



THIS MONTH AUGUST

AUGUST 5

- Stated Meeting
Backpack Donation
Event

AUGUST 10 & 24

- Masonic Formation
Class

AUGUST 12

- Officer Practice

AUGUST 15

- CBL 370, CAL 1, SF
120 JOINT PICNIC

AUGUST 19

- DSOI, Host: CBL
370

AUGUST 21

- FRIDAY FUN

AUGUST 25

- Hall Assn. MTG

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2

- Stated Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5

- Mystery Trip

SEPTEMBER 9,16,&23

- Degree Practice

SEPTEMBER 14,&28

- Masonic Formation
Class

SEPTEMBER 17

- DSOI, Host: SF 120

SEPTEMBER 19

- Past Master Dinner
Dance

SEPTEMBER 30

- Degree Conferral



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From the East

Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons



**Hello Brothers, Ladies,
and friends,**

**I hope you are enjoying
the summer.**

As you know, July was dark at the lodge, but we had an amazing Master's trip to New York City. Thank you to **Brother Carlos Suncin** and **Dinah Suncin** for the hard work that they did to plan the event. We saw the Grand Lodge of New York, and Fraunces Tavern and museum, where General George Washington had a farewell dinner with his troops after the Revolutionary War. We

were able to attend a Broadway Play that won the Tony Award for best musical, *Schmigadoon!* We also enjoyed seeing the Statue of Liberty during a dinner cruise on the Hudson river, the United Nations building, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and much more. Thanks to the brothers and their families that attended the Master's Trip. And thank you to **Brother Charles Gagas** and **Claire Gagas** for their help in navigating New York City.

We will be back at labor in August, and I look forward to seeing you at our August Stated Meeting and **our annual picnic on August 15th at Orangetown Park in South San Francisco** with our fellow District 141 lodges, San Francisco #120, and California #1. Thank you, Worshipful Masters Sal and John for creating a great

event. At the end of August, will be our Mystery Trip. Details will follow for this one-day trip.

In continuation of my discussion in previous Trestleboard articles about communication, I wanted to be certain that every one of our brothers has responded to the assistant secretary's email to confirm that the person receiving the message is indeed a member of our lodge.

On June 27th we had our **annual widows' trip**, a cruise on the bay on the Hornblower. Thank you to **Brother Carlos and Sister Dinah** for their hard work to create this special event.

As per the resolution that passed at our June Stated meeting, we will begin electronic distribution of our minutes 72 hours before the
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From the West

Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra



Greetings Brethren,

The month of July was a dark month for our lodge, and I hope all of you enjoyed your summers.

We are looking forward to August's events and social gatherings including our annual Picnic on August 15th with California No. 1 and San Francisco No. 120 Lodges, our Lodge's hosting of the August DSOI, Advanced Stations, Lodge's 2026 mystery trip.

Please join me in welcoming our brothers back from the Master's trip to New York and other brothers from their

summer travels. I am sure they had many valuable experiences and look forward to the stories they have to share.

The Monday Masonic Formation Class (MFC) was dark during the month of July and will resume in August. The first of two August MFC meetings are planned on Monday, August 10th and the second August MFC Meeting is planned for Monday, August 24th.

We are always looking to improve the MFC and candidate development and welcome your suggestions.

Please contact WB James Gonzalez or me with any suggestions regarding the meetings and or the subjects covered or if you are aware of someone who you think would benefit from participating in the MFC classes.

We thank you for your support.

Fraternally yours,

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



From the South

Junior Warden, Jimmy Fowler



Greetings Brethren and family,

Welcome back!

I hope everyone enjoyed their July. Only a few weeks of being away from the lodge seems like a long time!

I hope those that attended the Master's trip had a great time. I've heard good things and can't wait to hear their stories.

This month we're having chicken (or fish) for dinner and in September, we'll have Mexican food.

Don't forget our Joint Lodge

picnic on August 15th. The sign up should be coming out soon.

As always, please RSVP early and accurately by texting me (or the special event chairman) for our

stated meetings and other events.

See you soon,

**Jimmy Fowler
Junior Warden**



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to everyone from their summer activities! Whether you were a part of the Grand Master's Trip, traveled on our own Lodge's Master's Trip, participated in family activities, or simply relaxed at home, it will be wonderful to reconnect and share our experiences. As we move into the second half of the year, our officers will be working on advanced stations, and several brothers will work on their degree proficiencies. Much success to all on their work toward upcoming goals.

