



THIS MONTH SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2

- Stated Meeting

SEPTEMBER 7

- Mystery Trip

SEPTEMBER 9,16,&23

- Degree Practice

SEPTEMBER 11,&25

- Friday Night Fun

SEPTEMBER 13

- Giant's Game

SEPTEMBER 14,&28

- Masonic Formation Class

SEPTEMBER 17

- DSOI, Host: SF 120

SEPTEMBER 19

- Past Master Dinner Dance

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

- Orchestral Concert

OCTOBER 7

- Stated Meeting

OCTOBER 9-11

- Annual Communication Mtg

OCTOBER 12 & 26

- Masonic Formation Class

OCTOBER 17

- Officer-Trustee-Hall Meeting

OCTOBER 20

- DSOI, Host: Cal 1

OCTOBER 23

- Friday Fun Night



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

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From the East

Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons



Blessings Brothers, Ladies, and friends, We have made it to fall and the beginning of Indian summer. School is starting for youngsters. I am proud to say that the lodge has given many scholarships again this year to students pursuing higher education. Congratulations to the deserving students.

We have spent August getting back into the swing of things. We enjoyed our district picnic with California #1, and San Francisco #120. I appreciate the hard work that our Marshall,

Brother Jose Rivera, put in on the day of the event and coordinating our participation. I also want to thank San Francisco 120 and their Master Sal Tandoc for spearheading the day. Next year, we are looking forward to California #1 leading the picnic. The picnic saw over 100 brothers and their families. Thank you to **Worshipful Brother Allan Nubla**, the inspector of our district for encouraging the picnic. This was our third joint picnic.

At our Stated Meeting in August, Brother **Carlos Suncin**, president of the Hall Association, reported about their activities. Any brother who is interested in participating in the Hall Association is welcome to attend the meetings. Typically, the last Tuesday of the month at our lodge, both in person and electronically. Contact the

Hall Association Secretary, Worshipful Brother **James Gonzalez** for the link to the electronic meeting. Any discussion about the potential improvements to the building will take place at the monthly meeting. Any proposal that the Hall Association wants to present to the lodge will be discussed at our Stated Meeting. If the Hall Association plans to spend more than \$5,000 on a project, it will be presented to our lodge for approval and more than \$25,000 will be sent to the Grand Lodge's real estate committee for approval. Please thank the brothers who are working diligently to maintain and improve our building. We also received the Secretary's semi-annual report, and our lodge is losing members. If you have someone you know that has an interest in freemasonry,

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From the West

Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra



Greetings Brethren,

As we mark the beginning of the "Ber" months, I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the summer season. While many are experiencing pleasant weather, it is important to acknowledge that certain regions of the country and the world are facing significant challenges. Recent events such as fires, floods, and earthquakes have brought hardship to many communities. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to all the victims affected by these disasters.

Our lodge, like many others, is currently experiencing some challenges. It is during these times that our disagreements, misunderstandings, and a lack of respect for one another can undermine our brotherhood. Such issues, if left unchecked,

have the potential to destroy the unity and harmony that we have worked so hard to build. Let us always remember that we are brothers, committed to supporting one another. Our actions should not be motivated by personal interests, but rather by our shared dedication to the betterment of our lodge.

Looking ahead, September promises to be an exciting month filled with engaging activities and events for our lodge including the CBL Stated Meeting on **September 2**, The Mystery Trip, chaired by WB Anil Awasti on September 7, the Giant's Game chaired by WM Bruce Lyons on September 13, and the Past Master Dinner and Dance chaired by WB Donnie Dela Cruz on September 19.

Masonic Formation Class

(MFC) meetings are planned for Monday, September 14th and Monday, September 28th. These gatherings provide opportunities for candidates and members to learn, discuss, and deepen their understanding of Masonry. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please reach out to WB James Gonzalez, who is always open to input that can enhance our meetings. Your continued support for Masonry and participation in our classes is greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support.

