



THIS MONTH 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

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 4

- Stated Meeting /
Veteran Honors /
Annual Election

NOVEMBER 9 & 23

- Masonic Formation
Class

NOVEMBER 13

- Friday Fun Night

NOVEMBER 25-27

- Lodge Dark for
Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2

- Stated Meeting

DECEMBER 13

- 122nd Annual
Installation of
Officers



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From the East

Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons



Blessings Brothers, Ladies, and friends,

As the autumn air settles in and the days grow shorter, we return from our summer labors to focus our energy on the work within our walls.

This changing season brings a quiet reflection upon past endeavors and calls us to a deeper devotion to our ancient mysteries. Let us re-enter the sacred retreat of our Lodge with hearts attuned to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, ensuring our labors build a superstructure honorable to our ancient craft.

Our community has stayed remarkably active over the past few months. Following a presentation on University of San Francisco athletics, our sisters joined forces in support of the First Lady of the California Grand Lodge's initiative, gifting over 600 blankets to children at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Special thanks to **Rox Hui** and our sisters for making this vision a reality. About forty members and guests enjoyed our Mystery Trip to the Winchester Mystery House, followed by lunch at a "hot pot" restaurant—a wonderful new experience for many. Thanks to Worshipful Brother **Anil Awasti** with an assist from Brother **Carlos Suncin** for planning this event.

On September 13th, members shared lunch at the Atwater before watching the Giants play the Padres in support of

the Grand Lodge's *Masons for Mitts* program. Thank you to all who participated and contributed and for Brother **Gordon Gottsche**'s organizing the day. Thanks to San Francisco No. 120 for hosting and Inspector Allan Nubla for facilitating our recent District School of Instruction, keeping our ritual and officer duties sharp.

We gathered to celebrate our Past Masters on September 19th. Thanks to Worshipful Brother **Dionisio Dela Cruz** for managing this successful event. Sadly, two of our cherished Past Masters were not present in person this season, having laid down their working tools.

- **W.B. Dr. David Heaton**, who passed in July.

- **W.B. George Wade**, who passed in September.

*Each will be profoundly missed.
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From the West

Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra



Greetings Brethren,

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the loss of our good brother, WB George Wade. We remember him as a valued member of our lodge and extend our heartfelt acknowledgment of his passing.

October will be a busy month for the officers as we are preparing to move forward to the next step. With everyone's continued support and cooperation, we hope to make this transition as smooth and successful as possible. Another important event to look forward to is the GRAND Lodge AnCom, which will be attended by officers and members from different Lodges.

This year will present a significant challenge for our officers. Meeting that challenge will require the

continued support, cooperation, and unity of everyone. With these qualities guiding us, I am confident that we will get through it together.

Let us also remember that our lodge was built on a strong and lasting foundation – a foundation built through the dedication, sacrifices, and brotherhood of those who came before us. Obstacles and challenges may come our way, but they will not weaken us if we remain united in our purpose. Our intentions must stay focused on the betterment of our lodge rather than on personal interests. When we put the lodge and our brotherhood first, we become stronger together.

I encourage all aspiring applicants and my fellow brothers to show everyone what it means to become a better person through humility, respect and open

communication, especially when challenges or differences arise. I believe that once you enter Freemasonry, regardless of the walk of life you come from, we are all brothers and stand on the same level. No one is above another. We are united by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and by the values of humility, mutual respect, understanding, and brotherhood.

Let us continue to set a good example- not only within the Lodge, but also in our daily lives and show others that true brotherhood is built on respect, humility, and a willingness to listen and communicate.

Fraternally yours,

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



From the South

Junior Warden,

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Stated Meeting Dinner & Logistics

- **October Stated Meeting Dinner Menu:** Fajitas of either Beef, Fish, or Vegan with sides, and dessert.
- **RSVP by October 2, 2026,** via Signup Genius, or by emailing or texting WB Danilo Daus at zuaddan@gmail.com, or (707) 319-7963.
- November's Stated Meeting Menu: Traditional Turkey and Ham Dinner or Vegan Option.

The Current activities planned for our ladies includes 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.

