

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

DECEMBER 2
* TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
* BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DECEMBER 4
* STATED MEETING/ 6 PM

DECEMBER 6
* OFFICERS APPRECIATION DINNER

DECEMBER 11
* INSTALLATION PRACTICE

DECEMBER 14
* LODGE INSTALLATION/ 4 PM

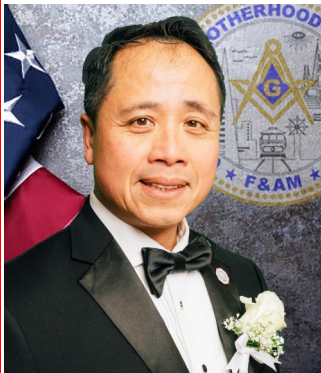
DECEMBER 24
* CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 25
* CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31
* NEW YEAR'S EVE

From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JASON HUI



Brethren, it's been nearly a year since I was first installed in the East, and my time in the Oriental Chair is drawing to a close. As I reflect on my time as Master of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, I think about the Work that we've done together, and my hopes for the future of our Lodge. I feel extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to lead our Lodge. The experience as Worshipful Master had been rewarding and heartfelt. My qualifications for this position were obtained not just from proficiencies, but also from experiences and advice from my friends and previous Masters. Many thanks for those that gave me the nudge to achieve the good standing as Worshipful Master. As the year draws to a close and we find ourselves amidst a season marked by reflection, renewal, and the promise of new beginnings, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each one of

you.

This period, resplendent with its universal spirit of hope and joy, offers a unique opportunity for us to introspect and envision the path ahead for our beloved Lodge. **In these times, where conflict and disagreements seem to loom, let us, as a fraternity, embrace the essence of good spirit to bring about constructive conversations and interactions.** This is our moment, as Masons, to transcend boundaries that will unite us in shared experiences and enable us to look forward with optimism. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us carry this universal sentiment of renewal into our endeavors, striving to enhance the bonds that tie us together and the principles that guide us. Our Lodge, a beacon of fellowship and enlightenment, is perpetually evolving, much like the cycle of the seasons. The lessons of the past year have been invaluable, shaping our understanding and strengthening our

resolve. It is with this wisdom and the collective strength of our brotherhood that we look ahead, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that await. In the spirit of moving forward, let us renew our commitment to the tenets that define us - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These principles, timeless in their relevance, guide us in our personal growth and in our contributions to the wider community. As we reflect on our journey, let us also acknowledge the importance of growth and change. Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. Our path forward is illuminated by the light of our shared values and the strong foundation laid by those who have walked before us. Let us step into the coming year with a renewed sense of purpose, a deepened commitment to our brotherhood, and an unwavering dedication to the ideals that define us. I wish each of you a period of joy, reflec-

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ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CONFERRAL OF BROTHERS ALLEN SHAIN AND WILEY CHING

From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren and Friends of the Lodge.

I hope you are all ready for a wonderful holiday season. In my last article as Sr. Warden, I am sharing some of the highlights of our MFC class. A huge Thank You to Worshipful Brother **JAMES GONZALEZ** for helping me put this together.

Throughout our 2024 Masonic Year, Columbia Brotherhood officers and coaches have facilitated 19 Masonic Formation Class (MFC) Meetings. MFC Meeting activities included presentations and discussions covering Freemasonry in general; participants' reasons for pursuing their interests in Freemasonry; Masonic history, symbols and degree work. The collective efforts of all involved resulted in four applications for affiliation, six applications to take the degrees of Masonry, renewed focus on Freemasonry by three brothers who had been focused on other areas of their lives, and assistance to officers working to complete their proficiencies for their 2025 offices.

Typical meetings involved sharing a light meal and discussing participant interests, goals, and questions which was followed by short talks and dis-

cussions on topics including Masonic History; symbolism; tenants including Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; virtues including faith, hope, charity, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice; concordant organizations including De Molay, Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters; Masonic Relief for brothers and widows; Masonic etiquette; Geometry; Orders of Architecture; elements of a Lodge; hieroglyphical emblems; degree concepts; and Grand Lodge and Lodge processes. After these discussions, degree participants working on degree proficiencies worked on degrees and lecture proficiencies, and officers worked on ritual proficiencies.

MFC Outreach efforts assisted three brothers who were occupied with other life priorities, to resume their Masonic journeys, and two of them have completed proficiencies for their current degrees and look forward to advancement to their next degrees in 2025. MFC Meetings were attended by prospects (six of whom applied to take the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge), Freemasons who were interested in affiliation, Columbia Brotherhood brothers and degree candidates, and members from surrounding lodges.

