



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER

- SEPTEMBER 3
- STATED MEETING
- SEPTEMBER 6
- HIRAM AWARD
- SEPTEMBER 8 & 22
- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS
- SEPTEMBER 17
- DSOI HOSTED BY CBL
- SEPTEMBER 19
- OPERA EVENT
- SEPTEMBER 24
- DEGREE CONFERRAL
- SEPTEMBER 27
- PAST MASTERS' DINNER DANCE

OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 1
- STATED MEETING
- OCTOBER 13 & 27
- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS
- OCTOBER 16
- DSOI HOSTED BY SF120
- OCTOBER 18
- BLACK & WHITE BALL
- OCTOBER 22
- OFFICER PROFICIENCY PRACTICE
- OCTOBER 24 -26
- CA GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMM MTG
- OCTOBER 29
- DEGREE CONFERRAL

SAVE THE DATE

- NOVEMBER 19
- DEGREE CONFERRAL
- DECEMBER 13
- OFFICER INSTALLATION



From the East



Worshipful Master, Anil Awasti

Brethren and Friends,

As we celebrate the Labor Day holiday and anticipate the "circumpunct" between the Holy Saints Johns, I send you heartfelt greetings from the East.

As early as the 14th century documents like the Regis poem address labor relationships between workers and project owners or overseers of the work.

Celebration of our fellow laborers, their contributions to our workforce and concepts like safety, child labor, and appropriate wages and workdays officially celebrated "Labor Day" as the federal holiday in 1894.

The "circumpunct," which

can also refer to a point in a circle, has ancient origins, and has symbolized different nuances in Freemasonry. It can be used to symbolize an individual and his respectful relationship with those around him bound by the holy writings and by examples provided by the Holy Saints John whose feast days are celebrated in June and December. This period has been called a moment of equilibrium in the Earth's balance and can serve as point of reflection and change -- A point when we can look at our behavior toward ourselves and each other to see if we are behaving in accordance with the holy writings, examples of the Holy Saints John and in accordance with the charges of our institution. It is

recommended that when we interact with each other we avoid the assumption that we know what the other person is thinking or assume he is culpable of any wrong-doing or inappropriate intentions.

On July 4th, about twenty members of our lodge participated in the Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, and during the August Stated Meeting we received word that they won first prize in their area of participation and received a check. My thanks to all who joined me during this event and to WB Dionisio Dela Cruz for planning and coordinating this event.

Right Worshipful Garrett Chan, Deputy Grand Master of the California Grand Lodge, joined us at our August Stated

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From the West

Senior Warden, Bruce Lyons



Hello Brothers, family, and friends:

Hope your summer has been fun and relaxing, and your kids are ready to start the new school year. Time flies and before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us.

August saw two MFC classes conducted by our class leader and head coach WB James Gonzalez. The class is going strong, and I see some future Masters and officers coming from the class. Come and join one Monday night and impart some of your knowledge to the new guys. We would love to have you. Our prospects are always

interested in meeting more masons and learning from them.

We did not have a degree in August, but we do expect to raise Brother Corey Dussault to the sublime degree of Master Mason in September. And we hope to have other conferrals soon.

In a recent search for an article about our principles of Freemasonry, I happened upon a website, MasonicFind.com: Masonic Knowledge & Community.

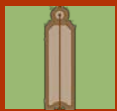
This is a community of Masons who contribute to the site to further a brother's masonic journey and allow for non-masons to learn more about our craft. I suggest you consider

visiting the site to learn a little more about Free-masonry and improve your adventure. One article that I enjoyed was entitled "**The 3 Core Principles of Freemasonry: An Explanation.**" #1 **Brotherly Love:** This doesn't just mean being kind to your fellow man but also includes developing a deep and lasting bond with your fellow Masons. This is done by treating each other with respect, lending a helping hand when needed, and being there for one another in good and bad times. One of the best ways to practice brotherly love is by being an active member of our lodge. Get to know your fellow Masons and build lasting relationships with them. Also, look for ways to help our lodge and the community it

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, FRANK B. PERTIERRA



Greetings Brethren

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Time really flies as it is the "Ber" month again.

For the September stated meeting, we will dine on cornflake chicken or salmon or a vegan option. I encourage all brothers to attend our stated meeting and other events.

The Hiram award will take place at Columbia Brotherhood lodge on September 6. Join us to congratulate our Worshipful

Brother James Gonzalez. On September 19th. WB Rick Smith will chair the Night at the Opera. Unfortunately, we only have limited tickets. The Past Masters Ball will take place at our lodge on September 27. An elegant evening featuring excellent food and lively dancing, chaired by WB Donnie Dela Cruz.

