



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

MAY 3 (6 PM)

- *Stated Meeting
- *Official Inspector's Visit

MAY 5

- *Happy Cinco de Mayo
- *Masters and Wardens Retreat

MAY 6

- *National Nurses Day

MAY 8

- *Masonic Formation Class

MAY 12

- *WB Armando Telles Masonic Service

MAY 14,

- *Mother's Day

MAY 15

- *Masonic Formation Class

MAY 17

- *DSOI hosted by CBL

MAY 24

- *3rd Degree Conferral

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From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Sisters,

May day being the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, is celebrated in cultures throughout the world generally to reflect creative forces and rebirth. In Hawaii it is referred to as "Lei Day," the observance and practice of the Aloha Spirit² by the act of giving a flower. In celebration of the Aloha Spirit³, I send you greetings from the East.

Our lodge and the Red Cross had planned a blood drive for April 1st; however, at least one of the members of the Red Cross team critical to the safe execution of this event was unable to attend, so the drive had to be canceled. The need to help still exists, so if you had planned on dropping in, you can schedule a donation by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=94132> and sign up for an available blood donation

appointment. My thanks go out to Brother Bruce Lyons for not only setting up this blood drive, for ensuring everyone got the word of its cancellation.

Several members of our lodge attended California Lodge No. 1's April 4th Stated Meeting during which those in attendance got to observe its annual inspector visit, to meet Cal 1 brothers they did not know and to visit with brothers they do know. Thanks go out to those who participated in this event thereby bringing about better awareness of our neighbor lodge and supporting stated goals of the Grand Lodge.

Prior to our April Stated Meeting Dinner, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge members gathered to honor Brother James (Jamie) Anthony Dillon and to participate in the celebration of his Golden Veteran award ceremony having completed 50 years as a Master Mason on March 27. WB Alan Nubla, Inspector of the 141st Masonic

District, officiated this ceremony as the representative of the California Grand Lodge. My gratitude goes out to WB Alan Nubla for his participation and guidance, to the officers and those present for their participation and support, to WB Jason Yen for his coordination with Brother Dillon and the Grand Lodge, to Brother Awasti for conducting the walk about portion of the ceremony, to Sister Joanna (Brother Dillon's wife) for supporting him in his life-long Masonic experience, and to Brother Jamie for his 50 years of service and for the multiple enjoyable conversations we had in the lead up to this event.

Representatives of the Rainbow Girls and the Eastern Star spoke to us about their organizations at the beginning of our April Stated Meeting and our lodge presented the rainbow girls with an annual contribution check in support of their work with our youth.

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COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370 OFFICERS

From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

Greetings, brethren!

I hope this finds you all hale and hearty and enjoying the beautiful weather we've had of late...the storms are finally over and no rain in sight!



In doing some research for an article this month, I Googled "decline in Masonic membership". I have been looking for some ideas on not only how to attract, but, perhaps more importantly, RETAIN those who come to the craft. Local interest from younger men seems to be on the rise, as we generally get several requests a month, via the website, for information on how to become a Mason, or requests for a Petition. That said, I'm bothered by the number of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge (CBL370) members who live locally who we just never... see...

in... Lodge. How did we "lose" those folks? More importantly, what can we do to welcome them back?

There were a number of articles returned, and the indications are that this isn't just a CBL370 issue...it's an issue across the United States and around the world. I ran across an article called, "There's a Hole in Our Bucket", written by V. W. Bro. Stephen Dafoe, a past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, former publisher of Masonic Magazine and the author of several books on the Knights Templar and Freemasonry.

You can go here, <https://tinyurl.com/42fk38a2> and read it in its entirety. The basic gist of the article the statistical analysis of the loss of members, it being

through not just death of a member, but through a greater number of demits of members. It is also then followed by the lack of people seeking knowledge of our craft. This article makes sense a strong call out to its members to find a solution to modern day obstacles in obtaining and retaining members.

