



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 6
* STATED MEETING
* LODGE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 9
* US ELECTION

NOVEMBER 11
* VETERAN'S DAY

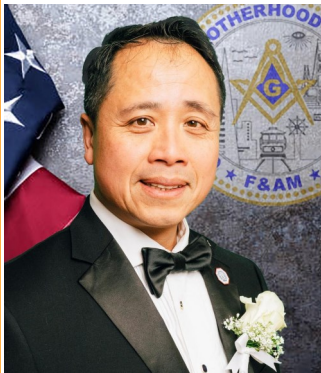
NOVEMBER 13
* FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL

NOVEMBER 16
* MASTER'S GALA

NOVEMBER 18
* MFC

From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JASON HUI



Brethren,

Fall is here, the leaves are falling, and another Annual Communication has passed. It was attended this year, as past years have been, by the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Junior Past Master to represent our lodge in the four votes allowed to us.

There were 12 new resolutions, 3 carryovers from last year. The main agenda item was commented the most by attending brethren's and that may affect our Masonic order was the resolution to do away with our cipher that keep our rituals secret. The outcome of the votes are in this month's Trestle-board.

One of the most important Stated Meeting month is the month of November. It is important because, in this month, we elect our Lodge Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. It is also very significant because, during this month, we practice and exer-

cise one of the rights and privileges of a Master Mason: the Right to Suffrage or the Right to Vote. This right is granted, however, on the condition that your membership is in Good Standing. Please ensure that your membership dues are current, as our Brother Tiler will be at the outer door to verify the member's standing.

In addition to our votes on new officers, the month of November of this year is also for our country to select a new President of the United States. As you had gained the experience every year for Masonic Officers, you understand the importance of voting in order to get a good leader. So you should go out and vote for your candidate for President. Whomever it may be, remember to support their endeavors.

My term as Master of the Lodge is nearing its end, and this Trestle Board message is actually the second to the last you'll be reading from me. I couldn't have achieved everything this year

without the support of all our Officers and Brethren, Non-Masonic Friends, my family, especially my wife Roxana, who tirelessly gave her 100% support to me in my Masonic Journey. I believe you will agree that Roxana had gotten the ladies of our lodge to participate more in our activities and events as well as improve their outlook of what our lodge has to offer our brethren and families. Thank you, Roxana, for giving the ladies a perspective of our lodge that is very welcoming to them also.

We always strive to do our best, and as we are in the last part of this Masonic Year, I have arranged to give you, our members a special night to remember. I was able to convince our infamous party planner, WB **FRANCIS FELICIANO**, to plan that special night at the San Francisco Presidio Golf Course on November 16th. Please RSVP directly to WB Feliciano soon before it is filled up. Look your best and enjoy the evening.

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WB DIONISIO DELA CRUZ, FRANK PERTIERRA, JIMMY FOWLER, WB REYNO DEL ROSARIO, WB JASON YEN, JOD'L CRUZ, AND WORSHIPFUL MASTER JASON HUI

From the West | SENIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren and Friends of the Lodge.

I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather that the Fall season has brought. 2024 is coming to an end soon and I would like to reiterate my request to all members to join at least 1 MFC class to share your experiences in Masonry. Please know that the MFC class is normally the first point of contact candidates and brothers who wish to affiliate with our lodge. As such, it is invaluable for them to hear about diverse perspectives on what Masonry is and the culture of our lodge. Both coaches, Worshipful Brother James Gonzalez and Brother Jim Guerrero do a fantastic job exploring various topics ranging from history to symbolism as well as preparing folks to give their proficiencies.

This year two of our brothers whose focus was drawn to other aspects of their lives were able to focus on their work in Freemasonry and completed proficiencies for their first and second degrees. The most recent of these, Brother Romarico (Omar) Miranda, completed his

second-degree proficiency on October 23rd and is looking forward to being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2025.

Our MFC coaches and lodge Brethren stand ready to assist anyone who is stalled in his degree process. If you find yourself stalled in your degree progression and are willing to spend about ten minutes a day, please reach out to an officer or one of our coaches for assistance in moving forward.

We have two more Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings before the end of our 2024 Masonic year. They are scheduled for Monday, November 11th and Monday, November 18th. After a shared meal and camaraderie, the group will discuss attendee questions, lodge history 1903 to 1950, the annual Grand Lodge meeting, and a summary of one's journey in Freemasonry. One-on-one proficiency work will follow the group discussion.

