



# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

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## THIS MONTH

DECEMBER 2

\* Blood Drive

DECEMBER 6

\* Stated Meeting

DECEMBER 9

\* INSTALLATION

DECEMBER 25

\* Christmas Day

DECEMBER 31

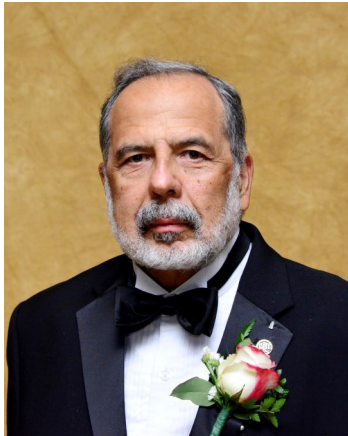
\* New Year's Eve

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## From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Ladies,

Having completed our annual Lodge and Grand lodge elections, having reflected on the bounties for which we may be thankful, and as we prepare for our lodge's annual installation and the upcoming holidays; I send you greetings from the East.

Our pillars, Senior Deacon, and several other Lodge Brethren attended the 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Meeting of the California Grand lodge on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Reports were presented, legislative actions were discussed and voted on, and the 2024 Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed. Videos of the report presentations are available at: <https://freemason.org/anncomm23/>, and the results of the legislative elections are provided at: <https://mailerlite.freemason.org/link/c/YT0yMzM2NTU2NzM4MjE3NTE1MjcyJmM9czZjMCZlPTAmYj0xMjMwNTU3MzkwJmQ9aDdyNWw3eQ==.swZU44xUgF>

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Thanks go out to the brothers who represented our lodge at these meetings.

The November stated meeting including the annual Lodge Elections took place on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join me in congratulating our newly elected, officers, Trustees, Temple Board Members, and appointed officers listed in this Trestle Board.

Please join me in thanking Jim Guerrero and Sister Mayra Guerrero for planning and executing the Great-Gatsby Themed Masquerade Party which the Lodge hosted on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Masonic Formation Classes were held on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>, during which our three Principal tenants, four cardinal virtues, and the perspectives of three great Greek thinkers (Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle) were discussed regarding troubles and distractions which present themselves as tough, lawless roughneck bullies or ruffians hiding in our minds which can prevent us

from being our best selves. Thanks to Brother Jim Guerrero and the participants for their support of these MFC meetings, and thanks to Brother Jim Guerrero for all his work associated with the MFC throughout the year.

Dues became due in November, so as we prepare for the new year, please be sure to visit <http://www.freemason.org> to update your information on the Grand Lodge website and to pay any dues which are due. Please contact anyone on the officers' team if you need help accessing the site or completing the transactions.

Installation practice took place on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to allow for the December stated meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> during which the Lodge members will vote on an affiliation in addition to normal business transactions, and Freemasons around the world will celebrate the winters solstice and the feast of Saint John the evangelist in addition to other December holidays.

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## From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

Brothers,

Thank you for your trust in me to serve our Lodge as Master for the 2024 ensuing Masonic Year.

I hope that 2024 will continue to improve itself as the last few years post pandemic. My focus will be on Education this year, ensuring that we fulfill our promise made to every new Brother that Freemasonry consists of a course of moral and philosophical instruction.

We have The Masonic Education Committee that meet twice a month and is doing great work. I'm also looking forward to redoubling our labors related to Charity. Our Lodge is incredibly fortunate to have the resources that we do, and so we as Brothers have a unique opportunity to do well in our communities with the support

of our Lodge. If you're willing to invest your Labor toward some Noble Cause then Columbia Brotherhood Lodge (CBL) can help support your work. Please contact me with your ideas if you'd like to know more.

Finally, I'm looking forward to continuing to invest in Fellowship. In addition to our Stated meetings and lodge events, I look forward to getting the brothers together this year to help celebrate our Lodge history, and to visit various Lodges both near and far together with you, my CBL Brothers.