On a different note, we have a dedicated member who gave his time for many years to help our lodge as best he knew how. With the help of our Monthly Masonic Formation Class, Geraldo Calderon was raised to a Master Mason on 04/26/23. Our newly raised brother should be congratulated on his achievement.

Jason Hui
Senior Warden

From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings brethren.

Happy Spring. I hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather! I want to start by thanking our Sr. Deacon Bruce Lyons for arranging the blood drive and to all of you who signed up to make a blood donation. Unfortunately, the blood bank had to cancel due to personnel shortages. Nonetheless, I want to thank you for your willingness to donate blood. See you at the



next blood drive!

We will kick off our May with our Stated Meeting when we will welcome our District Inspector who will be making his official visit. Nina will be preparing fajitas for dinner and the choices will be chicken, steak, or veggie.

Later in the month, we will have 2 Masonic Funerals to honor our dear late brothers, Worshipful Armando Telles, PM, and Brother Bernie Feinberg. Both were beloved fixtures of Columbia Broth-

erhood and served the lodge and its members with a smile for years. We invite you to come celebrate the lives of Worshipful Armando on May 12th at 3 PM and Brother Bernie on May 26th 1 PM. Rest in peace my brothers; we miss you dearly.

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IN MEMORIAM

Worshipful Brother
Armado Telles

June 8, 1933



April 12, 2023

Brother
Bernie Feinberg

September 27, 1941



April 12, 2023

May the soul of our departed brethren rest in peace and their memories live forever in the hearts of every Mason they have touched.

LODGE EVENTS AND ACTION PICS



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

PAST MASTERS DEGREE TEAM

WILL RAISE

BROTHER

OSAMA MUQUATASH

MAY 24, 2023

6:30 PM DINNER / 7:30 PM CEREMONY

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

ANNUAL CAMPING



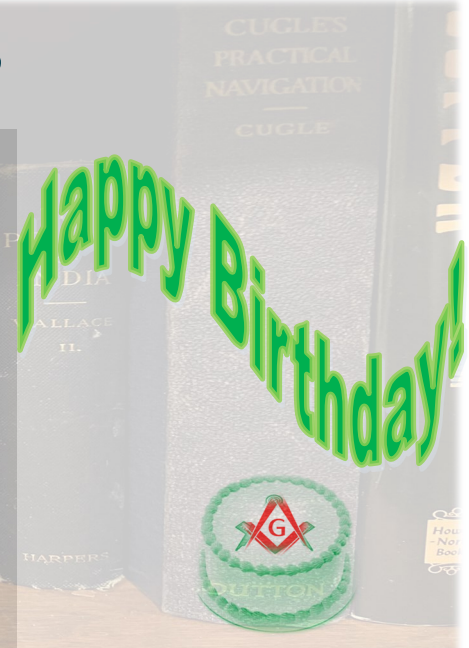
JUNE 8—11, 2023

LAKE OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA



May 2023 Birthdays

Toy James	05/02	Ramos Sr. Lorenzo	05/14
Rosendale Francis William	05/04	Dela Rosa Sr. Alfred	05/15
Barber Richard William	05/05	Ahern Daniel	05/17
Sickler Ronald Ellis	05/06	Johns Paul	05/17
Yarberry Lawrence Carl Rober	05/06	Bott Kenneth Warren	05/21
Wade George Ernest	05/08	Albright William Clayton	05/22
Bilog Daniel Simon	05/09	Ishaq Peter Abdalla	05/23
Farro Danny J	05/11	Williams Glen Allan	05/24
Holly Steven Lewis	05/11	Dodson Awdry Anthony	05/25
Bomark-No Kjell Camillo	05/13	Maringer Kirk Bruce	05/29
Berns Ray	05/14		
Estioko Oscar Patacsil	05/14		



From the East

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It is with a heavy heart the news of the transition of two of our brothers to the all perfect celestial lodge above. Worshipful Brother Armando Telles, born Monday, Thursday, June 8, 1933, and raised Tuesday, August 27, 1991, laid down his tools on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. In accordance with the wishes of our Brother Armando and his daughter Marion, a Masonic service for him is scheduled on Friday, May 12th at 4 PM.

