



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

Free and Accepted Masons
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

AUGUST 2022

THIS MONTH

- **August 3, 2022**
Stated meeting will be **IN PERSON**
Look in your email to make reservations.

STATED MEETING DINNER COST IS NOW

\$15.00/person

Greeting Brethren & sisters, the following are the upcoming events.

August 13, 2022

Luau/Latin Night

August 27, 2022

family picnic

September 10, 2022

PM Dinner/Dance

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From the East

From the Island of Boracay, Philippines!



I hope that you enjoyed the down time from the lodge and able to get a little rest and spend time with your family and friends. We are still here in

the hot and humid topical weather of the Philippines. Hope to see you all on our August stated meeting.

We are so thankful for the brethren the lodge this opportunities to do this masters trip in the Philippines do share our blessings to do CHARITY to the less fortunate it is a very well planned by WB Chaplain Francis Feliciano and Sister Joy. Thank you! we visited 2 orphanages and one elderly home on our first week. And then visited one lodge in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.(Bagumbayan lodge 4) Which we attend a triple 3rd degree and we are so well received and entertained by all the members of Bagumbayan. Also been invited by two lodges for fellow-

ship with are so amazing. We are going to share all this with you on our stated meeting.

Our July Stated Meeting was very well attended and we celebrated our Independence Day in a very patriotic manner.

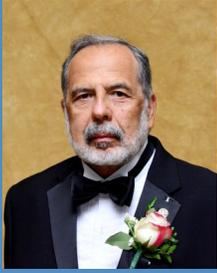
August is another busy month we are going to have our Luau/ Latin Night and Family Picnic and might have a degree this month keep an eye of your emails for the SignUpGenius. Enjoyed the rest of the summer.

Fraternally,
WM Reyno Del Rosario



CBL 370 donated to two orphanages with much needed supplies during the Master's Trip to the Philippines. See the story of their travels starting on page 4.

From the West



James Gonzalez
Senior Warden



Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the second month of the second half of the year, I send you greetings from the West.

For many of us the month of July started with celebration of the birth of our country followed by our stated meeting on July 6. After the lodge was tiled, Brother Jose Rivera completed his proficiency in the lecture of the second degree of masonry. Please take a moment to congratulate Brother Rivera when you next see him.

A few days after our stated meeting several of our brothers and their families departed for the Philippines on our master's trip. While there, they represented us in the several lodges they visited, participated in charity work, explored the country, and shared fellowship with each other and our brothers in the Philippines. We look forward to the stories they will share during the

coming weeks and are grateful to them for their work while there and to Brother Francis Feliciano for the significant effort he put forth in planning this event.

During the month of August, we look forward to the Luau/Latin night on August 13 and the lodge's annual family picnic on August 27, MFC classes on August 8th and 15th, on one or more first and second-degree proficiencies, and several conferrals. In addition, several of the officers will be preparing for advanced stations. Please make it a point to participate in as many of these events as you can in support of our lodge and our brothers as they progress on their masonic journeys.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Secretary, WB Jason Yen and our lodge officers, who spent many hours contacting our brothers in an effort to create an accurate Lodge Roster. In spirit of the diligent efforts of this team,

they were not able to contact brothers William Botieff, Raymond Robert Choye, Awdy Anthony Dodson, John Allen Pifer, Paul Berthold Sabellstrom, or Aron Sloustcher due to a lack of current contact information.

We ask for your assistance in finding them so we may update their information. If any of you know these brothers, would you mind asking them to reach out to our secretary, or would you please share their contact information with our secretary? Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

May we always meet on the level,

James Gonzalez, SW

From the South



Jason Hui
Junior Warden



Brethren

How time has flown this year, maybe it was the pandemic that made it seem time had slowed and once it was lifted, time is moving at a quicker pace.

Since the lodge was dark during the month of July, it may had seem, it time had slowed again until such a time, we brothers, and gather again to share our lives. I hope in the coming months, our planned fellow-

ships with make us speed through the year and bring joy with nourishment, refreshment and joy.

