



# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

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## THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 6

\* STATED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9

\* Annual Luau

SEPTEMBER 11

\* MFC

SEPTEMBER 18

\* MFC

SEPTEMBER 20

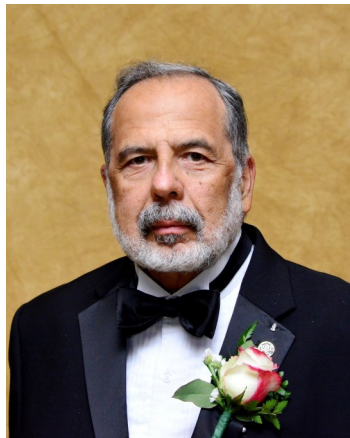
\* DSOI

SEPTEMBER 26

\* Mason's Night with the SF  
Giants

## From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Ladies,

As we enter the final quarter of 2023, look forward to the harvests of this year's efforts, and prepare for the ensuing 2024 Masonic year, I send you, greetings from the East.

Our officers worked throughout this year on the rituals associated with their existing chairs resulting in a figurative harvest or personal achievement, and will via the lodges tradition of advanced stations, prepare themselves for their upcoming rolls at their 2024, "advanced stations" by performing the ritual functions of the upcoming seats during rituals and practices, and by assisting each other in learning their new rolls in the lodge management and operation.

Lodge members returned from summer activities on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for our August stated meeting, and in addition to the normal transaction of business heard the secretary's report. On the following Saturday, members of the lodge and their families met at Lake Chabot for our

annual picnic.

The MFC class met on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August, practice for the first and second degrees took place on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, respectively, and Mr. **AMELIO FELICIANO** was initiated an Entered Apprentice mason on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please share your congratulations to Brother Amelio (Mel) Feliciano when you next see him. The planned third-degree conferral had to be postponed and is planned during the month of September.

In acknowledgement of and in gratitude for the challenging and sacred obligations and bravery of the first responders who serve our community, our lodge served, in person and via delivery, over 100 breakfasts to first responders on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks go out to Brother **JOSE RIVERA**, Nina and her team, and the lodge members who volunteered to help on that morning.

Our officers and those of San Francisco 120 attended the August 15<sup>th</sup> District School of Instruction (DSOI) hosted by California Lodge No. 1, and after a briefing by WB **ALAN NUBLA**, the Cal 1 officers demonstrated the second-degree, first section. Thanks to our officers for their participation

in this event.

The Grand lodge has planned a city-wide event inviting active prospects to join at Freemasons Hall within the California Memorial Masonic temple called the Masonic Information Night, and several members of our lodge will attend this event on August 31 to meet with perspective members.

Most Worshipful **RANDALL L. BRILL** has Proclaimed September 2023 as Public Schools Month. The proclamation at [https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/8\\_September\\_PublicSchools.pdf](https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/8_September_PublicSchools.pdf)

Indicates that, "... As California Masonry celebrates the 103rd anniversary of Public Schools Month, support for our schools, teachers, and students has never been more important. Our schools continue facing incredible challenges as a result of the pandemic and chronic funding gaps. As a result, more of our students are falling behind. The achievement gap in California's schools is widening at an alarming pace. It is up to organizations like the Masons of

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First Degree Conferral for Amelio Feliciano, Jr.



## From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

As this year is winding down and thoughts of advance stations are on the officer's mind, we still continue to push on with our rituals and degrees.



I want to congratulate our newly obligated brother, **MEL FELICIANO**, who was initiated on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He will gain much knowledge as he learns the lecture of the Enter Apprentice degree.

In the ritualistic work of the third degree, we hear the words, 'seeing the temple about to be completed, and being desirous of receiving the secrets of a Master Mason, whereby we could travel in foreign countries', and be accepted as such.



A Master Mason desiring to travel to a foreign country who thinks that he might like to visit a Masonic Lodge should and must make himself cognizant of the terms and signs of this degree so that a brother may know another.

