



# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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## THIS MONTH

### MARCH

MARCH 4

- STATED MEETING

MARCH 6 & 27

- FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

MARCH 9 & 23

- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

MARCH 11 & 18

- OFFICER PRACTICE

MARCH 17

- DSOI HOSTED BY CAL 1

MARCH 21

- TABLE LODGE

MARCH 25

- DEGREE CONFERRAL

### APRIL

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- STATED MEETING

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- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

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APRIL 15

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APRIL 22

- OFFICER PRACTICE

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- DEGREE CONFERRAL

APRIL 24-26

- OFFICER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

## From the East

*Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons!*



Happy Spring Brothers, family, and friends of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge,

My wishes for a warm and beautiful spring. I know that I am a little early as the equinox is not until March 20, but I pray for an early start. It has been a very cold winter; I much prefer the "warm San Francisco nights."

Despite the cold, we have had a great start to 2026 here at our lodge. I am happy to report that we had over 100 people at both the

February Stated Meeting and our Sweetheart dance. Thanks to Brother Jimmy Fowler who arranged for a great Stated Meeting celebrating the New Year on the Chinese Calendar. We had the traditional lion dancers, and after the meeting, Rox Hui arranged for the ladies to paint, which they seemed to really enjoy. Thank you Rox and Brother Jimmy. Our Sweetheart dance on Valentine's Day was a special celebration thanks to Brother Jod'l Cruz and his wife Gem. They made the lodge look beautiful, with a great band, and wonderful food from Broadway Prime. Thank you all for a great start to 2026.

We have also passed Brother Charles Gagas to Fellow Craft in February and we will have

another 2nd degree in March for Brother Huey Thomas, on either March 18th or 25th, look for the SignUp Genius to join us. Our officers have been working overtime to put great degrees together for our brothers. I am excited to



say that we will have a first responders' degree in April to raise

Brother Corey Dussault to Master Mason. Worshipful Brother Jason Hui has been working hard to put this special day together for Brother Corey. Please make plans to join us on April 29th.

We will have a Table Lodge on March 21st for Master Masons that will be held  
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## From the West

Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra



Greetings Brethren,  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Time truly flies, March is already upon us, and the first quarter is nearly complete. First, I would like to thank all who attended our Sweetheart Dinner Dance on Valentine's Day. It was a good turnout. I hope everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Brother Jod'I Cruz who chaired the event and to his wife Jem. I would also like to thank Brother Jimmy Fowler for providing the delicious food and drinks which everyone

Enjoyed. And of course, thank you to everyone who contributed in their own way to make the event a success. We have 2 Fellow Craft Degree Conferrals this quarter in our Lodge. They are Brother Charles Gagas (February 2026) and Brother Huey Thomas (March 2026).

I encouraged all Brethren to attend the upcoming Fellow Craft Degree Conferrals to show support to our brothers as they advance on their Masonic journeys. You can also observe the dedication and performance of our officers as they conduct the degree

conferrals. The Masonic Formation Classes (MFC) will take place on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for supporting Masonry and our classes. If you have any suggestions for improving the MFC, please feel free to reach out to me by email at [fbpertierra@aol.com](mailto:fbpertierra@aol.com) or by calling 707-342-8770.

Fraternally

Frank Pertierra,  
Sr. Warden



## From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, JIMMY FOWLER



Greetings Brethren!

I hope you enjoyed the buffet and lion dancers at our February's stated meeting. I received several positive comments on the food and will try to keep this restaurant in rotation.

We also received positive feedback on our ladies "paint and sip" event. March will be bingo for the ladies. In April, we will have a basic first aid/self-defense demonstration party The CBL Big Game watch party was a success. We had nearly 60 attendees (some being surprise guests) this year, even without the

49ers playing! Next year when the Niners are playing we will have more!

Another reminder, PLEASE PLEASE sign up via Signup Genius or by texting me (or the chairman for special events) for our stated meetings.

**It is imperative we have an accurate count for our events.** The big game party had an additional 20 attendees show up that hadn't signed up and I'm told the sweethearts dinner had so many attendees who had not RSVP'd that many did not receive a complete

Meal. I've discussed this issue with several members and solutions are in the works.

