francis Feliciano, Sr., and Brother Ron Sickler, presenting the colors, and Worshipful Jonathan Chan (California Lodge No. 1) for sharing his talents at the piano and providing music during the ceremony.

After the installation ceremonies, we adjourned to the dining room and broke bread and celebrated past successes and future hopes. It was most enjoyable, and my gratitude goes out to all

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# From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI



Jason Hui  
Senior Warden



Brethren,

Greetings from the West! A new year is upon us! I continue to be humbled and honored to serve the craft. As we embark upon 2023, I reflect upon my time as a Master Mason and feel fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and fulfilling organization and look forward to being part of its continued success. I am honored and promise that I will do my best to continue the improvements and growth that we have worked so hard to get done since returning from the pandemic. I look forward to working with you, my brothers!

### TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS!

I was pleased to see so many

brothers support me and our newly elected and appointed officers at our installation last month. I feel very confident with all of our newly elected and appointed officers and look forward to us “Banding” together to put covid restrictions behind us and stay steadfast through 2023.

For this upcoming year, I have four main goals:

- 1) Improve attendance from our members that we have not seen for a while,
- 2) Continue social gatherings and include family and friends,
- 3) Work closely with the temple board on improvements to our building and grounds, and

4) Increase our lodge’s community of family gatherings.

I would like to ask the brethren, what would you like to see accomplished this year and the following year? If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see get done, please feel free to email me at:

[jason@hui.cc](mailto:jason@hui.cc)

I trust everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully you enjoyed lots of good food and cheer with your family and friends, and are looking forward to 2023 with anticipation and enthusiasm. I am inviting the brethren for your help with the upcoming Degrees. By my calculation we should

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# From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI



Anil Awasti  
Junior Warden



Dear Brethren,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the holiday season with your loved ones.

The holidays are a special time of year for many reasons. We spend time appreciating what the Great Architect of the Universe has blessed us with, are encouraged to practice charity, and look forward to the new year with great hope.

I look forward to seeing you all

at our January Stated Meeting. Dinner choices will be Salmon, Pork Chops, or a Vegan option all served with a soup and salad.

I would also like to congratulate my fellow officers who work hard to serve our lodge.

Finally, I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Junior Warden. It is a great honor for me, and I hope to follow the lead of the officers who have sat in this chair before me.





Immediate Junior Past Master, Reyno Del Rosario, Jr.  
Photo Credit: Sam Yee 2022

A fond adieu to our immediate Junior Past Master, Reyno Del Rosario, Jr. Although he has reached the pinnacle of the officer's line at CBL No. 370, he will remain active and will stay on as the new Chaplain for 2023. Worshipful Brother Reyno will also serve the lodge further as a member of the Temple Board.

Worshipful Reyno have served the lodge with integrity and steadfast passion. He is extremely humble and kind and does not take credit for any of the great things he has accomplished during his term as Worshipful Master. For all the great things you have done in the past and in the future, thank you Worshipful Reyno for being in the drivers seat this past year. Good luck on your future endeavors and we look forward to seeing you guide our newly installed officers in 2023.

The following is Worshipful Reyno's farewell speech during the Officer's Installation held at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge on Saturday, December 17, 2022:

*"Brethren, sisters, family, friends, and guests: For those of you who don't know me, my name is Reyno Del Rosario, and I am the outgoing Master of this lodge. I would like to welcome you all to our 118th Installation of Officers for the ensuing 2023 masonic year.*

*I am humbled by this given opportunity. Now that my time has come to end in the East, I thank those who have helped me get there and stood by my side. To WB Francis, WB Orlando, WB Jason Yen, Trustees, Temple Board, all the events chairmen and the entire lodge deserves a sincere "thank you" for the fantastic support I received. Without you, none of these would have happened. It was a pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master for the past year. Serving our lodge has been a great joy and a privilege.*

*As we begin a new Masonic year, I sincerely hope that each of you will carry on the good work and that you will support our incoming Master, James Gonzales and the core officers of our lodge. I am hoping that you will lend him the same amount of support throughout his term. I truly appreciate every moment and every step of this journey that you have allowed me to make. As advice to every Brother whom one day hope to be in line, make the most of your time and give it everything you have because one day you will arrive at your destination, and when you do, I hope you can look back with as much happiness and satisfaction as I do.*