We had few events last August. Thank you to the organizers for the Giants Game led by Brother Jimmy Fowler. It was a relaxing and fun day with the brothers and sisters. Also, thanks go to

Brother Jerry Jugal for chairing the Inter lodge picnic with San Francisco 120 at Twin Pines Redwood picnic area in Belmont.

Please join us for the September events and make your reservations early through sign-up genius or email me at fbpertierra@aol.com or text me at 707-342-8770. I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally,

Frank B. Pertierra
Junior Warden



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Please remember that no motion can be made during the Stated Meeting unless the Worshipful Master has been properly notified and has included it in the meeting agenda. Failure to do so may cause undue delays and your motion may not be recognized or voted on.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

Pursuant to CMC Section 802.020, this serves as notice to members of the following motion which proposes to increase annual dues from the current \$85.50 per annum (which is \$25.00 plus the Per Capita sum of \$60.50) The proposed text of the motion follows:

"Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$ (To Be Determined by a Stated Meeting discussion and a vote of the Members of the Lodge) per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January."

EDITOR'S NOTES

Wishing our officers much progress and success at learning the responsibilities and rituals for our upcoming degrees and for the chairs they will occupy during the ensuing Masonic year. Thanks to all who have been participating in our events, and may all our members experience harmony, meaning and satisfaction along their Masonic Journeys.

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meeting and talked about the Grand Lodge's 2025 Strategic Plan. I thank him for sharing the time and information with our Brethren. Thanks to Brother Bruce Lyons coordinating with Right Worshipful Chan.

On August 9th, several of our Brothers joined members of the Grand Lodge at a Giants' game to support Masons4Mitts. Thanks go out to Brother Jimmy Fowler for his work on this event.

Our officers resumed regular degree practice in their existing chairs and for advanced stations. This will prepare them for upcoming degree conferrals for several brothers who have completed their proficiencies in the lectures of the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees and assist our incoming Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master to be prepared for their proficiencies reviews in October.

An Officer's meeting was held on August 13th to discuss the upcoming schedule of conferrals and events. In September, we will be balloting a candidate to take the degrees of Masonry in our lodge and will conduct degree conferrals on September 24th, October 29th, and November 19th. I would like to remind all who participate in our meetings that topics of discussion during our monthly Stated Meetings and our special and officers' meetings are to be cleared with the Master before the meeting. This allows all involved to be properly prepared with accurate information for civil and beneficial discussions. Topics raised during a meeting or after a meeting has ended will not be addressed unless those conditions are met.

Several of our officers joined those of California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco No. 120 to be briefed on information from the Grand Lodge and to hone their Masonic ritual skills. My thanks go out to those who represented our Lodge at this meeting.

Our Lodge held its annual picnic jointly with San Francisco No. 120 on August 30th at the Twin Pines picnic grounds in Belmont. I thank Brother Jerry Jugal, Brother Jod'I Cruz, WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, Brother Peter Pertierra, and others for putting this event together; and I thank all who participated.

Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings were held on Monday, August 11th and Monday, August 18th. Topics of discussion are listed in the MFC section, below.

During the month of September, our officers will continue their Advanced Stations Work and some will prepare for the upcoming 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communications meeting on October 24th—26th. Other events include the September Stated meeting on September 2nd, the Hiram Award presentation on September 6th, Masonic Formation Classes on September 8th and September 22nd, a District School of Instruction (DSOI) Meeting hosted by our Lodge on September 17th, an Opera event on Sunday, September 19th, our annual Past Masters' dinner dance on Saturday, September 27th, and The 2025 Black and White Ball on Saturday, October 18th.

On September 6th, our lodge will honor Worshipful Brother James Gonzalez with the Hiram Award, the highest honor our Lodge can confer, to celebrating his extraordinary efforts and service to our lodge and to his fellow Freemasons. When our Hiram Award selection Committee shared its recommendation of WB Gonzalez, I was pleased and proud as I have known him since I was a prospect, have worked with him on the Temple Board and on various committees, projects and events, and Served as his Junior Warden. He is always eager to be of service and to assist. I have observed him in and out of the lodge demonstrating a good heart with purity of intentions and promoting virtue. I have also gotten to know Mary, his loving Wife and Partner in life and am grateful for her support of him and therefore of our Lodge. My thanks go out to our Senior and Junior Wardens and our Hiram Award selection committee for their efforts and this well-deserved recommendation. My thanks also go out to Brothers Carlos Suncin and Frank Pertierra for organizing this event. Please join me in as I congratulate WB James Gonzalez on this well-deserved honor.