Finally, I'm also working on new catering companies for our events so let me know what you think of the food.

Please text me at (415) 530-9779 with questions or assistance.

See you soon,

Fraternally,

Jimmy Fowler  
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.

**DUES ARE DUE!**

CMC, \$802.020, LODGE BYLAWS, Section 2, specifies that, "the dues of each Mason of this Lodge shall be payable in advance on the first day of January." The 2026 dues are \$92.50 per annum. Several payment options are provided in the Secretary's article on page 4, including online payments at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) or mail checks directly to our lodge secretary.

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all.

Congratulations to Charles Gagas, our newest Fellowcraft Mason on having completed this step in your Masonic Journey.

Congratulations to our officers on the work they have put forth to conduct this degree. May their work get better and better with each degree conferral.

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jointly with Mission Lodge #169, California Lodge #1, and San Francisco Lodge #120. I hope the Master Masons of our lodge will join us. Please contact Worshipful Brother Hui for more information. In April, we will honor Brother Kingman Ng, who is our choice as the Hiram Award winner for 2026. Please make plans to join us on April 11th.

The last several months, I have been contemplating the role and the purpose of a Blue Lodge in Freemasonry. Are we here to make Masons – taking a good man and making him better; are we a fraternity enjoying fellowship with our brothers or a combination of both. I have been doing some research and thinking about how my own experience has led me to contemplate this subject and just a few thoughts follow:

- A **Blue Lodge**, also known as the Craft Lodge or Symbolic Lodge, is the essential starting point for anyone entering Freemasonry. It is considered the foundation of the entire Masonic system, where all members begin their journey. A place where the core principles, rituals, and symbolism of Freemasonry are taught and practiced, conferring the first three degrees of masonry: **Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason**. Each degree imparts moral lessons and guides our brothers toward self-improvement, brotherhood, and service.
- **The symbolism of "Blue"** as the color which represents loyalty, truth, and the heavens. Blue has historically been associated with benevolence, friendship, and spirituality across various cultures. In Freemasonry, it serves as a reminder of the importance of humility, brotherly love, and the presence of a Supreme Being.
- **A gathering place**, fostering community, camaraderie, and lifelong friendships. Meetings provide opportunities for fraternal discussions, ceremonies, and collective work toward personal and societal improvement. Charitable endeavors and philanthropy are central to the Lodge's activities.
- **Masonic Education** is a cornerstone of the Blue Lodge experience. Our Brothers are encouraged to learn, reflect, and grow, both within the Lodge and in their everyday lives.

**COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370**

In summary, my belief is that our lodge is the foundation of our journey, where we learn moral and spiritual values, participate in symbolic rituals, and build strong bonds of brotherhood. Our purpose is to guide individuals on a path of self-improvement, community service, and lifelong learning, all under the symbolism of blue, which represents the ideals of our fraternity. Our Blue Lodge is a combination of education and fellowship, where Masons are made not just because of our rituals but because of the variety of interactions that we have; whether at a degree, at a party, or just having dinner with a friend. A place where we come together in harmony and friendship, creating a special experience for each one of us.

I would love to hear your thoughts. Come join us at a Masonic Formation Class and let us have a lively discussion on the topic or just corner me one on one and let's talk.

With fraternal sincerity and brotherly love, I remain ever at your service,



**Bruce Lyons,**  
**Worshipful Master 2026**

**Columbia Brotherhood Lodge  
No. 370  
Free & Accepted Masons  
Announces the**



**2026 Golden Veteran Anniversaries of  
Brother Clifford Dahlberg on June 11  
and  
WB James Robinson, III on September 14**

**Watch for Announcements for Their-  
Upcoming GVA Award Ceremonies .**



# FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Brethren,  
 Happy Saint Patrick’s Day. May you and your families always enjoy extreme good fortune.  
 By now, many of you have already paid your 2026 Dues of \$92.50—thank you! Others may have received a mailed reminder. Please remember that Dues must be paid in order to be in good standing as of January 1st.

