



# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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APRIL 2026

THIS MONTH  
APRIL

APRIL 1

- STATED MEETING
- OFFICIAL INSPECTOR VISIT

APRIL 6 & 20

- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

APRIL 10

- FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

APRIL 11

- HIRAM AWARD

APRIL 15

- DSOI HOSTED BY CBL  
All Members and their Families are invited.

APRIL 22

- OFFICER PRACTICE

APRIL 29

- FIRST RESPONDER DEGREE CONFERRAL

APRIL 24-26

- OFFICER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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MAY 1 & 15

- FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

MAY 6

- STATED MEETING

MAY 10

- MOTHERS DAY

MAY 11 & 18

- MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

MAY 1 & 15

- FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

MAY 16

- PM DEGREE PLANNING

MAY 21

- DSOI HOSTED BY SF120

MAY 23

- OFFICER/HA/ TRUSTEE MTG

MAY 27

- PAST MASTER'S DEGREE CONFERRAL

## From the East

*Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons!*



### Happy April Fool's Day Brethren, Ladies, and friends!,

Be on the watch for any trickery on this fun day. Mother Nature has already fooled us into thinking that Indian summer has come to San Francisco. The heat has been quite extreme so early in the year. What does that foretell for this summer? Only the Great Architect of the Universe knows.

This past March we had over 50 people for our

traditional Table Lodge jointly sponsored by CBL, San Francisco #120, California #1, and Mission Lodge #169. Thank you to **Worshipful Brother Jason Hui** for organizing this event.

It is always great fun to get together with our brethren. I am also excited to say we now have a karaoke machine in the George Washington room for our members to enjoy some fun and camaraderie. Thank you, **Worshipful Brother Reyno Del Rosario** for the donation. We will have the first Friday Night Fun on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come join us for some singing and eating. **Brother Jerry Jugal** will be in charge.

W I am pleased to say that **Brother King Man Ng** will

receive the **Hiram Award** on April 11<sup>th</sup>. My wish is that you come and help celebrate his contributions to our lodge.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> **Brother Huey Thomas** was passed to Fellow Craft. Thank you to our **Senior Warden Frank Pertierra** for sitting in the East and **Worshipful Brother James Gonzalez** for sitting in the West in my absence.

Our officers have been working overtime to put great degrees together for our brothers and they are doing extraordinary work. The first responders' degree on April 29<sup>th</sup> for **Brother Corey Dussault** to be raised to Master Mason will be a unique degree. We expect

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## From the West

*Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra*



Greetings Brethren,  
 Happy Easter to you all!  
 One Important aspect of Easter is the Divine Love and Reconciliation. The most profound aspect of our faith is the belief that God's love is most expressed through the restoration of the bond between God and humanity. Hopefully for us brothers' reconciliation to all misunderstandings for the betterment of our lodge. Peace and harmony as we only have one purpose to make the relationships stronger and

oneness (harmony) for our lodge.  
 Let us Congratulate Brother Charles Gagag and Brother Huey Thomas for passing the Fellow Craft Degree. They will need to study for their 2<sup>nd</sup> degree proficiencies before being raised to the degree of Master Mason,  
 April will be a busy month starting with the Stated Meeting/Official Inspector Visit on April 1<sup>st</sup>, practice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and the Leadership Retreat in San Ramon April 24-26.  
 The April Masonic Formation

Class (MFC) meetings will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>. As always, I encourage all brothers to attend the MFC meetings all through the year. 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*



Brethren and family,  
 Every month I try to think of something creative to write but my job as Junior Warden revolves around food so that's what I think of!  
 I got a lot of positive feedback from the corner beef at the March stated meeting. I have a few caterers/restaurants on my list so please tell me what you think of the food so I can determine if these caterers are worth keeping in the rotation.  
 Our April stated meeting/Inspector's visit will include basic first aid/self defense

instruction for the ladies. I'm hoping for a good turn out and if it's successful maybe a longer/in-depth class can be arranged.  
 It was requested I advertise what our upcoming meals are. For May we are planning a Mother's Day themed meal. The food hasn't been determined but will include live music. June we will celebrate Filipino independence with a Filipino dinner and traditional dancers. We'll be dark in July, and in August there will be a barbecue.  
 And again, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, sign up early and

accurately for ALL events including Stated meetings, degrees, and any other events.