In my experience Lodge history has been one of the most engaging topics of conversation during our MFC meetings. As we enter our

120th year, the MFC coaches and I are working to learn more about the processes and stories associated with seventeen different Lodges, chartered between 1903 and 1950, consolidating, between 1963 and 1992, to become our Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370. These stories may include descriptions of the lodge cultures, lodge membership, lodge leadership, interactions with the California Grand Lodge, what was going on in San Francisco and the nation, the work associated with the consolidations, and the rationale used in the decisions to consolidate. In support of this process, I ask anyone who was present during these consolidations and or who has stories or information associated with these consolidations, 1963 to 1992, to contact one of the Pillars or our MFC coaches to share this information allowing us to "flesh out" our Lodge's story and then to share it with our current and future membership.

Anil Awasti
Senior Warden

From the South | JUNIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

Brethren,

The holidays are arriving, and we will be celebrating Thanksgiving at our November Stated Meeting. Please come join us to start the season. Before you know it, there will be a new calendar and Masonic year. Please bring some good cheer to Master Jason Hui's second to the last meeting and celebrate the ascension of our Sr. Warden at our November election.

Our Stated Meeting dinner will be Turkey, fish, or a vegan option with the trimmings. We will be using Black Tie catering for the

first time. Most of our meals this year have been catered by Dominic's. Please let us know your thoughts on each caterer.

If you are not receiving the SignUp Genius, please let the stewards know.

December begins the holidays, so we will have prime rib and Yorkshire pudding. We will enjoy some carolers, too. The ladies will have a comedian entertain them after dinner.

December 14th will be our 120th installation. Please make your plans to join us at our lodge for ceremony, dinner, and dancing to

a band.

Go to our website to see our calendar: [CALENDAR](#) | [CBL 370](#)

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

Bruce Lyons
Junior Warden



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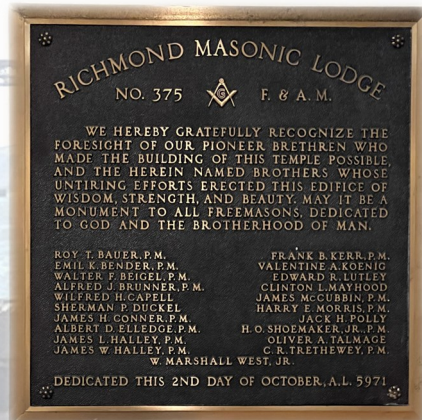
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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.
 I am open to suggestions and ideas.



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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On November 13th , at 7 PM, we will confer the First Degree upon two new members. Please look for the invitation to the degree conferral and be present to help make the first degree memorable to our soon - to-be brothers. As we think back to our time as an Entered Apprentice, we remember that we are taught that the 24-inch gauge is an emblematic tool for dividing our time, whereby we find a part for our service to God and a distressed worthy Brother.

As we approach the holidays, let us remember our brothers and their families, who we may not see every day. Though they may not be 'distressed' in the technical sense, they are certainly worthy of our attention. Phone calls and arranging visits to see these brothers is

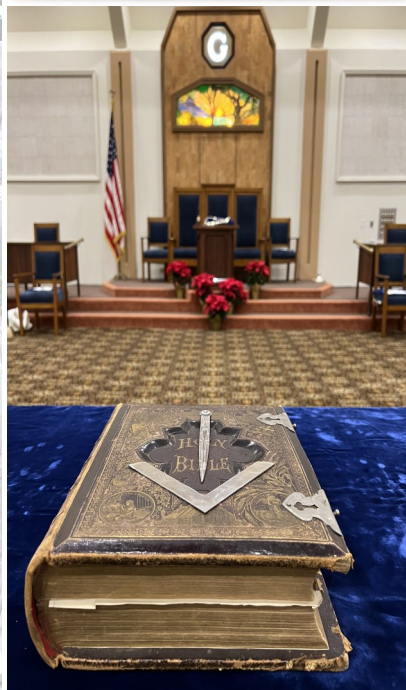



something we can do more often, to make it a habit, not just because of the holidays, but because they are Brothers.