I hope everyone had a thankful get together with family in November. I love the Thanksgiving Holiday because it also means that Christmas is just few weeks away.

There are applicants which we need to follow up next year and thus, we expect new Entered Ap-

prentices and Fellowcrafts. Hopefully we can raise them to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I am happy that to note that a long absent brother has returned for fellowship with us after some personal hardship. I hope he will continue to do so. Welcome back Brother J. Halfacre. I also want to welcome back Brother J. Lam after recovering from a long illness. I am hopeful that we can raise Bro. Lam to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the ensuing Masonic Year.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our elected and appointed Officers for the service they will give in the ensuing year. It was a pleasure serving our Lodge as Senior Warden, and I hope we will continue to grow in membership as well as to the newly raised to step up in serving our

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## From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our Worshipful Master James Gonzales for leading us through 2023. It has been my distinct honor to serve as his Junior Warden.

I look forward to seeing you all at our December stated meeting where we will enjoy steak, salmon, or a vegan entre. This is the final Stated Meeting for our current slate of officers

and I encourage you all to come and celebrate with us. It would be wonderful to see brothers who may have been away from the lodge for some time.

**Don't forget to bring unwrapped toys for our annual toy drive.**

The 2024 Officer's installation will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at our lodge. Please be sure to RSVP if you haven't already done so. Brother Bruce has been working hard on making this a fun and

memorable event. So please come celebrate with us.

Finally, I have really enjoyed serving as your Junior Warden and look forward to serving you as the Senior Warden in the ensuing Masonic Year.

Happy Holidays!

**Anil Awasti, J.W.**



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### EDITOR'S NOTE

FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR. P.M.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless all of us with good health, wealth, and fortune. Stay safe and well through the New Year!

I would like to congratulate Worshipful Master-Elect, Jason Hui and the new officer's for 2024. I look forward to another fantastic year at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370!

I want to thank Worshipful Master James Gonzalez for his dedication and hard work during 2023 and all of the officers, chairs, and committeemen involved in lodge operations and events. Your commitment to the betterment of our lodge and its members does not go unnoticed. May you continue your journey as Masons with an open mind and a generous heart. May you all be continually blessed by our Great Creator.

## IN MEMORIAM

NONE

*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.*

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During the past year, everyone associated with our lodge has continued to experience and work on their Masonic and human journeys. We met new people, initiated a new member, welcomed an affiliated member, passed one member, and raised two brothers. A third brother has been fighting to regain his health will now be raised in 2024. Please join me in praying for his recovery and support him in his upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ritual.

Our officers participated in several training events and represented our lodge at the annual communications meeting of the Grand Lodge of California. In addition to celebrating Golden Anniversaries for Brother James Anthony Dillon and James Louis Pappus, several blood drives, and multiple charitable and social events, we honored Worshipful Brother Orlando Arce's service to our lodge and society in general with our Lodge's 2023 Hiram Award. Sadly, we bade farewell to our brothers Edward Lee Barber; David Feodorovitch Volkoff, PM; Armando Telles, PM; and Bernie Feinberg, who laid down their working tools and returned to that all-perfect, celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever presides. Our prayers go out in support of our departed Brothers and in support of their loved ones.

Our Brothers who have served as trustees spent the year evaluating the market and contemplating investments that increased our lodge's wealth thereby creating a more prosperous future and allowing for sufficient resources for the Lodge's continued operation and participation in our local community via charitable contributions and other means. Our brothers who served as directors of the Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco (Our Temple Board) worked to ensure continued operation and maintenance of our Lodge building. Please join me in thanking each of them for their work

in maintaining our infrastructure and providing for our economic future.

While reflecting on the many bounties of my life I am especially grateful that the Great Architect and you afforded me the opportunity to be the Worshipful Master of our lodge during its 118<sup>th</sup> year, for the love and support which was in constant supply from Mary, my best friend and partner and our children; from my mom, sister and niece; from Brother Jason and Roxanna Hui, Brother Anil Awasti, the officers and their spouses; from the event chairpersons and their spouses; WB Francis Feliciano for his guidance and his assistance in Lodge media; Brother Bruce Lyons for his assistance with event notifications; our inspector and officers' coach; and from the trustees and temple board members.