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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 those line officers who have returned their proficiencies for their advanced stations and continued wishes for those with upcoming proficiency meetings with our inspector. Thanks to our inspector for his guidance and for being available to work with our officers in their quest to prepare for the ensuing Masonic year.

Regarding the Junior Warden's column in last month's Trestleboard: due to a compressed timeline, the article was heavily adapted by the editor to meet standard publication standards. Because the final text reflected editorial rewriting rather than the Junior Warden's original submission, it should have been attributed as an editorial piece. The editor regrets the layout oversight.

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.

Throughout this year, my *From the East* articles have focused heavily on communication, respect, and brotherly love. While we have seen moments of great progress, we have also faced uncomfortable friction. August brought particularly painful meetings characterized by unfraternal conduct among brethren.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce our Junior Warden has submitted his resignation from his elected station. He did not make this decision lightly; he stepped down because he was subjected to an environment of hostility, disrespect, and bullying from within our own ranks.

As your Worshipful Master, my highest and most sacred duty is to preserve the peace and harmony of this Lodge. Masonry teaches us to cultivate brotherly love, relief, and truth. When any brother is made to feel unwelcome, targeted, or demeaned within these walls, we fail in our fundamental obligations. I will not tolerate, ignore, or excuse behavior that tears down a brother or fractures our unity. **To the brethren involved:** Your conduct will be addressed firmly, and in strict accordance with Masonic law and Grand Lodge guidelines. **To the Lodge at large:** I deeply regret that we have lost a dedicated officer because of this unacceptable behavior. Moving forward, this East will strictly enforce our foundational tenets. This Lodge must and will remain a sanctuary of mutual respect.

Regarding the vacancy in the South, I am working with the Grand Lodge to secure a dispensation to fill the station of Junior Warden properly. I ask for your prayers, your support, and your renewed commitment to the true spirit of our fraternity.

I close by sharing two profound points from our recent Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings, hoping they offer food for thought in both our Lodge and daily lives.

On September 14th, we discussed the application of classical philosophy to our internal ruffians—those inner flaws that hamper personal growth. We reflected on Socrates at his trial. Offered a plea deal to stop philosophizing and live quietly, he refused, stating that a life without critical self-reflection and the pursuit of virtue is not worth living.

In an era of constant digital noise, deliberate self-examination requires stepping away from algorithms to audit our choices: *Are our core opinions truly our own, or inherited from echo chambers? Who are we becoming through our daily, passive micro-choices?* Like Socrates, we must value the integrity of our soul above mere comfort.

We explored geometry from earth measurement to sacred allegory on September 28th. The **Rough**

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

Ashlar—jagged, irregular, and raw—represents human character governed by unexamined impulses and chaotic desires. In contrast, the **Perfect Ashlar** has been smoothed and polished, defined not by isolated perfection, but by its ability to interlock seamlessly with surrounding stones.

By aligning ourselves with universal laws of harmony and truth, we smooth our own rough edges so we may fit harmoniously into the great temple of human society—supporting our brothers and being supported in return.

Fraternally,

Bruce Lyons
Worshipful Master, 2026



IN MEMORIAM



a life well lived
GEORGE WADE
05/08/1944 - 09/10/2026

WB **George Ernest Wade**, PM, and HA Recipient (May 8, 1944 – September 10, 2026) laid down his working tools on September 10, 2026, at 82 years and 4 months of age and nearly 34 years of service.

Born in 1944, WB George lived a life marked by quiet service, kindness, and devotion to the Craft. He began his Masonic journey at Columbia Lodge No. 388, where he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in October 1991 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 22, 1992. He served as Junior Warden at Columbia No. 388 in 1999, Senior Warden in Columbia 388 in 2000, Worshipful Master in Columbia 388 in 2001, Chaplain in Columbia Lodge No. 388 in 2002 and 2003, Chaplain in Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in 2010, served on the Grand Lodge Annual Communications Committee from 2012 through 2018, Coordinated Past Master Degree dinners for at least a decade at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, and was awarded the Hiram Award on November 26, 2013, in Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370.

