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THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 1

- * STATED MEETING
- * ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4

- * MASQUERADE

NOVEMBER 6

- * Masonic Formation Class (MFC)

NOVEMBER 11

- * VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 13

- * Masonic Formation Class (MFC)

NOVEMBER 23

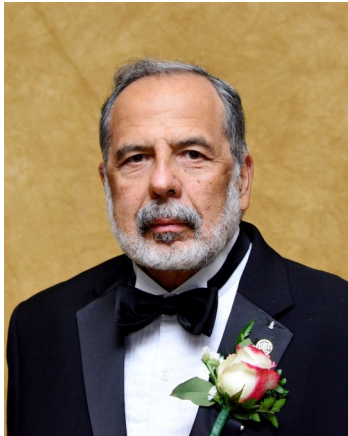
- * THANKSGIVING DAY

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From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Ladies,

Being well into the autumn season and as we prepare for Thanksgiving, I send you greetings from the East.

First and foremost, please join me in congratulating Brothers Jason Hui, Anil Awasti, Bruce Lyons, and Frank Pertierra who on their quest to be better men passed their proficiencies (on October 2nd and 23rd) for Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon and are now ready to stand for election, during the November 1st Stated meeting. Please join me in wishing each of them much success and support during their upcoming journeys.

During the month of October, we held our stated meeting on Wednesday October 4th and celebrated our Past Masters during a dinner dance on October 8th. Thanks go out to WB

Orlando Arce and Brother Carlos Suncin and their wonderful spouses and our sisters, Sylvia and Dinah for planning and executing this event, and thanks to all of our Past Masters and their families for their service to our lodge. MFC Meetings on October 9th and 16th. I send my thanks to Brother Jim Guerrero for his ongoing support of the MFC meetings and to those who participated. Those who attended the MFC Meeting on October 16th viewed and discussed the concepts on Civility and Masonry presented by Most Worshipful, Russ Charvonja (Grand Master for the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California in 2014-15). MW Charvonja integrates Masonic values which we hold dear as tools which may help to improve discourse in our society. Please take a moment to visit <https://www.masoniccivility.org/> to view some of his team's work.

Our officers participated in practices on October 11th, 18th and

25th during which they worked on proficiencies and other activities in support of our election and flag presentation during the November stated meeting. In addition, our officers participated in the 141st Masonic District's October District School of instruction (DSOI) hosted by the officers of San Francisco Lodge No 120 on October 19th. After a briefing by our inspector, WB Allan Nubla, the SF 120 Officers' team demonstrated the second section of the third degree; and several of our officers attended the 174th Annual Communication Meeting of the California Grand lodge on October 27th, 28th and 29th.

Our November stated meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 1st during which we will hold our annual election of officers, and on Saturday, November 4th, our lodge will host a Great Gatsby Themed Masquerade Party. Please join me in thanking Brother Jim Guerrero and Sister Mayra Guerrero for

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From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

Welcome to the month of November my Brothers and friends.

This month we will be celebrating multiple holidays, including Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. As we progress through the month, be sure to keep all Veterans around the world in your prayers. With the uncertainty of world's stability, they need our support verbally and spiritually. When peace finally arrive, their service to both our country and countries abroad are done sometimes never done, for many their war is not yet over.

As the holiday season approaches, please take care of yourselves, your families and extend your kindness and generosity to others. With all the uncertainty in the world and in our country, what we do matters. As Masons we are called on to do more both as an organization, as well as individuals. We have a lot to be grateful

for, our fraternity, our friendships and our families all help to sustain us through difficult times. Others are not so fortunate. We are indeed blessed by our association, and commitment to the principles of Freemasonry which we extend to our community. Don't underestimate the power of a kind word, a smile, a pat on the back, or a friendly phone call.

So where did Thanksgiving come from? We all know the story of the Pilgrims and Indians from our childhood, but who started the holiday? It was actually two Brothers, Brother Washington and Brother Roosevelt. In 1789, Brother George Washington declared November 26 to be set aside to be thankful for the nation's bounty and also to give thanks for the newly adopted Constitution. Brother Washington wanted people to "...unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplica-

tions... beseeching God to pardon our national and other transgressions." Thanksgiving was celebrated on and off until in 1939, Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving a permanent official US holiday.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Jason Hui



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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Brethren and friends, Fall is upon us and I'm enjoying the cooler weather.