An increasing number of members are choosing to pay their Dues online at freemason.org, where you may also enroll in a convenient monthly payment plan. Once your first installment is made, you will be considered in good standing. This option allows you to spread the cost over the course of the year.

If paying your Dues presents any hardship, please contact the Secretary in confidence. It will always be our honor to assist you. Our foremost concern is that you remain in good standing and continue to enjoy all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

NAME TAGS: Members who wish to have a new name tag, please take this opportunity to order it. For efficiency and cost saving reasons, I will be taking orders beginning January 10 to April 03, 2026. The cost will be \$15 per name tag.

If you need any assistance or have questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the officers. We are here to support you.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

Jason Yen, P.M.  
 Secretary



# IN MEMORIAM

WB Raul C. Gonzales (January 25, 1945— February 19, 2026) laid down his tools at the age of 81 years and 0.84 months and over 31 Years of Service. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1995, He served as Junior Warden in 1997, Senior Warden in 1998 and Worshipful Master of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in 1999 He affiliated with Mission Lodge No. 169 in 2000 and served as a director of the Mission Lodge Hall Association in 2020.

His son Roderick Del Campo Gonzales and our own WB Dionisio Dela Cruze are planning a masonic service for him on March 25, 2026, between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Olivet Cemetery in Colma.



Worshipful Master Mark Harris laid down his tools at the age of 62 years and 7 months and over 39 years of service in several officer positions at Phoenix Lodge No. 144 including four full terms as Worshipful Master. He was awarded the Hiram Award in 2003, and he was the sitting Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 144 at the time of his death.



For all who have laid down their tools.  
*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*



## APRIL 15 DSOI

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No.370 will host the Wednesday, April 15 District School of Instruction.

During this meeting, representatives from Masonic Homes of California will make a presentation on their services.

Please RSVP via an upcoming Signup Genius by contacting one of our lodge officers.



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## MASONIC FORMATION CLASS



Masonic Formation Class Meetings were hosted by Columbia Brotherhood (CBL) No. 370 on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion topics included questions from participants, Lodge formation and consolidation process, Operative vs Speculative Masonry, officer retreats, and Lodge Officer Roles and Responsibilities, President's day and American Presidents who were Freemasons, the concept of "Mason at site," and selected historical Masonic events, particularly those occurring during the month of February. After discussions, One of our Fellowcraft Masons worked on his fellowcraft proficiency.

MFC meetings are planned for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Planned discussion topics include questions from participants; Etiquette and Civility; selected symbols and Lodge Furnishings; the two pillars of Greek education including the Trivium (arts of Language and thought) and the Quadrivium (Mathematical arts); and selected events associated with Freemasonry, the history of US Declaration of Independence; and the founding of the City of San Francisco. Short summaries of selected topics discussed below.

### OPERATIVE VS. SPECULATIVE MASONRY

One discussion reflected on the transition from Operative masonry; or the construction of physical buildings including cathedrals and castles by skilled craftsmen using tools like the square, level, compass, and plumb; to Speculative masonry which adapted tools and roles as metaphors and allegory for building character and morality and for cultivating spiritual growth. Operative masons were experts at cutting, shaping, and fitting stones or ashlar. Speculative Masons metaphorically shape and polish rough ashlar, which are a symbol of an uneducated mind or imperfect human, into perfect ashlar through virtue and education.

### SELECTED EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**February 1731 – Most Worshipful Benjamin Franklin** was Initiated into St. John's Lodge which appeared to have met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia in February 1731.

**February 1, 1996** – The Grand Lodge of California and the [Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California](#) enter mutual Masonic recognition. More information can be found in California Freemason Magazine at <https://californiafreemason.org/2021/09/02/a-new-beginning/>

**February 3, 1757** – The Pennsylvania Assembly appointed Franklin as its agent to London. He was tasked with representing the colony's interests, and he set sail for England in April 1757. <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-07-02-0039#:~:text=You%20Are%20Looking%20At,January%201757%20%E2%80%93%20February%201757>

**February 4, 1979** – The first annual, international [Congress of Three Californias](#) was held in Tijuana. It was a two-day event aimed at strengthening the fraternal ties and the future relationship between the Grand Lodges of three California States including California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur.