Fraternally yours,

**Frank B. Pertierra,
Sr. Warden**



From the South

Junior Warden, Jimmy Fowler



Greetings Brethren and family,

I hope many of you enjoyed our joint-Lodge picnic.

As September arrives, the autumn air reminds us that it is time to transition from our summer refreshment back to the serious labor of our Craft and rededicating ourselves to ensuring harmony in and outside the Lodge room. Harmony is dependent on respect, honesty, dignity, and a strict adherence to the rules of our ancient order.

As we resume our work on

advanced stations and degrees, I encourage each of you to bring that same spirit of harmony back to the Lodge. Let us rededicate ourselves to the tools of Masonry to restore harmony to our Lodge making it sanctuary—a safe place where good men can trust each other and improve themselves.

In honor of our most recent Golden Veteran, this month's stated meeting dinner we are having Surf and Turf. In October, we'll have a choice of beef or fish, and in November we will have ham and Turkey dinners.

Roxane Hui has planned for the rest of the year include, finishing the fleece blankets this month, succulent planting in October; stuffing bags for Casa de las Madres, a women's shelter in SF, a social services organization for foster youth in November; and a String quartet with dessert in December.

Please RSVP early and accurately for our events and stated meetings

See you soon,

**Jimmy Fowler
Junior Warden**



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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 available, including online payments at www.freemason.org or mail in or in person presentation of checks directly to our secretary.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 Scholarships. Much success to our officers as they prepare for the ensuing Masonic Year. May you be successful in mastering the ritual, fulfilling your respective duties, and deepening your commitment to our Masonic rules and tenets. These values allow us to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, binding our Lodge into one sacred band of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention of who can best work and best agree.

By defending respectful discourse, meeting on the level, acting on the plumb, and squaring our actions by the square of virtue we may restore harmony, respect, dignity, and adherence to our ancient rules and customs. Together we can maintain our Lodge as a sanctuary where good men truly inspire one another to become better.

Fiat Luz "Let there be Light"

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.

please encourage him to attend a Masonic Formation class. Two are held each month and he will learn the fundamentals of our craft and hopefully be encouraged to pursue a lifetime of self-improvement and learning through masonry. We also received the Treasurer's semi-annual report. Financially, our lodge is doing well with our investments gaining value and our building being well-maintained.

We were looking forward to hosting the **Golden Veteran Award** for **WB James M. Robertson**. Sadly, he will be unable to attend, so we will share the time in his honor. WB James was raised as a Master Mason on September 14, 1976, and remained deeply involved with his Lodge for nearly 30 years before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada. During his Masonic journey, he served as Master of Columbia Lodge No. 388 in 1996, which eventually consolidated with Brotherhood Lodge and became Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge No. 370. He also served as Masonic Inspector for six years. **WB George Wade** remembers WB Robertson fondly as his inspector. He also served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

Communication and Brotherly Love to bring harmony have been themes in my Trestleboard articles this year. At times there has been progress in the harmony of our lodge, but at times it has felt uncomfortable and disagreeable in our lodge meeting.

Unfortunately, August was an uncomfortable meeting with Brothers attacking other brothers in a round-about way. We should thank those brothers that are volunteering their valuable time and efforts to improve our lodge and not attack them. Those brothers who think of themselves as experts must whisper good council rather than hurting other brothers and hurting the harmony and tranquility of the lodge. It is not appropriate when one is a member of a committee to get up and criticize the committee president in the lodge room. If one has credentials that he wants to present to the lodge to show why he is more able to do a project, then come forth and volunteer for the position to which he thinks he has a certain expertise rather than be critical of those volunteering their time. If you have a certain expertise, present it to the committee working on a project rather than imply before the lodge that the committee is not taking your suggestion, especially when the committee has engaged a competent professional to give an opinion or a bid on a project.