I unfortunately will not be available during this month's stated meeting, but my spirit and thoughts will be with my brothers. I had ordered the meals for this month and hope you enjoy it before settling in for the meeting after the meal. Nina, our fabulous cook will, of course, provide the excellent service you had come accustomed to. Please review the calendar of events

listed on the Trestleboard and our website calendar so that you don't miss up coming events.

Please always RSVP for dinner and events so that ample food will be provided. If you have issues getting notification, please contact me and I'll make sure you will receive it. This include people helping our mobility handicapped members and their widows.

Thank you for letting me serve you
Jason Hui



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Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Home Program

You know the good that our Home in Union City provides to aged Brothers and Sisters, however this takes money. You can help by just attend a Stated Meeting. The Lodge will donate one dollar to the Union City Masonic Home for every meeting you attended.

Working together we can do so much more!

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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We Are All Orphans by WB Francis Feliciano, PM

The hot air enveloped our cool bodies as we exited the cold air-conditioned hotel. The faint apparition of hot air can be seen rising from the blistering pavement like that of a lit candle swaying from left to right as the gentle breeze attempts to put it out.

Our coaster, a mini-bus, awaits, but first a group photo outside in the heat. But wait, its better inside the hotel lobby. So, we did. Both.

Now we must go. An exciting journey for most. Some anxious with anticipation. Are we there yet? As someone slyly remarked. Like a bunch of kids about to go to an amusement park. Little that they know that a life changing experience was upon them.

After an hour and a half trek through narrow streets and alleys, bypassing open trenches and dirt roads; dogs that look like hyenas and lions, and endless rows of tricycles and motorcycles that flooded the streets, we finally made it to

our first stop. But first, a short grocery shopping was in order. The brothers and sisters were divided into groups to each get specific items that are to be donated. It was chaotic at first, without a point of reference, what we were doing did not make any sense. Until...

“Destiny’s Promise”, a small house in a secluded area of the province of Taytay, Rizal, which cares for approximately 30 children, from infants to teens, both male and females. There were about 16 staff members and 1 administrator. Their goal is to care for and nurture children that have been abandoned, disowned, and left out in the streets. Much of their funding comes from private donations, although they do receive a little bit of government assistance. Their COVID protocol was intense. There is absolutely no physical contact to be made whatsoever and everyone must wear a mask. Every visitor must be fully

vaccinated and only a limited number of people can enter the facility at one time.

One by one, each of our members hauled inside the facility bags of rice, food items, gifts, toys, diapers, medicine, etc. For us, much of these will probably last us a few days. For this facility, it will last them for well over a month. The children, contained and well behaved, their eyes curious and excited, as if Christmas came in early. As the toys and gifts were laid on the table, their eyes grew bigger with excitement. But alas, we couldn’t stay long and we had to leave. Some of the younger kids couldn’t contain themselves and ran towards some of our group members and fist bumped each one with thankful glee. Brother Peter Pertierra had some words of encouragement for

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Widows Luncheon in June 2021 and 2022



2021 Widows Luncheon at CBL370 organized by Bro. Carlos Suncin



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Fraternal Support

HERE FOR OUR BROTHERS, ALWAYS

Since 1898, California Masons have turned to the Masonic Homes of California for critical relief at their hour of greatest need. Today, the Masonic Homes continues that commitment to helping our vulnerable brothers and widows live in a safe and secure community of Masons. We provide vital services for Masonic family members of all ages, statewide.

Our residential campuses in Union City and Covina provide a safe, supportive environment for vulnerable elder brothers and their loved ones. Various levels of care are available.

Through Masonic Outreach Services, we provide needed relief to Masonic family members of all ages – including referrals, care management, and in some cases, financial assistance.

Visit: masonichome.org for more information

Candidates Corner

Masonic Formation Class members are progressing in their Masonic experiences during this pandemic.

Bro. James Gonzalez is conducting classes via telephone conferencing technology. Please contact him via email to be invited. The schedule is listed on our calendar via our website.

Bro. Gonzalez prepares his classes with interesting topics each session. Please participate, even if only to listen and you can choose not to be part of the discussion.

We have a newly obligated brother who will be utilizing the MFC to be proficient

Masonic Formation Class

Although the lodge was dark in July, MFC meetings were offered on July 18th and 25th, and several brothers made use of this time to work on their Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft proficiencies.

