

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

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From the East

SEPTEMBER 4 *STATED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9 *MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

SEPTEMBER 10 * SF GIANTS/ MASON'S NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 14 *PAST MASTER'S DINNER

SEPTEMBER 16 *MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

SEPTEMBER 25 *MASONS 4 MITTS





Brethren, ladies and friends,

This being the September Trestleboard, we now find ourselves in the Fall season, and end of Summer. Where has the year gone to?... so fast. Now is the time for me to take time to pause and reflect on what I have done, what changes I need to do, and what remains to be done. Maybe this is because I see myself in the "Fall season" of my life. It also seems to be a good time to make changes in the lodge to make it a place that all the members, and prospects, can enjoy. At the August Stated Meeting our members voted in two new candidates to receive the degree of Masonry in our lodge. I am so happy to welcome them to our brotherhood and hope they learn to enjoy the lessons of our fraternity. Our Monday Night

Masonic Formation Class have

impressed me on their dedication in teaching our craft to prospects and keeping them engaged. Worshipful Brother JAMES GON-ZALEZ and Brother JIM GUERRE-**RO** has done a fine job in that regard.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JASON HUI

Events this year has brought out many members for fellowship and to enjoy the festivities. The chairman for each event has performed above and beyond what I expected and made it enjoyable for our members and family. I encourage all members to attend, even if we have not seen you in a long time, you are always welcome. Be sure to keep an eye on our online calendar for any changes to the schedule and to respond to any invitations we send out. We want to know we have enough food and refreshments for everyone. A lively lodge will always prosper. I made sure we invested in our

attendance to ensure our lodge's future.

My lovely wife, ROXANA has taken to task of keeping our ladies engaged in our lodge when our brethren are busy with lodge business. Roxana has worked tirelessly in the events she had planned and the events she is planning to make sure the lodge ladies are never bored. I really love that she took reigns and made it her own to make a lively lodge.

For the rest of the year, I have many more events planned that are repeats from past years that has always been a favorite with our members. If you had not attended our lodge events in a long time, I am personally inviting you to come and meet your brethren in a more relaxed atmosphere. I hope to meet all of you to get your input and suggestions to make our lodge the place

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From the West

Greetings brethren and friends of the lodge. I hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

I'm pleased to say that we had a prosperous August. Thanks to Worshipful Brother **RENATO AL-FONSO**'s leadership, we had a wonderful family picnic. The delicious food was prepared by so many brothers with the special ingredient being brotherly love. The games were fantastic and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all who contributed in making this successful. I look forward to seeing all of you at next year's picnic.

We also learned that CBL's representation at the Independence Day parade was so extraordinary, that we won first place!!! The congratulatory letter was accompanied by a check. Brethren, the parade is something I've always enjoyed. It's loads fun so you must join us next year. Let's plan on outdoing our 2024 performance! A huge shoutout to Worshipful Brother **DIONISIO DELA CRUZ** for his leadership here.

From the South

Brethren and ladies, we are at the end of summer and Labor Day will come and go before our September Stated meeting. May you have had a blessed summer with lots of travel and fun.

Our Stated Meeting dinner on September 4th will be a choice of pork chops, fish, or a vegan option with dessert and salad. After dinner, **ROX HUI** will be putting together a charity event to create back-to-school back-

SENIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

I'm also pleased to say that the lodge favorably voted to confer the degrees of Masonry to 2 good men. I've gotten to know both of these future brothers through MFC classes and can confidently say that they will make good members.

I want to end by sharing my deep gratitude for Worshipful Brother JAMES GONZALEZ and Brother JIM GUERRERO for their leadership with MFC classes. The class has been growing and those coming around are very engaged. As a reminder to all members, please attend at least 1 MFC class this year and share what Masonry means to you. Brethren, I wanted to share the MFC class is the reason I decided to join CBL. For as long as I can tell, the MFC class has been the unofficial gatekeeper, vetting each prospect and candidate. As such, the MFC class will make every effort to introduce candidates and prospects to you. And I also request that if there are new faces at the lodge that you don't recognize, you approach the

JUNIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

packs for children in need. Please stay after to help, she would appreciate your kind gesture.

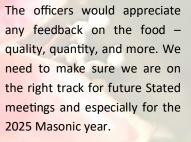
If you are not receiving the SignUp Genius, please let the stewards know. If you are, please sign up for events as soon as possible so that we can coordinate with our caterer. This is not like the days when Nina was with us, the food quantity and choice is more limited, so please do not change at the lodge. You need to remember your choice and accept that for your meal that night. Master or one of the MFC class coaches so they can make an introduction.

