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APRIL 2023

THIS MONTH

APRIL 1

*Blood Drive

APRIL 3 (6 PM)

*Board of Trustees Meeting

APRIL 5 (6 PM)

*Stated Meeting

*Golden Veteran Award

APRIL 10

*Masonic Formation Class

APRIL 12 (6 PM)

*Degree Practice

*Officer's Quarterly Meeting

APRIL 17 (6 PM)

*Masonic Formation Class

APRIL 18 (6 PM)

*DSOI (Hosted by Cal 1)

APRIL 22 (6 PM)

*Past Master Degree Planning

APRIL 24 (6 PM)

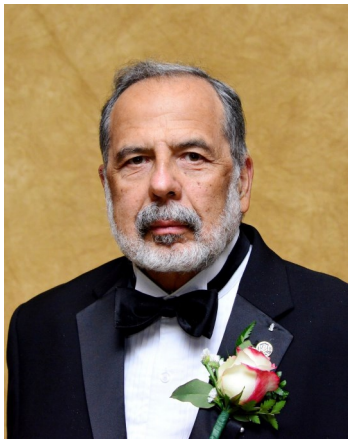
*Temple Board Meeting

APRIL 26 (6 PM)

*Degree Conferral

From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Sisters,

Having entered the spring season and a period during which people of various cultures celebrate a time of spiritual reflection, renewal, rebirth, gratitude, and improvement; I send you greetings from the East and wishes for success in whatever renewal and reflection process you practice.

Our March activities started with our March 1st stated meeting during which in addition to our typical activities, those present shared a traditional Irish meal of bacon and colcannon; were treated to the talents of the Murphy Irish dancers; observed DeMolay Past Master Councilor, Nick Bonnin, deliver the DeMolay, Ceremony-of-Light Lecture highlighting the

organization's seven cardinal virtues of filial love, comradeship, fidelity, reverence, cleanness, courtesy, and patriotism; and listened to a presentation by Nancy Christensen, Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughter Bethel 37.

During the past years Columbia Brotherhood has made monthly contributions to these organizations, so in observation of the California Grand Lodge March theme in support of Masonic Youth Orders Month our Lodge's 2023 contribution was presented to the representatives of DeMolay and Job's Daughters Bethel 37. Our thanks go out to these organizations for the work they do in our community and to Nick Bonnin, Past Master Councilor; DJ Bonnin, Junior Councilor; Pat Bonnin, Advisor; and Tom Steig, Advisor representing DeMolay and to Nancy Christensen representing Job's Daughters for join-

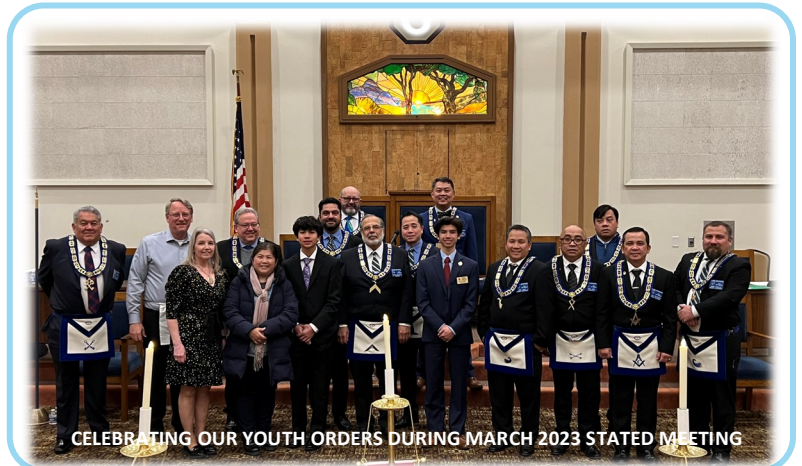
ing in and contributing to our stated meeting activities.

As many of you know, WB David Volkoff ended his earthly endeavors February 17th. He was laid to rest on Friday, March 3, and over thirty of our brothers attended the chapel and cemetery ceremonies. Our prayers go out to Sister Sally and the family she and WB David created. Our thanks go out to WB Dionisio and WB Reyno Del Rosario for serving as Master and Chaplain administering these services and to our brothers for being present at these ceremonies and for supporting WB David's family and our Masonic family.

Masonic Formation Class Meetings were held on March 5th and 20th, during which participants discussed questions about a variety of Masonic con-

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CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH ORDERS DURING MARCH 2023 STATED MEETING

From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

Greetings Brethren,

The Fellowcraft proficiency on March 8th went very well and we congratulate Brothers Osama Muqatash and Gerardo Calderon for passing. It looks like we will be having a Master Mason degree in the near future so be prepared to contribute where you can. This sublime degree is the most important of all the degrees we can bestow upon our brothers. You will have the necessary lead-time for scheduling so please do your best to set aside the time.