Becoming a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 2002 WB George's Masonic life extended beyond the Blue Lodge where he was of service for almost 24 years as an Asiya Greeter and through his participation in the Rod and Gun Club, and Temple Chaplain in 2017 and 2018.

On Friday, September 25th, about 200 family members, friends, and brothers representing multiple

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Masonic organizations gathered at **Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Lodge** to celebrate his life, love and legacy, and the following remarks delivered by WB Danilo Dauz which summarize the feelings most of our Lodge Members had our genuinely kind and soft-spoken brother whose calm demeanor and thoughtful presence were appreciated by all in his presence.

"For nearly 19 years, I had the privilege of knowing WB George Wade and of calling him a friend through the bonds of Freemasonry.

WB George was a jovial giant in every sense of the word. He was a big man, but what stood out even more was the size of his heart. He had a kindness and warmth about him that made you feel welcome whenever you were around him. He had a great sense of humor, a wonderful spirit, and a way of making people feel comfortable. I honestly cannot remember WB George ever having a bad word to say about anyone. He carried himself with a positive spirit and a genuine warmth that made people glad to be around him. That was simply the kind of man he was.

At the lodge, WB George was always ready to help. He would volunteer his time, lend a hand, and do whatever was needed for his Brothers and his lodge. He never looked for praise or recognition. He simply wanted to be there for his lodge and for the Brothers he cared about.

His passing leaves a space that will be very difficult to fill. It is a great loss to all of us. Men like WB George remind us of what Brotherhood is truly supposed to mean.

The lodge is a little quieter, a little smaller, and a little less without his presence. But the lessons of Masonry remind us that the bonds between Brothers do not easily disappear. The kindness he showed, the laughter he shared, the help he gave, and the friendship he offered so freely will live on, in all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

We mourn his passing, we give thanks for the years we were privileged to share with him, and we remember him not simply as a Brother, but as a good Mason, a better man, and a true friend.

May he rest from his labors, and may his memory remain a blessing to us all."



WB David "Doc" Heaton, PM
(August 3, 1924 – **July 25, 2026**)
laid down his working tools on July 25th, 2026, at 101 years and 11 months of age and 45.82 years of service.



He began his Masonic journey at what is known today as

Crocker Lodge No. 212 where he was Initiated an Apprentice Mason on April 17th, 1979, passed to the degree of fellowcraft on August 12th, 1980, Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 27th, 1980, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1985. Affiliated with Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 on January 4th, 2005.

Our Brother Gordon Gottsche shared the following tribute about Brother (Doc) Heaton.

"WB Dr. David Heaton passed away on July 25, 2026, ... [less than a month before his 102nd birthday]. WB David lived a long and remarkable life, filled with friendship, service, laughter, and a deep connection to his Masonic family.

Born on August 3, 1924, David grew up in Los Gatos, California, and attended Stanford University. He was a proud member of **Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge No. 370**, where he served as a **Past Master**. David cherished his time with the Lodge and especially enjoyed attending Masonic dinners, sharing stories, and telling his funny jokes that never failed to entertain the Brothers.

He particularly enjoyed the Master Installations held at the Scottish Rite in San Francisco and took great pleasure in participating in Lodge activities. David also served as Master of Ceremonies for the Lodge's 370 CBL Havana Night, bringing his personality, humor, and enthusiasm to the event.

David's Masonic life extended beyond the Lodge. He was an active **Shriner**, participating in both the **Section Crew** and the **Rod and Gun Club**. He was also a faithful supporter of the **Mason4Mitts** charity event, always willing to contribute to causes that brought Masons together in service to others.

David had many interests and hobbies throughout his life, but perhaps one of his greatest gifts was his ability to make and keep friends. He enjoyed good conversation, good company, and sharing a laugh. To those who knew him, David's stories, humor, and friendship created memories that will remain for years to come.

In the later years of his life, David and his wife, **Rosemary Eckersley**, made their home in Rancho Mirage. There, David enjoyed relaxing by the pool,

dining at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Palm Springs, and spending quiet evenings in the company of fellow retirees. He was also a great lover of dogs and continued to enjoy the simple pleasures of companionship and friendship.