Several brothers listed in this trestle board will celebrate their birthday during the month of August, and in addition to the birthdays of our brothers, the other notable events listed below also occurred in August.

See this months birthday list.

On August 1, 1770, William Clark of Lewis and Clark Team was born. Both were masons.^{1,2}



William Clark

On August 4, 1753, George Washington received his Master Mason Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.³



Fredericksburg Lodge

On August 7, 1877, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was formed.⁴

On August 7, 1742, William Preston, Author of the revised Masonic Ritual, was born.⁵



William Preston

On August 14, 1826, after thirty years of studying the subject matter, author William Morgan had his book, Illustrations of Masonry by one of the Fraternity who has devoted thirty years to thee subject. This book exposed the Masonic ritual which caused excitement and led to the "Morgan Affair" and the Antimasonic Party which was popular in the 1820's and 1830's.⁶



William Morgan

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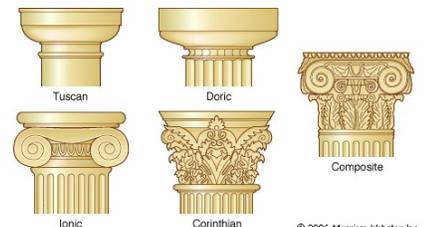
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Maintaining the lodge



Temple Board

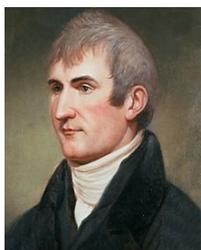
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- Reyno Del Rosario jr. Master.....Ex Officio Member
- James Gonzalez.....Ex Officio Member



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On August 16, 1851, the grand lodge of Oregon was founded.⁷

On August 18, 1774, Meriwether Lewis was born near Charlottesville, Virginia. He joined his longtime friend William Clark, in 1803 to explore the western part of the North American continent from the mouth of the Missouri River (Near St. Louis) to the Pacific Ocean.⁸



Meriwether Lewis

On August 21, 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Movement Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg which commemorates acts of kindness between Freemasons on the opposite sides during the American Civil War.⁹

On August 27, 1920, Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States (1921-1923), was raised to Master Mason in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, OH.⁶

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- ² Wikipedia, William Clark, July 15, 2022, Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., July 20, 2022, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Clark >
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- ⁷ Masonic Proceedings 1851-1910, 2022, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, July 23, 2022, < <https://gfo.org/resources/indexes/pioneer/masonic-proceedings-1851-1910.html#:~:text=A%20Grand%20Lodge%20of%20the,1851%20and%20going%20through%201998.> >
- ⁸ Buckley, Jay H.. "Meriwether Lewis". *Encyclopedia Britannica*, May 15, 2022, < <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Meriwether-Lewis> > July 20, 2022
- ⁹ Hawks, Steve A., Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial at Gettysburg, 2022, < <https://gettysburg.stonesentinals.com/other-monuments/friend-to-friend-masonic-memorial/> > July 20, 2022

August Birthdays

Renato Ortiz-Luis Alfonso Jr.	Harry Clayton Francis Jr.	Moises Z Paraso III
Albert Louis Bernal II PM	Gordon Patrick Gottsche	Joseph H. Rosson PM
Robert Umipig Bugawan PM	David Heaton PM	Raymond Althimus Saint-julien
Raymond Louis Cafini PM	William Troy Hord	Vladimir Samokhin
Julius M. Campos	Kent William Hundley PM	Lawrence Florencio Santana
Patrick Cheng	Ross Gaylan Mandt	Richard Edward Siegel
Melvin Stanley Clark	Vrej Mihran Mekhalian PM	James Edward Sissle
John Lilburn Cooper III PGM	Joseph Dindo-Adajar Mercado	Aron Sloustcher
Franklin Vernon Dalog	George Clifford Nicolaus Jr.	Dean E. Walters
Eugenio M Devera	David Angala Noveras PM	William James Wersel
Vincent Edward Foster	Raymond Alexander Padmore	Glenn Gordon Whiteside Jr. PM
Jimmy Andrew Fowler		Samuel Chee Yee

