

# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

NOVEMBER 2020

## THIS MONTH

- November 4th, 2020 Stated meeting will be **VIRTUAL**. Look in your email for link to meeting.
- November 7th, 2020 virtual Hiram Award on Zoom is **CANCELLED**.

All Events and meetings are subject to change in the next few months

November 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.

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

## From the East

Greetings from the East,  
Hello Brethren and ladies,



Happy Thanksgiving to all! I hope that everyone is well and healthy.

I am excited that our Grand Lodge had passed and approved the resolution to conduct our stated meeting, special meeting, election and installation as a virtual meeting using Zoom. There will be no esoteric ritual. Like many changes in this pandemic, the virtual meetings will be new to us and can be a little challenging to some of our

brothers. We hope for normalcy soon, but are glad to be able to continue practicing our craft.

We are also celebrating The Hiram Award recipient this year: WB Dionisio Dela Cruz. We honor him for all his accomplishments and his journey in masonry. The Hiram Award is the Highest award in masonry in dedication of his hard work, service and continuing support to our lodge and in our ancient craft. Please support and attend the virtual Zoom meeting to be held on November 7th at 7:00 pm to join and witness this special moment!

The Month of November is the hour of all newly elected

officers for the ensuing Masonic year. I have no doubt that our new lodge officers are prepared to enter their new advance station. They are eager to continue building a strong, vibrant and harmonious Lodge for the year 2021. I hope to see you all in our November Stated Meeting by virtual zoom meeting. Please download the Zoom application using your phone or computer, and follow the Zoom link.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!



Fraternally,  
Renato Alfonso  
Master



## Stated Meeting via Zoom, Nov 4th

This month, we will be holding a virtual stated meeting. This has been sanctioned by Grand Lodge of California. Look for the link in your email. If you do not have access to a computer or need the link to the meeting, contact the Secretary or Asst. Secretary.

CMC Section 807.020 Good Standing Requirement. No motion will be entertained unless it was given to the secretary 2 weeks before the stated meeting. No member may make a motion, second a motion, speak on a motion or vote on a motion recommend anyone for membership or ballot on membership at a lodge meeting unless he is then a member of good standing of the lodge. He must have a current dues receipt will be verified by the tiler.



CBL #370 is committed to it's members and to Masonary through these hard times.

# From the West

Greetings Brethren,



Francis Feliciano  
Senior Warden



I hope you are all well and are healthy. This year has been full of surprises and an overabundance of limiting challenges that are hard to ignore. We have all been exposed to the effects of those challenges but we are resilient and we are persistent and we will overcome.

It is that time of the year when you will have the opportunity to elect the officers for the ensuing Masonic year. I do hope that you will take the time to vote in the lodge election. Of course, our na-

tion's election is nearly simultaneous with our lodge election so it would be hard to miss. Please don't forget to vote. It is our civic duty and moral obligation to ensure that those we place in power will look out for the best interest of our brethren and in regards to the national election, that the people we vote for will look after and care for the people as a whole, as a nation.

This year has been unique in a way that we have to adjust just about everything we have been so accustomed to doing. The effects of the pandemic forced us to find other ways to make things work for us. As such, this year's

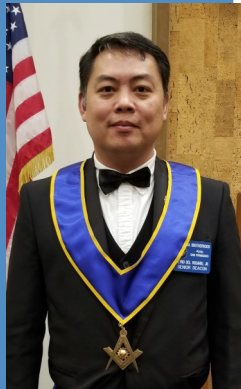
lodge election will be done virtually.

As the phoenix has been the symbol of San Francisco, having been burnt to ashes in the 1906 earthquake and many prevailing disasters after, the city was rebuilt, reborn, and each time re-emerging even more impressive than the last, overcoming a tragedy no one imagined can be done, so is the trowel a symbol of strength for us Freemasons, a symbol of our passion to rebuild, a symbol of our desire to build character and become reborn as better men.

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# From the South

Greetings from the South!



Reyno Del Rosario Jr.  
Junior Warden



"Happy Halloween! It's election time! "don't forget to vote", We just received from the grand lodge the guideline allowing us to start our stated meeting via virtual, we are going to have our first virtual stated meeting this month of November and we are setting up ours via ZOOM, please check your email for the link to the stated meeting and hopefully this month of November everyone will be a little busy individually there is Halloween, presidential election, lodge election and I hope everyone will have time to celebrate "Thanks giving" as normal as it could be and I pray that we continuing to stay safe, strong and healthy for our family during this of Pandemic. This COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of disruption in

our lives.