Brother Bernard Feinberg born Monday, September 27, 1941, and raised Wednesday, January 27, 2010 laid down his tools on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

In accordance with our Brother's wishes, our sister Jeanette has requested a Masonic service for his celebration of life scheduled for 1:00 PM on Friday, May 26, 2023.

MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

Meetings were held on April 10th and April 17th, during which participants discussed participant questions, lodge etiquette including being properly clothed, degree conferral process including investigations and proficiencies, benefits of participating in Master and warden retreats, officers' duties, planning for the Night in Havana scheduled for August 25, and lecture proficiency work for by conferred participants.

MFC Classes are planned for May 8th and May 15th. In addition to discussion of participant questions, of subjects covered during the Master and Warden Retreat, of selected Masonic Symbolism and historic events, and regular vs irregular lodges and the merits of this topic for the Night in Havana debate; conferred Brothers will work on Proficiencies. Regarding Proficiencies, on May 8th, several Columbia Brotherhood Brothers will meet with our inspector, a panel of judges and Brothers from California 1 to participate in the 2023 California Grand Lodge Competition during which participants will

demonstrate their mastery of proficiencies in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Degrees. Please reach out to Brothers Jimmy Fowler and Jose Rivera and wish them success in this endeavor.

DEGREE WORK

On April 12th, the officers gathered to practice the 3rd degree conferral, for an officers' meeting, and to discuss the schedule for upcoming events. Please feel free to reach out to any of us to discuss upcoming events planned for the balance of the year.

On April 26th our line officers conducted this year's first third degree conferral during which Brother Gerardo Calderon was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please reach out and congratulate Brother Gerardo Calderon when you next see them.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTOR - DSOI

The officers of California No 1 hosted the April District School of instruction on Tuesday, April 18. After WB Alan Nubla briefed those present, the officers of California No 1 demonstrated additional work and activities associated with the first-degree conferral. The officers of California Lodge No. 1 hosted the Officers Columbia Brotherhood No. 370 and San Francisco 120 on April for this month's district school of instruction (DSOI) during which the WB Alan Nubla, inspector of the 141st Masonic District shared the latest input from the Grand lodge After these discussions, the California No. 1 demonstrated the first-degree conferral ceremony.

PAST MASTERS DEGREE TEAM

Several of our past masters guided by our officers coach, WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, and WB George Wade have been planning the 2023 Past-Master's-Degree Conferral and on April 22nd announced the final plans for this degree conferral during which Brother **Osama Muquatash** will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Thanks go out to WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, our Columbia Brotherhood officers coach for his guidance and planning, to our past masters who make up the Past-Masters' degree team who will be sharing their time and talent in the preparation and conduct of the 2023 degree, to WB Orlando Arce for his support and coordination of the 2023 Past Masters' Degree meeting, and to WB George Wade for his efforts on again assembling 2023 Past Master degree team. Please join me in showing our gratitude to these Worshipful Brothers by acknowledging them and their work, and by attending this degree conferral on May 24th, 2023.

GRAND LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to the Grand Lodge of California on its 173rd Anniversary (established during the months of April and May in 1850). As many of you know our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Randall L. Brill has declared theme of May is Public Awareness. His proclamation reads,

"Whereas Masonry has for far too long been subject to misconceptions that endure in popular culture, which hamper the positive change we hope to make in our communities; and Whereas California Masons perform many admirable acts of charity and volunteerism in the communities they call home, providing much-needed leadership and support for all around us; and Whereas the evolution of Freemasonry is predicated on the growth and vitality of our fraternity; therefore, As grand master, I proclaim May 2023 to be Public Awareness Month in California. An important aim of the 2025 Fraternity Plan is increasing awareness in our communities of the fraternity and the good work that Masons all over California do in their towns. Raising awareness of the fraternity means talking openly with friends, family, and colleagues about what membership in Masonry means; countering negative assumptions about Masonry; and ensuring the continued relevance of our organization. I encourage all members and lodges to consider ways that they can raise awareness of Freemasonry in their community—through open houses, tabling opportunities, online and over social media; and especially simple conversations with friends and family. Our fraternity is not a secret; it's important we share it with the world so that we can make an even bigger

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difference in our communities. California Masons have much to be proud of. It's time we share that pride with the outside world."