When David was laid to rest, Rosemary placed beside him several things that represented the life he cherished: his **Masonic card**, his **Shriner card**, and his **flashlight**—the flashlight he jokingly used when calling his friends on his cell phone. These small treasures captured something special about David: his Masonry, his friendships, and his wonderful sense of humor.

David leaves behind an enduring legacy of friendship and fellowship. He was a Brother who enjoyed being with his fellow Masons, serving his Lodge and the Shrine, telling a good story, and making people laugh. His friendships truly lasted a lifetime.

Brother David Heaton will be remembered with affection, gratitude, and a smile. He was laid to rest at **Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma, California.**



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 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.



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.

MASONIC FORMATION CLASS



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge facilitated Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings on Monday, Monday, September 14th and Monday, September 28th. Planned discussion topics included questions from

participants, Ruffians, Geometry, and selected Masonic tenants. Meetings in October are planned for Monday, October 12th and Monday, October 26th. Planned discussion topics include participant questions, Elements of a Lodge, Lodge Operations, Lodge Elections and Exemplary Behavior

Two fellowcrafts are working on their 2nd degree proficiencies, and one recently raised Master Mason is expected to return his third degree proficiency during the October 2026 Stated Meeting.

Summaries of Ruffians and Geometry presentations and of selected September events are provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM
MFC Coach



OVERCOMING RUFFIANS – FROM ROUGH ASHLAR TO EXAMINED LIFE

The Masonic process transforms the physical tools of stonemasonry into moral symbols aimed at character building and self-mastery, a concept heavily rooted in the classical Athenian philosophies of **Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.**

Historically, the fraternity's intellectual lineage is divided into two distinct eras. The **18th-century Founders**, including James Anderson, Laurence Dermott, and Benjamin Franklin, operated during the Enlightenment to establish the institutional, legal, and operational scaffolding of organized Masonry. In contrast, the **19th-century Codifiers**—William Preston, Albert Mackey, George Oliver, and Albert Pike—shifted their focus inward, expanding ceremonies into academic lectures and infusing rituals with deep esoteric, theological, and metaphysical philosophies.

This historical evolution mirrors a conceptual shift in how a man's symbolic journey is viewed, moving from a crude "**Rough Ashlar**" to a perfected or "**Perfect Ashlar**". While the 18th-century framework focused on practical civic virtues inspired by the Roman Republic, 19th-century thinkers integrated **Neo-Platonism, Pythagorean geometry, and Hermetic philosophy** to guide Masons toward cosmic enlightenment. Central to this journey is overcoming the allegorical **Three Ruffians** which represent human

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vices rather than external villains. These internal enemies map directly to the primary vices identified by classical philosophers: Socrates's **Ignorance**, Plato's **Unbridled Passion**, and Aristotle's **Intemperance**. Masons use the psychological mechanics of the lodge room, which include **rituals, rigorous memory work, and symbols to manage these vices**.

This demanding internal labor directly aligns with the dedication to self-reflection championed by Socrates, who famously declared at his **399 BCE trial** in Athens that **"the unexamined life is not worth living."** Facing charges of impiety and corrupting the youth, Socrates chose execution over a plea deal that would force him into silence, proving that protecting the soul's integrity matters more than physical survival. True human wisdom requires **intellectual humility**—the recognition of how little one actually knows—alongside a dedication to inner virtues like justice and wisdom, rather than operating on autopilot by chasing external wealth and social status.

Today, these ancient principles face severe challenges from digital distraction, where **engineered algo-rithms** keep people continuously consuming without quiet reflection. This modern version of the unexamined life can be actively combated by unplugging to confront uncomfortable questions regarding personal desires, opinions, and daily actions. Refusing to audit behavior causes individuals to lose their moral compass, blinding them to ignorance and increasing the risk of causing unintentional harm to their communities. Ultimately, living an examined life requires the **courage to strip away pretension**, to take accountability, and to reject the illusion of comfort or social conformity in favor of maintaining personal integrity.