I know in the past we've had the luxury of showing up unannounced but without a full-time caterer that's just not feasible. It is important that we have an accurate count for several reasons, most importantly so the appropriate amount of food is ordered/prepared.

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 Easter to all.



Congratulations to Brother Huey Thomas on having been passed to the degree of Fellow-craft on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Brother Frank Pertierra and the rest of our officers on their work for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fellow-craft degree in 2026. May they continue to perfect their skills at our rituals. Finally, much success to the military and first responder team on raising Brother Corey Dussault to the third degree on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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California's Grand Master, the **Most Worshipful Garrett Chan** to attend that degree. It should be exciting and well attended.

**Resolving conflicts** is part of life and often the most important ability of a boss, a father, a mother, a friend, a teacher, a police officer, a politician, essentially a necessary part of everyone's life. Masons have some special tools to resolve conflicts among themselves without gossiping and talking behind another's back, but **directly with courage and respect.**

Freemasonry, like any community, is built on strong personalities, diverse backgrounds, and shared responsibilities, disagreements inevitably arise. **What makes Masonry distinctive is how it handles conflict.** Our fraternity has spent centuries refining a culture and a set of practices designed to preserve harmony, encourage personal growth, and strengthen the bonds between brothers.

**Harmony** is considered essential to the health of a lodge. Masons are taught early on that **disagreements should never be allowed to escalate** into hostility. This isn't just etiquette—it's a core value. Masons are encouraged to approach disagreements with **patience and goodwill.** Personal disputes should be seen as **opportunities for reflection and improvement.** Maintaining harmony is viewed as a shared responsibility. This cultural expectation alone prevents many conflicts from becoming serious.

**Private, respectful dialogue** should be used to resolve issues, "on the level," meaning as equals. Whisper good council in another's ear. Discuss an issue openly without accusation or defensiveness. One's **goal should be understanding not victory.** This approach reflects the Masonic emphasis on self-mastery and mutual respect. If you have a concern with the way something has been done or you "heard" how it was done, why not discuss directly with the "offending" party in person rather than let the accusation linger or allow the accuser to win by not finding out the truth.

Certainly, a private conversation doesn't always resolve the issue, a neutral third party, often a Past Master or a respected senior member—can step in or be consulted on the matter. **That brother should act as a mediator not a judge,** someone who can see both sides and find common ground. This step keeps the conflict contained and constructive.

The emphasis for resolving conflicts should be on reconciliation, whether via a personal conversation or a mediated discussion, let us work jointly to resolve our conflicts and keep brotherly love and harmony the goal of our lodge. Regardless of the process used, the ultimate goal is always the same: **restore harmony.**

Masonic conflict resolution is not about punishment or winning an argument. It's about:

- Preserving relationships
- Encouraging personal growth
- Strengthening the lodge
- Upholding the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth

**This restorative approach is one of the reasons Masonry has endured for centuries.**

Freemasons resolve conflicts through a blend of tradition, structure, and deeply held values. Our approach is deliberate, respectful, and focused on reconciliation rather than division. In a world where disagreements often escalate quickly, the Masonic model offers a thoughtful alternative—one grounded in patience, humility, and the belief that every conflict can be an opportunity for growth.

Communication is the universal solvent for any conflict, please ask before assuming; our time together will be more successful and joyful.

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

**Bruce Lyons,  
Worshipful Master 2026**



## FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Brethren,

Happy Easter. May you and your families experience new beginnings and 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 Fraternaly yours,

**Jason Yen, P.M.**  
**Secretary**



### 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

Brother Masons representing Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 470 and several of our neighboring lodges gathered on two occasions in March and will gather on one occasion in April to celebrate the lives of three of our Worshipful Brothers.