Being critical of the brothers volunteering to be officers, elected or not, or those volunteering for committees, is un-masonic conduct. Being critical of a decision or policy that is implemented is natural but being critical of their expertise is not. The volunteers are there to help our lodge and should be applauded for their efforts not

criticized because you think they might have made a bad decision. Whether you are an officer or a sideliner, you have no right to call into question the qualifications of a volunteer. Many of the volunteers are appointed and some are elected – they were chosen by the lodge as a whole or the Master by himself. If you disagree with their conclusion, ask them to get another opinion. Do not question their qualifications to propose a solution. Do not question their motives.

When the tenor of a meeting is criticism and disharmony the lodge is no longer a place of refuge but a place to avoid and where others will not feel welcome. We have officers thinking of not continuing because of the disharmony.

No one is more important than anyone else in our lodge – we are on the level. Remember this the next time you get up to criticize another brother or give your opinion just because you think you should be heard. Or decide that you should object to a Mason in good standing who wants to affiliate with our lodge. Asking questions is encouraged, criticism of a brother is not.

Our fraternity is built upon brotherly love which expands through great communication. I am open to communication and criticism of my decisions, but I will not tolerate any more disparagements of any brother in our lodge.

Fraternally,

Bruce Lyons
Worshipful Master, 2026



IN MEMORIAM

Thankfully, we have no reports of brothers who have laid down their tools during the past month.

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

Soft and safe to thee, my brother or sister, 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.



MASONIC FORMATION CLASS



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge facilitated Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings on Monday, August 10th and on Monday August 24th. MFC meetings in September are planned for Monday, September 14th

and Monday, September 28th. Planned discussion topics in August included questions from participants; Advanced Stations, and Freemasonry and Public Education. Planned discussion topics for September include participant questions, Ruffians, Geometry, and selected Masonic tenants.

Two fellowcrafts are working on their 2nd degree proficiencies, and one recently raised Master Mason is working on his third degree proficiency.

Summaries of Advanced Stations and Freemasonry in Public Education are provided below

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM
MFC Coach



PREPARING THE LINE: ADVANCED STATIONS AND THE CALIFORNIA PROGRESSIVE PIPELINE

The Grand Lodge of California promotes a progressive officer line which ensures that by the time an officer is elected Worshipful Master (the presiding executive of the lodge), he will have spent several years mastering Masonic ritual, learning lodge business operations, and receiving direct mentorship from coaches, fellow officers and Past Masters.

August marks the official start of "Advanced Stations," a deliberate progression period where presumptive upcoming officers temporarily occupy the seats they intend to fill in the ensuing year. This ensures that prior to the annual elections in November, future leaders undergo live tactical practice and receive mentorship under the close guidance of their lodge's coaching team and Past Masters.

As officers move up the progressive line, their administrative, ritual, and educational responsibilities scale significantly with each step. Advancing through the chairs requires a deep commitment to Masonic ritual for all officers, as each station demands flawless memory work and delivery. These demands are particularly rigorous for the Senior Deacon, who guides candidates through all three degrees and delivers the complex Staircase Lecture during the Fellow Craft degree. The Junior Warden, who oversees lodge fellowship, handles the ritual duties of the Entered Apprentice degree, and presents its

First-Degree Lecture. The Senior Warden, who manages day-to-day lodge operations, constructs the annual operational budget, handles the Fellow Craft degree, and delivers the Second-Degree Lecture. Ultimately, the Worshipful Master assumes absolute operational and administrative authority in the East, governing stated meetings, exercising fiduciary oversight of lodge financial health, and ensuring the proper execution of all masonic education, business operations, and ritual work, including the third-degree historical lecture.

To officially transition up the line, the California Masonic Code (CMC) enforces strict, non-negotiable proficiency and qualification requirements. Under CMC Sections 805.520 through 805.550, every candidate for an elected or advanced station must be evaluated and certified by a Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of their division, or their district Inspector before they can be legally installed into office.