Thank you brethren and I look forward to seeing you at lodge.

Anil Awasti Senior Warden







October will celebrate the Munich festival of Oktoberfest with German food and music between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

November is Thanksgiving, so we will celebrate with a traditional feast.



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FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR. P.M.

Just a reminder that no motion can be made unless you have properly notified the Worshipful Master so that he can include it in the meeting agenda. Failure to do so may cause undue delays and your motion may not be recognized nor voted on.

Please reach out to me if you have any comments, concerns, or submissions.

IN MEMORIAM

NONE REPORTED

Soft and safe to thee, my brother, be thy resting place. Bright and Glorious be thy rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia sprig that there shall flourish. May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties o'er thy resting place, and there, may the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest.

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to be for a brother of masonry. Lastly, I want to comment that masonry is a membership of brothers that should never have any contention and who always work together for a common good. I want to remind everyone that we should always strive to welcome our brethren and settle differences immediately to keep harmony in our lodge. I have included an article put forth by the Grand Lodge of Scotland that was read by the master of each lodge in 2023. The article is called "How Should Freemasons Meet? On the Level". When I visit-





ed the Han Yang Lodge in Seoul, Korea, I was given this lecture of the article by their Master. The Master handed me a copy to bring back with me to my lodge with the hope that it brings thought to the brethren as it had done for me. A copy of the article is within this Trestleboard.

Enjoy.

Jason Hui Worshipful Master

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December begins the holidays, so it might be time for prime rib and Yorkshire pudding.

Go to our website to see our calendar: www.cbl370.com.

Make your plans now to join us for all the events this year.

Bruce Lyons Junior Warden

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JOSEPH EDWARD SURDYKA

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 Cordially invites you to

Past Master



Dinner & Dance

Saturday, September 14, 2024 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm The Westin San Francisco Airport 1 Old Bayshore Highway Millbrae, CA 94030



: <u>MENU :</u> Caesar salad

Dinner rolls Filet Mignon and Lobster with roasted potatoes and vegetables Dessert: New York Cheesecake or Crème Brulé

CBL Past Masters and their ladies are the guests of honor Attire: Past Master's-Tuxedo/others Business Suit

> \$50 per person – Non-CBL No. 370 Member \$25 per person – CBL No. 370 Member CBL No. 370 Past Masters and spouse - PREE

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COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

- 1. The rule and guide of our faith:
- 2. Every regular Lodge is furnished these:
- 3. This, denotes morality:
- 4. This, denotes equality:
- 5. This, denotes the rectitude of life:
- 6. Representation of the ground floor of KS's temple:
- 7. The 3 IMMOVABLE Jewels of the Lodge:
- 8. The 3 MOVABLE Jewels of the Lodge:
- 9. Divine attribute and foundation of every virtue:
- 10. The 3 lights of the Lodge are situated here:

Answers will be posted in the OCTOBER 2024 Trestleboard!





Answer: from L to R WB Jason Yen Worshipful Master, Jason Hui Brother Jason "Turk" Unluata

Answers to AUGUST 2024 Trivia

- 1. Ante-room preparatory to the Preparation Room: **REFLECTION ROOM**
- 2. Conferral Stopper: AN OBJECTION
- 3. This, the noble and steady purpose of the mind: **FORTITUDE**
- 4. This, the standard or boundary of right: **JUSTICE**
- 5. This, teaches us to regulate our lives and actions: **PRUDENCE**
- 6. That, due restraint upon the affections & passions: **TEMPERANCE**
- 7. Implement of the MARSHAL: **BATON**
- 8. 3 principal tenets of Freemasonry: BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH
- 9. This is a reminder of our rude and imperfect state: *THE ROUGH ASHLAR*
- 10. In this manner, the lodges are/ should be situated: DUE EAST AND WEST



Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo? Answers will be in the OCTOBER 2024 Trestleboard





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AN ARTICLE FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND FOR THE HAN YANG LODGE OF KOREA

HOW SHOULD FREEMASONS MEET? ON THE LEVEL

In Ritual page 54, once the lodge has been duly closed, the RWM asks the WSW how Freemasons should meet. The WSW shows his emblem and replies, "on the Level, Right Worshipful Master".

As the lodge has already been closed, this sentence sounds more as a reminder to all the Brethren.

Masons meet on the level, act on the plumb and part on the square. All these tools being those of the 3 principal office bearers. The level means that all masons **are** equal.

It is then recalled during the Tyler's toast, at the very end of Harmony: "We Masons prize that noble truth, the Scottish peasant told, that rank is but a guinea stamp: The man himself the gold. We meet the rich and poo alike, the equal rights maintain".