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.

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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.

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August Stated meeting. Each email will also include Lodge announcements, our Trestleboard, and our agenda for the Stated meeting. To be more transparent, we want each brother to review and bring any comments or concerns to our stated meeting. Just remember that any brother can ask the Secretary to read the minutes at our Stated Meeting. We will also have printed copies for those brothers that do not receive the electronic version of the minutes.

Why might you ask, have we voted to make the minutes available 72 hours before the Stated Meeting for all brothers to review? As I mentioned, it is about transparency, and the ability to read them at your leisure. If you do not get a copy by August 2, 2026, please contact the Secretary via email: secretary@cbl370.com or the Assistant Secretary.

Another new procedure that we are doing in the name of communication and transparency, is asking Brothers who can't attend the Stated meeting to notify the secretary beforehand with their regrets. If you need to give the Secretary a standing excuse for not attending such as living outside of the country. It will also allow us to know what brothers are doing in their lives and to follow-up directly with those who do not regularly communicate with the lodge.

"Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing." — Rollo May

Our fraternity is built upon brotherly love, which expands and strengthens through great communication. Your lodge leaders are deeply committed to maintaining a transparent administration, and we want you to communicate directly with us so our Masonic family can grow even more cohesive.

Your officers and I are always available to listen, please let us know how we can do better.

With sincere fraternal gratitude,

Bruce Lyons
Worshipful Master, 2026



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

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 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.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

My Brothers:

The scholarship committee has received twelve applications this year. The applications have been sponsored by members of CBL #370 in good standing and represent a wonderful cross section of male and female students seeking higher education. They are being reviewed and we anticipate approvals by the August Stated meeting.

Each scholarship application included a short inspirational personal essay which usually includes an area of academic study such as general, public healthcare, business, legal, engineering and law enforcement careers as examples. The brethren should be proud to provide support for the future contributions to our society that these scholarship recipients will provide. Also, the scholarship recipients express their individual appreciation to CBL #370 members and Masonry in general for our generous support.

The scholarship committee appreciates the brethren's generous ongoing support of these very important educational ideals.

Sincerely,

Bill Aldridge, PM
Scholarship Committee. Chairman



MASONIC FORMATION CLASS



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge was dark during the month of July. Lodge operations including Masonic Formation Classe (MFC) meetings in August on Monday, August 10th and on Monday August 24th. Planned

discussion topics include questions from participants; Advanced Stations, and Freemasonry and Public Education.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM
MFC Coach



LODGE OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – THE DEACONS, MARSHALL, AND STEWARDS

The Grand Lodge of California introduced 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. As part of this Initiative, the Grand Lodge provided well-defined job descriptions clarifying the duties of all lodge officers and how they work together within the lodge structure.

The last Trestleboard issue covered the Executive Committee and its members. CMC Section 805.430 specifies that all appointive Lodge officers shall be appointed by the Master-elect before the Lodge's installation, and this Trestleboard issue covers the job descriptions of the Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshall, Senior Steward, and Junior Steward.



The **Senior Deacon** serves as a key figure in both ritual excellence and membership growth. He guides and escorts candidates during degrees, ensuring they experience the ritual with confidence and understanding. He also supports prospect engagement by serving as a primary point of contact for potential members, helping them feel welcomed and informed throughout their early interactions with the lodge.

Through his ritual leadership and welcoming presence, he strengthens both the lodge's ceremonies and its future membership.

Core Responsibilities:

- Serve as the lodge's principal escort for candidates, guiding them through degrees with clarity, confidence, and dignity.
- Work with the Officers' Coach to ensure ritual involving the Senior Deacon is accurate, polished, and well-timed.
- Prepare the lodge room for degrees and meetings, ensuring implements, regalia, and lighting are correctly arranged.
- Support smooth candidate movement and ritual transitions, maintaining decorum throughout ceremonies.
- Introduce and accommodate visiting brethren during meetings, ensuring they feel welcomed, properly seated, and supported throughout their visit.
- Welcome prospects at receptions and events, helping them feel oriented, informed, and connected to lodge members.
- Coordinate with the Junior Warden and Marshal to support the prospect to applicant journey and ensure a hospitable experience.
- Maintain regular communication with the Junior Warden about prospect engagement, events, and membership needs.
- Assist the Master, Wardens, and Junior Deacon in meeting operations, communication, and maintaining order.
- Model composure, friendliness, and ritual excellence, and perform additional duties as assigned by the Master or Wardens.
- Attend to the best of your ability programs that support leadership development (Lodge leadership retreats, Annual Communication, District School of Instruction, Prospect Managers Association Meetings, etc.)