Diligent efforts on the part of pro-

spects, candidates, fellow brothers, and coaches resulted in the following candidacies and degree advancements. Brother **CORY DUSSAULT** was elected on March 6th, 2024, to receive the degrees of Freemasonry in our lodge and was initiated on March 27th, 2024. Brother **AMELIO (MEL) FELICIANO, JR.** completed his first-degree proficiency on March 14th, 2024, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 15th, 2024; raised to the degree of Master Mason by our Lodge's Past Masters on June 26th, 2024, and completed his Master Mason proficiency on August 3rd, 2024. Brother **JIMMY FOWLER** demonstrated his Master Mason degree proficiency on May 8th, 2024, and demonstrated proficiency as Senior Deacon on November 13th. Brother **JACK LAM** completed his FC Proficiency and was Raised Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Brother **EUGENE DURLAO** completed his Entered-Apprentice proficiency on September 4th, 2024 and is looking forward to being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in 2025. Brother **ROMARICO (OMAR) MIRANDA** completed his Fellowcraft proficiency on October 23rd, 2024 and is looking forward to being raised to the sublime degree

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

Brethren,

It is hard to believe but the 2024 Masonic and calendar year is almost over. We will be welcoming a new team of officers at our December 14th Installation – 120 years since our founding. How exciting! Brother **ANIL AWASTI** has been elected to serve as Master. I will be the new Senior Warden, and Brother **FRANK PERTIERRA** will be taking over the duties of feeding our Brothers and Sisters at our Stated Meeting dinners and other events throughout the year. Please give Brother Frank your input and help him to make 2025 the best year yet!

Our December Stating Meeting dinner will be prime rib with a choice of fish or vegan for those not eating beef. We will also enjoy carolers from Brother **BILL NICHOLS** and his partner **BRIDGETTE** and their group. It should be a fun time. After dinner, **ROXANA HUI** has a magician show for the ladies. Rox always makes it fun.

Next year, I will be helping with Masonic education and the MFC classes, so let this be my first push to have each of our brothers, new, old, Master Mason, Past Master, attend the MFC class at least once in 2025. The classes help interested men become our brothers. Let's help them see the value of Masonry and how it has

helped each of us to become better men. Hope to see you in January.

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

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

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

Bruce Lyons

Junior Warden



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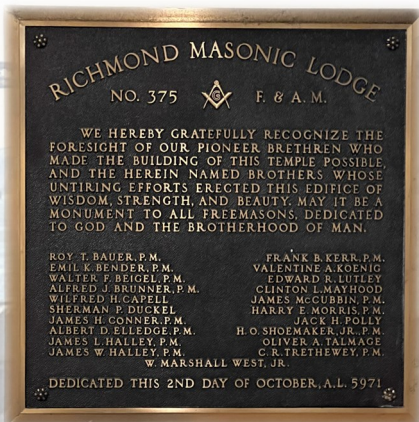
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EDITOR'S NOTE

FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR. P.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Officers - Elect for the ensuing 2025 Masonic Year. I have no doubt that you will continue to advance the traditions and tenets of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and will remain steadfast in the values and mysteries of our craft. And to the outgoing and advancing officers of 2024, particularly Worshipful Master Jason Hui, congratulations on a time well spent in the brief space allotted to Worshipful Masters at the lodge. Thank you for your efforts and dedication to the brethren and to freemasonry. Welcome to the club.

And to my dear Brethren of CBL No. 370, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

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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tion, and rejuvenation. May this time fortify our bond and inspire us to greater heights in our personal lives and within our beloved Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, Free and Accepted Masons of California. As the Worshipful Master for one last meeting of this Masonic Year, I leave this comment; Ask yourself this question: What am I doing in my life to become that better man. I am certain for most; this has already been done. As for others seeking to be a better Mason, I ask you to instead look inside yourself rather than focus on the faults of others. Pay heed to our tenets. Love your brother! Give all mankind Relief! Always be Truthful!

As the Worshipful Master, I promise you I have kept those ideals in mind during my year and acted accordingly as that of which is allowed by the Supreme Architect.

Happy Holidays. I congratulate the new Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370.

Thank you for the honor of serving you this year.

Jason Hui
Worshipful Master



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of Master Mason in 2025; Brothers **WILEY CHING** and **ALLEN SHAIN** were initiated Entered Apprentice Masons on November 13, 2024; and Brother **KRISTIAN YOUNGBERG** resumed his Entered Apprentice proficiency work in November 2024.

As the incoming Worshipful Master, I will review the proposed, 2025 MFC meeting schedule and topics. One of the ongoing topics of discussion involves the history of our Lodge, and discussions have focused on information available on the timeframe between 1903 and 1950, but information associated with activities, thought processes associated with consolidations, and or events of the times between 1950 and 2024 are less available. If anyone reading this article is aware of or knows someone who can share information on the period between 1950 and 2024 is asked to please share what he knows so it can be shared with current and future MFC participants. Those involved with the MFC program are grateful for the opportunity to serve Lodge members, wish all of our brothers and their families a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to continuing this work in 2025.