Similarly, during installation, during the toast to the RWM, Bro. Thomas Reese kept telling me "don't move your glass". The toast meant "I am not under you, I am not over you, I am on your level".

The notion of the level is recalled during the **initiation ceremony** which is a symbolic birth. We all wear the same pajamas, with a cable tow and we are all blindfolded. Also, we were divested of money and all valuable metallic substances. We were equal in the night.

During the initiation, we become brethren. Brotherly love is the first grand principle on which the masonic_order is founded. **All brothers are by definition equal even if, of course, they differ.** We can see it in HanYang as we come from many different countries, we speak different languages and we have very different jobs. Still, in Lodge, we are equal. We are brethren.

Meeting on the level means also to **leave all animosity** behind you when you enter the Lodge. It means to settle all disputes with your Brethren. Ritual page 42: "you should never put on that badge (apron) if you are about to enter a lodge in which there is a brother with whom you entertain animosity. In such cases, it is expected that you will invite him to withdraw in order that you may settle your differences amicable".

Meeting on the level is necessary to work correctly. In Lodge, we are in a sacred place, in which we leave behind us our titles, our ranks, our fortunes, in order to work together to become better men. If there are ranks coming from the profane world, then Masonry cannot operate. A profane is somebody who has not been initiated. *Pro* means in front of and *Fanum* means temple. So the profane stands in front of the doors of the temple, but he is not admitted. In masonry, when we tyle the lodge, we leave our daily life and our problems outside the door in order to work with serenity.

In Korea, where titles are more important than in Europe (Isanim, sajangnim, kwajangnim) because of Confucianism, *I* really admire Korean brethren for being able to work on the level.

A good true story about the level is about President Teddy Roosevelt, who returned to his hometown Lodge to find out that his gardener had become the RWM. And then President Roosevelt had to obey the commands of his gardener while in Lodge. Another illustration in France is that it is customary for the past Master to become the Inner guard, a key role but a humble one.

But, like in the Korean movies, there are Big Brothers (Hyeong Nim) and little brothers. First, there are **3 degrees** Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Masters. They cannot sit where they want, their aprons are different and only the Masters can vote.

Second, there are **office-bearers** and non-office bearers. The Right Worshipful Master commands the Lodge, assisted by office bearers.

So are we really equal if there is a hierarchy? The answer is that it is a hierarchy of duties.

The degrees correspond to a **level of masonic knowledge.** It is a hierarchy of knowledge and wisdom. It is not a hierarchy of authority and control. If they work, all EAs will pass Fellowcraft and then be raised Master. Purpose is to accompany the



recently initiated brethren through the next degrees not, to keep them down.

Master Masons have the right to vote, but they also have more duties than EAs or Fellowcraft. They have to make sure that the lodge keeps running, by taking offices in the lodge. Masters have to initiate new members and to transmit them masonic values and education. It is a lot of work. And Masters pay dues every year.

About the office bearers, again, we have to obey the RWM because he represents wisdom. It is symbolically the wisdom that we are looking for inside ourselves. Nothing illegal will be asked, it would be against our Constitutions. Office bearers have obviously again **more duties** than non-office bearers. They are not superior to other brethren. And we will change the plates each year so that, in turn, all Brethren have the possibility to exercise those roles in the Lodge if they are ready to accept the incoming responsibilities.

To conclude, I will read a poem "The Mother Lodge" by Rudyard Kipling on his Lodge in India. It was read during my initiation back in France. And it illustrates well what **meeting on the level** is:

There was Rundle, Station Master, An' Beazeley of the Rail, An' 'Ackman, Commissariat, An' Donkin' o' the Jail; An' Blake, Conductor-Sergeant, Our Master twice was 'e, With im that kept the Europe-shop, Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside - 11 Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam! Inside - 'Brother, 11 an' it doesn't do no 'arm. We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square, An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant, An' Saul the Aden Jew, An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman Of the Survey Office too; There was Babu Chuckerbutty, An' Amir Singh the Sikh, An' Castro from the fittin '-sheds, The Roman Catholick!

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam! Inside - 'Brother, 11 an' it doesn't do no 'arm. We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square, An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!





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JONATHAN #545

Chartered October 11, 1923 VERITAS #640 Chartered October 12, 1928 VERITAS - JONATHAN #545 Consolidated (JONATHAN Charter) December 2, 1963



Chartered October 12, 1916 **MOUNT VERNON #517** Chartered October 12, 1922 **ALTA VISTA - MOUNT VERNON #464** Chartered (**ALTA VISTA** Charter) December 2, 1968

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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.

Jason Hui Master 2024





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