Events

GIANTS 2022 14th Annual **GIANTS**
Masons 4 Mitts Extravaganza
AUG 27 3-7PM
SF BAY CLUB, 370 DRUMM ST
TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS
\$35 SINGLE \$55 COUPLE
LIVE PERFORMANCE BY TBD
Catered by Moonlight Cafe
★ **RSVP Andrew Filipek 415.279.8058** ★
Sponsored by Ross Valley Masonic Center Lodge #556, California Lodge # 1,
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Aloha
Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370 Luau
Saturday, August 13 2022
6:00PM - 7:00PM Cocktails and Appetizers
7:00PM - 8:00PM Dinner
8:00PM to 11:00PM Dancing and Entertainment
\$25.00 | Reservations no later August 9th, 2022
Orlando Arce | 415-244-5373 | orlando@jetintl.com
Make checks payable to: CBL #370
Mail to: Orlando Arce, 160 Windsor Ct. San Bruno Ca 94066

To honor our Past Masters who have served our lodge over the years,
 Worshipful Master Reyno Del Rosario, Jr.
 invites you to an elegant evening celebrating the wisdom of our Past Masters

Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge #370

Past Masters Ball

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Lake Merced Golf Club

2300 Junipero Serra Blvd, Daly City CA 94015

Refreshments 6:00PM

Dinner 7:00PM

Music by DJ Rene Alvarado
 Photography by Brother Sam Yee

Members, Ladies and Guests - \$60.00 per person
 No charge for Past Masters of the Columbia Brotherhood Lodge and their wives.

Dress Code:

CBL Past Masters and Officers - Black tie

Members and Guests - Black tie optional

Dinner Selections:

Rib Eye Steak
 Chilean Sea Bass
 Vegetarian

Please make checks payable to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge and
 mail to:

Danilo Dauz 3515 Headwater Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591

or e-pay via Venmo (@Danilo-Dauz)

or Zelle (zuaddan@gmail.com)

Please let us know in advance if your reservation needs to be
 canceled

Please submit reservations and choice of entree to:

Danilo Dauz, PM

cell: 707-319-7963

e-mail: zuaddan@gmail.com

Ed Lim, PM

cell: 415-786-2996

e-mail: edlim48@yahoo.com

RSVP with payment due September 2, 2022

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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We Are All Orphans

these children, and they acknowledged excitedly. A little present was presented to the house, a generous cash donation from the lodge to help with their cause.

Everyone went back on the bus and sat on seats they have claimed. There was a deafening silence. I can only imagine what each one of our members are thinking. How is it possible that these children are able to survive with so very little. And how could their parents be so heartless to allow their children to be separated from them. I broke the silence and thanked everyone for being there for these kids. That even for one moment, they have made an impact on these children's lives forever, and hopefully inspire them to strive for something better, and for giving them hope, and for making them feel loved, even for a brief moment.

Another hour and a half ride to our second stop, I couldn't help but notice some excitement from our brethren. They were briefed that we were going to

another orphanage and that we would make another grocery run. Our next stop was at a much bigger orphanage, home to about 100 children and 20 staff members. The brethren's enthusiasm was obvious from the get go. Some brothers took off on their own and bought toys and gifts on their own and with their own funds. They more than doubled the number of groceries that we bought for Destiny's Promise. The coaster was loaded up and it got a little tighter than

usual.

After another half hour trek through a somewhat better roadway, we made it to our next stop, "Vision of Hope", in the province of Lagundi, Morong, Rizal. It was high twelve and the blazing heat of the sun was unbearable. Upon entry, the driveway was layered with small rocks and dirt paths. You can't miss the ancient mango trees that towered all over the compound which

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offered shelter from the

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piercing rays of the sun. This place was huge, with detached "houses" which separated the boys and the girls. It was awe-inspiring.

We were met with open interaction with the children. Another cash donation was presented to the house from one of our brothers to help with their daily expenses.