GEOMETRY

The journey of the speculative Mason begins not in the abstract heights of philosophy, but in the thick mud of ancient Egypt. Every year, the Nile River violently flooded its banks. While this flooding brought life-giving silt to the soil, it also washed away property markers, which created chaos relative to land boundaries, tax assessments, and agricultural planning.

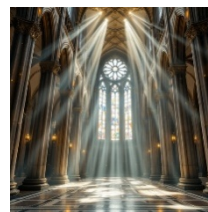
To restore harmony, early surveyors known as **"rope-stretchers"** stepped into the mud. Armed only with long ropes knotted at precise, fixed intervals, they utilized basic geometric principles to lay out perfect right angles and recalculate the exact boundaries of land plots. This ancient act serves as the foundational metaphor for the person who enters the Lodge seeking to bring order to the chaotic and unformed passions of the secular world.

As the centuries progressed, the Greeks synthesized these regional, practical toolkits into an elegant, deductive science. In the 6th century BCE, Pythagoras

operated a secretive society where mathematics was practiced as a religion. His demonstration of the right-angled triangle became a spiritual revelation, proving that beneath physical randomness lay an unbreakable, mathematical harmony. In speculative Freemasonry, this discovery is celebrated as the **47th Problem of Euclid** (or the Pythagorean Theorem) and is hailed as the very "foundation of Masonry". This is where the tools of the craft transition from physical instruments to moral guides. The operative builder used the **Square** to ensure a stone was cut at a perfect ninety-degree angle, making it fit for the structure. The speculative Mason lifts the **Square** to the realm of the soul, using it to check his actions against the unshakeable standards of virtue, morality, and truth.

Centuries later, Euclid introduced the axiomatic method, teaching humanity how to start with a self-evident truth—a point or a line—and step-by-step, build an unshakeable fortress of logic. For the Mason, Euclid proved that truth is not a matter of opinion or emotion; but an objective structural reality discovered through disciplined intellect. With the mastery of quantitative mechanics of shapes, standard geometry transition to a concept of **Sacred Geometry**. Where a structural engineer uses standard geometry to calculate the load distribution of a triangle, the mystic looks at the same shape and recognizes an archetype of the trinity, balance, and the upward aspiration of human consciousness. Sacred geometry takes undeniable mathematical constants—such as Pi, the Golden Ratio, or the properties of the Platonic Solids—and treats them as the literal handwriting of the **Great Architect of the Universe**.

This realization culminated in the historic intersection where geometry and light became one. Neoplatonists and medieval scientists like Robert Grosseteste posited that the universe expanded from a singular point of primordial light according to mathematical laws. This philosophy directly triggered the Gothic architectural



revolution. Master builders abandoned dark, heavy fortresses and began constructing soaring cathedrals designed entirely around geometric ratios. They engineered massive, radial

Stained-Glass Rose Windows so that physical light would be geometrically fractured, bathing the interior in divine order.

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Today, the speculative Mason steps inside a room that is itself a profound geometric statement. The dimensions, the orientation, and the symbols surrounding the brethren are not arbitrary decorations; they are an invitation to contemplate a higher order. Using the **Compass** as a tool designed to draw perfect circles and spheres, the Mason learns to circumscribe his desires and to keep his passions within due bounds with all mankind. By superimposing spiritual meaning onto mathematical laws, Freemasons use these exact geometric configurations as active, practical blueprints to refine the human soul. They step away from the operative trade of building physical cathedrals to pursue speculative work utilizing the ultimate laws of the cosmos to build an internal, immortal temple fit for the divine.

SELECTED EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 1, 1849 (California Constitutional Convention): Following the Gold Rush, delegates officially convened at Colton Hall in Monterey to draft California's first state constitution. [1, 2]

September 3, 1849 (Masonic Leadership in the State Capitol): As delegates met to frame the state's future, a substantial number of early California political leaders and pioneers were Freemasons. They were instrumental in establishing the civil and legal frameworks that organized the volatile, gold-frenzied territory. [1, 2]

September 9, 1850 (California Admission Day): One year after its constitutional convention, California was officially admitted to the Union as the 31st U.S. state.