### Zoom Instructions for Participants Before a videoconference:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. You will receive notice for a videoconference or conference call from your committee analyst. The notification will include a link to "Join via computer" as well as phone numbers for a conference call option. It will also include the 9-digit (usually) Meeting ID/Password.

### To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join via

computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.

2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by computer."

You may also join a meeting without clicking on the invitation link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID/Password provided in the email.

Stay safe and healthy! Happy Thanks Giving!

Reyno Del Rosario  
Junior Warden

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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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# In Memoriam

## Brother James Smallin

Called from labor on Sunday, 25th of October.

He was originally a member of Columbia 388  
and a current member of Columbia 370



Bringing leading voices  
on Freemasonry to the fraternity.

# MASONIC SPEAKERS SERIES



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speakers

All live lectures are online, free,  
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Join the Masons of California for an exciting and entirely digital speakers' series featuring lectures and talks from Masonic experts on a range of topics. All events are totally free—to attend, simply register through the Grand Lodge of California Website. Spread the word about these informative online events.

# Restrictions on Masonic-Sponsored Meetings and Events During COVID-19

On March 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health released guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further notice.

On October 9, the Department updated its guidance to allow limited, outdoor social gatherings of no more than three households for durations of under two hours. This new guidance still effectively prohibits Masonic-sponsored meetings and events. The new guidance applies to all California counties, regardless of their current risk classification or risk tier.

It is, therefore, my direction that there be no in person Masonic-sponsored meetings or events of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me. This direction includes all Masonic Organizations and Masonic Youth Orders. None of our Masonic Organizations or Masonic Youth Orders may hold an in person Masonic-sponsored meeting or event of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me.

For the purposes of this directive, a

meeting or event shall be considered to be Masonic-sponsored unless it is organized and sponsored by an identifiable third party.

**Masonic Funeral and Burial Services**—If requested to conduct a Masonic funeral or burial services, you should contact the licensed funeral director for the service about your participation. If the licensed funeral director believes that the conduct of the funeral will qualify as an essential activity which you may attend, then members of lodges, Masonic organizations, and Masonic Youth Orders may attend and participate, but only in such numbers and with such social distancing and other precautions as the licensed funeral director for the service shall determine.

**Participation in Non-Masonic-Sponsored Events** This decision does not prohibit masons or members of Masonic Organizations and Youth Orders from attending events that are not sponsored by a lodge, hall, Masonic Organization or Youth Order. For example, members of a Job's Daughter's Bethel may attend a church service that is permitted in their county in accordance

with the guidelines set forth for that activity. Another example, members of a Rainbow Assembly may attend a volunteer day of service at a soup kitchen or food bank that is permitted in their county in accordance with the guidelines set forth for that activity. Further, this decision does not prohibit a lodge or hall association from aiding the community. For example, a hall may allow American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive on its premises and lodge members may volunteer to help American Red Cross.

This decision shall have no further force or effect after my term as Grand Master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Arthur H. Weiss

Grand Master



## 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](http://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 and you can 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



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

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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 Message from the West

And so we continue to steer steadfast in our goals and our mission, ensuring that

Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, Free and Accepted Masons, remains exuberant and accessible to our members even during these trying times so that when we are back to being operational, we would not have lost too much ground. Although challenging, I believe that we as a lodge have

been operating successfully, remotely.

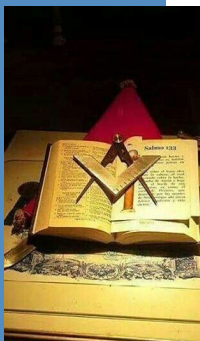
We have a steady pool of potential candidates and future brothers. We also have several brothers waiting patiently to progress in their Masonic journey and rest assured that as soon as we receive the green light from the powers that be, we will go full steam ahead in conducting their degrees. This is testimony that Freemasonry is alive.

I look forward to the day that the insanity subsides and the pandemic eradicated. For now however, let's remain safe and healthy. It will get better.

Brother Francis Feliciano  
 Senior Warden



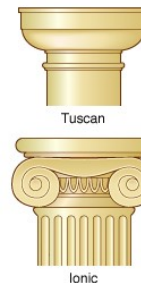
Maintaining  
 the lodge



# Richmond Masonic Temple Co.

**Temple Board**

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- Jim Guerrero .....Vice President
- James Gonzales .....Secretary
- Carlos Suncin .....Treasurer
- Phillip Busalacchi ..... Member
- Bruce Lyons.....Member
- Richard San Mames .....Member



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# A Blast from the Past

by Brother Francis Feliciano,  
Senior Warden

I had the pleasure of having email reciprocations with Worshipful Brother Paul Johns, PM, (1981 and 2004). He was initiated in 1974 at Starr King Lodge No. 344 and he recalls having an impressively dense line of men on both sides of the altar when he took his solemn obligation, most righteous and impressive and does make the candidate feel special and important.

