



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH
~DARK~

JULY 1

*Hiram Award Ceremony

JULY 4

* Independence Day

* 4th of July Parade

JULY 5

* STATED MEETING

JULY 19

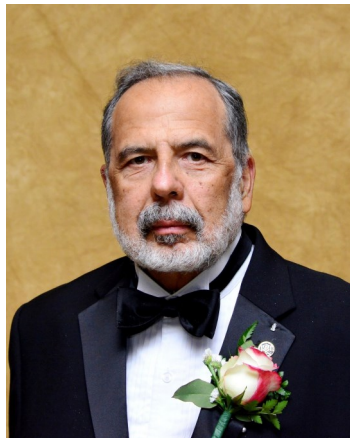
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From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Sisters,

Having passed the summer solstice representing the longest day of the year and in celebration of the birth of our country, our forefathers (many who were Freemasons) and the democratic principles on which our country was founded I send greetings from the east and wishes for a happy fourth of July.

Our lodge held its June Stated Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, and celebrated the 100th birthday of our brother, Past Master **Juanito Campos**. During the business section of the meeting, members discussed and to accept the annual membership retention committee report, and members balloted on and elected **Mr. Amelio Feliciano, Jr.** to receive the three blue-lodge degrees in our lodge. He will be initiat-

ed in August, so please reach to congratulate him on when you next meet. On the following day, a few representatives of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 participated in the 2023 California Grand Lodge Ritual-Proficiency and wish representatives of California Lodge No. 1 much success as they compete with other lodges in the upcoming months.

Masonic Formation class meetings were held on Monday, June 12th and Monday, June 26th. In addition to participant questions and degree proficiency work, topics of discussion will include ritual competition, Masonic homes, the concepts of harmony and visibility in the community, selected symbols, and plans for the Night in Havana Event on August 25th. If you know someone who is interested in completing the proficiency in his current degree, will you please reach out to a member of the

MFC team listed in the trestle board or to the Senior Warden.

Officers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120 hosted officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and California Lodge No. 1 for the June District School of Instruction (DSOI) on Thursday, June 15th. My thanks go out to our officers for attending this training and for their efforts in perfecting their ritual and our degree work.

Members of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and California Lodge No. 1 gathered on June 24th to celebrate the feast of John the Baptist and the 306th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England to participate in a ceremonial Masonic Dinner or table lodge, a tradition celebrated by many lodges over the ages. Thanks go out to Worshipful Brother **Larry Laidlaw, PM** for being the Master of Ceremonies,

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CBL NO. 370 - WIDOWS APPRECIATION DAY 2023AY



From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI



With this year more than half over, and already we have had many events put on by our lodge to gather our members together for fellowship. I noticed the gatherings are growing in attendance. Our Worshipful Master has instigated a partnership with California Lodge #1 in certain lodge events to bring more fellowship among our extended lodge brothers. The last event was a massive success, the Table Lodge, that was held at our dining hall of our lodge. Many brothers came together for livery, food, and many toast to our Grand Lodge and our country. We have also been successful in recruitment in our lodge and had a fair number of “knockers” at our door. Many degrees were conferred and Masons learning their obligations to get raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I have seen many brothers helping our initiates, and Fellow Crafts to push them along and I thank you for the participation in forming our brethren to be educated Masons.

We among the brotherhood of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge rely on it’s members to promote our establishment and fellowship. So keep up the good work and the Masonic beliefs we had to sworn to abide by.

On a similar note of Masonic Fellowship, education and promoting ourselves, The Grand Lodge of California last year around this time initiated a campaign of **#ImAMason**. This campaign encourage all our members to help spread the word about the fraternity to enlighten people who are thinking about Masonry or to create a spark of interest in our fraternity. In all, the campaign reached more than 2.3 million people worldwide that helped the Grand Lodge break records of inquiries.

This July, California Grand Lodge has asks Masons for a repeat performance and tell the world that **#ImAMason**. All it takes is a single post on social media like Face-

book or Instagram using the hashtag **#ImAMason**.

The Grand Lodge will email all Masons after July 4th this year asking all members who are comfortable doing so to record a video, take selfies, or write a post on Facebook or Instagram that explains what they get out of their membership, and to include the Hashtag **#ImAMason**. So keep watch for that email from Grand Lodge and help promote our membership. Remember, you can talk about Masonry without breaking rules.

Lets make our membership grow for the future of our lodge. All members, not just the officers are responsible for the health of our lodge for future years.

The rough to perfect Ashlar comes to mind as an analogy of the benefits of growth, and the differences may not be seen

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI



Dear Brethren,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. We had a wonderful June with many events including our Family Camping, Table Lodge, and Widows Appreciation Day.

We will start out July first with the Hiram Award where we will honor our dear friend and brother **Worshipful Orlando Arce**. Worshipful Arce has been a fixture in

the lodge since before I joined. He is always there to serve the lodge and be a thought partner to officers. A big shout out to our Sr. Steward Brother **Jimmy Fowler** who helped put the event together.