The degrees conferred in our lodge remind me my lessons as a Master Mason, and it seem fitting that I follow the line aforementioned as I traveled to a foreign country, **Seoul, Korea**.

Although my trip was only a week long with many tourist sights planned, I decided to make time to visit a lodge in that foreign country, to see if I could make a good gesture connection with a local lodge. After I located a lodge in the area where I was staying in Seoul, Korea, I reached out to **The Han Yang Lodge #1048 (HYL)** under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I contacted their Secretary, **Past Master Derek Clarke-Mastin**, who despite being out of the country at the time, put me in contact with the Rite Worshipful Master and his officers. I later presented my masonic credentials and was invited to their time of "harmony" before their meeting.

Harmony was held at a local restaurant that was owned by one of their brethren where I met a couple of HYL's members, an Entered Apprentice and a Fellow Craft and some prospective persons interested in masonry. As with all Masons, everyone there were from different backgrounds coming together on the level.

After harmony, we walked down the street to a small restaurant in the lower level of a building where the Junior Warden met us. The tables and chair of the restaurant were rearranged to create a formal lodge

setting. When the Rite Worshipful Master arrived and the final touches were made to the lodge, I was honored to be asked to sit in the West and I happily agreed. As expected, I stumbled through their opening ceremony, it being different than our openings in California. But I pushed through it with the help of the Rite Worshipful Master and once opened, the Rite Worshipful Master presented me with their lodge's masonic pin. I then presented him with the pin of our Worshipful Master.

My experience at HYL proved to me that peace, harmony, and brotherly love has no masonic borders. The men I met was the result of our masonic beliefs that created friendships that would otherwise not exist.

I think I created a connection with my far away brethren's and will likely be attending another of their meetings again should I return to Seoul, Korea. I would like to thank the **Rite Worshipful Master SANG-MIN HONG, Secretary DEREK CLARKE-MASTIN, PM, Junior Warden SOONIL E.**, Brother **JEHYUK LEE** and Brother **KIM** for their hospitality. The Han Yang lodge has a rich

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## From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Before I share news about the events we have planned for September, I'd like to take a moment to express my condolences to Brother **Jim Guerrero** and Sister **Myra Guerrero** on the loss of their son. It was very sad news and I'd like Brother Jim to know that his lodge stands with him and his family as they go through this challenging time. Thank you to all brothers who came to show their support by attending the Celebration of Life.

On a different note, during August,

we welcomed Brother **Mel Feliciano** to our lodge as he received his first degree.

Thank you to all the sideliners who attended these degrees. My hope is we can get large crowds during all degree rituals to make the ceremony that much more special and memorable for our candidates. So, if you are able, please attend degree conferrals.

We will kick off September by holding our monthly Stated Meeting. Dinner choices will be baby back ribs, halibut, or portobello mushrooms.

Our Luau was rescheduled to Septem-

ber 9<sup>th</sup> and we will enjoy a buffet-style selection. Finally, our Night in Old Havana is tentatively scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for more details.

As a reminder, kindly ensure you sign up online in a timely manner for the events you are able to attend. This helps tremendously with our planning. I hope to see you at all of our events. Your attendance is the strength of Columbia Brotherhood!

**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.*

California to help fill those gaps in funding, technology, and materials that our schools require to ensure that students have equal access to learning and a safe and healthy environment in which to grow. Now, as Public Schools Month is being returned to its historic place on the calendar, I call on California Masons to provide aid to their local schools; tutor or mentor students in their community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds and to ensure that students, teachers, and administrators have the equipment they require; and donate to the California Masonic Foundation so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life.<sup>1</sup> ”

In addition to our lodge supporting one or more of the actions suggested in the Most Worshipful's proclamation, our lodge has awarded scholarships to several students associated with our fraternity. Many thanks to our scholarship committee and to Brothers of Columbia Brotherhood No. 370 for their generosity.