He wishes that there were ways to increase attendance in the present day degree work as they did back then. He posited that everything was done in the long form and that a whole lot of effort went into putting those degrees together back then and although it has become the norm, due to certain situations where travel is now an issue, doing the short form has become a necessity and frankly quite acceptable.

He was the Master of Brotherhood in 2004 and started looking into a merger

then because there were about 350 dues paying members but sadly, only a handful of active members dedicated in doing the work. Brotherhood Lodge merged with Columbia Lodge the following year.

I should remember to mention the history of where Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge got its name. Worshipful Johns may have had reservations about the name Columbia, a tribute to the NASA tragedy, and that the name change was due and was planned to be changed because the space craft tragically burned on it's return to earth in 2003, the name however stuck and remains today. The illustration of the rocket was and still is part of the original Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge Logo we still sport today.

Worshipful Johns further explained that Brotherhood Lodge got the name after the main Lodge, Richmond, moved here, our present day lodge, after constructing the building. The story goes that there were a couple of Lodges merging prior to the move and some had reservations

about calling the newly merged lodge by any particular name. Worshipful Bill James, Sr. suggested that it be called Brotherhood until the terms could be reached but was not changed so the name stuck and became Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge.

It should also be noted that Brotherhood Way was named as such at the suggestion of a Judge that was a Starr King member and a Masonic member of the Greek Church.

Worshipful Johns owned a print shop when he joined, became a contractor for a few years and then a realtor. He spends most of his time in Sacramento and is proud that he does not have to work as hard as he used to.

A word of encouragement, I so appreciate, especially coming from a legend, that being Master can be very rewarding.

## November Birthdays

Alfred		De La rosa	III	Edward		Lee		Harry	Chester	Rogers
Frank	Norman	Doodha	Jr.	John	M.	Lewkowitz		Moises	S.	Alfred
Roy	Maron	Eidson		Amado	Sagadraca	Logan	Jr.	Paul	Berthold	Frank
Julio	Mario	Esquivel		Bruce	Kenneth	Lyons		Paul	John	Roy
Francis	San Juan	Feliciano		Illya	Jon	Mc Camant		Kevin	Morgan	Julio
William	Joseph	Gay		Romarico		Miranda		Herleiv	Ingvar	Francis
William	Christopher	James		John	Joseph	Murphy	Jr.	Glenn	Jacinto	William
Kenneth	Wayne	Jewell		King	Man	Ng		Millard	Dale	William
Torgeir		Kateraas		Paul	David	Pietroski		Cliford	Anthony	Kenneth
				Gary	Nelson	Pittman				

# November Special Information



November is the time of National elections and elections within our lodge. During our November, virtual, stated meeting we will elect the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary and our

newly elected Master will appoint the Chaplain, Assistant Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshal, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, and Tiler. All will serve as lodge officers for the ensuing masonic year,

and the elected officers' duties are described by the Lodge Administration Course manual as follows:

## Master

The Master is the lodge's highest-ranking officer, similar to a president or chairman. He presides over business meetings, degree conferrals, and all lodge programs; appoints the officers and committees; and has final word over the actions of the lodge. Since this is a larger job than one man alone can perform well, he is expected to delegate many responsibilities to the officer line. A delegation

best practice is using an executive committee in governing the lodge. The executive committee brings together the elected officers and others as needed to ensure the lodge is well governed. This helps prepare the Master's successor to take the office with the support of his fellow officers and ensure the lodge's culture and values are well preserved.

It is the duty of the Master to ensure that the lodge functions to the best of its ability. This includes providing direction and mentoring to its officers, and in the rare occasion of an officer

failing to qualify or neglecting his duties, the Master shall remove him from office. He appoints the Audit and Member Retention Committees at the stated meeting immediately following his installation, and ensure they function well throughout the year. Each month the Master attests to the minutes read by the secretary, as a permanent record of the lodge. Finally, he provides for the installation of his successor as his final act in office. If a lodge has sole membership in a Masonic hall association, the Master is automatically a member of the board of direc-

tors and he must attend those meetings and vote on all matters before that board.