Indescribable. One has to experience it themselves to truly understand that feeling you will feel inside after you have, again, for a brief moment, imparted that care, love, and hope, to these children. All the discomfort of the heat, exhaustion, and hunger, seems to disappear when that feeling takes over. A song from the children, to say thank you for our generosity and kindness melted our hearts, and forever made that lasting impression.

But all great things must come to an end. We loaded up the bus once more but before we go, a present from the orphanage, two bags full of green mangoes from their trees, freshly picked by one of their kids who traversed one perch to the next, trying to get the biggest of all for us to enjoy.

What else is there. The brothers are hungry for more. Well, I have to feed them first, otherwise there will be a revolt. A light lunch until our next event. Unfortunately, we were on a

time crunch and have to make some scheduling adjustments. We headed back to the hotel after instead with just enough time to get ready for a surprise dinner for our members.

It was now raining, sometimes on and off, slowly, and rhythmically slamming on the ground. The heat now overwhelmed and have cooled off. How wonderful that feeling is from hot to cold, especially in a tuxedo.

This exquisite formal attire dinner was held at the Blackbird Restaurant, an old-World War II airport tower used to deploy first the Allied planes then the Japanese bombers when they seized Manila. To place an exclamation for the day's tasks and to give thanks and praise to the Great Architect of the Universe who made it all happen.

Everyone in the room were asked what the highlight of their day was and unanimously,

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it was said, that heartwarming

"highlight of their day was and unanimously, it was said, that heartwarming feeling they felt when they were interacting with these underprivileged and abandoned children. "



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Thank you to all the brothers who supported and made this journey a memorable one, Frank Pertierra, Bruce Lyons, Carlos Suncin, Jimmy Fowler, Jerry Jugal, Anil Awasti, WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, Peter Pertierra, Jod'l Cruz and wife Jem,

Butch Caratiquit and wife Angelic, my wife Joy, a CBL brother for the generous cash donations to the orphanages and most especially, Worshipful Brother Reyno Del Rosario who made this trip a reality.

Truly it was the charitable work of these MASONS from Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 that made an impact on the

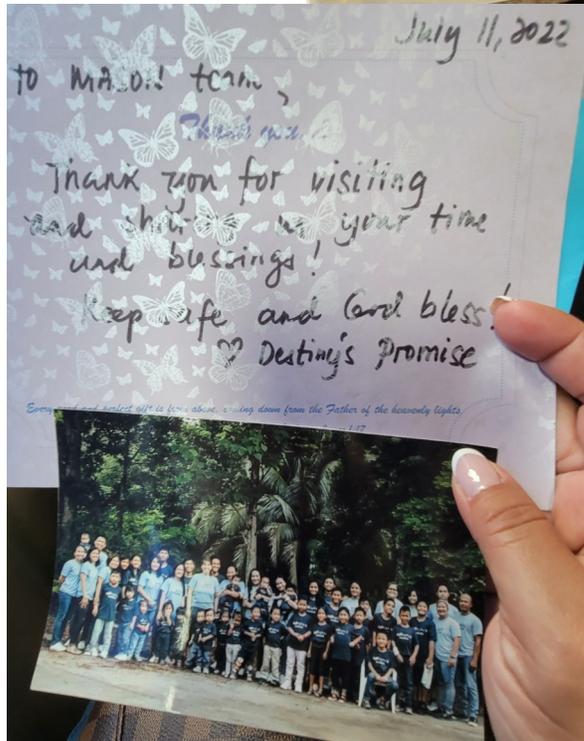
lives of these children as well as their own well-being. Truly it was the lessons taught my brothers that made it happen, about Faith, Hope, and Charity, and that the greatest of these is CHARITY.

Special thanks to Brother Bien Flores of Ang Tipolo Lodge No. 334 and his wife, Winnie, for making arrangements for our visits.