Money concerns which have been expressed during the year and the upcoming increase in the Grand Lodge per capita charges prompt me to raise, for debate, the issue of annual Lodge dues. This conversation is on my agenda for the September Stated meeting, and depending on the outcome of the formal discussion, a dues increase will be voted on as an amendment to our Lodge's Bylaws.

My thanks and appreciation go out to our officers for their work on learning next year's responsibilities and proficiencies; to our Past Masters for their assistance

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and guidance; to our committee chairs and members for all their efforts associated with the planning and conduct of our discretionary and fraternal events; to all who are planning our September events; and to all of you for your participation.

I look forward to spending time together during the month of September and hold that our behavior will always be within the circumscribed circle bound by the holy writings and the Holy Saints John.

Fraternity yours,

**Anil Awasti,
Worshipful Master**



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serves. Even if you're not a Freemason, you can still practice brotherly love in your everyday life. Get to know your neighbors and lend a helping hand when needed. You can also get involved in your community and look for ways to make it a better place.

In the next couple of months, I will talk about Relief and Truth. Other important virtues of every Mason. Speaking of Brotherly Love and getting to know your Masonic family, I hope you will start saving your pennies to join the Master's trip next year in Philadelphia and New York. We will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The trip is expected to start on June 29th and go until July 12th. I hope you will make plans to join us. It will be a fun trip for your whole family and a good history lesson.

We would love to share some brotherly love with you, please visit our lodge soon.

With much love and appreciation

Fraternally,

Brother Bruce Lyons

Senior Warr



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

IN MEMORIAM

In August, Brother Timothy Nicholas Tomasello's widow, Karen Tomasello, notified Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 that Brother Timothy Nicholas Tomasello, Born June 14, 1954, laid down his tools on October 17, 2024, at the age of 70 years, 4 months, and 13 days and having completed 48.6 years of Masonic Service.

He was initiated on September 29, 1975, passed on January 26, 1976, and raised on March 22, 1976, in Alta Vista Lodge No. 464.

Since he was raised, Alta Vista Lodge No 464 consolidated with Argonne Lodge No 461 in 1983 to form Columbia Lodge No. 461 which consolidated with Balder Lodge No. 393 in 1987 to form Columbia Balder Lodge No. 393 which consolidated with Parnassus-Presidio Lodge No. 388 in 1990 to form Columbia No. 388 and then consolidated with Brotherhood No. 370 in 2005 to form Columbia Brotherhood No. 370.

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.*

GOLDEN VETERAN'S AWARD CEREMONIES



The Golden Veteran's Award (GVA) is a token of esteem and affection for those with 50 years of service. Brothers who have done so are entitled to an award ceremony, a 50-year pin and certificate

presented by a representative of the Grand Lodge and documenting the awardee's achievement.

Brother William Botieff of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and Worshipful Brother Paul Davis Johns of Mission Lodge No. 169 and of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No 370 were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason during the second half of 1975. Each of our Brothers has elected to receive his award by mail. The Lodge sends Congratulations and best wishes our Brothers on earning this prestigious award.

Scholarship Committee

The 2025 scholarship committee received thirteen applications. Each one included a short, inspirational, and personal essay covering an area of academic study such as general, healthcare, business, legal and law enforcement. Each expressed appreciation to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No 370 and Masonry in general for our support. These applications were reviewed, and awards were recommended. Applicants should have received checks during the past month.

Our Brethren should be proud to support these individuals who will contribute to our society in the future..

Grand Master's Decision: Esoteric or Secret Portion of the Ritual

Most Worshipful Arthur L. Salazar was asked to clarify the secrete portion of the ritual. His analysis and decision are provided below.

(2025 G.M. Decision No. 1)

I have been asked to clarify the meaning of the phrase "esoteric or secret portion" of the Ritual as referenced in the *California Masonic Code* ("CMC").

Understanding the secrets of Freemasonry is crucial, as each of us has taken an obligation to safeguard them. It is deemed unmasonic conduct to reduce them to writing. To address this question, I have collaborated with the Executive Committee, the Ritual Committee, and the Jurisprudence Committee to develop a comprehensive answer, which is provided in the form of Grand Master's Decision No. 1.