September 10, 1943 – Brother William A. Franklin was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Amity Lodge No. 370 F&AM. In Celebration of this event, Mr. Douglas Rice (Brother Franklin's Grandson) Shared Photos of Brother

Franklin's Trowel, a symbol of spreading the cement of brotherly love ...which was presented September 10, 1943, by Worshipful Master John A. Lalor.



As a reminder, nine Lodges, formed between 1905 and 1926, consolidated between 1963 and 1992 to form Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 under the Amity No. 370 Charter. Seven Lodges, formed between 1903 and 1922, consolidated between 1968 and 1990 to form Columbia Lodge No. 388 under Parnassus Charter No. 388. Brotherhood No. 370 and Columbia No. 388 consolidated in 2005 to form

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 under the 1905 Amity Charter.

September 17, 1776 (Founding of the Presidio): Exactly 11 years to the day before the U.S. Constitution was signed, Spain formally established the Presidio of San Francisco. This military outpost, along with the nearby Mission San Francisco de Asís, marked the official **founding of San Francisco**. [1, 2, 3, 4]

September 17, 1787: The most significant September event in U.S. history is the completion and signing of the United States Constitution. Thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the final time in Philadelphia to sign the document. This milestone is celebrated nationally every year as [Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#). [1, 2, 3, 4]. Of the 39 delegates who signed the U.S. Constitution, eight have been verified as Freemasons. [1, 2]

September 24, 1789 (Establishing the Supreme Court): On this day in 1789, President George Washington [signed the Judiciary Act of 1789](#), establishing the Supreme Court of the U.S. as a tribunal composed of six justices.

September (National Preparedness Month. [1]: Sponsored annually by [FEMA's Ready Campaign](#) since 2004, the month-long observance encourages individuals, families, and communities to prepare for natural and man-made disasters. The 2026 theme is "Americans Stand Ready," focusing on resourcefulness, self-reliance, and community resilience. [1, 2, 3]

Key Ways to Prepare:

- **Make a Plan:** Talk with your household about how you will communicate and evacuate during an emergency.
- **Build a Kit:** Gather essential supplies, including water, non-perishable food, medications, and pet supplies, to last for several days.
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local emergency alerts and know your area's specific risks.
- **Get Involved:** Take a CPR or first-aid course or help neighbors who may need extra assistance. [1]



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HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

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Roberto Bueno	Perfecto Dizon	Kaare Myksvoll
Rodney Carolino	Paul Hamor	Huey Thomas
	David Leeds	

HAPPY OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Brother	Date Raised MM Degree	Brother	Date Raised MM Degree
Albert Allahyari	10/9/1968	William Koch	10/13/1966
Froilan Ancheta, PM	10/13/1994	Norman Krug	10/20/1959
Gregory Blednyh, PM	10/22/1984	Bruce Lyons, PM	10/25/2017
Donald Bohn, PM	10/26/1971	Isaac Mejia	10/25/1995
Mark Brett-Warburton	10/8/1998	Vrej Mekhalian, PM	10/23/1984
Kent Colliander	10/22/1965	Joseph Mercado	10/30/2013
John Conlan, PM	10/10/1969	Elmor Oro	10/20/2003
Eric De Jesus,	10/21/2009	Raymond Padmore	10/29/2014
Dionisio Dela Cruz, PM	10/24/2007	Gil Palenciai	10/30/2000
Eugenio Devera	10/22/2008	Gary Pittman	10/26/2011
Roy Eidson	10/26/1993	Peter Preovolos	10/8/1966
Francis Feliciano, PM	10/15/2014	Denis Rajic	10/29/2008
Ronald Forbes	10/21/1974	Joseph Rosson, PM	10/19/1999
Rajiv Gutral	10/28/1991	Donald Sinnar	10/27/1953
Warren Hanson, Sr.	10/23/1962	Danney Stiltner, PM	10/26/2005
Marc Hogue	10/16/1984	William Suguitan	10/22/2010
Jason Hui, PM	10/8/2014	Rodny Suspene, PM	10/19/2011
Alex Ignatovsky	10/23/1993	Allan Young	10/15/2008