*In closing, Brethren, I would like to reiterate my gratitude for allowing me to serve you and for having faith in me. Such honor and privilege are something I will cherish for a lifetime. Finally, I would like to thank my wife JEN for the love and support during my masonic journey "I LOVE YOU". I want to express my gratitude to The Great Architect of the Universe Himself for leading me through life. I believe that all our labors have been blessed.*

*May brotherly love continue to prevail as we continue to lift our Lodge up."*



Outgoing WM, Reyno Del Rosario, Jr. and wife Jen.  
Photo Credit: Sam Yee 2022



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 Mike Baloupolos, P.M. ....exp 2024.....Member  
 Markos Boulapoulos, P . M . . exp 2023.....Member  
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 Jason Hui..... Member  
 Anil Awasti ..... Member

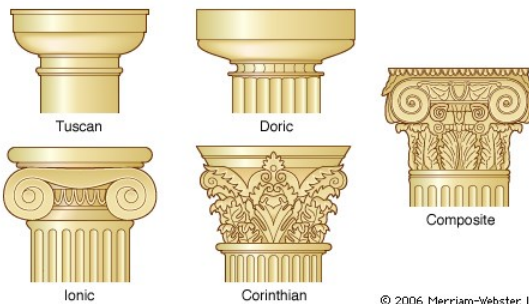
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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 Anil Awasti..... Member exp 2023  
 Alex Ellescas P.M..... Member exp 2025  
 James Gonzalez, Master.....Ex Officio Member  
 Jason Hui, Senior Warden .....Ex Officio Member



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\*Not pictured, Armando Telles, (PM), Assistant Secretary

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A MFC class was held on Monday, December 12 during which freemasonry and the first-degree symbols and the officers' installation were discussed.

In addition to the December birthdays of our brothers in Columbia Brotherhood Lodge, No. 370, some other Masonic events which occurred in December are discussed below:

**Brother William Fredrick "Buffalo Bill" Cody (2/26/1846 – 1/10/1917)** was an American Frontiersman and entertainer. He was initiated into the Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, Nebraska on 3/5/1870, raised 4/2/1870, was a member of the York Rite, became aa Knights Templar (1889) and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite (1894), and was instrumental in founding Cody, Wyoming in 1896.

He was born near LeClaire, IA. At the age of 11, after his father was stabbed to death and after father was stabbed and died after giving an antislavery speech, he went to work riding up delivering messages for a and down a freight carrier's wagon train. At 14 years of age he went West and searched to search for gold, but met a pony express agent and took a job with the pony express.

Referring to the American Indian as America's former foe and present friend, he maintained that the Indian outbreaks of which he was aware were the result of broken promises and treaties. Cody was also a supporter of Woman's rights believed that they should do the work that they choose and should have been paid the same as a man if they did the job as well.

He was baptized into the Catholic church on the day he died (of kidney failure) in 1917 and was honored with a Masonic funeral.<sup>2</sup>

**Brother Carl Harry Claudy (1/13/1989 in Washington DC -5/27/1957)** was an avid photographer and American writer. In addition to photographing the Wright Flyer Army Trials which took place in 1909 at Ft. Meyer, VA; being a New-York-Herald aviation correspondent; and the director of publicity for the

National Highway Association in 1911 and served as executive secretary for the Masonic Service Association (MSA) in 1929.

His written work consisted of stories for The American Boy magazine, a monthly children's magazine providing articles for boys between 1899 and 19414 and stories for DC comics in 1941, short talk bulletins for the MSA, and other books on Freemasonry with titles including: The Master's Book in 1935; The Lion's Paw; Washington's Home and Fraternal Life; The Unknown Mason; Introduction to Freemasonry Volumes 1 (Entered Apprentice), Volume 2 (Fellowcraft) and Volume 3 (Master Mason).