Many in our noble fraternity talk about life after the 3rd degree. In fact, many brag about being a **32nd Degree Mason**, a **Knights Templar**, or a **Noble of the Mystic Shrine**. Many of our family members do the same; bragging about the father, brother, grandfather, etc., of these achievements. And there are still other

titles I am leaving out of this introduction.

I am not here to bring down or degrade the mysteries revealed or goals achieved in Masonry's appendant bodies. I am, myself, a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite.

Many will get so involved with these bodies, they tend to forget their **Blue Lodge**. While some arrive in the blue lodge to move on to these bodies ASAP, most of us join Masonry for its own intrinsic benefits, no matter what those benefits are to us. Remember there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason. It is in this sublime degree where we are given the tools to be better men.

Most importantly, there would be no **Shrine**, **Scottish Rite**, **York Rite**, etc., without the Blue Lodge. NONE of this exists if Masonry is not there. The lodge is where a man is vetted, where

WE pass on the lessons learned from those that have come this way before, and where the bond of **Brotherly Love** starts.

So please don't forget about your Blue Lodge. We want to see you on the sidelines—yes, sideline spectating IS part of the Masonic Journey. It is what cements us into one common mass and where we learn from each other during fellowship dinners.

This is not to trifle with your person or feelings; we all have very busy lives between family, vocations, vacations, and other commitments. It is rather an argument for thought, to reflect upon where we all started our journey, and to see if you too (and your family) can join us for a dinner/meeting/outing.

I want to highlight a quote for

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings brethren and friends.

April is upon us, and we have several opportunities to gather starting with our Blood Drive which will take place on April 1st at the lodge. We will provide some food and refreshments so please stop by and make a blood donation. Lately, there has been quite a shortage of blood so your donation will be much appreciated.

This will be followed by the April Stated Meeting and will be a special event as Brother

James Dillion will be acknowledged with his Golden Veteran award recognizing his 50-year journey as a Mason. Dinner options will be salmon, steak, or vegan. We will also be enjoying Crème brûlée for dessert. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

We will also hold other practices and possibly some degree conferals along with a couple of MFC classes. Invites for degrees will be sent via Signup Genius. And please reach out to any of the

officers if you'd like to attend a degree practice or an MFC and they will be happy to provide you with the necessary information.

Fraternally,

Anil Awasti
Junior Warden



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HAPPY
EASTER.

From the West

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this month;

...and fellow Mason "I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States." -

Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the United States

Jason Hui
Senior Warden



EVENTS



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

Brotherhood Masonic Center
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

Please join your fellow Masons to give Blood.

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GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD

Honoring

Brother James Anthony Dillon

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

During our April Stated Meeting

For Reservations/ Information, Contact:

Brother Anil Awasti: awastianil@gmail.com / 415 846.7129

Or through Sign-up Genius



April 2023 Birthdays

Michael	Eugene	Williams	04/01	William	John	Mason	04/11
Jeffery	Michael	Souza	04/02	Robert	Raymond	Nelson	04/11
Markos		Balopoulos	04/03	Froilan	Acosta	Ancheta	04/14
Richard		San Mames	04/03	Norman	Irvin	Krug	04/19
Allan	Mitchell	Young	04/04	Timothy	Roy	Curren	04/21
Eric	Hapin	De Jesus	04/05	Andrew	Frank	Kerr	04/23
Alexander	Lopez	Ellescas	04/05	William	Arthur	Nichols	04/23
Ronald	Lloyd	Swanson	04/05	Benson		Lau	04/28
Chris	Arthur	Beckman	04/06	Donald	Edwin	Bohn	04/29
Thomas		Leon	04/08	Milorad	Veljko	Golubovich	04/29
Peter	Ray	Engel	04/09				
Russell	Stewart	Breed	04/11				



From the East

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cepts including Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft tracing boards and symbols which appear on them, second degree concepts, Masonic Youth Orders, and Master and Warden retreats.

Our officers' team has been practicing the Third-Degree conferral and prior to the practice on March 8th three Fellow Crafts attended to practice their second-degree proficiency work, the officers tiled the lodge for the purpose of examination, and they heard proficiencies two of our Fellow Crafts. Please congratulate Brothers Osama Muqatash and Gerardo Calderon when you next see them on completing their proficiencies for the degree of Fellow Craft Mason.