For the months of November and December at the stated meeting dinner, please bring a donation of an unopened toy for a free dinner. The Toys will be collected at the December stated meeting by representatives from the San Francisco Asian Peace Officers Association Foundation. They will distribute the toys locally to under privileged kids during the holidays. Let us show

our Masonic Lodge support of this worthy cause.

Jason Hui
Worshipful Master





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October 27, 2024

To: All Grand Lodges Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers, Inspectors, Committees, and Lodges:

Reverend:

Herewith for your information are the results in summary form of the actions taken at the 175th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of California:

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS	YES	NO	PERCENT	RESULT
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 1: Simplifies and modernizes service and notice requirements under Part 14 of the California Masonic Code.	882	90	90.74%	PASSED
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 2: Eliminates the certification requirement for certain documents under Part 14 of the California Masonic Code.	928	81	91.97%	PASSED
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 3: Suspensions of members who fail to plead to charges of unmaisonic conduct.	936	76	92.49%	PASSED
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 4: Updates required applicant contributions and contribution amount.	752	74	74.53%	CARRY-OVER
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 5: Lengthen restriction suspension period provided to Masons suspended for non-payment of dues and dues grace period for members on active military combat duty.	856	157	84.50%	PASS
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 6: Modify lodge vote required to remove a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues.	844	83	83.15%	CARRY-OVER
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 7: Allows for a plain language test ritual that does not include the secrets of Freemasonry.	446	567	44.03%	FAIL
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 8: Clarifies procedures to approve alternate rituals.	787	224	77.84%	CARRY-OVER
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 9: Requires submission of Grand Lodge officer nominations and biographical sketches at least sixty days prior to Annual Communication.	493	514	48.96%	FAIL
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 10: Permits the grand master to appoint an assistant grand lecturer who is a past master of any constituent lodge.	885	114	88.70%	PASS
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 11: Permits a secretary to serve as master, warden, or secretary of another lodge.	751	262	74.14%	CARRY-OVER
Grand Master Merzola's Recommendation No. 12: Shortens the process required by the California Masonic Code for lodge consolidation.	898	112	89.11%	PASS

2023 CARRY-OVER LEGISLATION

Resolution No. 23-01: Permits lodges to email meeting notices to members.	715	383	71.64%	PASS
Resolution No. 23-02: Allows special meetings to be held on the same day as a stated meeting.	832	163	83.62%	PASS
Resolution No. 23-05: Permits a lodge to designate the voting past master at Annual Communication.	610	372	62.12%	FAIL

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024

Resolution No. 24-01: Makes third degree proficiency a prerequisite for nomination to the office of master, senior warden, or junior warden.	766	207	78.73%	CARRY-OVER
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In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

In accordance with California Masonic Code §801.065, the Grand Lodge granted charters to the following lodges under dispensation and entered them into the registry of this Grand Lodge as: Sojour No. 187 in Sonoma, Logyngton or Pughlaine No. 838 in San Diego, Waltham No. 489 in Newport Beach, Remy Street Lodge No. 890 in Anaheim, Hermit No. 891 in Long Beach and California Hispanic and Latin America Research in Long Beach.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to enter into mutual recognition with the following lodges: the Grand Orient of Rio Grande Norte, Brazil; the Grand Orient of the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil; and the Grand Orient of Paraíba, Brazil.

In accordance with California Masonic Code §407.050, the Grand Lodge adopted the budget for 2024-2025 as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master. The background check fee was set at \$40.00.

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, as proposed by the Senior Grand Warden, was adopted and fixed at \$68.50.

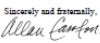
Total registration for the 175th Annual Communication was 1,290 with 283 of 328 chartered lodges represented. (The number of chartered lodges includes two lodges under dispensation, two historic lodges, six research lodges, and the Grand Master's Lodge.)

