



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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MAY 2026

THIS MONTH MAY

- MAY 6
 - Stated Meeting
- MAY 11
 - Masonic Formation Class
- MAY 13
 - Officer Practice
- MAY 15
 - Friday Fun Night
- MAY 16
 - PM Degree Planning
- MAY 18
 - Masonic Formation Class (ZOOM Only)
- MAY 20
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- MAY 21
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- MAY 23
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- MAY 26
 - Hall Association Mtg.
- MAY 27
 - PM Degree Conferral
- MAY 29
 - Friday Fun Night

JUNE

- JUNE 3
 - Stated Meeting
- JUNE 4-7
 - Family Camping
- JUNE 8 & 22
 - Masonic Formation Class
- JUNE 8 & 22
 - Officer Practice
- JUNE 16
 - DSOI, Host: Cal 1
- JUNE 24
 - Widows Cruise
- JUNE 24
 - Degree Conferral
- JUNE 29- JULY 12
 - Master's Trip

From the East

Worshipful Master, Bruce Lyons



Hello Brothers, Ladies, and friends,

Spring is in full bloom and soon April showers will bring us May flowers. My wish is that you take this time to plan a special summer for you and your family. We hope to see you at our Stated Meetings but understand if you are spending the summer away from San Francisco.

April has been a fun month. We celebrated the Hiram Award given to **Brother King Man Ng** – a well-deserved honor.

Thank you to **WB James Gonzalez and his wife Mary** for heading the event. It was well attended and the food was enjoyable. The honoree and his wife **Amy** danced the night away along with many of their friends and brothers in the lodge.

On April 29th **Brother Corey Dussault** was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The degree was special as we had a team of first responders, police, military, and sheriffs – retired and active - perform the ceremony. Thank you to **Worshipful Brother Jason Hui** for putting this team together.

Thank you to the **Most Worshipful Garrett Chan, Grand Master** and his fellow **Grand Lodge officers** for their attendance. We truly appreciate their support. Also, many thanks to **Worshipful Brother Allan Nubla**, our inspector, for being present to

help coach the team. As always, thanks to our Jr. Warden, **Brother Jimmy Fowler**, for his efforts in providing great food.

The officers of our lodge attended the Grand Lodge's leadership retreat on the weekend of April 24th.

Please ask the officers what they learned, you will be surprised at their excitement and experience.

In May, our Past Masters will raise **Brother Charles Gagas** to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please join us on Wednesday, May 27th. It will be a special night for Brother Charles.

Last month, I talked about resolving conflicts and want to expand on that a little this month. Communication is the universal solvent, and Freemasonry places it at the heart of our craft.

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From the West

Senior Warden, Frank Pertierra



Greetings Brethren,
 Time flies fast, it is already the month of May. The theme of our May Stated meeting is usually the US Cinco de Mayo, a celebration of the Mexican victory over French forces at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 and a day to appreciate the Mexican Cultures, the traditions, food, and of course the Mariachi band, but this year we will do this in September. This May we will honor our mothers and charitable organizations.

In April, our Master and officers attended the Annual Leadership Retreat sponsored by the Grand Lodge of

California. As an attendee, it helped me realize and understand more about, oneness and harmony and the duties and functions of the lodge officers. Unity and Harmony, often discussed during the retreat, begin at home in our lodge and then extend to the wider community. With better discussion of any issues, listening and respecting one another, and setting aside pride, then our bond will be stronger, and we will become a better person.

Also, let us welcome and congratulate Our Brother Corey Dussault who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in April.

As always, thank you for supporting Masonry and our classes. The May Masonic Formation Classes (MFC) will take place on Monday, May 11, and Monday, May 18. Thank you, WB James Gonzalez (MFC coach).

Please feel free to contact me and our MFC coach with any suggestions or feedback on the MFC. You can reach out to me by email at fbpertierra@aol.com or by calling 707-342-8770.

Fraternally yours,

Frank B. Pertierra, Sr. Warden



From the South

Junior Warden, Jimmy Fowler



Greetings Brethren and family,

It seems we just celebrated the new year and we're already in May. This month we are not having the usual mariachi band for Cinco de Mayo. Being of Mexican heritage, I felt it would be more meaningful if we celebrated Mexican independence in September. Instead, we will honor Mother's Day as well as have a presentation from a charitable organization.

June is approaching and we will be celebrating Filipino Independence with traditional Filipino food music and dancers.

The lodge will be dark in July

for the Master's trip. When we return in August, we will have a stated meeting barbecue.

I received great feedback from April's ladies basic first aid/ self-defense demonstration. I hope this was informative and something we can continue in the future.