Anil Awasti
Senior Warden





DECEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS

RAYMOND ALF CARLSON	2	THEODORE ROSS PREPOUTSE	12	ARNEL JOSE BAUSANTA	22
DEWAYNE E. WATSON II	3	HARALAMBOS N. PAPADOPOULOS	13	FRANK BULATAO PERTIERRA	22
JOHN MICHAEL CONLAN, PM	6	ISAAC CABRERA MEJIA	14	MARTIN KARL KLOESS, PM	25
ALLEN WESLEY SMITH III	6	ROBERT DE LUZURIAGA, PM	16	JAEAME INNEASS KOYIL	25
DIONISIO LOGINA DELA CRUZ, PM	6	JIMMY CHOW	16	CHRISTIAN EJVIND SORENSEN	28
EDUARD RASHOM MARCHESE	6	WILLIAM RAYMOND BECK	17	RONALD BASS RAGLAND, PM	28
KENNETH LBOVITZ	7	EMIL JOHN ANDRES ESTOLANO	17	ALEJANDRO C. MALTEZ	28
JOHN SHELDON GOTTSCHÉ	8	GERALD WALTER BODE, PM	21	MARK GREGORY FITZPATRICK	31
CYROUS NAVARRETE	9	GEORGE POON	22		
JUAN CESPEDES, PM	11	RENATO ALFONSO, PM	22		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

2025 Dues

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We certainly have much to be grateful for. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren once again for electing me as your Secretary.

The dues for 2025 is \$88.50. Here are some answers to common questions I've received about paying dues this year.

- **Why am I receiving a notice from the Grand Lodge?**

We are participating in the Grand Lodge's dues notification program, where they handle all the printing and mailing of notices. This service helps the Lodge save significantly on printing and postage costs.

- **Do I have to pay online?**

Not at all! While many brothers find paying online convenient, and even have the option to set up automatic payments or renew also for future years, you are always welcome to pay directly to the Lodge by check.

- **They're saying there's a processing fee for online payments.**

Yes, if you choose to pay by card, a small processing fee will be added. This fee goes directly to the credit card processor, and the Lodge receives the full amount of your dues. The Grand Lodge charges the Lodge nothing for this service.

- **Can I still pay with a check?**

Absolutely! If you prefer to pay by check, you should be receiving a printed mailer soon, which might include a return envelope for your convenience.

- **Will you be mailing out dues cards?**

Dues cards will be mailed upon request. Once your 2025 dues are paid, your new card will also be available online at www.freemason.org. You can download and print a valid copy, or access a digital version on your mobile device for identification purposes.

- **Dues have increased, and I'm unable to pay them right now. What should I do?**

Please reach out to me or the retention committee. If you're facing financial difficulties, we have the ability to remit (reduce or forgive) some or all of your dues. I'm happy to discuss this with you in confidence, so please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Don't risk losing your good standing in the Craft by ignoring your dues notice. We are here to help.


- **Is there something I haven't addressed?**

If you have any questions I haven't answered, feel free to reach out. I'm always happy to hear from you!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason Yen, P.M.
Secretary

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370



1905 2025

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of California

Cordially invites you & your guest to its
120th Annual Installation of Officers
For the ensuing Masonic Year
Saturday evening
December 14, 2024
4:00 P.M. at the Lodge

Brotherhood Masonic Center
855 Brotherhood way
San Francisco, California 94132

Dinner and Dancing to follow in the Main Hall

Please RSVP by December 6, 2024
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HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

- 1. Emblem of industry: _____
- 2. Emblem of a Well-Grounded Hope & a Well Spent Life: _____
- 3. Emblem of Human Life: _____
- 4. Emblem of Time: _____
- 5. Observes the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master: _____
- 6. Carries orders from East to the West: _____
- 7. Attends to all alarms at the door and see the lodge duly tiled: _____
- 8. Masonic Law: Landmark Third is this, explicitly: _____
- 9. Law: A belief in God as the Grand Architect of the universe: _____
- 10. Law: The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge: _____

Answers to NOVEMBER 2024 Trivia

- 1. Tool to try perpendiculars:
THE PLUMB
- 2. The Five Orders of Architecture:
TUSCAN, DORIC, IONIC, CORINTHIAN, & COMPOSITE
- 3. The beginning of all geometrical matter:
A POINT
- 4. Foundation of architecture & root of mathematics:
GEOMETRY
- 5. Receives the sound from the instructive tongue:
THE ATTENTIVE EAR
- 6. This is known to be a progressive moral science:
MASONRY
- 7. This proves horizontal:
THE LEVEL
- 8. Typically pointing to a Naked Heart:
THE TYLER'S SWORD
- 9. Typically guarded by the Tyler's Sword:
THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS
- 10. An emblem of a Pure Heart:
POT OF INCENSE

Answers will be posted in the **JANUARY 2025 Trestleboard!**

Can you name these Masons in the photo?
From NOVEMBER 2024 Trestleboard

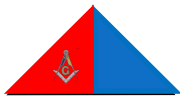


Answer: from L to R
Brother Jod'I Cruz
WB Danney Stiltner
Brother Jimmy Fowler

Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo?
Answer will be in the JANUARY 2025 Trestleboard





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Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe during this holiday season.

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.

Please visit our website at: www.cbl370.com to keep up to date with our lodge activities.

Jason Hui
Master 2024