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the Grand Lodge year commencing on October 27, 2024 are:

ELECTED OFFICERS		
Arthur L. Salazar Jr.	Grand Master	
Garret S. Chan	Deputy Grand Master	
Ara Malayan	Senior Grand Warden	
Christopher D. Smith	Junior Grand Warden	
Charles P. Cross	Grand Treasurer	
Allan L. Casalou	Grand Secretary	
Matthew S. Vander Horck	Grand Lecturer	

APPOINTED OFFICERS		
David M. Ferrara	Grand Chaplain	
Gary D. Sparks	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division I	
Corey P. Leachly	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division II	
Antonio G. Cimarra Jr.	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division III	
Jairo J. Gomez Jr.	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IV	
Christian G. Marano	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division V	
Ric J. Santoni	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VI	
Nahab Bagdasarian	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VII	
Victor M. Ropac Jr.	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VIII	
Russell E. Hamming	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX	
Charles D. Dinnaman	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division X	
Carlos M. Dize Jr.	Grand Orator	
Jordan T. Yalishak	Assistant Grand Secretary	
Sean M. Muensterer	Grand Marshal	
Camero S. Ellis	Grand Standard Bearer	
Jhansy Echavarria	Grand Sword Bearer	
James D. Washington	Grand Bible Bearer	
Ami F. Cantino	Senior Grand Deacon	
Albert S. Cox	Junior Grand Deacon	
Amara A. Ordian	Senior Grand Steward	
Michael D. Tagaloa	Junior Grand Steward	
Scott A. Morrison Jr.	Grand Pursuivant	
Stephen R. Miller	Grand Organist	
Scotty J. Christian	Grand Tiler	
David A. Olmedo	Assistant Grand Tiler	

The 176th Annual Communication will commence at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2025, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely and fraternally,

 ALLAN L. CASALOU
 Grand Secretary



NOVEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS

RAJIV KUMAR GUJRAL 10
 COREY MATTHEW DUSSAULT 11
 ILLYA JON McCAMANT 12
 KEVIN MORGAN SORBELLO 15
 JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, JR. 16
 ETHAN HAN YEN 17

FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR., PM 20
 ALEX IGNATOVSKY 20
 GLENN TARROZA JACINTO 20
 BRUCE KENNETH LYONS 20
 GARY NELSON PITTMAN 20
 ROMARICO MIRANDA 25

RICHARD C. YEN 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370
and
WORSHIPFUL MASTER JASON HUI



Presents
An Evening of Elegance

Saturday, November 16, 2024
6 pm to 10 pm

\$30 per person CBL Members and spouse
\$50 per person Non Members
Attire: Gents - Black/ White Tuxedo - Belles - Black/
White Gowns

Please specify your meal choice:
Beef, Fish, or Vegetarian



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HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

- 1. Tool to try perpendiculars: _____
- 2. The Five Orders of Architectures: _____
- 3. The beginning of all geometrical matter: _____
- 4. Foundation of architecture & root of mathematics: _____
- 5. Receives the sound from the instructive tongue: _____
- 6. This is known to be a progressive moral science: _____
- 7. This proves horizontals: _____
- 8. Typically pointing to a Naked Heart: _____
- 9. Typically guarded by the Tyler's Sword: _____
- 10. An emblem of a Pure Heart: _____

Answers to OCTOBER 2024 Trivia

- 1. The first Most Excellent Grand Master
KING SOLOMON
- 2. Lodges were ANCIENTLY dedicated to this person:
KING SOLOMON
- 3. Lodges at the PRESENT time are dedicated to:
JOHN THE BAPTIST & JOHN THE EVANGELIST
- 4. By this we are taught to regard ALL as ONE family:
THE EXERCISE OF BROTHERLY LOVE
- 5. Why the 3 Ruffians turned back into the country:
THEY HAD NO PASS
- 6. In the beginning, God created these:
HEAVEN AND EARTH
- 7. An emblem of Innocence:
THE LAMB-SKIN APRON
- 8. Instrument used to measure and lay out work:
TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAUGE
- 9. Instrument used to break off rough parts of stones:
COMMON GAVEL
- 10. What the illustration denoted:
THE 47TH PROBLEM OF EUCLID

Answers will be posted in the **DECEMBER 2024 Trestleboard!**



Can you name these Masons in the photo?

From **SEPTEMBER 2024 Trestleboard**



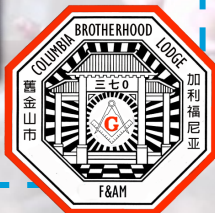
Answer: from L to R
 Brother Peter Pertierra
 WB Dionisio Dela Cruz
 Brother Jod'I Cruz
 WB Francis Feliciano
 Brother Frank Pertierra
 Brother Jeremias Jugal



Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo?

Answers will be in the **NOVEMBER 2024 Trestleboard**





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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