Ritual proficiency requires the Master and Wardens to perform their respective roles for the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees entirely from memory. Furthermore, California mandates a robust administrative curriculum known as the Lodge Management Certification Program (LMCP). Conducted online through the Masons of California portal, these courses bridge the gap between ritual leadership and professional corporate administration, requiring officers to pass their designated modules with a score of 70% or higher. To ensure leadership is as legally and financially competent as it is ritually proficient, the Grand Lodge sets specific educational benchmarks for installation: the Junior Warden must pass at least one LMCP course, the Senior Warden must pass at least two courses (one of which must be Hall Association Management), and the Worshipful Master must certify in all four LMCP courses.

The comprehensive LMCP curriculum is divided into four distinct focus areas. The Lodge Administration course centers on daily operational compliance, record-keeping, and the legal responsibilities outlined in the CMC, training officers to manage stated meetings, handle official correspondence, and navigate Grand Lodge reporting software. Lodge Finance course covers fiduciary duties, long-term asset management, and financial transparency, preparing leaders to draft annual operational budgets, manage member dues, oversee investments, and execute mandatory tax filing or auditing procedures. The Member Experience course concentrates on brother retention, community engagement, and strategic planning, teaching officers how to design impactful education programs, foster fellowship,

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manage prospective candidate pipelines and modernize the lodge's local public footprint. Finally, Hall Association Management course explains the legal and operational separation between the Masonic lodge and its real estate holding entity by providing foundational training on commercial property codes, tenant leases, building maintenance, liability insurance, and facility safety regulations. Ultimately, the period of Advanced Stations represents an important and exciting stage of the Masonic journey. By sharpening their rituals and completing their online certifications well in advance of installation, California officers ensure their lodges are prepared for seamless operational and ritual success.

FREEMASONRY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Freemasonry's historic and enduring commitment to public education is rooted in a six-century-old philosophy that ties universal learning directly to human liberty, ethical character, and democratic self-governance. Beginning with the Regius Poem (c. 1390), the oldest known Masonic document, the fraternity identified education as an essential civic duty, charging master craftsmen to instruct apprentices in the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. In America, this philosophy evolved into active civic architecture through Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin, who authored the 1749, *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pensilvania*, and founded the nonsectarian Publick Academy of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania), creating the practical model for modern American secondary and higher education.

In the American West, California Freemasons laid the structural foundation of the state's modern public school system. During the 1850s and 1860s, Brother John Swett, the "Father of California Public Education" and a member of San Francisco's Phoenix Lodge No. 144—partnered with Masonic legislators to establish permanent, tax-funded, tuition-free schools statewide. This commitment was mobilized again during a severe post-World War I teacher shortage, when Grand Master Charles Albert Adams issued a proclamation on August 30, 1920, establishing the first Public Schools Week for September 27, 1920. This initiative opened lodge doors to rally grassroots funding, support educators, and protect struggling classrooms. Following its initial success, the Grand Lodge permanently moved the annual observance to April to better collaborate with schools' mid-terms. This dedication to civic equality was later echoed on a national scale by Past Grand Master and U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren in his landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling. [1, 2, 3, 4]



Today, California Freemasonry actively continues this legacy of championing public education through a variety of targeted philanthropic initiatives overseen by the California Masonic Foundation.

Under Grand Master Garrett S. Chan's proclamation making September 2026 as Public Schools Month, local lodges align their community outreach with the fraternity's core principles of peace and harmony.



The foundation channels millions annually into educational, youth, and civic programs. Highlighting these efforts are two flagship scholarship programs:

- **Investment in Success Scholarships:** A multi-year college pathway providing renewable financial support to high-achieving, resilient students who overcame significant adversity.
- **Working Tools Award:** Inspired by foundational Masonic allegory, providing dedicated funding, grants, and apprenticeships for students pursuing vocational training, trade schools, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways.
- Beyond higher education, the fraternity invests in early childhood literacy and academic research. A statewide partnership with Raising A Reader delivers bilingual book rotations to over 900 California classrooms. Furthermore, an endowed research partnership with UCLA investigates and preserves the historical relationship between Freemasonry, public institutions, and civil society.