He was a master mason at Harmony Lodge No.17, Washington, D.C. was a 33° Scottish Rite Freemason, and was a member of the York Rite; served there as Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge in 1932; and as the district of Columbia's Grand Lodge's Grand Master in 1943.<sup>3</sup>

The year 1901 was a busy year for **Brother Theodore Roosevelt (Our 26th US President)**. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice mason on January 2, 1901 in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York.<sup>3</sup> On March 27th of the same year, and after being sworn in as Vice President of the United States, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft; on April 24th, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; and in September, after the assassination of President McKinley (also a Mason, raised May 3, 1865) <sup>3</sup>•<sup>5</sup>, he became our 26th President.<sup>4</sup>

As president he focused on conservation and the establishment of our national parks and national forests. His foreign policy included the commencement of construction of the Panama Canal.<sup>5</sup>

He is said to have said, "Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but

liberty, equality, fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust, tyranny, and despotism.<sup>6</sup>

On January 7, 1808, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was established.<sup>7</sup>

On January 7, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his second degree.<sup>7</sup>

On January 8, 1843 or 44 the Grand Lodge of Iowa was formed.<sup>7</sup>

On January 12, 1886 Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076 was consecrated and constituted in London. It is considered by many to be the premiere masonic research lodge in the world.<sup>7</sup>

On January 12th or 13th, 1818, the Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed.<sup>7</sup>

On January 16th, 17th, or 26th, 1865, the Grand Lodge of Nevada was formed.<sup>7</sup>

On January 17th 1872, the Grand Lodge of Utah was formed.<sup>7</sup>

On January 26th 1866, the Grand Lodge of Montana was formed.<sup>7</sup>

On January 26th 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree.<sup>7</sup>

*1 A.L. is Anno Lucis which means "In the Year of Light" in Latin and is 4,000 years after Anno Domini*

*2 Today in Masonic History: William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody Passes Away, Wild Bill, MasonryToday.com, [\*3 Today in Masonic History: Carl Harry Claudy is born, MasonryToday.com, \[\\*3.5 Doug Kirby, Ken Smith, Mike Wilkins; "Where William McKinley Became a Freemason," RoadsideAmerica.com. 12/22/2022, 1996-2022\\*\]\(http://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new\_month=1&new\_day=13&new\_year=2022, 12/20/2022, 2022, Blue Morpho Technologies, LLC.</a></i></p>
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## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren,

Happy New Year!

Just a friendly reminder that the dues for 2023 is **\$80.50**. It is now DUE. We appreciate the brethren who had already paid it. You now have 2 options to pay your dues:

1. To use **Credit Card**: Go to the Grand Lodge Website at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org), create and/ or update your account. You can print your due's card through iMember 2.0.
2. Send due's check to the Lodge, made payable to COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 370.

**NAME TAGS!!** Many members have inquired about getting a new name tag. To be efficient and cost saving for all of us, I will be taking orders from the brethren who wishes to get a new name tag beginning **January 10 to April 05, 2022**. The cost will be **\$20** per name tag. Please take this opportunity if you would like a new name tag.

For E-Trestleboard, hard copy Trestleboard, and Sign-Up Genius information, please contact Worshipful Brother Francis Feliciano, Sr., Trestleboard Editor:

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All members can also access the lodge Trestleboard through our website:

**[www.cbl370.com](http://www.cbl370.com)**

If you need any other assistance, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers.

Thank you in placing your trust and re-electing me as the Lodge Secretary.

Fraternally yours,  
WB Jason Yen, Secretary

*4 Masonic Biographies: Theodore Roosevelt, Universal Co-Masonry, [\*5 Theodore Roosevelt, Wikipedia, \[\\*6 Theodore Roosevelt Quotes, \\[\\\*\\\[\\\\*7 What Happened on this date in Masonic History, Masonic Dates,\\\\*\\\]\\\(http://quotefancy.com/theodore-roosevelt-quotes, 12/24/2022.</a></i></p>
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# From the West

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be in need of Master Masons for Degree support sometime near the beginning of February and other brothers advancing their degrees throughout this year. Please come out and support your brothers. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge!

While 2022 was a year of many, many challenges overshadowed by COVID, the remnants of the pandemic, and having improved through time. I would hasten to remind you that our lodge remained strong and thriving. With the leadership of Worshipful Master Reyno Del Rosario, Jr., our brothers continued to do our Masonic work, both inside and outside the lodge by initiating quite a few new Masons, mentoring these new brothers, donating to various charities, and offering assistance to distressed worthy brothers.

I am confident that 2023 will see our lodge continue to grow and do great things.