More information is available in Jay Kinney's article entitled, *The Three Californias*, in the May/June 2018 edition of [California Freemason](#) which can be found at [https://californiafreemason.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2019/04/Lights\\_On-May-Jun-2018-1.pdf](https://californiafreemason.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2019/04/Lights_On-May-Jun-2018-1.pdf)

**February 11, 1723** – Benjamin Franklin's older brother James, Publisher of [The New-England Courant](#), was jailed in June 1722 for publishing articles critical of Massachusetts Governor Samuel Shute who was (appointed by King George I) and he was censured and forbidden to publish the Courant. In January 1723 at 17 years of age Benjamin Franklin arranged to take over the publication, and on February 11, 1723, the Courant was published for the first time under Benjamin Franklin's name.

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-01-02-0023>

**February 13, 1307** – King Philip IV of France ordered the mass arrest of many Knights Templar (KT) and their Grand Master, Jaques DeMolay. He and other KT leaders were burned at the stake in Paris on March 18, 1314.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacques\\_de\\_Molay#:~:text=In%20September%202001%2C%20Barbara%20Frале%20found%20a,and%20to%20the%20unity%20of%20the%20Church%22](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacques_de_Molay#:~:text=In%20September%202001%2C%20Barbara%20Frале%20found%20a,and%20to%20the%20unity%20of%20the%20Church%22)

**February 14, 1942** – The Masonic War Relief Fund is established. In its first year, members of 531 California lodges contribute more than \$127,000 to the fund. By 1946, the Grand Lodge of California had

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issued more than 12,000 war certificates to California members in the armed service.

<https://californiafreemason.org/2025/03/15/timeline/>

**February 16, 1994** – The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) named the Golden Gate Bridge one of Seven Civil Engineering Wonders of the United States. <https://www.goldengate.org/assets/1/6/golden-gate-bridge-recognitions.pdf>

**February 22, 1732 – President Brother George Washington** was born at his family's plantation, on Popes Creek, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The site is currently a national monument. Under the Julian calendar, which calculated the year as 365 days and 6 hours, Brother Washington was born on February 11, 1731. In 1752, when Britain changed to the more accurate Gregorian calendar which is based on the Earth's orbit of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 45.25 seconds, Washington's birth date shifted one year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

<https://newengland.com/yankee/history/a-little-something-about-george-washingtons-birthdays/>

In 1879 Washington's birthday became federal holiday. The 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act changed its celebration to the third Monday in February. It is often called "Presidents' Day," in honor of Washington and other presidents, but for federal purposes, it still named "Washington's Birthday."

About this day in 1982, the Grand Lodge of California developed a special newspaper insert commemorating the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth, reaching an estimated four million homes in California and Hawaii. <https://californiafreemason.org/2025/03/15/timeline/>

At the end of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of North America, February 1994, Brother Fernando Paes Coelho Teixeira, Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal, suggested the establishment of February 22 as International Freemason Day to honor the birth of President, Brother George Washington in recognition of his role as a key figure in American independence, and this action was approved.

<https://folhadolitoral.com.br/en/colonistas/maconaria/dia-internacional-do-macom-2/>

**February 22, 1872** – Grand Master Leonidas Pratt laid the cornerstone for San Francisco's City Hall building.

<https://californiafreemason.org/2025/03/15/timeline/>

**February 26, 1977** – The first Hiram Award is given at Galt Lodge No 267 to Glen W. Ingram, PM. By 1980, nearly every lodge is issuing Hiram Awards.

<https://californiafreemason.org/2025/03/15/timeline/>

The Declaration of Independence was formally adopted and signed during the summer of 1776, but several milestones associated with its historical journey took place during the month of February.

Colonial leaders who increasingly viewed reconciliation with Britain as unlikely began formal discussions about forming foreign alliances, and they drafted a Model Treaty in February 1776. This served as the blueprint for the Treaty of Alliance and Treaty of Amity and Commerce with France. Both were signed February 6, 1778. It should be noted that French officials required a declaration of independence before they would consider a formal alliance. On February 3, 1783, following major military operations in the Revolutionary War, Spain officially recognized the independence of United States from Britain.