The Senior Deacon operates under the direction of the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, holding ritual authority for candidate escorting and degree navigation. Additionally, the role supports the Junior Warden with membership and prospect initiatives.

To qualify for installation, the candidate must secure a Certificate of Qualification from the Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, or District Inspector confirming his ability to deliver the Senior Deacon's ritual work across all three degrees and the Senior Deacon's lecture of the Fellow Craft Degree.

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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. He also plays a key role in member education by helping develop and deliver meaningful programming that strengthens the lodge's culture of learning, reflection, and connection.

Core Responsibilities:

- Support the Senior Warden by facilitating smooth communication between the stations and ensuring orderly movement during meetings and degrees.
- Assist in maintaining decorum, flow, and timing during ceremonies, helping members, officers, and candidates navigate the lodge appropriately.
- Collaborate with the Senior Warden to support member education, contributing to programs, presentations, and new-member formation.
- Assist in preparing the lodge room and ritual materials, working with the Senior Deacon and Officers' Coach to uphold ritual quality.
- Welcome members and visitors, directing them to appropriate officers and supporting hospitality efforts at receptions and educational events.
- Coordinate with the Tiler to manage the entry of qualified visitors when called upon.
- Model respectful conduct and attention to detail, while performing additional duties at the direction of the Master or Wardens.
- Attend, to the best of his ability, programs that support leadership development including Lodge leadership retreats, Annual Communication, District School of Instruction, etc.

The Junior Deacon acts under the direction of the Senior Warden and Master and supports ritual and administrative functions, and he may temporarily act for the Senior Deacon when directed.

The **Marshal** serves as the lodge's lead ambassador for hospitality, welcome, and member experience. He ensures that guests, prospects, visiting brethren, and candidates are warmly received, oriented, and supported from the moment they arrive. In ritual, he contributes to the order and dignity of the lodge's ceremonies. Through his oversight of the Welcome Committee and coordination with lodge officers, he helps create a lodge culture that is organized, friendly, and focused on belonging.

Core Responsibilities:

- Lead the Welcome Committee and provide a warm, organized experience for members, visitors, and prospects from arrival through fellowship.
- Greet guests, offer basic orientation, and introduce

them to officers and members as appropriate.

- Coordinate with the Junior Warden and Senior Deacon to ensure smooth flow during receptions, dinners, and prospect nights.
- Serve as an additional Prospect Manager for the lodge, coordinating outreach, follow-up, and engagement efforts for prospective members with the Junior Warden.
- Support the Master in processions and ceremonial movements, maintaining order and dignity during ritual.
- Assist the Deacons in managing candidate and visitor movement during degrees and formal moments.
- Prepare and help arrange lodge, dining, and reception spaces to ensure a polished and hospitable environment.
- Ensure accurate completion of the Tiler's Register and maintain awareness of expected visitors and prospects.
- Model courtesy, professionalism, and discretion, and perform additional services as assigned by the Master or Wardens.
- Attend to the best of your ability programs that support leadership development (Lodge leadership retreats, Annual Communication, District School of Instruction, Prospect Managers Association Meetings, etc.)

The Marshal acts under the direction of the Worshipful Master, with delegated authority for hospitality and ceremonial organization, Supports ritual, and may temporarily act for the Senior Deacon or Junior Warden in matters of hospitality when directed.

The **Senior Steward** supports the Junior Warden in fostering fellowship, hospitality, and care for the lodge's members and guests. He helps prepare, coordinate, and manage refreshments and social functions surrounding stated meetings, degrees, and special events. By creating a warm, welcoming environment before and after meetings, he strengthens the lodge's culture of friendship and shared experience.