As members of the community, in support of the youth of our community, in an effort to assist our first responders, to increase prominence in the community, and most importantly in fulfillment our basic tenant of charity, our lodge typically participates in making lives a little better for the children of our community by participating in toys for tots program between September and December and will continue that tradition in 2023. Dinner will be free for those who brings a toy to support this program. If you value this program, please also contribute directly to the San Francisco Fire Department's 2023 toys-for-tots program by contacting Toys for tots at [www.sffirefighterstoys.org](http://www.sffirefighterstoys.org) and or at 415-777-0440.

During the month of September, we will gather for the camaraderie followed by business during our September stated meeting on Wednesday, September 6. MFC classes are planned on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and in addition to participant questions, selected symbols, and planning for the 2023 Night in Havana. Officers are invited to work on advanced

station proficiencies. If you know anyone interested in discussing Masonic concepts or working on degree proficiencies, please let them know about the MFC classes.

The luau was initially planned for August 12<sup>th</sup> but had to be postponed. It is now planned for September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see the brochure in this trestle board for more information or contact WB **ORLANDO ARCE** with questions and please share the information with others. This ensures that we have a great turnout which is enjoyable to all.

On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 will host the officers of California Lodge No. 1 and the officers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120 for the September District School of Instruction (DSOI). After a briefing covering Grand Lodge news and requirements, the Officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 will demonstrate the first section of the third degree and the third-degree, long-form closing. Thank you in advance to our officers for attending this training and for their efforts in perfecting their Masonic training.

In support of the Masons4Mitts program, we look forward to the 2023 Northern California Masons Night at Oracle Park on September 26<sup>th</sup>. On that evening, the San Francisco Giants will play the San Diego Padres, and lodge participants will meet prior to the game for dinner and comradery. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Brother **JIMMY FOWLER** for more information.

Our Retention Committee continues to check in on members who we have not seen in a while and those with outstanding balances. If you are or know a member in need of assistance or that we have not seen in a while, please contact any of the officers or Retention Committee Members, **RICHARD SAN MAMES** and **JAMES GUERRERO**. If you are one who needs to pay his 2023 dues, please visit the grand lodge website at <https://freemason.org/> to submit your payment or send a check to our secretary, WB **JASON YEN**.

Thanks for your participation in upcoming lodge events.

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

Fraternally yours,

**James Gonzalez, WM**

<sup>1</sup> Most Worshipful Randall Brill, *Grand Master's Proclamation September 2023 is Public Schools Month*, [freemason.org](https://freemason.org), 8 October 2022, 26 August 2022, [https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/8\\_September\\_PublicSchools.pdf](https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/8_September_PublicSchools.pdf)

**Stated Meeting Dinner will be free for those who brings a toy to support the Toys-For-Tots program from now until December 2023!**





BLAST FROM THE PAST



FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL



OUR YOUNGEST ENTERED APPRENTICE



TOAST TO OUR NEW EA



EXTENDING A CABLE TOW



BROTHERLY LOVE



SW JASON HUI PRESIDING



STATED MEETING



FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

DAVID A. DEL CASTELLO SR.	8
JOHN COLLIS STONE, PM	11
EDMOND MING LIM, PM	12
WILLIAM GUILLERMO SUGUITAN	17
ROBERT PATRICK WOOD, JR., PM	17
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VIKTOR A. GODARD	25
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RICK RICHARD SMITH II, PM	28
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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and old history. I invite you to visit

their website, <http://lodgehanyang.com/en>.

I wanted to convey this experience to remind our brothers that although we conduct fellowship in our lodge and local surrounding lodges, our masonic bond span worldwide. Language and borders do not separate us from masonic fellowship and friendship should we want to feel at home where ever we may land.