### GRAND LODGE 2026 LEADERSHIP RETREATS

The first of the Grand Lodge's three Leadership Retreats in 2026 is planned for **April 24–26, 2026**.



**The Keystone Initiative** will be introduced during these retreats, and it is described as a new and forward-looking vision for the fraternity meant to strengthen the organization, improve member experiences, and integrate the fraternity into the community.

The program is designed for the participation of all elected and appointed officers and will cover lodge function, simplification of the business of running a lodge, engagement in philanthropy, definition of Lodge Officer Job Descriptions, and implementation of Hall Association assessments. More detailed descriptions of what will be covered at these retreats can be found at, <https://freemason.org/leadershipretreats26/>.

The program addresses the Executive, Education,

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Membership, Finance, Administration, Social, and Ritual functions of a Lodge and delineates how Lodge officer roles and responsibilities support



these functions. Detailed descriptions of the officer's roles and responsibilities are provided in the document entitled, "Lodge Officer Roles and Responsibilities." It will be shared with our officers during the Retreat and has been discussed by MFC Meeting participants. This document can be found at the following URL: <https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Officer-Job-Descriptions.pdf>.

Please feel free to familiarize yourself with the updated officer roles and responsibilities and or to join one or more of our MFC meetings, in person or online, and participate in one or more of the discussions which take place during our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM,  
MFC Coach



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday Brethren

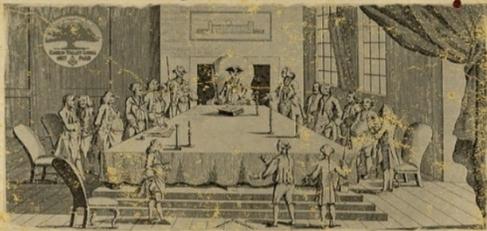
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- Jose Rivera
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- Jim Salas
- Rik Schrammel
- Jason Yen, PM

## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Masonic Birthday Brothers

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Renato Alfonso, PM    | 3/13/2013 |
| Anil Awasti, PM       | 3/23/2016 |
| Kjell Bomark-Noel, PM | 3/12/1976 |
| Thomas Burkard, III   | 3/25/1997 |
| Philip Busalacchi,    | 3/26/2014 |
| Richard Corriea       | 3/19/2014 |
| James Dillon,         | 3/27/1973 |
| Danny Farro,          | 3/22/1999 |
| Daniel Fross          | 3/21/1978 |
| Gordon Gottsche       | 3/16/2016 |
| Benson Lau,           | 3/23/1992 |
| Wolfgang Linnenbach,  | 3/10/1955 |
| John Murphy, Jr.      | 3/23/2011 |
| George Nicolaus, Jr.  | 3/23/1967 |
| Robert Ranum, PM      | 3/25/2006 |
| Rick Smith, II, PM    | 3/13/2001 |
| Kevin Sorbello,       | 3/18/1986 |
| John Stone, PM        | 3/29/1968 |
| Augusto Tagaro, PM    | 3/29/1993 |
| Robert Wood, Jr., PM  | 3/23/1999 |

*Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370*  
**Table Lodge**  
*Saturday, March 21, 2026*



*Featuring Traditional Table Lodge Ritual*  
 855 Brotherhood Way, SF  
 5:00 P.M. seating  
*Celebrate with toast and great evening of fellowship and rivalry*  
*Master Masons Only, Business Attire*  
*Members \$25.00, Non-Members 45.00 Limited seating*  
*RSVP by March 15th*

email: WB Jason Hui  
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**Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370**  
**Free & Accepted Masons**  
 Cordially invites you to attend the



**HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION**  
 Honoring  
**Brother King Man Ng**

Saturday, April 11, 2026  
 At Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370  
 855 Brotherhood Way San Francisco  
 Social Hour 4 p.m.  
 Ceremony 5 p.m.  
 Dinner 6 p.m.  
 Dancing 7 p.m.  
 Space is limited. RSVP Early

RSVP via Sign Up Genius or via voice or text message to WB James Gonzalez at 510-772-7415 by March 30<sup>th</sup>. or email him at jgonza9916@aol.com.