### **WB Raul C. Gonzales**

(01/25/1945— 02/19/2026)

WB Raul C. Gonzalez laid down his tools on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 81.07 years of age and over 31 years of Masonic service. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on January 30, 1995. In 1997 he served as Junior Warden; in 1998 he served as Senior Warden; and in 1998, he served as Worshipful Master of his lodge which became known as Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in 2005. He affiliated with Mission Lodge No. 169 in 2000 and served as a director of the Mission Lodge Hall Association in 2020.



On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, WB Raul Gonzales’s son, Brother Roderick Del Campo Gonzales and other Brother Masons, participated in the viewing/celebration of life for WB Raul Gonzales at Olivet Chapel, Colma, CA. The Masonic Service was performed by WB Francis Feliciano as Funeral Master, and WB Thomas Chavez served as Chaplain. WB Raul Gonzales was interred on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Lawn Cemetery.



### **WB Juanito Estioko Campos**

(June 23, 1923 – March 8, 2026)

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, WB Juanito Campos laid down his tools at the age of 102.71 years of age and over



67 years of service. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1958. He affiliated with Argonaut Lodge No. 461 on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1974, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1981.

Argonaut Lodge consolidated with Alta Vista Lodge to become Columbia Lodge. Columbia Lodge Consolidated with Balder then Parnassus and then Brotherhood Lodges to become Columbia Brother-hood Lodge No. 370 in 2005, and

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WB Juanito Served as its Tiler for over 17 years. He received the Hiram Award on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001, from Columbia Lodge No, 388 and he received his Golden Veteran Award in 2011.

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, over fifty Brother Masons attended WB Juanito’s Memorial Service at the Masonic Home in Union City, CA, and he was interred after the Masonic Service.



**WM Mark Kenneth Harris**  
(7/18/1963 – 2/18/2026)

Worshipful Master Mark Harris laid down his working tools on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 62 years and 7 months of age and over 39 years of service. He raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Phoenix Lodge No. 144 on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1986, served as Junior Warden in 1992, as Senior Warden in 1993, and served as Worshipful Master in Phoenix Lodge No. 144 in 1994, 2001, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Ever the music lover he served over the years as organist at Phoenix Lodge No.144 and Pythagoras Lodge No. 862. He served Pythagoras Lodge No. 862 as Treasurer in 2022 and as Junior Warden in 2025, and as Worshipful Master of for the 2026 Masonic year at the time of his passing.



A Templar Memorial Service in his honor will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA



**Mary Ellen (Meg) Whiteside**  
June 7, 1939 — March 24, 2026

Mary Ellen “Meg” Whiteside entered into rest on March 24, 2026, a devoted wife, mother, and lifelong supporter of the Masonic family. As the wife of our late WB Glenn Whiteside, she was an active in George Washington Lodge No. 525, now Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 (CBL 370), especially during his terms as Worshipful Master in 1971 and 1978. She continued her support as the mother of WB Gordon Whiteside and remained involved with



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CBL 370 until health challenges prevented her from being present at our gatherings.

Meg was initiated into George Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1965. She served as Worthy Matron first in 1971 and went on to hold the office at least seven more times. In both 1996 and 2007, she shared the East with her son, WB Gordon Whiteside, who served as Worthy Patron. She served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1997 and later dedicated fifteen years of service to the San Francisco Scottish Rite. Details regarding her funeral and celebration of life will be shared soon.



For all who have laid down their tools and or entered into rest:

*Soft and safe to thee, my brother or sister, be thy resting place. Bright and Glorious be ty 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.*



**MASONIC FORMATION CLASS**



Masonic Formation Class Meetings were hosted by Columbia Brotherhood (CBL) No. 370 on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Planned discussion topics included 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. Proficiency work takes place after the discussions, and two recently passed Fellowcraft masons are working on their Fellowcraft proficiencies.

April MFC meetings are planned for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>rd</sup>. Planned discussion topics include questions from participants; the Hiram Award, Hiram Abif, the number 3, Ancient Masonic Structures including King Solomons Temple, and selected events associated

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with Freemasonry, the history of the US Declaration of Independence; and the founding of the City of San Francisco. Short summaries of selected topics are discussed below.