Get Involved: Call to Action for Lodges and Members

- **Partner for Public Schools Month:** Connect with local lodge officers to coordinate September school supply drives, host campus restoration days, or sponsor a "Teacher of the Year" certificate.
- **Support Local Literacy:** Volunteer to read in classrooms or donate to expand Raising A Reader book rotations into underfunded local kindergartens.
- **Fund Future Scholars:** Join a regional selection council to interview students for these programs, or contribute directly to the California Masonic Foundation to sustain over \$1 million in annual educational grants.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Mario Arbis
Gerardo Calderon
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Chandler Gibson
Viktor Goddard

James Guerrero
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Robert De Luzuriaga, PM
John Echevarri
Emil Estolano
Milorad Golubovich
David Heaton, PM
Steven Holly, PM
Servillano Modesto, Jr.
King Man Ng

9/30/2009
9/19/1957
9/10/1964
9/23/2002
9/20/2017
9/23/2003
9/12/1967
9/27/1980
9/20/1971
9/24/2003
9/14/2016

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Herleiv Storseter, PM
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9/23/1989
9/14/2022
9/14/1976
9/30/1971
9/20/1968
9/19/1969
9/10/2014
9/22/1992
9/30/2003
9/29/2021



Junior Warden Brother Jimmy Fowler with the August Birthday Celebrants

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

MYSTERY DAY TRIP

Celebrate Labor Day with an Adventure!






🔒 **STRICTLY TOP-SECRET!** 🔒

"Leave your cellphones behind—or turn 'em off! No sneaking a peek at GPS or spoiling the surprise before we arrive!"

📅 Date & Departure

Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)

- 9:30 AM: Continental Breakfast at the Lodge
- 10:30 AM: Bus departs (leave cars at Lodge)

📍 Destination & Return

- Drive to a Special Top-Secret Mystery Spot!
- 5:30 PM: Return to the Lodge
- Includes 1-day chartered bus ride

🍳 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH ARE INCLUDED!

TICKET PRICING

\$30 Members | \$40 Non-Members

RSVP DEADLINE

August 31st

(No Exceptions Please)

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HALL ASSOCIATION – The Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco holds monthly Hall Association Meetings in person or via Zoom. Columbia Brotherhood Lodge members interested in attending should refer to the Columbia Brotherhood Lodge Calendar or contact a member of the Hall Association, (listed on Page 3) for meeting specifics.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Cordially Invites you to its



2026
Past Master
Dinner and Dance



Saturday, September 19th, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

at

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge
855 Brotherhood way
San Francisco, CA

CBL Past Masters and their ladies are guests of honor

Attire: Past Masters - Tuxedo / Others - Business suit

\$50 per person - Non CBL 370 - Member

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CBL No. 370 Past Masters and Spouses - Free

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INTERPRETING TWO MASTERWORKS BY RICHARD STRAUSS

DATE: SUNDAY, OCT 4TH
TIME: 2:00 PM (MEET BY 1:30 PM)
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\$30 PER PERSON
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The Group will share a Lodge-hosted dinner after the Symphony.

COLUMBIA-BROTHERHOOD LODGE

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge 370

San Francisco Giants Game & Pregame Lunch

Pre-game lunch is at 1:00 PM

Sunday, September 13th

Game Time: 4:20 PM

Pregame Lunch: ATwater Tavern

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 295 Terry A Francois Blvd.,
San Francisco, CA 94158

Tickets will be distributed at ATwater Tavern

Use SignUpGenius to sign up for the event

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Sunday, September 13th

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Pre Game Lunch at ATwater Tavern

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August 25, 2026
Hello Ladies of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge,
I have written Bruce a thank you note for the lodge's contribution to my First Lady's blanket project, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who spent time at the lodge and at home to cut and tie all the blankets! I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Roxana for her time and thoroughness to help with this project. As of today, August 25, we have 555 blankets for the patients at Children's Hospital!
You have my gratitude for all your hard work!
Sincerely, JoMay