Core Responsibilities:

- Support the Junior Warden in planning, preparing, and serving refreshments for meetings, degrees, and special events.
- Ensure hospitality spaces are clean, organized, and ready, overseeing setup and cleanup with the Junior Steward.
- Create a warm, welcoming environment for members, visitors, and prospects during fellowship periods.

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- Coordinate event logistics—menus, supplies, volunteer support, and smooth transitions between dinner, reception, and meetings.
 - Assist the Junior Warden on degree nights to ensure candidates and sideliners are properly accommodated.
 - Prepare and restore dining, kitchen, and refreshment areas before and after lodge functions.
 - Provide additional support to the Marshal and Deacons during high-attendance events.
 - Uphold the lodge's standards of hospitality, order, and care, and perform duties as assigned by the Junior Warden or Master.
 - Attend to the best of his ability programs that support leadership development (Lodge leadership retreats, Annual Communication, District School of Instruction, etc.)
- The Senior Steward acts under the direction of the Junior Warden, shares leadership of Steward responsibilities with the Junior Steward, and may serve as acting Junior Warden for refreshment-related tasks when delegated.

The **Junior Steward** supports the Senior Steward and Junior Warden in creating a welcoming, well-organized environment for members, candidates, and guests. He assists with preparation, service, and cleanup of refreshments, helps maintain the lodge's hospitality spaces, and contributes to the fellowship that surrounds every meeting and degree. Through reliable support and a friendly presence, he strengthens the lodge's culture of care and community.

Core Responsibilities:

- Support the Junior Warden and Senior Steward in preparing, serving, and organizing refreshments for meetings, degrees, and special events.
 - Maintain clean, orderly hospitality spaces and assist with setup and cleanup before and after gatherings.
 - Welcome members and guests with warmth, helping direct visitors to seating, refreshments, or appropriate officers.
 - Assist with event logistics, including table setup, flow management, and transitions between reception, meeting, and fellowship.
 - Collaborate with the Stewards, Deacons, and Marshal to ensure smooth operations during high-attendance evenings and ceremonies.
 - Uphold the lodge's standards of hospitality, service, and care through a calm, reliable, and cheerful presence.
 - Perform additional duties as assigned by the Junior Warden or Senior Steward.
 - Attend to the best of his ability programs that support leadership development (Lodge leadership retreats, Annual Communication, District School of Instruction, etc.)
- The Junior Steward acts under the direction of the Junior Warden and Senior Steward, shares Steward responsibilities, responsibilities, and may act in the role of Senior Steward when delegated.

Grand Lodge of California, "Lodge Officer Roles and Responsibilities," Grand Lodge of CA, <https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Officer-Job-Descriptions.pdf>

Message from the Grand Orator, February, 2025 – Stop Searching, Start Seeing: Finding Your Compass Within the Chaos

I write this from the heart, for those who are feeling swept away by day-to-day uncertainty. It's easy to get lost in the cacophony of voices and pressures in the world, from technology and politics to global unrest. But there exists a timeless sanctuary within each of us. It's a luminous spark that transcends time.

Are we not all considered "vessels?" Maybe this uncertainty stems from not feeling "anchored," and just floating around and being carried by external forces. What if you could control the narrative? What if you had access to the light you seek, 24 hours a day?

This light is not some distant deity, and it doesn't reside in a certain edifice or place. It's the very essence of your being. It is the quiet voice of intuition, the spark of compassion, the unwavering compass guiding you toward truth. Yet we often abandon this inner sanctuary, feeling it's not legitimate unless it's being validated by a higher force—a religious group or some other congregation of thought.

But consider a single ray of sunlight. It carries the same essence as the sun itself. Would you agree? Scripture teaches us that we are made in God's image. So, shouldn't it stand to reason that you carry the essence of the divine within you?

Hence, "light" is not something to seek outside of yourself, but rather to awaken within. It's like defining the difference between learning something new and remembering something you forgot. Which is it? How do you know you didn't already know it? Maybe you're just remembering it again.

Life, after all, may be simply a labyrinth of remembering all over again, rather than a voyage of learning new and previously unknown things. Life is an awakening, recalling all that is within us. In other words, that which already exists.

This is not about abandoning your faith or challenging your deity. This is about deepening it. I invite you to take a moment today to quiet your mind and listen to the whispers of your soul. You might be surprised by what you discover. Then, ask yourself where those whispers came from and who gave you those thoughts. And so, the journey begins within.