Your lodge officers have been practicing weekly for upcoming degrees. All brethren are welcome (within your degree) and encouraged to attend the practices. Brethren are also strongly encouraged to attend the degrees. Let's make these

degrees as meaningful as possible.

Another reminder, PLEASE sign up via Signup Genius or by texting me (or the chairman for special events) for our stated meetings and events. It is imperative we have an accurate count for our events.

Please text me at (415) 530-9779 with questions or assistance.

See you soon,

Jimmy Fowler Junior Warden



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Congratulations to our Lodge officers for attending the 2026 Grand Lodge Leadership retreat and for investing the time and effort to deepen their understanding of lodge management, leadership, and their responsibilities; Congratulations to Brother King Man Ng on receiving the Hiram Award; and to Brother Corey Dussault on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Thanks to WM Bruce Lyons, our Lodge officers, the Law Enforcement degree team, and WB Jason Hui for an exemplary third-degree conferral; and thanks to GM Garret Chan and his team sharing the event with our Lodge.

A warm Happy Mother's Day to the mothers among us. May you be celebrated, appreciated, and honored by your children, your families, and your communities.

As we approach Memorial Day, our thoughts turn to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and to the loved ones who bear their memory.

Finally, much success to our Past Master's degree team and to Brother Charles Gagas on his work to become proficient in the Fellowcraft degree and as he prepares himself to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

May we all be guided in our annual process of renewal along our individual Masonic journeys.

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It is through clear and consistent communication that the Lodge operates smoothly and harmoniously. I am concerned that communication within our lodge has not met the standard I believe we should uphold.

As many of you know the California Masonic Code (CMC §806.000) requires each lodge to maintain an Executive Committee at each lodge composed of the elected officers, the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary. I have been diligent to ensure this committee meets each month,

Our recent discussions have focused on policies for our Lodge, including good practices when using outside caterers, meal pricing, costs for those attending our Stated Meetings, refreshments at our events, and other important matters. I want to express my apologies if at times I have not fully understood or listened to concerns as carefully as I should have. Please know that decisions on the above-referenced issues are thoroughly discussed during our Executive Committee meetings and that they are reached unanimously or by majority vote before they are presented in the Lodge. Why this consensus or agreement is not expressed by all committee members when presented in lodge puzzles me, and I hope that our team will work together to correct this issue.

Freemasonry is, at its heart, a system of communication. Through symbols, ritual, mentorship, and fellowship, Masons are taught not only ***what* to think about character and virtue**, but ***how* to speak, listen, and engage** with one another as brothers. Our fraternity has endured for centuries not because we avoid disagreements, but because we strive to communicate in ways that **build understanding, preserve harmony, and strengthen the bonds between us.**

Communication in Masonry **begins with *listening***. Long before a man is raised, he is taught to listen attentively—to instruction, to ritual, and to the wisdom of those who came before him. This discipline carries into lodge life. **Listening with patience and humility** reminds us that every brother's perspective is shaped by different experiences, and that respect is shown not by interruption, but by attention.

Freemasons are also **taught to speak with *intent and restraint***. Our teachings caution against careless words, gossip, and idle speculation. Words have weight; once spoken, they cannot be recalled. Thoughtful speech protects reputations, prevents misunderstandings, and preserves the dignity of the lodge. In a time when quick reactions and public

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commentary are common, Masonry encourages us to pause, reflect, and choose words that unite rather than divide.

One of the most important aspects of Masonic communication is ****directness****. When disagreements arise, brothers are encouraged to address concerns privately and respectfully with the individual involved, rather than speaking ***about*** them to others. This practice requires courage, maturity, and trust—but it reflects the Masonic belief that truth and harmony are best preserved through honest dialogue conducted **"on the level,"** as equals.

Communication in Freemasonry is also ****purposeful****. Our conversations are meant not only to exchange information, but to promote growth—both personal and collective. Whether mentoring a new brother, conducting degree work, or discussing lodge business, communication is guided by the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Every exchange is an opportunity to demonstrate these principles in action.

In a world where misunderstandings are amplified and differences often become divisions; the Masonic model offers a thoughtful alternative. We are reminded that asking questions is better than making assumptions, that respect strengthens dialogue, and that patience opens the door to understanding. When we communicate with kindness, clarity, and sincerity, we not only improve our lodge—we improve ourselves.

Let us continue to practice communication worthy of the Craft: listening fully, speaking thoughtfully, acting honorably, and always striving to preserve harmony among brothers.