The officers of San Francisco No. 120 hosted the Officers Columbia Brotherhood No. 370 and California 1 on March 16 for this month's district school of instruction (DSOI) during which the WB Alan Nubla, inspector of the 141st masonic district shared the latest input from the Grand lodge including a discussion about the upcoming ceremonial competition, Golden Veteran ceremonies and retention committee activities. After these discussions, the San Francisco No. 120 officers demonstrated the first degree conferral ceremony.

Our lodge participated as a sponsor for the American Canyon Lodge's Second annual golf tournament, several of our members attended the Hiram Award for WB Reynaldo B. Harrold, Inspector of the 143rd district, and many of our brothers along with brothers from California 1 gath-

ered for a Casino Night event. Thanks go out to Brother Anil Awasti, Worshipful Master Jon Chan, Nina Chavez and her team for planning and executing this event, Thanks go out to Worshipful Master Jon Chan and our brothers in Cal 1 for joining with Columbia Brotherhood in hosting this event, and to all who participated for making the event a success.

On March 27, our brother James Anthony Dillon celebrated his 50th year as a Master Mason. A Golden Anniversary ceremony celebrating this achievement is planned on Wednesday, April 5th. Please reach out to Brother James to congratulate him on this achievement, and please plan to attend this event

According to its mission statement, "The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors."¹

Columbia Brotherhood will host an American Red Cross blood drive at our lodge on April 1st between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. According to [giving blood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=94132), three lives can be saved per pint of blood given. If you are able, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=94132> and sign up for one of the open blood donation appointments, and please thank Brother Bruce Lyons for spearheading this effort to make a difference in the lives of many.

Several members of our lodge are planning to attend California

Lodge No.1's April 4th Stated Meeting to support and become more familiar with our neighbor lodge. If you are interested in participating, please contact a member of the officer's team on or before April 1 to reserve for this meeting.

Prior to our April Stated Meeting Dinner, we will gather for the Golden Veteran award ceremony for Brother James Anthony Dillon who celebrated 50 years as a Master Mason on March 27. WB Allan Nubla, Inspector of the 141st Masonic District will officiate this ceremony as the representative of the California Grand Lodge.

Do you ever think about your upcoming or past proficiency work, about lodge etiquette, about officers' duties? Masonic Formation Class meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 10th and Monday, April 17th at the lodge and via Zoom. Please join Brother Jim Guerrero for planned discussions including lodge etiquette, officer duties, Masonic Family services, and individual proficiency work.

We are planning a quarterly meeting on April 12 to update the schedule and to check in with each other. Please feel free to reach out to any of the officers if there are any issues or concerns which you would like discussed during this meeting.

The officers of California No 1 will host the April District School of instruction on Tuesday, April 18. After WB Alan Nubla briefs those present, the officers of California No 1 will demonstrate additional work and activities associated with the first-degree conferral.

During the month of April, several of our past masters, our officers coach,

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FROM THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL JAMES GONZALEZ

Dionisio Dela Cruz, and WB George Wade will plan the 2023 Past Master-Degree Conferral. I would like to thank our officers coach and our past masters who make up the Past-Master's degree team and who are willing to share their time and talent in the preparation and conduct of the 2023 degree, and special thanks go out to WB George Wade for assembling this team, to WB Dionisio Dela Cruz and WB George Wade for planning the degree and to WB Orlando Arce for support and coordination efforts. Please reach out to these brothers to acknowledge their work and please plan to attend this degree tentatively planned for May 2023.

Regarding degrees, the line officers' degree team has tentative plans for a degree at the end of the month of April. Please watch for notices of this degree and plan to attend to support the candidate and officers.

On the administrative side, 2023 Dues were due in January, but up to 56 members have not yet paid their dues. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please visit the grand lodge website at <https://freemason.org/> to submit your payment or send a check to our secretary, WB Jason Yen. If you have any questions about this process or if you need assistance, please contact any of the officers or Retention Committee Members Richard San Mames and James Guerrero.

Our lodge roster has nominally 300 members, but many of them are not active participants in our lodge functions. If you know a members or widows who you have not seen recently, please reach out to them to check on their welfare. If you do and you have any news to report about their welfare or their needs, please Contact WB Ron Ragland, chairman of our sunshine committee or one of

the officers. Thank you in advance for your efforts in checking in on members we have not seen for a while.

May we always act by the plumb, meet on the level, and live by the Square.

Fraternally yours,
James Gonzalez, WM

¹ American Red Cross Mission Statement, American Red Cross <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/who-we-are/mission-and-values.html>, 3/12/2023, 2023 The American National Red Cross



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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.

JAMES GONZALEZ
Master 2023