After the Hiram Award, we will be participating in the Independence Day Parade. We hope to see you there. Next, we will continue with our Stated Meeting where we will be severing a BBQ buffet. Please

be sure to RSVP. No meal choice is required for this month. Finally, Brother **Bruce Lyons** is arranging a blood drive to occur on July 22nd. Please sign up to donate blood and make a difference.



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IN MEMORIAM

As we celebrate our nations independence, let us remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom, those who gave their lives so that we may live. May the Great Architect of the Universe keep them in his house for all eternity.

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.

Chan and members of Cal 1, to our Brothers in Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 379 for their participation, to Brother **Anil Awasti** for assisting in the planning and execution of this event, and to Nina Chavez and her team for creating a memorable dinner shared by those in attendance.

On Friday, June 30th we honored several of our sisters who were spouses of our brothers who have been called from their earthy labors. They along with several officers and members and their partners shared a scrumptious lunch at the Moss Beach Distillery enjoyed mirthful conversations and listened to the Legends associated with the Distillery. Thanks go out to all who participated, to our Brother **Carlos Suncin** his Wife and our sister **Dinah** for all of their efforts in planning and executing this event, and to sister Dinah and my wife Mary for their efforts in selecting and procuring gifts off appreciation.

The month of July will begin on July 1st with the Hiram Award presentation ceremony and dinner. This year's recipient is **Worshipful Brother Orlando Arce**, who has spent his life in service of others including his family, friends, members of our lodge and of other Masonic organizations including the shrine, Rotary International, and Rotoplast (a non-profit humanitarian organization which provides free treatment and reconstructive surgery to those with cleft palates and related anomalies. Please reach out and congratulate WB Orlando and his Wife **Sylvia** when you next see them. I appreciate Orlando and all he does for the lodge and send my thanks to Brother **Jimmy Fowler**, **WB Orlando Arce**, and **WB Dionisio Dela Cruz** for their efforts in planning this event, to all participants, and to **Nina Chavez** and her team for a great dinner presentation.

Several of our Columbia-Brotherhood Brothers will join our Brothers in the Asiya Shriners on July 4th in the Redwood City Annual Independence Day Parade and subsequent BBQ in San Mateo. Thanks in advance go out to those who represented our Lodge in the parade and to **WB Danney Stiltner**, **WB Bill Aldridge** for making it possible for our lodge to participate in this event, and to Brothers **Jerry Jugal** and **Jodi Cruz** for coordinating our participation in this event.

Members of our lodge will meet on July 5th for the July 2023 stated meeting. Being the time to celebrate summer, independence the theme will be summer and July 4th activities, the dinner will be a BBQ.

Applications for scholarships, intended to assist those who could use some extra help in covering educational costs, are due July 5th and will be evaluated during the summer. Thanks in advance to WB Bill Aldridge and the scholarship committee, to the applicants for participating, and to the Brothers of our lodge for their generosity.

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 with any life circumstance and or with becoming current, please contact 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.

The Masonic Formation Class will host a Mark Master Degree on July 19th at 7:30 PM. All interested in participating in this event should contact Brother **Jason Hui** or **WM James Gonzalez** for additional details.

We will return to regular lodge activities in August with our stated meeting, one 1st degree initiation, one 3rd degree conferral and other planned events. Until then may you have a great summer, and may we always act by the plumb, meet on the level, and live by the Square.

Fraternally yours,
James Gonzalez, WM



From page 2: From the West

immediately but gradually over an extended period of time. Slowly but surely, as we face the challenges life throws at us, we will grow into that perfect Ashlar.

Jason Hui
Senior Warden



JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Peter Emanuel Prevolos	July 2	Richard L. Corriea	July 13	Ronnie Vernon Overman	July 19	Brandon Robert Vance	July 24
Jeffrey Miller	July 4	Gerardo Guzman	July 15	Gil C. Palencia	July 19	Michael H. Dwyer	July 26
Marland Lee Moseng	July 4	Nicholas Christopher Raisis	July 15	John Edward Whitefield	July 19	Pantaleon L. Calisa	July 27
William Harrison Koch	July 6	Sergio Franco Azzolino	July 16	Theodore Michael Pallas	July 20	Jason Kerim Unluata	July 27
George Lee Masson	July 6	Roberto Batalla Carbonell	July 17	James Louis Pappas	July 20	Corrado Louis Joseph De Martini	July 29
Livio L. Socal	July 6	Maurice James Sciaroni	July 17	James Francis Gonzalez	July 22	John Elvis Echevarria	July 30
Ken Sun	July 7	Philip Peter Busalacchi	July 19	Mauricio Jose Pasos	July 22		
Carlos Suncin	July 10	Raymond Robert Choye	July 19	George Chris Kourtoglou	July 24		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!



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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