## ETIQUETTE AND CIVILITY

Etiquette and civility are essential elements of social behavior. Etiquette is a specific set of rules and customary code of polite behavior. Civility serves as a foundation for respectful interaction.

Masonic Etiquette encompasses principles of good manners including respect for the lodge and its members and adhering to established customs which have developed over time, and which are observed within the Masonic community. It serves as a foundation for respectful interactions within the lodge and among its members. It helps maintain order, provides a sense of community, and allows members to feel valued and respected. Masons who adhere to these principles maintain the dignity of the organization and support a positive experience for all involved.

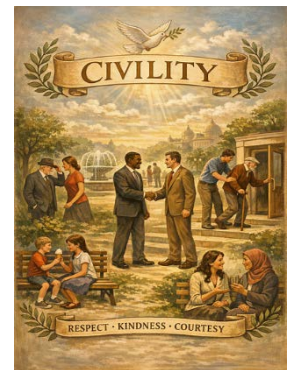
Several Key principles include:

- Practicing respect and decorum by showing deep admiration for the Lodge, its members and the Worshipful Master and by acknowledging the rights, boundaries and dignity of others.
- Understanding and accepting the authority of the Worshipful Master to:
  - Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
  - Deciding what can and cannot be discussed. If a brother believes that a master is unjust, unfair, acting in an illegal manner or being arbitrary, he can appeal to the Grand Master.
- Conducting oneself with propriety including standing to address the Master, awaiting his acknowledgement before speaking and not interrupting or insisting on making one's point. Brothers who insist on speaking after the master has ruled that he is out of order run the risk of committing a Masonic offense.
- Dressing appropriately for Lodge meetings. Brothers typically dress in suits or formal attire for Lodge meetings or conferrals.

- Learning and observing the nuances and unwritten rules and customs that govern Lodge behavior.
- Addressing the Worshipful Master appropriately by facing him, giving the appropriate sign and speaking respectfully. Intercourse is typically between a brother and the Master unless the Master specifically grants permission for a brother to address another or for a brother to address the group.
- Being mindful of the feelings, needs, comfort of others.
- Acting with integrity and sincerity.

Civility requires the recognition of others as human beings who deserve consideration, and it requires empathy, kindness and genuine regard for human dignity. It involves:

- Going beyond mere manners, and practicing ethical, considerate behavior, even during disagreements.
- Acknowledging the dignity of others and maintaining constructive, empathetic engagement.
- Behaving in a respectful manner and treating people with dignity, kindness, and consideration.
- Being polite by using appropriate language and tone in speech.
- Listening to others to find common ground, even during disagreements.
- Adhering to standards of civilized conduct, particularly when in professional settings.



Etiquette and Civility are essential components of social behavior. Etiquette is a specific set of rules that guide behavior. Civility is recognizing others as human beings and their needs.

## THE TRIVIUM AND THE QUADRIVIUM

The two pillars of Greek education include the Trivium (arts of Language and thought) and the Quadrivium (Mathematical arts). The Greek Trivium is the foundational, three-part liberal arts curriculum

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including Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. It was developed in ancient Greece to train citizens in language, reasoning, and persuasive communication. It focused on the input of information, how it is processed and then how it is communicated; and was said to prepare students for higher studies, and to train citizens in language, reasoning and persuasive communication

Grammar can be associated with knowledge input which includes, "who, what, where, when." Logic involves understanding and processing and involves the question, "why." Rhetoric involves wise output and typically answers the question, "how."

The Four Core Components of the Quadrivium are Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy.

Arithmetic involves numbers in and of themselves. The fundamental laws associated with arithmetic are commutative, associative and distributive, and govern how numbers are manipulated via addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Geometry is the branch of mathematics which focuses on size, shape, relative position and properties of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional space. It has a special place in Masonry. Key concepts involve Points, Lines, Superfices, Solids, and angles. Euclidean geometry focuses on flat surfaces. Non-Euclidean Geometry focuses on curved surfaces.