This whirlwind year has afforded me an amazing opportunity to affect lodge policy and vantage point for its challenges and successes. As I depart the Master's position with many fond memories and with gratitude for the opportunity to serve and to become a better man, I look forward to serving the lodge as Junior Past Master and Chaplain during the ensuing masonic year and am grateful to Jason Hui, our incoming Master for appointing me to this position.

I leave the lodge in the capable hands of our incoming master and officers who have worked hard preparing themselves for the upcoming year, our incoming pillars worked especially hard in completing the Lodge Management Certification Program and ritual proficiency work necessary for them to qualify for election to their new positions; Our Inspector, Allan Nubla, PM, and Officers' Coach Dionisio Dela Cruz, PM, were instrumental in guiding us through these processes. Please join me in thanking all who assisted and participated in the lodge during the past year and who are already working on upcoming events for the ensuing year. Please join me in thanking Brother Bruce Lyons, our incoming Junior Warden; Brother Jason Roxana Hui,

Brother Jim Guerrero and Nina Chavez and her team for their work in planning the upcoming officer installation in December 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

Brother Jason Hui, our Worshipful Master Elect has created a program for the coming year which he plans to review during his first 2024 planning meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I ask you to join me in welcoming our 2024 leadership team to their new positions and supporting them in every way possible. Each of you has many gifts which you have nurtured during your lifetimes, and it is my fervent hope that you will step forward to offer your individual gifts to our new Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and event committee chairpersons so that together the lodge may experience an active and enjoyable 119<sup>th</sup> year. I thank you in advance for your support and participation for our new leadership.

I wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season which allows you to share all that is good with those you love, a new year filled with experiences which make you the best you can be, and a fulfilling life spent with those you cherish.

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

Fraternally yours,

**James Gonzalez, WM**





DECEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

RAYMOND ALF CARLSON 12/02  
 DEWAYNE E. WATSON II 12/03  
 JOHN MICHAEL CONLAN, PM 12/06  
 DIONISIO LOGINA DELA CRUZ, PM 12/06  
 EDUARD RASHOM MARCHESE 12/06  
 ALLEN WESLEY SMITH III 12/06  
 KENNETH LOBOVITZ 12/07  
 JOHN SHELDON GOTTSCH 12/08  
 CYROUS NAVARRETE 12/09  
 ED P. ISANA 12/10

JUAN CESPEDES, PM 12/11  
 THEODORE ROSS PREPOUTSE 12/12  
 HARALAMBOS N. PAPADOPOULOS 12/13  
 ISAAC CABRERA MEJIA 12/14  
 JIMMY CHOW 12/16  
 ROBERT DELUZURIAGA, PM 12/16  
 WILLIAM RAYMOND BECK 12/17  
 EMIL JOHN ANDRES ESTOLANO 12/17  
 GERALD WALTER BODE, PM 12/21  
 RENATO ALFONSO, PM 12/22

ARNEL JOSE BAUSANTA 12/22  
 FRANK B. PERTIERRA 12/22  
 GEORGE POON 12/22  
 MARTIN KARL KLOESS, PM 12/25  
 JAEAME INNEASS KOYIL 12/25  
 ALEJANDRO C. MALTEZ 12/28  
 RONALD BASS RAGLAND, PM 12/28  
 CHRISTIAN EJVIND SORENSEN 12/28  
 MARK GREGORY FITZPATRICK 12/31

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Lodge. Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and let's look forward to a more fruitful year ahead. Let us continue to Connect, Communicate, and Commit.

Fraternally,

Jason Hui, S.W.



SECRETARY'S DESK

JASON YEN, P.M.

Dear Brethren,

**Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

The dues for 2024 is \$85.50. We appreciate the brethren who had already paid it. You have 2 options to pay your dues:

To use Credit Card: Go to Grand Lodge Website, [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org), create and/or update your account. You can print your due's card through iMember2.0.