Prior to 1988, the Ritual was transmitted orally, "from mouth to ear," with no written document containing the complete Ritual. This oral tradition was regarded as emphasizing the experiential nature of, and safeguarding, the secrets of Freemasonry. Recognizing the need for a standardized approach, the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution in 1988 permitting the use of a cipher — later specifically, the Allen cipher, produced by Allen Publishing Company in Virginia and utilized widely in the United States since at least 1907. In 1991, the Grand Lodge adopted the version titled "King Solomon and His Travelers," a cipher book that includes both plain English portions and ciphered portions of the Ritual.

There is no clear delineation within the cipher that separates what is considered secret and what is not.

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While one might assume that anything encoded or in cipher is automatically secret, that is not the case. For example, when an officer is asked whether a candidate is prepared, the first response is in plain English, while the second is in cipher—yet both are the same words. By a careful examination of the cipher, however, we can discern that portion which is esoteric or secret. Every word in cipher is represented either by a few letters of the word or a symbol or code for that word. Critically, however, I note that the words, grips and tokens which we consider modes of recognition are "**not**" in the cipher, in code or otherwise, except in one instance. While the due guards and signs (and a token in the one instance) are referenced using a few letters of each word in a phrase, those letters are not sufficiently descriptive of how the sign is made for the reader to render the sign. The steps and the Points of Fellowship are necessarily explained in more detail in the cipher, but they are also modes of recognition, which are secret.

It is therefore my decision that the signs, words or modes of recognition in our Ritual – which means our due guards, signs, words, grips, tokens, steps, and the Points of Fellowship – are the "esoteric or secret portion" of the Ritual.

This interpretation aligns with our longstanding understanding of Masonic secrets and the principle that their safeguard is fundamental to our integrity and obligations, and any unauthorized disclosure—written or otherwise—would compromise the very essence of Freemasonry.

This decision takes immediate effect. I will present it at the next Annual Communication. Should the Masters, Wardens, and other delegates approve this decision, the following narrative will be added to the appendix of the *California Masonic Code* in which the Grand Master's interpretative decisions are recorded.

Masonic Formation Class

Each candidate for blue Lodge degrees is required to demonstrate proficiency in each degree which is conferred upon him and is promised suitable assistance to do so. Prospects and candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degree can be assisted when social and moral behaviors and Masonic culture are introduced through a mentoring process. Attending



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Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings assists prospects, candidates, and Brothers who are working on all three Blue-Lodge degrees. Participants are encouraged to ask questions about Freemasonry and how our “Craft” can assist them in their lives. Some of the best questions are those which come “organically” from participants, and presentations on a variety of topics associated with Freemasonry are provided to encourage further participant discussion.

As Grand Master Salazar indicated in the above, prior to 1988, the ritual was provided mouth to ear after which the California Grand Lodge adopted a series of Cipher books to be used in conjunction with one-on-one coaching and to assist candidates in memorizing the ritual. California Lodges also provided coaching guided by the Handbook for Candidates Coaches, which was first published in 1962 by the California Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual.

During the last decade, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge (CBL) provided regularly scheduled MFC meetings open to prospects, degree candidates and Brothers working on proficiencies for their current degrees.

As one might expect, fully engaging a group with a broad range of experience or degree levels requires more than reviewing the lecture of a single degree, so the CBL program is set up as a forum which encourages a general discussion of Masonic principles and symbolism, and topics have been selected and conducted to honor the obligations to protect secrets and esoteric parts of our craft.

The last hour of the MFC meetings provides opportunities for those working on their proficiencies to receive assistance. When more than one participant is working on a proficiency in the same degree at the same time the work can be done as a group, or a Brother can schedule a specific appointment for proficiency assistance.

The Grand Master’s 2025 decision No. 1 has raised questions about the MFC Meeting process. Given the specificity of that which is considered secret actually provides much more latitude for future discussion than that which was exercised in the past.

After a hiatus in July, MFC meetings resumed on August 11th and August 18th. Those in attendance included prospects, an applicant for the entered apprentice degree, entered apprentices, a

Fellowcraft Mason, and Master Masons. The topics of conversation included participant questions, Columbia-Brotherhood-constituent-Lodge history, the symbolism of the Master’s hat, the Hiram Award, Officers’ duties and the concept of Advanced Stations, selected historic Masonic events which occurred in August, and Freemasonry’s involvement in Public Education

MFC Meetings are planned for September 8th and September 15th and discussion topics include participant questions, selected historical Masonic events which occurred in September, the concept of exemplary, virtuous thoughts and behaviors in comparison ruffian thoughts and behaviors, and symbolism associated with certain Lodge elements.