Jason Hui  
Senior Warden

**Luau**

**Columbia Brotherhood Lodge # 370 Luau**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**5:30PM - 7:00PM Cocktails and Appetizers**  
**7:00PM -8:00PM Dinner**  
**8:00PM to 11:00PM Dancing and Entertainment**

\$25.00 | Reservations no later August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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Tickets  
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Per Person

**Mason's Night**

Giants Vs Padres @ September 26, 2023  
Pregame Fun at Spark Social from 4PM -6PM  
Club Level Seats and \$30 food Credit Included  
Limited Seating RSVP by September 1st

Contact Jimmy Fowler at 415-530-9779 | jaf1331@yahoo.com

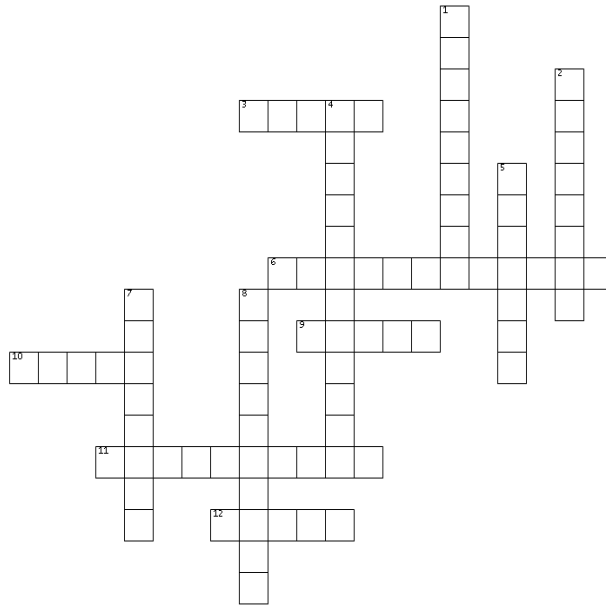
# CBL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 3. where promises are made
- 6. where designs are drawn
- 9. do this to gain entry
- 10. one of the three great lights
- 11. title of a lodge has been
- 12. what you most desire

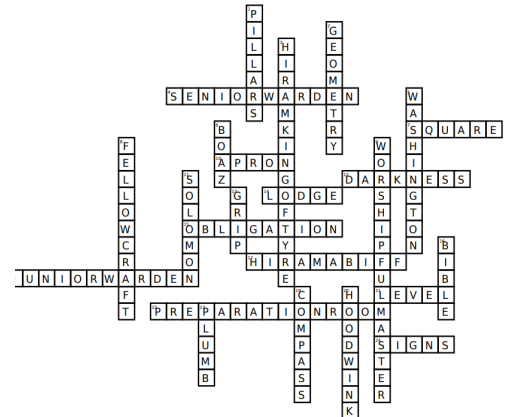
DOWN

- 1. 3 5 7
- 2. what G alludes to
- 4. that which watches over you
- 5. son of David
- 7. golden ticket to a tiled lodge
- 8. widow's son



Answer to August Trestleboard's Crossword Puzzle:

- Down:
1. Coin for WM, SW, and JW
  2. The most important of all the liberal arts
  3. One who assisted King Solomon in his endeavors
  5. Masonic president
  6. Alludes to Earth
  8. Quarryman
  9. One who occupies the eastern chair
  11. Son of David
  13. How one may know you as a mason
  16. Roadmap to navigate through life
  19. Not just a navigation tool
  20. Keeps you in the dark
  23. Masons must act by this
- Across:
4. One who pays the wages
  7. Not just used to prove angles
  10. More ancient than the golden fleece
  12. Place where non-masons are
  14. Where one is made
  15. Masons are bound to this forever
  17. Widow's son
  18. Preparer of feasts
  21. On it is where masons meet
  22. A place where three distinct knocks are made
  24. Required when entering and retiring from a tiled lodge



Can you name these masons in the photo?

Answers will be posted in the October Trestleboard.

## Who's Who?



Can you name the 4 Master Masons in the photo?  
From August 2023 Trestleboard



Answer: from L to R  
WB Francis Feliciano  
WB Manuel Ortiz-Ruiz  
Brother Frank Pertierra, JD  
WB Jason Yen

# Can You Identify this Photo Contest

Can you identify where this photo was taken from?

**(No one has been successful yet)**

The first person to correctly identify this photo will get a free CBL shirt!

Give it a shot!

Email your answer to: [djfrance@comcast.net](mailto:djfrance@comcast.net)

Answer and Name of Winner will be announced in the October Trestleboard.





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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