**Worshipful Master: Bruce Lyons**



**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
 Scholarship applications are available and are due by July 1, 2026.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship should request an application from our Secretary.

Much success to our scholarship applicants.

**HALL ASSOCIATION**  
 The Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco holds monthly Hall Association Meetings in person or via zoom. Columbia Brotherhood Lodge members interested in attending should refer to the Columbia Brotherhood Lodge Calendar for meeting specifics.



CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER GAGAS

ATTENDEES AFTER BROTHER CHAROES GAGAS'S FELLOWCRAFT CONFERRAL FEBRUARY 25, 2026



## HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. In many jurisdictions, a Blue Lodge is the essential starting point for anyone entering \_\_\_\_\_.
2. On February 26, \_\_\_\_\_ the first Hiram Award was presented by Galt Lodge № 267 to WB Glen W. Ingram.
3. Each Blue-Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ imparts moral lessons and guides our brothers toward self-improvement, brotherhood, and service.
4. The Trivium (Language arts and thought) and Quadrivium (Mathematical arts) are two pillars of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Most Worshipful Benjamin Franklin was Initiated into St. John's Lodge in February \_\_\_\_\_.
6. King Philip IV of France ordered the mass arrest of Grand Master Jaques \_\_\_\_\_ and other Knights Templar on February 13, 1307.
7. On February 11, Benjamin Franklin became the publisher of the New England \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Britain and the American Colonies changed from the Julian calendar to the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar in 1752.
9. Grand Master Leonidas \_\_\_\_\_ laid the cornerstone for San Francisco's City Hall building on February 22, 1872.
10. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Masonry rough ashlar are metaphorically transformed into perfect ashlar.

## Answers to February 2026 Trivia

1. The 2026 dues of \$92.50 annum and are payable in advance on the first day of January,
2. The Chinese zodiac year of the firehorse occurs on **60 year** intervals.
3. **Thomas Paine's** January 10, 1776, Publication of Common Sense: pamphlet argues in favor of independence.
4. On January 30, 1847, Lt. Washington A. Bartlett, alcalde of Yerba Buena issued a proclamation renaming Yerba Buena **San Francisco**.
5. The January 18, 1777 "Goddard Broadside" printing of the Declaration of Independence was printed by Mary Katharine **Goddard**.
6. **John Hancock** was the first elected Governor of Massachusetts.
7. Benjamin Franklin was born on **January 17, 1706**.
8. Lodge functions include Executive, Education, **Membership**, Finance, Administration, Social and ritual.
9. General Douglas MacArthur was made a "Mason on Sight" by the Grand Master of the **Philippines**.
10. Grand Lodge of California will discuss the Keystone **Initiative** during its 2026 leadership retreats.



## February Cryptogram

The decoded **February** Cryptogram is provided below.

**"AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE,  
PAYS THE BEST INTEREST<sup>1</sup>**

**BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

## March Cryptogram

The March 2026 Cryptogram is provided in the box below, and the decoded statement will be provided in the April 2026 Trestle board.

**"SGPAWKTDK ZX OMK RKQHPG OMQO DEZTKX OMK JQXPG'X CQOM."**

**"WZDMO QGT SGPAWKTDK QBK ZGXXKCQBQRWK ZG OMK VPEBGKI PN JQXPGBI."**

**"Q JQXPG DBPAX RBZDMOKB AZOM KQHM OBEOM MK TZXHPFKBX."**

The three statements above represent the central, recurring theme in Masonic educational philosophies.

Clues for the Cryptogram are: (Q=A), (K = E), (Z = I), (P=O), (R=B), (O = T) (D=G).



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## Important Reminder from the Master

March and Spring remind us to focus on renewal. As builders, it is a season that provides an environment for rebuilding and strengthening every aspect of our lives including our Masonic community,

In this time of renewal and trusting in our creator, let us strive to foster brotherly love, respect, community service, and harmony in our lodge and in every aspect of our lives. Let us care for each other and our lodge community as we move together on our individual and collective Masonic journeys.

Bruce Lyons,  
Master, 2026