The Master's Decisions:

- May not be appealed to the lodge

- A member may present an objection a Master's decision to the Grand Master

His vote:

- Counts as a regular vote in all matters
- Counts as the final decision in case of a tie

## Senior Warden

Besides being the second-in-command, in many lodges the senior warden is responsible for the education of the candidates, and [he] devotes significant time to planning the succeeding year when he might serve as Master. In the absence of the Master, the senior warden assumes the Master's duties.

Candidate coaching is an important and rewarding aspect of lodge work. The senior warden should try to match candidates and coaches who have similar learning styles, interests, and schedules or appoint a head candidate coach to do that for him. He should check in with the coaches and candidates regularly, and report to the execu-

tive committee on their progress, so that degrees can be scheduled.

In preparing to be Master, the senior warden starts work with the treasurer and executive committee to plan a budget early – understanding a lodge's finances will help prepare a senior warden for the future. He should begin to approach members for committee roles and appointed officer positions. When appointing members, it is important to consider:

- Assigning members not just to the "next roll up," but to the areas of lodge life that are important to them,
- How to re-engage those who have not been active in a while, and
- Engaging those who are the future leaders of the lodge.
- If a lodge has sole membership in a Masonic hall association, the senior warden is automatically a member of the board of directors and he must attend those meetings and vote on all matters before that board.



# Junior Warden

The junior warden is responsible for the well-being of the brethren while the lodge is at ease, or refreshment, which means he's often in charge of arranging social events and meals for the lodge, usually with the assistance of the stewards. He often leads Masonic education, also.

In planning social events, prioritize activities that reflect the lodge's unique identity, culture, and traditions, and that encourage the type of member bonds that lead to lifelong fellowship. Sometimes a lodge will offer complimentary refreshments before meetings and degrees.... The junior warden's station is often in the progressive line of the lodge, so the junior warden should

be preparing himself to be the Master of the lodge. The preparation includes learning the work and lectures of the three degrees, observing the traditions and customs of the lodge that are part of its regular program, and engaging thoroughly in the business of the lodge through the executive committee.

## Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for keeping, accounting for, disbursing, and transferring all money, properties, and assets of the lodge except those entrusted to the trustees.

His ongoing duties include:

- Receiving money from the secretary
- Paying bills once they've been signed by the Master, countersigned by the secretary, and approved by the lodge (this

information is captured either in lodge minutes or on an order sheet)

- Keeping a set of books for all payments received and disbursements made (income and expenses)
- Keeping a list of liabilities: money that must be paid out (bills) and debts
- Keeping a list of assets, including all lodge property and paraphernalia, for insurance purposes

In February, after books have been finalized for the previous calendar year and the new Mas-

ter's term has begun, the treasurer must deliver an annual report of lodge finances for the preceding year. In August, he must deliver a semi-annual report to the lodge on its financial holdings and how income and expenses compare to the year's budget.

Annually the treasurer files the Form 990 and 199 to the government by May 15. This task may also be performed by the Grand Lodge Financial Services, if the lodge is using Intacct and requested by the lodge....

*“ Keeping a set of books for all payments received and disbursements made “*

## Secretary

The secretary is akin to a chief administrative officer, responsible for administrative matters and the day-to-day affairs of the lodge.

The secretary's ongoing duties include:

- Recording and archiving meeting minutes
- Consistently updating “iMember” with member information, including contact information, degree dates, affiliations and the dates of withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, and restorations
- Keeping and archiving by laws, tiler's register and a copy of the CMC
- Keeping an account book for money paid to the lodge (however, the secretary does not keep a full set of financial books: that is the treasurer's responsibility)
- Reporting all transactions and turning over money received to the treasurer
- Corresponding to members and new candidate petitions
- Corresponding with other lodges and the Grand Lodge
- Notifying applicants of election or rejection
- Sending out annual dues notices and receiving dues payments
- Maintaining membership records
- Helping the Master organize meetings
- Attending to miscellaneous duties [such as ...] keeping the lodge seal

The secretary submits the semi-annual membership report to the lodge in August for the first half of the year, and the annual report in February for the entire previous year. (These reports include starting membership, gains and losses, counts of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, suspensions for non-payment of dues, and dues remissions.)

  
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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 November calendar events will still be cancelled.

Our stated meeting for the month of November will be held online. The Grand Lodge of California has authorized virtual gatherings. More information of masonic gatherings will be sent via email and posted on our website. Please look for the link sent out through Signup Genius.

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



Thank you and stay healthy.

Master 2020  
Renato Alfonso



Masonic Quotes  
It Is The Desire  
To Serve  
That Makes a Great  
Leader,  
Not the Desire To Rule