So, in closing, go in peace my brothers and do not let the light in your hearts diminish



## EVENTS

# COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD'S ANNUAL



## SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE

\$30 per member | \$35 per non member  
LOCATION: CBL NO. 370 | 855 BROTHERHOOD WAY, SF

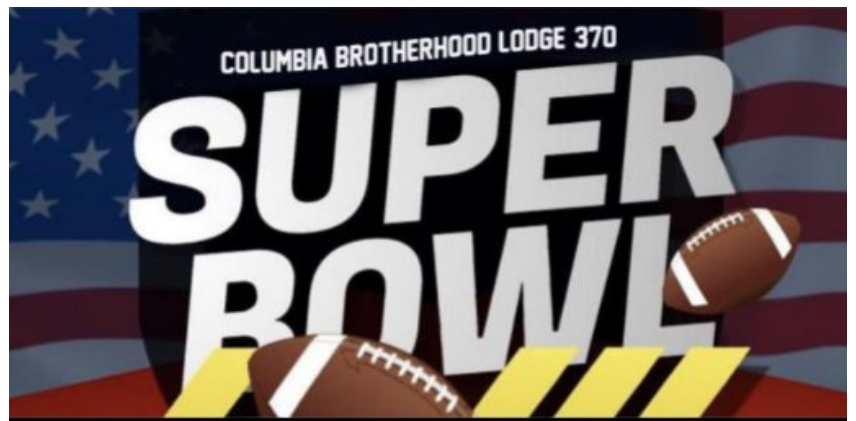
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**RSVP BY FEBRUARY 5**

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**PLEASE JOIN US AT 3:00 PM  
ON FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
FOR OUR SUPERBOWL LVII PARTY**

**\$10 FOR MEMBERS AND \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

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## January 2023 Birthdays

Balladares	Carlos	J	01/01	Petersen	Ross	Turner	01/16	Oro	Elmor	Onofre	01/31
Caratiquit, Jr.	Benito	Respicio	01/01	Dalog	Francis	L	01/17	Tagaro	Augusto	Urbino	01/31
Jaber	Faisal	Yacoub	01/01	Pasos	Gustavo	Enrique	01/19				
Pallas	Harry	Michael	01/01	Vanta	Manolo	Arcega	01/20				
Salgado	Carlos	Omar	01/06	Blednyh	Gregory	Boris	01/21				
Navarro	Julian	Maldonado	01/08	Suncin	Charles		01/21				
Ng	Richard		01/08	Lopez	German	Alvarez	01/24				
Boyd	Daniel	Patrick	01/09	Gonzalez	Raul	C	01/26				
Reyes	Mario		01/09	Monta, Jr.	Preme	David	01/28				
Burkard, III	Thomas	Charles	01/14	Pasos	Enrique		01/28				
Toy	Stephen		01/14	Tinger	Thomas	James	01/28				
Palau	John	Robert	01/15	Jimenez	Ramon	D	01/29				



## From the East

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who participated, to my wife Mary and others who guided this process, to Brother Jason Hui and his wife Roxanna who stepped in to assist with and were instrumental in planning the seating arrangements and confirming the number of people who were to attend, to Mayra Guerrero for her guidance in sourcing the procurement of the flowers, and to Nina and her team for a most memorable event.

In his closing remarks at the end of our December Stated meeting, Worshipful Brother Reyno Del Rosario, Jr., our new Junior Past Master, and 2023 Chaplain, attributed many of the successes we experienced in 2022 to the teamwork, camaraderie, and fellowship shared among our officers' team and among our fellow lodge brothers.

During his remarks at our Officers' appreciation 2022 dinner, our past Master, Worshipful Brother Francis Feliciano advised our 2023 officers' team to constantly communicate with each other and to ask for each other's' help.

I am honored and grateful for the trust you have placed in me and our 2023 officers' team, and I look forward to working together with our dedicated elected and appointed officers and maintaining a cohesive team marked by camaraderie and a focus to serve the lodge as that band of brothers and fellows who support each other in the creation of a lodge environment which is meaningful, helpful and supportive to all members and their practice of our craft, and to their families.

Our January Stated meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, and on Saturday, January 7th, we will hold our annual planning meeting at the lodge, and we invite all officers, committee chairpersons and their spouses to attend.