Send due's check to the Lodge and made it payable to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370.

For E-Trestleboard, hard copy Trestleboard, and sign-up genius, please contact Worshipful Brother Francis Feliciano, Trestle-board Editor. His contact info: [djfrance@comcast.net](mailto:djfrance@comcast.net) or Cell, 415-407-0199

All members can also access Lodge's Trestleboard through our website, [www.cbl370.com](http://www.cbl370.com).

If you need any other assistance, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers. Thank you in placing your trust for re-electing me as the Lodge's secretary.

Fraternally yours,

Jason Yen, Secretary



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370  
Cordially invited you to the ANNUAL

**SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE**  
**ON FEBRUARY 10 2024**  
5:30 PM TO 11:00 PM  
COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370  
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Philippines  
**JULY 2024**

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## HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

1. Sublime Degree \_\_\_\_\_
2. An Exuberant Masonic Fruit \_\_\_\_\_
3. Darkest part of King Solomon's Temple \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where Masters Meet inside the Temple \_\_\_\_\_
5. Architect of King Solomon's Temple \_\_\_\_\_
6. Really wanted to help build the Temple \_\_\_\_\_
7. What you need to accomplish all things \_\_\_\_\_
8. Temporary resting place of an illustrious Mason \_\_\_\_\_
9. Number of days until this Master was RAISED \_\_\_\_\_
10. Greatest of all Liberal Arts \_\_\_\_\_

Answers will be posted in the January Trestleboard!

### Answers to November's Trivia

1. Three Pillars  
*JR. WARDEN, SR. WARDEN, & W. MASTER*
2. "Stairs"  
*357*
3. Where the Worshipful Master sits  
*ORIENTAL CHAIR/ EAST*
4. What most people desire  
*LIGHT*
5. How you may become one  
*ASK ONE*
6. Must be given inside a tiled lodge  
*SIGN*
7. This ship sails there all the time  
*ETHIOPIA*
8. You must have this to get on the ship  
*KING SOLOMON'S PASS*
9. We meet on this day  
*1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH*
10. This must be done every November  
*ELECTION OF OFFICERS*

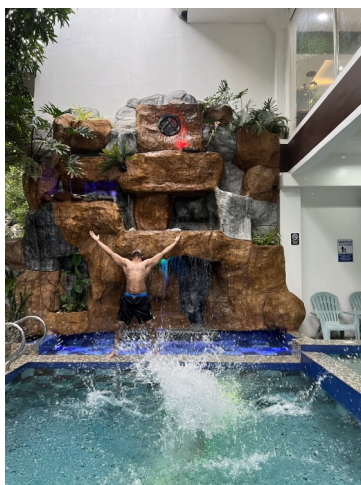
Can you name these Masons in the photos?  
From November 2023 Trestleboard



Answer: from L to R  
 Brother Jod'l Cruz  
 Worshipful Brother Reyno Del Rosario  
 Brother Bruce Lyons  
 Brother Frank Pertiera  
 Brother Anil Awasti  
 Blue Canary  
 Brother Sam Muqatash  
 Brother Carlos Suncin

## Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photos?  
Answers will be in the January 2024 Trestleboard



1905



2024

### Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

of the

State of California

Cordially invites you & your guest to the

### 119th Annual Installation of Officers

For the ensuing Masonic Year

Saturday December 9, 2023

At 4:00 P.M.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

855 Brotherhood Way

San Francisco, CA 94132

Dinner and Dance to follow in the Banquet Hall

Please RSVP by December 1, 2023

Brother Bruce Lyons at (415) 309-0495 or  
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## Important reminder from the Master

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

Just a reminder that as Master Masons, we are responsible for all of our actions, to meet on the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square. We are held to a higher standard. Let us all lead by example and admonish errors by our brothers and continue to improve ourselves in freemasonry.

**JAMES GONZALEZ**  
Master 2023