WELCOME
BRETHREN OF COLUMBIA
BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

ANG TIPOLO MASONIC LODGE NO. 334
MORONG MASONIC LODGE NO. 455
 ANTIPOLO CITY, PHILIPPINES
 JULY 14, 2022



“ Thank You for visiting us and shearing your time and blessings! Keep safe and god bless . Love Destiny's Promise”



Masons 4 Mitts

SF Slugger, Bill Aldridge, Coach, Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge No .370,



The SF Sluggers are currently in 2nd Place, with 509 Mitts donated; just reviewing the Leaderboard Board (see M4M website or below) we know this won't last long, but that's a good thing. With your help, we will continue to add to our total Mitts donated. This season is shaping up to be an EPIC season, and we want all the Brethren to be a part of M4M success. Donations don't just happen, it takes a lot of communicating with everyone, to make it a success. Never give up, keep talking about M4M, this year is going to be SPECIAL!

There are over 20,000 young boys and girls who show up every year to be part of the Junior Giants Baseball program, and many for the first time. Every Mitt donated counts! Please keep the Mitt donations coming in. either through the M4M website or you can mail them in.

Richard J. Modolo

Below you will find a Leaderboard with the Northern California Team Scores. Let's go Sluggers!

June. I hope to see you soon!

PS: Aziz and I are looking forward to visiting lodges, beginning in

Northern California Region Leaderboard a/o May 28

347 Mitts	477 Mitts	509 Mitts	1406 Mitts	67 Mitts	74 Mitts	102 Mitts	12 Mitts	2994
Delta Dogs	South Bay Bombers	San Francisco Sluggers	East Bay Aces	Sacramento Cyclones	North State Hotshots	North Bay Bees	Animus	Total

if donating

via check, the donor should make it out to:

Masons4Mitts, and send it to:

Grand Lodge of California
Attn: Masons4Mitts
1111 California St.
San Francisco, CA 94108



Masonic Night w/SF Giants

While waiting to step off for the SF Carnival parade, I ran into Lou Seal, and Lou says, Go Sluggers! Please keep pitching M4M up with the Brethren. Every donation helps, no matter the amount given. You can purchase a ticket or buy a block of game tickets for the **MASONIC NIGHT WITH THE SF GIANTS**, Wednesday, September 28. This is a great time to place a lodge order, for a group of tickers, 5, 10, 15 or more, at the M4M website.

Please visit the new M4M website, there is much more to see there.

Together we are M4M Strong,

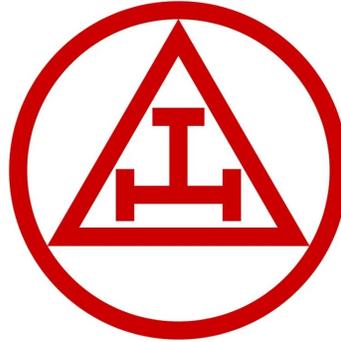
Richard J. Modolo

Richard, John, Aziz and David

Masons4Mitts SF Sluggers Co-Captains

PS: Aziz and I are looking forward to visiting lodges, beginning in June. I hope to see you soon!

Royal Arch Meritorious Service Award



You are cordially invited to the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and Dinner

Honoring

Companion James Toy

(member of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370)

On August 20th, 2022 @ 1730

Location: Asiya Shrine Center, 1925 Elkhorn CT, San Mateo

Award ceremony will also include other award recipients from California Commandry #1 and Cryptic Council #2

RSVP to Art Walton : arthurhwalton@gmail.com

Send \$15 check to :

Continuing Your Masonic Journey

San Francisco York Rite

consist of the 3 bodies:

- *Royal Arch California Chapter #1
- *Cryptic Masons California Council #2
- *Knights Templar California Commandry #1

All Master Masons welcome to join. If you want first hand information, you can attend our dinners before the meetings and get acquainted with current members. Contact the High Priest of California Chapter #1.

York Rite Bodies

Wikipedia:
The three primary bodies in the York Rite are the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal & Select Masters or Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar

		
<small>Royal Arch Masons Mark Master Mason Past Master Most Excellent Master Royal Arch Mason</small>	<small>Cryptic Masons Royal Master Select Master Super Excellent Master</small>	<small>Knights Templar Knights of the Red Cross Knights of Malta Knights Templar</small>

The annual Festival to confer most or all the degrees for all three bodies of the York Rite will be announced in the near future. Those who have already taken the Mark Master Mason degree will be able to secure a spot at the festival where all the degrees will be conferred upon you on one weekend. To join, follow the link below and fill out the form and submit it to the High Priest.

