



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge no.370 F&AM

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T R E S T L E B O A R D

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THIS MONTH

- April 1, 2020
Stated meeting is
CANCELLED
- April 6, 2020
Temple Board
meeting is
CANCELLED
- April 11, 2020
Blood Drive is
CANCELLED
- April 13, 2020
Masonic Formation
Class: Check web-
site
- April 15, 2020
2nd Degree Confer-
ral
6:00pm
Location: CBL #370
- April 29th, 2020
1st Degree Confer-
ral
6:00pm
location: CBL#370

Please check our web-
site and your email for
changes to the sched-
ule.

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From the East

Greetings from the East,

Hello Brethren and Sisters,

I hope everybody is well and healthy. Happy Easter to all! April represents a new beginning of wisdom, hope and beauty. We are all affected by the COVID-19 crisis. We cancelled our Stated meeting for the month of April due to the order by San Francisco Health officials to Shelter-In-Place.

We will continue to keep you updated for any changes to future Lodge events and schedules. Thank you to our co-chairman Brother Bruce Lyons for his hard work to organize our Blood Drive.

Thank you to those who signed up to donate blood, and save lives. I also want to

thank Worshipful Donnie Dela Cruz who gave the Masonic funeral service and all the Brothers who came and sup-



ported and gave their respects and condolences to the family of our departed Brother Worshipful David A. Bier.

Our Monday formation class is working hard for the proficiencies of all our candidates. We have second degree conferral

for Brother Branden Caraway on April 15th, and a first degree conferral for Mr. Jimmy Fowler on April 29th. Please come and support our candidates in their journey in freemasonry. I hope that you and your families remain safe and healthy during this time.

During this trying time, if you need assistance, please contact our secretary by email or telephone to have a brother assist.

Note: Masonic Public School Visit was canceled and will be rescheduled

Fraternally,
Renato Alfonso
Master



March Stated Meeting



Thank you for the brothers who stepped in as a substitute for absent officers for the meeting.

From the West

In light of safety concerns and the struggle to contain the pandemic of COVID-19, city, state, federal, as well as our Grand Lodge officials deems it necessary to suspend social, in our case fraternal, activities unless absolutely essential and necessary. That being said, it is wiser to follow the advise of the experts to protect our fraternity and our families, thus, there will not be an April Stated Meeting.

We will give you updates as they become available. I believe that as long as there is a constant flow of information, we may better function in our personal as well as our fraternal lives.

Our lodge is strong because of the bond we have with each other. If you or a brother are having difficulties during these trying times, please reach out to any of the lodge officers and we

will do what we can to provide relief.

We will resume conferrals during the last half of April barring the continuation of the shelter in place order.

I wish all a healthy and safe travels when called to work and during your refreshments and slumber when at home.

In due time, we will all return to the lodge.

Fraternally yours,



Francis Feliciano
Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings from the South!

Due to the COVID-19 I just want to INFORM you that all our events such as degrees and stated meeting will be officers only for now, Other event" blood drive" might be on hold . Please check with the chairman. Here's a few public recommendation from S F Public Health

Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - o 60 years old and older.
 - o People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
 - o People who are pregnant or were pregnant in the last two weeks.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings (of 10 people or more) unless it is essential. If you can telecommute, you should. Avoid people who are sick.

Everyone: Be responsible and do your part

The best way for all San Franciscans to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- You have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor
- Your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.
- You can also prepare for the possible disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:
 - Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
 - Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
 - Prepare a child care plan if you or a care giver are sick.
 - Make arrangements about how your family will manage a school closure.
 - Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
 - Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequent-



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Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Home Program

You know the good that our Home in Union City will provides to aged Brothers and Sisters, however this takes money. You can help by just attending 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!

Committees

Sunshine Committee

"Our ailing Brothers would very much appreciate your calls and visits. Let them know you care." Let us know about any member who is ill.

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Our Fraternity's Promise to One Another



Gary Charland, PM
President and CEO
Masonic Homes of California

These are, clearly, exceptional times. Our fraternal bonds are never more important than they are right now, as we grapple with the COVID-19 health emergency.

As you know, all non-essential gatherings are postponed or cancelled until further notice. Further, a large portion of our fraternity's brothers, their widows, and our Masonic Homes residents belong to the over-65 age cohort most vulnerable to COVID-19. As a fraternity, we are in a unique position to fulfill the obligation that all Masons take to provide relief to each other in hard times.

Supporting our elderly members and widows during this uncertain time doesn't require any special heroism—even a simple phone call can be transformative. For the elderly, widows, or those living alone, the impacts of COVID-19 aren't just about respiratory health. The social cost of isolation and depression can be just as significant as any other symptom. By staying in touch with your brothers and their families, we can help each other fend off those feelings of loneliness, and, in the process, demonstrate the enormous value of our fraternity.

As a Mason and as a proud leader of the Masonic Homes of California, I urge all Masons to help support our elderly Masonic family members:

- **REACH OUT:** Along with fellow members of your lodge, reach out to your brothers and widows, particularly the elderly and those living alone, to make sure they are healthy, safe, and have access to any urgent necessities. Keeping physical distance doesn't mean we can't be there for one another.

- **LEND A HAND:** Please take the social-distancing guidelines seriously, but where you can offer help, please do. That might mean checking with elderly members before you go to the grocery store to see if you can pick up any food, toiletries, or medication they might need. (And then leave it on the porch.) Or it might mean walking an older member through setting up a video-calling application on their phone so they can Skype or video call with family members.