Carlos M. Diez Jr., PM
Grand Orator, 2024-2025

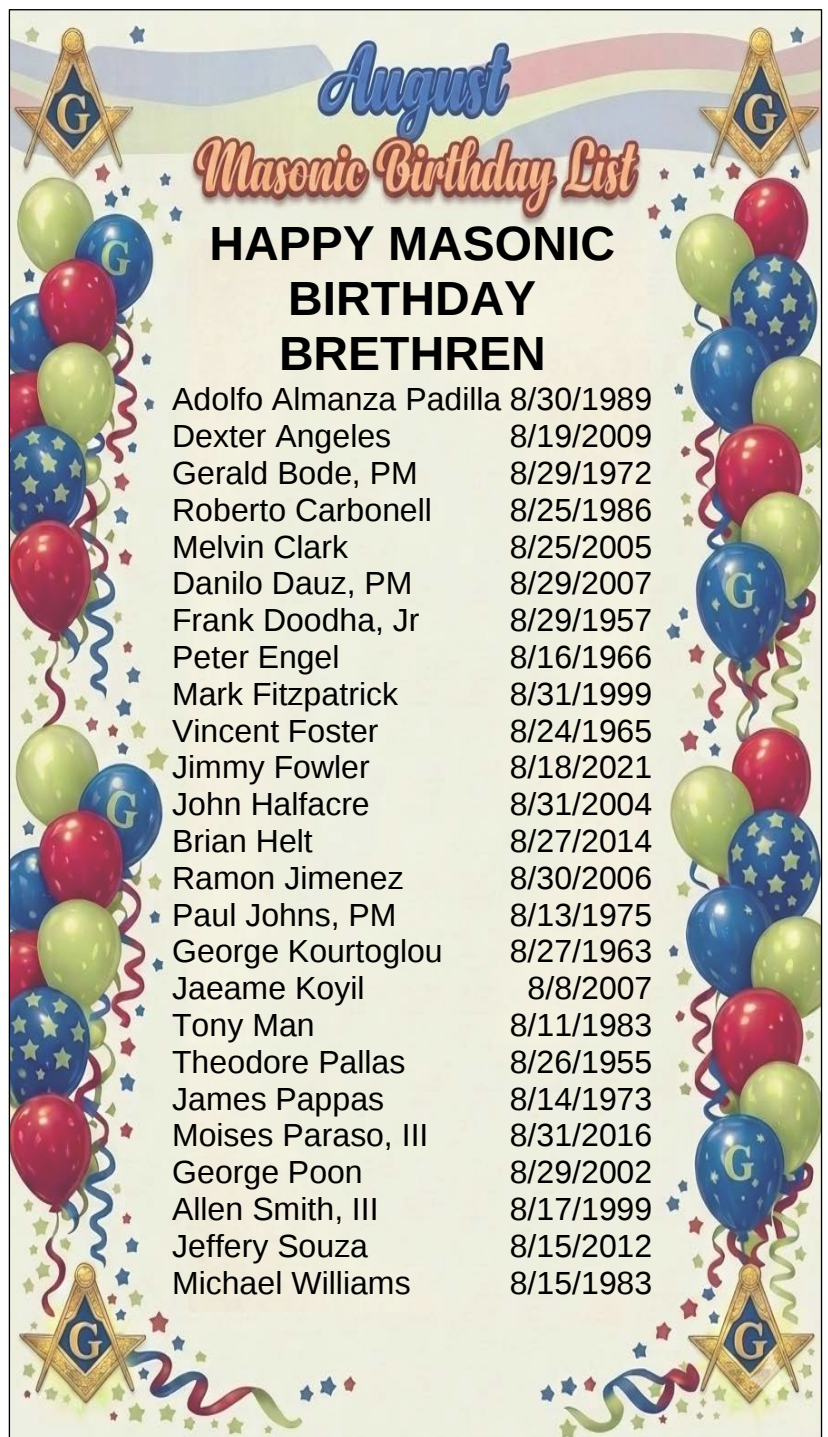
Diez, Carlos, PM, "Stop Searching, Start Seeing: Finding Your Compass Within the Chaos," The Leader, California Grand Lodge Feb 2025, https://freemason.org/the_leader/february-2025/



August
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August
Masonic Birthday List

HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

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Dexter Angeles	8/19/2009
Gerald Bode, PM	8/29/1972
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Peter Engel	8/16/1966
Mark Fitzpatrick	8/31/1999
Vincent Foster	8/24/1965
Jimmy Fowler	8/18/2021
John Halfacre	8/31/2004
Brian Helt	8/27/2014
Ramon Jimenez	8/30/2006
Paul Johns, PM	8/13/1975
George Kourtoglou	8/27/1963
Jaeame Koyil	8/8/2007
Tony Man	8/11/1983
Theodore Pallas	8/26/1955
James Pappas	8/14/1973
Moises Paraso, III	8/31/2016
George Poon	8/29/2002
Allen Smith, III	8/17/1999
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Michael Williams	8/15/1983



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**2026
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**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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**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.

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HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. The _____ 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. _____ 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 _____ hours prior to the Stated meeting..
4. Our Lodge's scholarship committee received _____ applications this year.
5. The _____ 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 _____ elect before the Lodge's installation.
7. The Junior Deacon supports the Senior _____ 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 _____ experience.
9. The Junior Steward supports the Senior Steward and _____ Warden in creating a welcoming, well-organized environment for members, candidates, and guests.
10. WB Carlos M. Diez, Jr., the 2024-25 Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of California, in his February, 2025 message in the Leader Magazine asserts that one's journey begins _____.



August Cryptogram –

The August 2026 Cryptogram provided in the box below is a statement associated with communication and understanding each other. The decoded statement will be provided in the next Trestle board.

Clues for the Cryptogram are: (Q=A), (K = E), (Z = I), (P=O), (R=B), (O = T)

**"HPJJEGZHQZPG WKQTX OP HPJJEGZOI,
OMQO ZX, OP EGTKBXOQGTZGD,
ZGOZJQHI QGT JEOEQW FQWEZGD."**

— BPWWP JQI

ANSWERS TO JULY 2026 TRIVIA

1. CMC §804.510 provides a process for objecting to a **candidate** prior to balloting.
2. The Holy Saints **John** stand as complementary exemplars of the moral and spiritual ideals.
3. The Volume of Sacred **Law**, above the point In a circle anchors the entire symbol in divine truth.
4. San Francisco's origins trace to 1776, when Spanish authorities established the Presidio and Mission San Francisco de **Asís** as part of their colonial system..
5. The assertion that "all men are created **equal**" parallels the lodge's insistence that every Brother stands on the level.
6. By the late 19th and 20th centuries, Masonic influence became visible in the city's physical **landscape**.
7. The Continental Congress formed a Committee of **Five** in June 1776 to draft a formal declaration.
8. The Master, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary make up the **executive** committee.
9. The Worshipful Master is the elected leader of the lodge and **presides** over all meetings.
10. Beyond the signers themselves, several key Masonic figures shaped the broader struggle include **George Washington**, Paul Revere, and Marquis de Lafayette..



June 2026 Cryptogram Decoded In Plaintext

Is provided in the box – a statement summarizing what Thomas Paine thought about the cause of America.

**"THE CAUSE OF AMERICA IS IN A
GREAT MEASURE THE CAUSE OF
ALL MANKIND."**

—THOMAS PAINE



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Important Reminder from the Master

As we enter the month of August, I want to express my deep gratitude for the continued dedication you show to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370. This month brings exciting shifts in how we connect, specifically through the early electronic distribution of our minutes and agendas. This change is rooted entirely in transparency and respect for your time. I ask each of you to approach these new communication tools not as mere admin tasks, but as a vital means to strengthen our ties. Review the materials sent your way, bring your thoughtful insights to our stated meeting, and let us ensure our discussions remain harmonious and productive. If you are unable to sit with us this month, please communicate your regrets; keeping in touch ensures no brother is left isolated from the warmth of our circle.



Brotherly love is not passive; it requires active engagement, listening, and mutual valuing. As Rollo May wisely noted, "Communication leads to community." Let us live that truth daily. Our lodge family thrives when every member feels heard and connected, and your officers and I stand ready to listen to your feedback on how we can better serve you. For those celebrating birthdays this month, may the Great Architect grant you a year ahead filled with health, prosperity, and light. Let us continue to labor together in peace, practicing out of the lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it.

Bruce Lyons,
Master, 2026

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