In support of the Grand Lodge Public Awareness theme, please seize any opportunity which highlights the benefits of Freemasonry to the community and please feel free to share any ideas you may have regarding our lodge's service to the community and opportunities for making our good works more obvious to the community.

INSPECTORS VISIT

Our inspector WB Allan Nubla will make his official annual visit representing the California Grand Lodge during our May stated meeting. Thanks in advance to everyone who has participated in preparing for this visit and to those who plan to participate in this meeting. In observance of the traditional celebration of Cinco De Mayo, our Stated-meeting dinner will have a Mexican theme.

May 5th through May 7th, our pillars and Senior Deacon are scheduled to attend the 2023 Master and Warden retreat in Lake Tahoe during which our Pillars and Senior Deacons will meet with other Pillars and Senior Deacons to discuss lodge operations and will attend training sessions. Thanks Brothers Jason Hui, Anil Awasti, and Bruce Lyons for representing our lodge at this event.

Good wishes goes out on May 14th to all the mothers and to those associated with our lodge. Please be sure to do something special for your mothers and or to take a moment to think about them.

On May 17th the officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 will host the Brothers from California No. 1 lodge and San Francisco No 120 lodge for the May District School of Instruction (DSOI), and will demonstrate the work associated with the second section of the third degree conferral. Thanks to our officers for the work associated with this demonstration.

On Monday, May 29th, American citizens will celebrate the unofficial start of summer and observe the actions of those in the United States Armed forces

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WORSHIPFUL JAMES GONZALEZ

whose selfless actions resulted in their deaths and resulted in the freedoms which we as citizens of this country enjoy. Please take a moment to think about those who lost their lives in the service of our great country and to personally thank those who are currently working to improve the lives of those in their communities.

Scholarship applications continue to be available. If you know anyone who could use some extra help in covering educational costs, please encourage them to submit a scholarship application.

WB Jason Yen, our lodge secretary, our retention committee and our officers have spent hours checking in on the members who have not yet paid their dues and there are still several members whose dues are outstanding. 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.

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

Fraternally yours,
James Gonzalez, WM

¹In Hawaii, May Day is known as "Lei Day", a celebration of the aloha spirit and the giving of the flower. What a better way to celebrate than with the people you love. National Today, <https://nationaltoday.com/may-day/>, 3/26/2023, 2017-2023 by National Today.

² Maui Snorkeling, <https://mauisnorkeling.com/the-spirit-of-aloha/>, 3/26/2023, 2023 Maui Snorkeling, Aloha Spirit By definition of the Hawaiian Spirit Law, "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. It means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

3Aloha Spirit, University of Hawai'i, <https://www.hawaii.edu/uhwo/clear/home/lawaloha.html>, 3/26/2023, University of Hawaii. "West O'ahu Center for Labor Education & Research from Chapter 5 of Hawai'i Revised Statutes:

'§ 5-7.5 "Aloha Spirit."(a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha", the following unuhi laulā loa may be used:

'**Akahai**', meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness,

'**Lōkahi**', meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;

'**Olu'olu**' meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness,

'**Ha'aha'a**', meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty,

'**Ahonui**', meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance. These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawai'i. "**Aloha**" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "**Aloha**" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "**Aloha**" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "**Aloha**" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

(b) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "**Aloha Spirit**". [L 1986, c 202, § 1"]





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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