September Birthday Celebrant



Brothers Bill Nichols, Jerry Jugal, Frank Pertierra, Jod'l Cruz, and WB Anil Awasti



HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. In 399 BCE in Athens _____ was said to have declared that "the unexamined life is not worth living."
2. Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle identify three internal Ruffians as _____, Unbridled Passion, and Intemperance, respectively.
3. Worshipful Brothers James _____, Laurence Dermott, and MW Benjamin Franklin, operated during the Enlightenment to establish the institutional, legal, and operational scaffolding of organized Masonry.
4. The _____-century "Codifiers"—including William Preston, Albert Mackey, George Oliver, and Albert Pike—shifted their focus to infuse rituals with esoteric, theological, and metaphysical philosophies.
5. The conceptual shift of a man's symbolic journey in Masonry is described as moving between the Rough Ashlar and the _____ Ashlar.
6. Individuals who refuse to audit their own behavior risk loss their _____ compass, being blinded to ignorance, and face an increased risk of causing unintentional harm to their communities.
7. California was admitted into the Union as the _____ State on September 9th, 1850.
8. In speculative Freemasonry, the 47th Problem of Euclid (or the Pythagorean Theorem) is hailed as the foundation of _____.
9. Early Egyptian surveyors who used knotted ropes to reset land boundaries after the Nile flooded were referred to as _____.
10. The operative builder used the _____ to ensure a stone was cut at a perfect ninety-degree angle, making it fit for the structure. The speculative Mason lifts the _____ to the realm of the soul, using it to check his actions against the unshakeable standards of virtue, morality, and truth.



October Cryptogram –

The October 2026 Cryptogram provided in the box below is a statement associated with the stoic philosophy of Marcus Aurelius. 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)

Ipe mqfk cpakb pfbk ipkb jzgt—gpo peoxztk
kfkgox. Bkqzwlk omzx, qgt ipe azww nzgt
xobkgdom

A modern paraphrase of Marcus Aurelius's *Meditations*.

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER 2026 TRIVIA

1. The symbol of the **level** 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-**century**-old philosophy that ties universal learning directly to human liberty, ethical character, and democratic self-governance.
3. In [Masons of California](#), the **progressive line** 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 **Management**, and Member Experience.
5. Presumptive Worshipful Masters must complete all **LMCP** courses to be installed into office.
6. Most Worshipful Garrett S Chan Proclaimed **September** as the 2026 to be Public Schools month.
7. CMC Sections **805.520–805.550**, 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 **Benjamin Franklin**, who authored the 1749 *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania* and founded the nonsectarian Publick Academy of Philadelphia.
9. Grand Master Garrett S. Chan's call for **September** 2026 to be Public Schools month.
10. The **Regius Poem** (c. 1390)—the oldest known Masonic document of the fraternity identified education as an essential civic duty.

Decoded September 2026
Cryptogram In Plain Text

Is provided in the box below.

"Within the lodge, there are no titles and no egos. Just men, meeting as equals, committed to becoming something more."
— Point Loma Masonic Lodge"



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Important Reminder from the Master



With the arrival of autumn, nature calls us to a season of reflection. Just as the trees shed their leaves, we are reminded to cast off ill feelings and petty grievances that disrupt the harmony of our Lodge. Let us ever remember the use of the compass, circumscribing our passions so that we interact with one another with absolute respect and fundamental decency. By smoothing the rough edges of our character, we open our hearts to fully embrace our core tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Let us remember that we do not labor alone; we are the living stones of a greater temple. As we work to transform ourselves into perfect ashlar, we must recognize that a single stone cannot stand by itself—our strength lies in how we support one another. Let us bind ourselves together with the cement of brotherly love, ensuring that our thoughts, words, and actions are strong enough to support both our Lodge and the wider community. By uplifting a falling brother, by offering relief whenever needed, and by leading by quiet example, we ensure that our Masonic structure stands as a beacon of stability and goodwill in the world.

Bruce Lyons,
Master, 2026