I have facilitated Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings for the past 5 years, but my responsibilities as Master of our lodge will limit the time available to prepare for and facilitate MFC Classes on a regular basis, so Brother Jim Guerrero and WB Jason Yen have agreed to facilitate the MFC meetings for 2023. MFC Classes will be offered on January 9th, and 23rd.

The officers of California Lodge No. 1 will host our officers and the officers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120 on January 17, 2023, for the 141st masonic district's January District School of Instruction (DSOI) during which our Inspector, Worshipful Brother Alan Nubla will brief us on the latest news and guidance from the Grand Lodge and then those present be trained in and will practice the conduct of Stated Meetings.

Our officers will practice the second-degree conferral in anticipation of passing Brother Jack Lam and, depending on the proficiency progress, one more brother during the month of February.

We have planned several events for February including a second-degree conferral on Wednesday, February 8; a Saturday; a sweetheart dinner dance on Saturday, February 11th; and Superbowl party on Sunday, February 12. If you are interested in participating

in these events, please see flyers in the Trestle board and on our website, or contact the officers and or the event chairpersons. Also, please be sure to respond to the signup genius notices which will be distributed before these events.

In preparation for a recent event, I discovered some discrepancies in data available on the Grand Lodge Website about one of our brothers, so please go to the website at <http://www.Freemason.org>, check your information to ensure it matches your memory and records, and while you are there, be sure to pay any outstanding dues.

Calling all youth and children. I ran across some photos of lodge activities ten years ago and noticed participation by significantly more of youth and children in our lodge's activities. In recent years we have canceled activities such as Christmas parties because of lack of availability of participants of age groups who would enjoy them. At the risk of using a cliché, our children are our future, and their participation in our masonic culture may provide them tools for their own lives along with assisting in our longevity as a fraternity. To that end I would like to invite our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to participate in our activities when possible and practical, and I invite conversation on this and any other subjects affecting our year and the future of our lodge.

May we always meet on the Level and act on the Square.

**James Gonzalez, WM**





# GOOD OF THE LODGE | FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR., P.M.

## SCAM ALERT!

Many of our brothers have received “spoof” or “phishing” emails from perpetrators posing as one of our lodge officers or a member of the lodge. Some of our members have come very close to falling victim to these scams that often result in extortion.

The email appears to be a legitimate message from a brother and there is always some sense of urgency, i.e. out of the country and in great need of your help; a family member in grave situation and they need some monetary help immediately. Sometimes they will ask you to drive to the nearest department or grocery store to get them gift cards. They will add that they don't have access to a phone and they will have you respond via email or have you click on a link, etc. etc.

## DON'T RESPOND TO OR CLICK ON THE LINK THEY PROVIDE

Please do not fall for this scam. One way to find out if the sender is who he says he is, go

ahead and click the **EMAIL NAME** it came from.

If the email, for example came from **GEORGE WASHINGTON**, click on the name and see where the email address is coming from. If the address has a combination of letters and numbers that seems suspicious, for example:

**president-elect77@gmail.com**

Instead of:

**Georgewashington@gmail.com**

This is probably a fake email. If anything, do give the brother who allegedly sent the email a call. I guarantee that they will appreciate your call and confirm that they absolutely did not send you an absurd solicitation via email.

If you did however **INADVERTENTLY** respond and gave your personal information, or bought the gift cards, cease all communication with the perpetrator, block their emails and phone contacts and call your financial institutions right away so that

they can flag or close your account.

You should also change all of your passwords and monitor your accounts and definitely check your credit from time to time. You may also consider doing a **FACTORY RESET** on your device.

You may get annoying phone calls and they are now threatening to take out a warrant for your arrest, but don't be fooled. If anything, we have members in the lodge in law enforcement that can help. Please utilize their expertise and their knowledge.

There are other trickeries and shenanigans out there and they are getting very-very creative. Remember that their only goal is to get cash from you. If they can't make contact with you, they can't get paid.

Lodge Officers **WILL NOT** ask you for **MONEY** in private, unless your **DUES** are up!

Good Luck and Be Safe!

“...change all of your passwords and monitor your accounts...”







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## Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe.

Just a reminder that as Master Masons, we are responsible for all of our actions, to meet on the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square. We are held to a higher standard. Let us all lead by example and admonish errors by our brothers and continue to improve ourselves in freemasonry.

**DUES ARE DUE!**

**JAMES GONZALEZ**  
Master 2023