- **STAY IN TOUCH:** The longer people are asked to hunker down, the greater the feelings of social isolation and loneliness can get—especially for those living alone. Getting a phone call, email, or text mes-

sage from a fellow Mason can go a long way toward fighting those negative feeling—and reminds us all that our brotherhood is strong. Finally, I want to assure you that at the Masonic Homes, Masonic Outreach Services and the Masonic Center for Youth and Families, we're doing everything in our power to ensure our residents' and clients continued health.

This outbreak is leading to a virtually unprecedented mobilization of support services—although not entirely without precedent in Masonic history. In 1850, during the horrific cholera outbreak in Sacramento that killed nearly 1,000 people (out of a city population of about 8,000), Masons and Odd Fellows rallied to help their brethren and their community by funding the construction of an emergency charity hospital in Fort Sutter. To this day, it may likely be the most important, rapid, and generous action in the California fraternity's history.

The situation today is, thankfully, not nearly so dire. Still, Masons in 2020 take the same obligation as their forebearers to provide relief. This is an important time to put that obligation into action. Thank you and be safe.

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Master's Trip: Cruise

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Cruise Chairman: Donnie Dela Cruz

800-989-9000
Ask for Peter x203

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.

Dues are now due. If you had a problem with mailing the payments, please bring payment to the stated meeting. The dues are \$73.00 per year.

We had some issues with the printer who was responsible for the printing of the dues cards. The issue had recently been resolved and the cards will be mailed shortly. Once the cards are printed and ready for mailing, your payment checks will be cashed.

Secretary - Armando Telles

Candidates Corner

Masonic Formation Class members are progressing in their Masonic experiences by applying for membership within our lodge and or by passing their proficiencies. Brendan Caraway completed his Entered Apprentice (EA) proficiency on March 4, 2020. Gerardo Calderon completed the verbal portion of his Fellow craft (FC) proficiency. Vladimir Samokhin was elected 11/9/2019, was initiated an EA Mason on 2/28/2020, and is progressing with his EA proficiency. Jimmy Fowler was elected 3/4/2020 to receive the degrees of Masonry in our lodge and Darren Valle's application was read on 2/5/2020. We look forward to Jimmy's initiation and hope you will value Darren as we do and elect him to receive the degrees of masonry. The coaches and degree teams are excited about working with these energetic, committed candidates, and will continue working with them when it is safe to gather again. We wish you and yours good health and look forward seeing you again when it is safe to do so.

Bro. James Gonzales

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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CBL 370 History

How did it begin?



Thank you for a great response from brothers who stepped up to offer their story. Please continue to submit anything you have.

Pictures are definitely welcome, but a story is well worth more than a picture, so please share.

Please contact Brother Jason Hui, our Junior Deacon, to give him pictures that you have stored away and or offer a few paragraphs from your memory on how a couple of old lodges came together to form Columbia Brotherhood. Or any other trivia you have of our lodge.

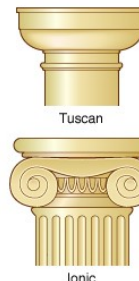
Thank you and lets save our history.

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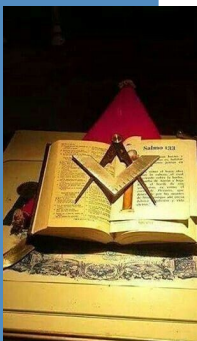


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**Overseeing
 the lodge**



Grand Lodge

On March 16, the California Department of Public Health released new guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department has found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is provided. **All Masonic gatherings are non-essential in the context of this guidance.**

The state and counties are issuing "shelter in place" orders, directing everyone in those counties to stay inside their homes and away from others as much as possible while the order is in effect. They may leave their homes only to provide or receive certain essential goods or

services, engage in certain essential activities or work for essential business and government services. All Masonic gatherings are also non-essential in the context of these shelter in place orders.

It is the Grand Lodge's direction that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from the Grand Master. As a result of these actions, no lodge can hold a stated meeting to pay its bills, and there is no clear remedy in our law to solve this problem. The Grand Master did note CMC \$403.095 which allows the elected officers of Grand Lodge to conduct the essential business of the Grand Lodge if a competent state or national authority prohibits an Annual Communication.

Special Procedure for Lodges
Effective today, a majority of the elected officers of the lodge may order the advancement of lodge funds to pay those essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred.

- The elected lodge officers may confer by telephone, video conference, or email in making this determination.
- Expenditures by the lodge charity committee are an essential lodge bill for which payment should not be deferred.
- ♦ The lodge must ratify these payments at the next stated meeting held by the lodge.

DATE
TBD
10AM-3PM

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE #370

By order of the Grand Lodge of California and to adhere to the recent rules issued by the state of California to help combat the spread of Covid 19, The blood drive has been postponed.

Thank you to all who volunteered. A later date will be announced as the situation changes.

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REGISTER
NOW

To make an appointment, visit vitalant.org and click donate. Use your unique sponsor code: Brotherhood or contact Bruce Lyons at 415.309.0495

April Birthdays

Froilan	Acosta	Ancheta	Alexander	Lopez	Ellescas	Robert	Raymond	Nelson
Gay	F.	Baldwin	Ismail	Hakki	Erdemli	Richard		San Mames
Markos		Balopoulos	Milorad	Veljko	Golubovich	William	Howard	Shaw
Chris	Arthur	Beckman	Norman	Irvin	Krug	Jeffery	Michael	Souza
Ariel	Cirineo	Belisario	Benson		Lau	Ronald	Lloyd	Swanson
Russell	Stewart	Breed	Thomas		Leon	James	B.	Sword
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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 April calendar events will resume unless specified. However, our stated meeting for the month of April will be cancelled. This also includes the officers.

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 Quote



*“What we have
done for ourselves
alone, dies with
us; what we have
done for others
and the world,
remains and is
immortal”*

Brother
Albert Pike