Masons for Mitts

Our Brother Candler Gibson shared the following



“Rally Time” comments from Sue Peterson, Executive Director of the San Francisco Giants Community Fund and long-time friend of

Masons4Mitts, recognizing the amazing contributions that Masons Make each year through Member and Lodge donations.

*“Dear Friends at the Masons,
The Masons of California have been one of our most important partners for nearly two decades. Thousands of children have benefited from your generosity. You have always been there for us - and we can’t tell you how meaningful your support is to Northern California families.*

We are proud to say that the Masons of California are the Official Mitt Champion of the Giants Community Fund – This exciting partnership has been possible because you’ve stepped up year after year to make a commitment to the kids.

I know that you are considering a gift to the Masons 4 Mitts program soon. Please know that your gift makes a real difference in kids’ lives. Let’s partner to help these young players thrive. Thank you for your consideration!

Go Masons4Mitts!

Sue Peterson
Giants Community Fund
Executive Director

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Brother	Day
Mario Arbis	19
Gerardo Calderon	23
David Del Castello, Sr.	8
Chandler Gibson	21
Viktor Godard	25
James Guerrero	29
Robert Hodgen	22
Marc Hogue, PM	28
Edmond Lim, PM	12
James Robertson III, PM	21
Rick Smith, PM	28
Danney Stiltner, PM	21
John Stone, PM	11
William Suguitan	17
Robert Wood Jr., PM	17
Richard Yen	25

SEPTEMBER 2025 MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Brother	Date Raised
Orlando Arce, PM	9/30/2009
William Beck,	9/19/1957
John Cooper III, PGM	9/10/1964
Robert De Luzuriaga, PM	9/23/2002
John Echevarria,	9/20/2017
Emil Estolano,	9/23/2003
Milorad Golubovich,	9/12/1967
David Heaton, PM	9/27/1980
Steven Holly, PM	9/20/1971
Servillano Modesto Jr.,	9/24/2003
King Man Ng,	9/14/2016
Paul Pietroski, PM	9/23/1989
James Robertson III, PM	9/14/1976
Harry Rogers,	9/30/1971
Christian Sorensen,	9/20/1968
Herleiv Storseter, PM	9/19/1969
Carlos Suncin,	9/10/2014
George Wade, PM	9/22/1992
Glen Williams, PM	9/30/2003

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California

October 24-26, 2025


GRAND LODGE OPENS FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 24 AT 1:00 P.M.

**176TH
ANNUAL
COMMUNI-
CATION**
OCTOBER 24-26, 2025
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

At the California Grand Lodge, 1111 California Street, San Francisco
<https://freemason.org/anncomm25/>




Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Free & Accepted Masons
 Cordially invites you to attend the



HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION
 Honoring
WB James F. Gonzalez

Saturday, September 6, 2025
 At Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
 855 Brotherhood Way San Francisco
 Social Hour 4 p.m.
 Ceremony 5 p.m.
 Dinner 6 p.m.
 Space is limited. RSVP Early

RSVP to Brother Frank Pertierra by August 30th.
 Leave voice or text message at (707)342-8770
 or email him at fbpertierra@aol.com
Worshipful Master: Anil Awasti



Columbia Brotherhood
Lodge No. 370
 Cordially Invites
 you to its



Past Master
Dinner and Dance

Saturday, September 27, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge
855 Brotherhood Way
San Francisco, CA 94132

CBL Past Masters and their Partners are guests of honor
Attire: Past Masters — Tuxedos / Others — Business Suits

\$25.00 / Person

No charge for Past Masters and their Partners

RSVP and Payment by September 15th

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Payments payable to: Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

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Brotherhood
 Columbia Lodge Cordially Invites You to
 Dinner and Dancing

Black & White Ball

Saturday, October 18, 2025
 5:30 PM — 10:30 PM
 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, Ca 94132

Choice of Beef, Fish or Vegan Entrée
 Members and Family \$40 per person
 Non-Members: \$50 per person
 Formal Attire

RSVP Required by October 10th
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No walk-ins will be admitted.





HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. Three Core Principles of Freemasonry are **Brotherly love**, Relief, and Truth.
2. The "Circumpunct" has also been referred to as a **Point** in a Circle.
3. Many of our Lodge brothers supported Masons4Mitts on Saturday August 9th to watch the San Francisco Giants play the Washington **Nationals** play ball.
4. Alta Vista Lodge No 464 consolidated with Argonne Lodge No 461 in 1983 to form **Columbia** Lodge No. 461.
5. In Freemason history, the Premier Grand Lodge of England was generally considered to have been founded on **June 24, 1717**.
6. The Lodge of the Goose and **Gridiron** Ale House, the Lodge of the Crown Ale House, the Lodge of the of the Apple Tree Tavern and the Lodge of the Rummer and Grapes Tavern gathered at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse on June 24, 1717, and declared themselves a Grand Lodge.
7. This Grand Lodge was called the **Premier** Grand Lodge of England.
8. Anthony Sayer was elected the first **Grand** Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England.
9. The Premier Grand Lodge published the "Constitutions of the Free-Masons" by James Anderson, the first comprehensive rulebook for modern Freemasonry, further solidifying its structure and principles and it was called the **Anderson** Constitutions of 1723.
10. The 1723 edition of the Constitutions was edited and reprinted by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in **1734**, becoming the first Masonic book printed in America.

Answers to August 2025 Trivia

1. On August 4th, 1753, George **Washington** received his Master Mason Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia.
2. August 5th, 1884, Freemasons laid the cornerstone for the **Statue** of Liberty.
3. The Master's Jewel is a **Square**.
4. Each Masonic Blue Lodge has **three** movable jewels.
5. The Grand Lodge of Panama was established in **1917**.
6. One of the **symbols** of a Lodge is the dark and light checkerboard pattern.
7. Lodge officers preparing for leadership roles for the ensuing Masonic year is referred to as **Advanced** Stations.
8. n 1907, Parnassus was chartered as Lodge No. **388** .
9. The Three Steps usually delineated upon the Master's carpet, are emblematical of the three principal stages of **human** life.
10. The Grand Lodge of California will hold the **176th** Annual Communication Meeting October 24th through 26, 2025.

August Cryptogram

The coded statement in the **August** Trestle board has been decoded and is provided in the box to the right.

**MAY THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN REST UPON
US AND ALL REGULAR MASONS!
MAY BROTHERLY LOVE PREVAIL, AND EVERY
MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE CEMENT US!
AMEN**

September Cryptogram

The September Cryptogram is provided in the box below, and the decoded statement will be provided in the October Trestle board. Clues for the Cryptogram are: (K = E), (Z = I), (O – T), and the phrase describes a virtue.

**OBEOM ZX Q TZFZFK QOOBZREOK
QGT OMK NPEGTQOZPO PN KFKBI FZBOK.
OP RK DPPT QGT OBEK ZX OMK NZBXO
WKXXPG AK QBK OQEDMO ZD JQXPGBI.**



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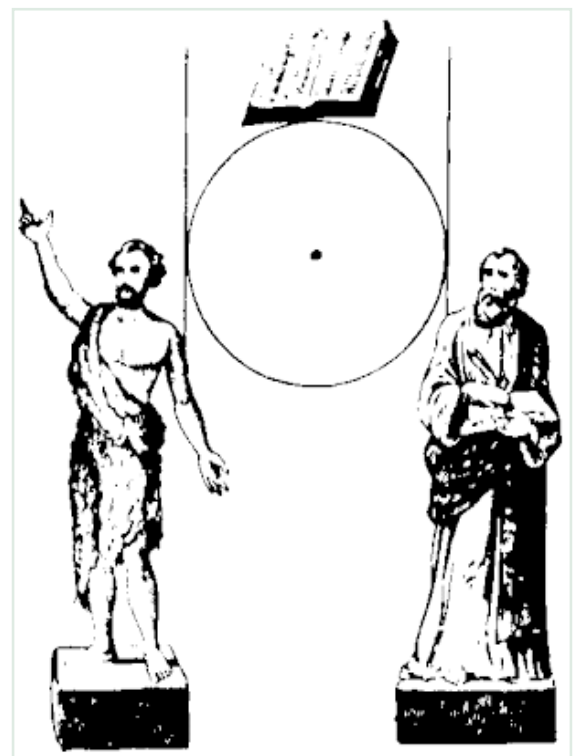
Important Reminder from the Master

I hope you all had most enjoyable summers that were safe and meaningful for you and your families. Let us move ahead into the fall and winter seasons being mindful of the lessons our Masonic Journeys teach us and to work to remain in that Circumpunct bound by the holy Writings and examples set forth by the Holy Saints John.

May we always meet on the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square.



Anil Awasti
Master 2025



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