Music or harmonics involve numbers in time or the organization of sounds in terms of numerical ratios and proportions.

Astronomy involves numbers in space and time or magnitude and motion.

The subjects of the quadrivium were studied to understand the ordered structure of the universe and to cultivate virtue. These studies served as the capstone of classical education, moving from theoretical arithmetic and geometry to the study of the moving heavenly bodies to understand the cosmos' order which reflected beauty, divine wisdom, splendor and the harmony of creation.

Together, the Trivium and Quadrivium combine to present the seven liberal arts and sciences esteemed by Masons.

Note that a balanced life is best achieved through ethical conduct, intellectual curiosity, and spiritual reflection.

### SELECTED EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

**March 3, 1753** – George Washington was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia.

**MARCH 5, 1986** – Several major developments were approved at the Masonic Homes. The first was for a new, 120 bed skilled nursing facility in Union City. The second was the rebuilding of the [Siminoff Masonic Temple](#) in Union City. The last was approval of the construction of a new apartment complex in Covina to house 224 senior residents.

**March 5, 1770 - The Boston Massacre** occurred on this day. It was a deadly confrontation during which British soldiers fired into a crowd in Boston, killing five colonists and wounding six others. This in addition to the high tensions over taxation and military occupation served to fuel the American Revolution.

**March 18, 1314**, King Philip IV of France ordered the mass arrest of many Knights Templar (KT) and their Grand Master, Jaques DeMolay on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1307. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1314, Grand Master Jaques DeMolay and other Knights Templar leaders were burned at the stake in Paris. The site where this occurred is said to be marked and the translation of what is displayed on this marker: "At this location, Jaques de Molay, last Grand Master of the Knights Templar was burned on 18 March 1314.

**March 23, 1775** – On this day, one of America's founding fathers, Patrick Henry, delivered a speech at the second Virginia convention arguing for armed resistance and asserting the famous phrase, "give me liberty or give me death!"

**GRAND LODGE 2026 LEADERSHIP RETREATS**  
During the weekend of April 24 through April 26<sup>th</sup>, our Lodge officers will participate in the first of three, 2026 leadership retreats. One of the planned topics for this retreat will be **the Keystone**

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**Initiative.** It is described as a new and forward-looking vision for the fraternity and is 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/>.

Please feel free to familiarize yourself with the 2026 retreats, the keystone initiative, and the updated officer roles and responsibilities. Also, please join one or more of our MFC meetings, in person or online, and participate in the discussions which take place during the MFC meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM,  
MFC Coach



2026

Masons of California

**LEADERSHIP RETREATS**

THREE WEEKENDS:  
San Ramon April 24-26 • Palm Springs May 15-17 • Irvine May 29-31

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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 .

**HALL ASSOCIATION**

The Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco Hall Association holds monthly Hall Association Meetings in person or via zoom. Columbia Brotherhood Lodge members who are interested in attending should refer to the Columbia Brotherhood Lodge Calendar or contact a Hall Association Board Member listed on Page 3 of this Trestleboard for meeting specifics.



**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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# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Birthday Brethren

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Froilan Ancheta, PM    | Milorad Golubovich |
| Markos Balopoulos, PM  | Andrew Kerr        |
| Chris Beckman, PM      | Norman Krug        |
| Donald Bohn, PM        | Benson Lau         |
| Russell Breed          | Thomas Leon        |
| Timothy Curren         | Jeffery Souza      |
| Eric De Jesus          | Ronald Swanson     |
| Alexander Ellescas, PM | Michael Williams   |
| Peter Engel            | Allan Young        |

# APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Masonic Birthday Brethren

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sergio Azzolino         | 4/13/1999 |
| Markos Balopoulos, PM   | 4/26/1990 |
| Russell Breed           | 4/18/1994 |
| Gerardo Calderon        | 4/26/2023 |
| Julius Campos           | 4/20/2004 |
| Thibatsr Lilitham       | 4/13/2016 |
| Alan Morante            | 4/26/2006 |
| Ronnie Overman          | 4/17/2013 |
| Haralambos Papadopoulos | 4/14/1992 |
| Peter Pertierra, Jr.    | 4/30/2014 |
| Theodore Prepoutse      | 4/15/1989 |
| Lorenzo Ramos, Sr.      | 4/29/2015 |
| Lawrence Ross           | 4/18/1988 |
| Maurice Sciaroni        | 4/15/1969 |
| Thomas Tinger           | 4/29/1985 |
| Glenn Whiteside, Jr. PM | 4/28/1992 |
| Richard Yen             | 4/16/2014 |
| Jason Yen, PM           | 4/18/2012 |



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

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Cordially invites you to attend the

### Hiram Award Presentation



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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

At

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370  
855 BROTHERHOOD WAY, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94132

SOCIAL HOUR – 4:00 p.m.

AWARD CEREMONY – 5:00 p.m.

DINNER – 6:00 p.m.

DANCING – 7:00 p.m.

Space is limited, RSVP via by April 4<sup>th</sup> via Signup Genius, via Voice or text message to WB James Gonzalez at (510)772-7415 or via email at JGonza9916@aol.com.



## HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has spent centuries refining a culture designed to preserve harmony, encourage personal growth, and strengthen the bonds between brothers.
2. Harmony is considered essential to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a lodge.
3. Effective \_\_\_\_\_ is generally considered the primary tool for resolving conflict, acting as a crucial mechanism to reduce anxiety, correct false assumptions, and build trust
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of polite, customary, or formal rules of behavior
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the practice of demonstrating respect, courtesy, and politeness in interactions with others.
6. Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_ has the authority to rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
7. The Trivium focused on Grammar, Rhetoric, and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The four subjects in the Quadrivium are Arithmetic, \_\_\_\_\_, Music and Astronomy.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ Massacre was a deadly confrontation during which British soldiers fired into a crowd in Boston, killing five colonists and wounding six.
10. Years after French King Philip IV ordered the mass arrest of Knights Templar and their Grand Master, Jaques DeMolay, they were burned at the stake in \_\_\_\_\_ on March 18, 1314.

## Answers to March 2026 Trivia

1. In many jurisdictions, a Blue Lodge is the essential starting point for anyone entering **Freemasonry**.
2. On **February 26, 1977**, the first Hiram Award was presented by Galt Lodge № 267 to WB Glen W. Ingram.
3. Each Blue-Lodge **degree** 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 **education**.
5. Most Worshipful Benjamin Franklin was Initiated into St. John's Lodge in February **1731**.
6. King Philip IV of France ordered the mass arrest of Grand Master Jaques **DeMolay** and other Knights Templar on February 13, 1307.
7. On February 11, Benjamin Franklin became the publisher of the New England **Courant**.
8. Britain and the American Colonies changed from the Julian calendar to the **Gregorian** calendar in 1752.
9. Grand Master Leonidas **Pratt** laid the cornerstone for San Francisco's City Hall building on February 22, 1872.
10. Through **Speculative** Masonry rough ashlar are metaphorically transformed to perfect ashlar.

## March Cryptogram

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



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

**“Knowledge is the beacon that guides the Mason’s path.”**

**“Light and knowledge are inseparable in the journey of Masonry.”**

**“A Mason grows brighter with each truth he discovers.”**

## April Cryptogram

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

**RKMPWT MPA DPPT QGT CWKQXQGO ZO ZX NPB RBKOMBKG**

**OP TAKWW OPDKOMKB ZG EGZOI!**

**Psalm 133:1, Bible, King James Version**

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

The month of April carries us deeper into Spring – a season of rebirth, renewal, and the quiet promise of growth. As we labor to bring about this renewal within ourselves and within our Lodge, let us hold dear the memories of those who have gone before us.

Let us draw from the centuries of Masonic wisdom on kindness, respect, and dignified conduct toward all who share our lives today.

Let us continue to strengthen the bonds of brotherly love, respect, and harmony within our Lodge.

Let us care for one another and for our Lodge community with renewed purpose and heartfelt commitment.

Bruce Lyons,  
Master, 2026