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. The symbol of the _____ teaches that all members meet as equals and that no person is inherently more important than another within the fraternity.
2. Freemasonry's historic and enduring commitment to public education is rooted in a six- _____ -old philosophy that ties universal learning directly to human liberty, ethical character, and democratic self-governance.
3. In Masons of California, the _____ operates as a rigorous preparation pipeline where officers rotate through advanced stations to build organizational and ritual leadership.
4. The Lodge Management Certification Program (LMCP) consists of four primary courses including Lodge Administration, Lodge Finance, Hall Association _____, and Member Experience.
5. Presumptive Worshipful Masters must complete all _____ courses to be installed into office.
6. Most Worshipful Garrett S Chan Proclaimed _____ as the 2026 to be Public Schools month.
7. CMC Sections _____, specify that the presumptive Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Senior Deacon must be evaluated and certified by the Grand Lecturer, assistant Grand Lecturer or District Inspector.
8. Most Worshipful Brother _____, who authored the 1749, Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pensilvania, and founded the nonsectarian Publick Academy of Philadelphia.
9. Grand Master Garrett S. Chan's call for _____ 2026 to be Public Schools month.
10. The _____ (c. 1390)—the oldest known Masonic document of the fraternity identified education as an essential civic duty.



September Cryptogram –

The September 2026 Cryptogram provided in the box below is a statement associated men meeting as equals. The decoded statement will be provided on the next Trestle board. Clues for the Cryptogram are: (Q=A), (K = E), (Z = I), (P=O), (R=B), (O = T)

“Azomzg omk wptdk, omkbk qbk gp ozowkx qgt gp kdpk. Vexo jkg, jkkozgd qx kyeqwx, hpjjzookt op rkhpjzgd xpkomzgd jpbk.

— Cpzgo Wpjg Jqxpgh Wptdk”

ANSWERS TO AUGUST 2026 TRIVIA

1. The **Keystone** Initiative, a new and forward-looking vision for the fraternity. Its goal is to strengthen the organization, to improve member experience, and to position the fraternity as an integral part of the community.
2. **Communication** leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.
3. During our June Stated meeting, our Lodge passed a resolution to electronically distribute our minutes **72** hours prior to the Stated meeting..
4. Our Lodge's scholarship committee received **twelve** applications this year.
5. The **Senior Deacon** serves as a key figure in both ritual excellence and membership growth.
6. Pursuant to §805.430, all appointive Lodge officers shall be appointed by the **Master**-elect before the Lodge's installation.
7. The Junior Deacon supports the Senior **Warden** by assisting in the flow of communication within the lodge and ensuring the security and proper operation of meetings.
8. The Marshal serves as the lodge's lead ambassador for hospitality, welcome, and **member** experience.
9. The Junior Steward supports the Senior Steward and **Junior** Warden in creating a welcoming, well-organized environment for members, candidates, and guests.
10. Carlos M. Diez, Jr., the 2025 Grand Orator California Grand Lodge, in his February, 2025 message asserts that article, asserts that one's journey begins **within**..

Decoded August 2026
Cryptogram In Plain Text

Is provided in the box – a statement associated with communication and understanding each other.

“Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.

— Rollo May”



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Important Reminder from the Master



This year, my messages have focused consistently on communication, brotherly love, and harmony. While questioning decisions or policies is completely natural, attacking the qualifications, expertise, or motives of our volunteering brothers and officers is entirely unacceptable. This unmasonic conduct violates our sacred obligations, disrupts the peace of our lodge, threatens to drive away our dedicated leaders, and turns our place of refuge into a space of hostility.

As Masons, we are bound by Masonic law to meet on the level, meaning no brother is more important than another. Those with expertise are traditionally expected to whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother privately, rather than criticizing committee leaders openly in the lodge room. Moving forward, while constructive questions are always welcome, I will enforce the Master's authority to ensure no further disparagement of any brother is tolerated. Let us rededicate ourselves to building up our fraternity through mutual respect and true brotherly love, ensuring our lodge remains a welcoming home for all.

Bruce Lyons,
Master, 2026