Questions can be directed to : High Priest Jason Hui (Jason@hui.cc) The petition to receive all the degrees can be downloaded at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3EOMqbC>

Thank You for Knowing me, Even for One Day

By WB Francis Feliciano, PM

“was founded by a retired social worker from the United States”.

He sat with his feet up on the rocking chair, his eyes sunken, and his mouth droopy on both sides. The wrinkles on his face are testimony of a life that he only knows and will be forgotten when he is called to his father’s side, each line a memory, every bifurcation, an event, or perhaps a tragedy. I called out in the most respectable and traditional exclamation, “tao po”, a “person hails”, announcing my presence. The old man called out to someone in the office across from where he was at, “may tao”, which literally translates to “there’s a person (without)”. He reminds me so much of my grandfather and then my father, with the same demeanor and the same weathered look

on their faces.

I spoke to the administrator, the only employee of this home, although there were at least four staff members, all volunteers, either completing their requirements for their nursing degrees or finishing their residency. The home was founded by a retired social worker from the United States. She is the only source of income for the facility, which houses

approximately 30 elderly individuals that are abandoned, displaced, thrown out of their homes, or simply alone and unable to care for themselves. In all essence, those fortunate to be in this house will live here until their last breath, in comfort, and in good care. I asked for pardon for dropping by unannounced for we were supposed to meet with them on the

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prior Monday but unfortunately became strapped for time. ‘We are expecting your group, sir’. I was happy to hear that. An arrangement made by Brother Bien Flores of Ang Tipolo Lodge No. 334 finally came into fruition. I told her that there were a number of us and that we would have to take a tricycle from our bus from a few blocks away because it was too big of a vehicle to be able to get to the narrow streets where the home was.

I hailed a tricycle and commandeered it, to take me back to the bus and pick up the supplies

which we bought prior to our arrival and then to be taken back again to “Tahanang Balik-Alay” Retirement Home. Just like a fire brigade, we formed a line from the storage compartment of the bus and to the flimsy tricycle, loading it with sacks of rice, medicine, food items, cooking ingredients, personal hygiene supplies, medical supplies, and even boxes and boxes of COVID antigen tests. After which we all walked in the hot blistering sun to get to the home, and just like magic, all the discomfort from the constant bullying of the hot sun upon our skin seemed to disappear as soon as we met with

the residents of the home. All of the donations were placed on a table and on the floor for all to see. A small cash donation again was given to the house from the generosity of a CBL Brethren and Brother Jimmy Fowler who could not make this trip.

After all the formalities, we were able to interact briefly with the residents, some of whom were extremely happy that we were there to visit them, for they hardly have any. The staff members were delighted to have our members share some of their own personal time and spend it with

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total strangers. And as we said our goodbyes, there were some sadness that remained in the residents eyes, as if wondering if there will ever be another time for another visit.

And as quickly as the sweat dried on my forehead, we found ourselves again headed back to the comfort of the air-conditioned bus. Some of the brothers overloaded the tricycle just like a clown car. It was quite a delightful sight to see, a bunch of grown men acting

like children. It can only be because of the happiness they are feeling, seeing their own grandparents or parents, in another form, another life, in another person.

A survey of the group returned many positive comments about this experience and things they would like to see done to support this particular home. Many were interested in supporting this home on their own and wish that they could do more. These brothers were fortunate to have experienced and tast-

ed this once in a lifetime event that can only be attained by being there, seeing, feeling, smelling, and hearing, and which makes them want to do it over and over again. Thank you, brothers, for your time, patience, and unselfish generosity. The donations we have given will feed the residents of this facility for a few months and surely, they will remember each one of us, even for one day, who made a difference in their lives.





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Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe.

Our stated meeting for 2022 will be held in person and member restrictions have been lifted. The Grand Lodge of California has authorized guidelines to follow. More information of events and stated meetings will be announced. Please look for the link sent out through Signup Genius. Dinner Reservation is required for the Stated Meeting Dinner. San Francisco also issue its own restrictions that also must be followed.

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



Thank you and stay
healthy.
Master 2022
Reyno Del Rosario