Before sharing info about the upcoming events, I wanted to congratulate the officers who passed their proficiencies and have qualified to move to the next office. I want to thank our Master James Gonzalez, our Coach WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, and several other Past Masters and Brothers who helped prepare us for this.

On a different note, we had a

wonderful October with the highlight of the month being the Past Masters Appreciation Dinner. Brother Carlos Suncin and WB Orlando Arce partnered with their wives to put on this beautiful event. Thank you all for your hard work.

We will kick off November by holding our Stated Meeting on the 1st. Since the holidays are around the corner, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving-style turkey dinner, sole fish, or vegan Indian food. Please note the lodge is collecting toys for our annual Toy

Drive. Bring a new toy in lieu of paying for the dinner.

Our next event is the holiday Masquerade Party on the 4th. Contact Brother Jim Guerrero with any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally,

Anil Awasti, JW



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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.*

their work in planning and executing this event.

Masonic Formation Classes are planned for Monday, November 6th and Monday, 13th, and it is hoped that all of us normally reach out to members of the armed services in gratitude for their service to our country, and in particular on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2023. Finally please plan to attend our lodge's 119th officer installation on Saturday, December 9th. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our lodge's activities and will appreciate your participation in them.

Our Toys for Tots activities will continue through November, so remember to bring a gift for a Tot. Stated meeting dinner will be free for those who do, and those who desire a greater participation in this program are encouraged to contribute directly to San Francisco Fire Department's 2023 toys-for-tots program by contacting Toys for tots at www.sffirefighterstoys.org and or at 415-777-0440.

Our Retention Committee continues to check in on members who we have not seen in a while and those with outstanding balances and continues to ask for your support. If you are or know a member in need of assistance or that we have not seen in a while, please contact please contact any of the officers or Retention Committee Members Richard San Mames and James Guerrero.

Our first President, Brother George Washington, proclaimed Thursday, November 26th as a day "for the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving." President Abraham Lincoln (not a Freemason, but a man who exhibited many Masonic tendencies and who expressed great respect for the Fraternity) in 1863 via proclamation "... declared

Thanksgiving as a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November and urging "...the nation to heal its wounds and restore 'peace, harmony, tranquility and Union,'" Given that the holiday was by a presidential proclamation, Thanksgiving was celebrated when the President proclaimed it. The month of November had five Thursdays in 1938 and 1939, so in 1939, our 32nd President, (Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt), at a time when our country was recovering from the Great Depression, changed the seventy-year precedent from the last Thursday to the fourth Thursday of the month, and on December 26th, 1941, Congress passed a law (77 H. J. Res. 41) which made the fourth Thursday of November a legal holiday thereby ensuring a unified Thanksgiving celebrated by all Americans.¹

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, my thanks go out to Brothers Jason Hui, Anil Awasti, Bruce Lyons, and Frank Pertierra, for the work they put in to complete their proficiencies; to WB Dionisio Dela Cruz for guiding and coaching us during this year; to WB Allan Nubla for his guidance during the year and patience during the proficiency process; to Brother Jim Guerrero for his ongoing work with the MFC, and to the officers of our lodge for their support and participation in our practices and DSOI Meetings; to the volunteers who have planned and assisted with events during the year, and to members of the lodge for your presence, for your participation in our lodge, for the input you provide, and for the support you have shown our officers and me,

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

Fraternally yours,

James Gonzalez, WM

¹ Heather Thomas, "A Presidential History of Thanksgiving," *Headlines and Heros Newspapers, Comics and More Fine Point ISSN 2692-2177, Library of Congress Blogs*, 24 November 2021, <https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2021/11/a-presidential-history-of-thanksgiving/#:~:text=President%20George%20Washington%20was%20the,holiday%20under%20the%20new%20Constitution>



Stated Meeting Dinner will be free for those who brings a toy to support the Toys-For-Tots



OCTOBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

PAUL DAVID PIETROSKI, PM 11/02
 FRANK NORMAN DOODHA, JR. 11/03
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 ROY MARON EIDSON 11/05
 KING MAN NG 11/06
 HARRY CHESTER ROGERS 11/09
 RAJIV KUMAR GUJRAL 11/10
 ILLYA JON McCAMANT 11/12

KEVIN MORGAN SORBELLO 11/15
 JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, JR. 11/16
 DONALD LEE SINNAR 11/17
 ETHAN HAN YEN 11/17
 JULIO MARIO ESQUIVEL 11/18
 FRANCIS SAN JUAN FELICIANO, PM 11/20
 ALEX IGNATOVSKY 11/20
 GLENN TARROZA JACINTO 11/20
 BRUCE KENNETH LYONS 11/20

GARY NELSON PITTMAN 11/20
 EDWARD LEE 11/23
 ROMARICO MIRANDA 11/25
 PAUL BERTHOLD SABELSTROM 11/26
 RICHARD C YEN 11/26
 KENNETH WAYNE JEWELL 11/28
 JACK JANGLE LAM 11/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!



Masquerade Party

THE GREAT GATSBY THEME

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saturday • november 4, 2023 • 6pm

Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Center
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

PLEASE COME IN FORMAL ATTIRE

MEMBERS \$25

NONMEMBERS \$35

RSVP by Oct. 27th to Bro. Jim Guerrero
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HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

- 1. Three Pillars _____
- 2. "Stairs" _____
- 3. Where the Worshipful Master sits _____
- 4. What most people desires _____
- 5. How you may become one _____
- 6. Must be given inside a tiled lodge _____
- 7. This ship sails there all the time _____
- 8. You must have this to get on the ship _____
- 9. We meet on this day _____
- 10. This must be done every November in lodge _____

Answer to October's Trivia

- 1. A coin for a Master Mason
OVERSEER
- 2. Where timbers were from
FORESTS OF LEBANON
- 3. One of the 3 great lights
HOLY BIBLE, SQUARE, OR COMPASS
- 4. Where Masons meet
ON THE LEVEL
- 5. King Solomon's dad
DAVID
- 6. Widow's Son's home
TRIBE OF JUDAH
- 7. Once a grave marker
ACCACIA or EVERGREEN
- 8. That which is lost
ANCIENT MASTER'S WORD
- 9. That which binds us
BROTHERLY LOVE
- 10. Allusion to King Solomon
WISDOM

Answers will be posted in the December Trestleboard!

Can you name these Masons in the photo?

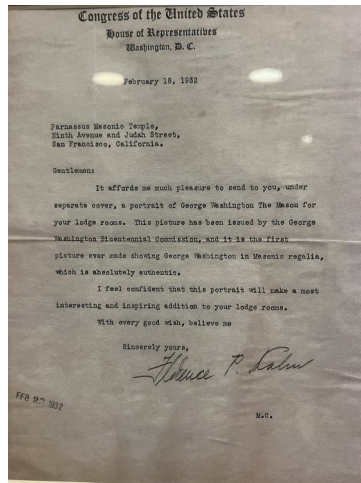
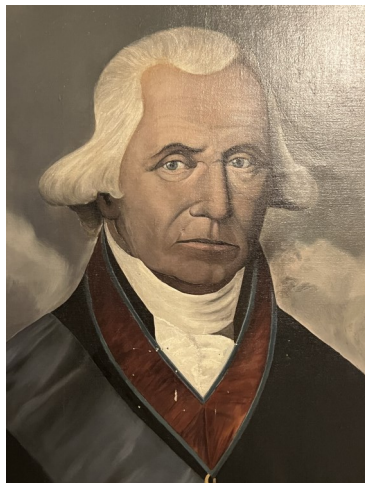
Answers will be posted in the DECEMBER Trestleboard.

Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo?



Answer: from L to R
Brother Carlos Suncin
Brother Gordon Gotsche
Brother Jerry Jugal
Brother Frank Pertierra



It's TRUE!

This was gifted to Parnassus Lodge from the House of Representatives. The lodge was then located at Ninth Avenue and Judah Street. It is the very first picture ever made showing George Washington in Masonic regalia.

This authentic painting now hangs proudly in the George Washington room!



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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