With fraternal regard and brotherly love,



Bruce Lyons,
Worshipful Master 2026

DUES ARE DUE!

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 lodge secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Lawrence Yarberry May 6, 1942 – February 4, 2026

It recently came to our attention that Brother Lawrence Yarberry laid down his working tools on February 4th, 2026, at 83.75 years of age and over 57 years of service. He was initiated on November 8, 1968, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 17th, 1969, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 21st, 1969, in Balder Lodge No.393 which became part of the consolidations making up Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370.

WM Mark Harris, PM July 18, 1963 – February 18, 2026

On April 12th, 2026, our Brother Masons representing several of our neighboring lodges gathered at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 to celebrate the life of Worshipful Master Mark Harris (7/18/1963 – 2/18/2026) who laid down his working tools on February 18th, 2026, at 62 years and 7 months of age and over 39 years of service.



Mary Ellen (Meg) Whiteside June 7, 1939 — March 24, 2026

Ellen “Meg” Whiteside, a devoted wife, mother, and lifelong supporter of the Masonic family entered into rest on March 24, 2026. She was the wife of our late WB Glenn Whiteside while he was Worshipful Master in 1971 and 1978. She first served as Worthy Matron in 1971 and held office for at least seven additional terms. In 1997 she served as Deputy Grand Matron and later devoted fifteen years of service to the San Francisco Scottish Rite. Details regarding her celebration of life will be shared soon.

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.



MASONIC FORMATION CLASS



Our Lodge hosted Masonic Formation Class (MFC) Meetings on Monday, April 6th and Monday, April 20th. Discussion topics included questions from participants; the Hiram Award, Hiram Abif, the number 3, ancient

Masonic structures including King Solomons Temple, and selected events associated with Freemasonry; the history of the US Declaration of Independence; and the founding of the City of San Francisco. After discussions, two participants worked on Fellowcraft proficiencies.

May MFC meetings are planned for Monday, May 11th and 18th. Planned discussion topics include questions from participants, one's spiritual Building, Masonic Relief, Liberal Arts and Sciences, the history of the US Declaration of Independence; and the founding of the City of San Francisco.

Short summaries of April's selected topics are discussed below.

HIRAM ABIF AND THE HIRAM AWARD

Freemasonry presents Hiram Abif as the legendary master builder of King Solomon's Temple (1Kings, Chapters 6-8), and he serves as a symbolic figure rather than a historical one. He represents integrity, fidelity, and moral courage. His story, which entered Masonic tradition in the early 1700s, is used as an allegory to illustrate the importance of keeping one's word, upholding one's obligations, and remaining steadfast in the face of adversity. For Freemasons, Hiram Abif embodies the ideal craftsman whose character and commitment to principle make him a model for personal conduct.

The name *Hiram* comes from the Hebrew phrase meaning “my brother is exalted” or “my brother is most noble.” The Hiram Award takes its name from Hiram Abiff, the symbolic Master Builder of King Solomon's Temple, who represents integrity, fidelity, and unwavering devotion to duty.

Within California Freemasonry, the Hiram Award is the single highest honor a lodge may bestow upon one of its members. It is not connected to ritual proficiency, holding office, or serving as Master. Instead, it recognizes the Brother whose quiet, consistent, and extraordinary service forms the true foundation of lodge life.

THE NUMBER 3

Several numbers hold importance and meaning to Masons. **The number three** is one of the most

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significant. It appears throughout the Craft in symbolic triads that shape Masonic teaching, structure, and moral philosophy.

It is reflected in the **Three Degrees** of Masonry; the **Three Principal Officers** of the lodge; the **Three Principal Tenets** of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; the **Three Pillars** of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; **Three Stages of Life** including youth, manhood, and age; and even in allegorical **Ruffians**, which can represent the vices, weaknesses, and moral failures that serve as inner obstacles which threaten integrity and hinder personal growth and must be overcome to live a life of principle, balance, and self-mastery.

It signifies balance, completeness, and the full arc of a Mason's moral and spiritual journey. It evokes the stability of a tripod, reminding the Mason that life must rest on the balanced supports of moral principles, spiritual understanding, and practical action. It represents the classical pattern of completeness—beginning, middle, and end, a cycle reflected in the degrees, officers, lights, and stages of life.

In essence, it represents the balanced structure of a Mason's life, the completeness of each cycle of learning, and the steady progression from initiation toward understanding.

ANCIENT MASONIC STRUCTURES

Throughout history, operative masons, working within the medieval guild system, built structures for sacred, civic, and defensive purposes—many of which became renowned, admired. Their skill shaped cathedrals, castles, fortifications, bridges, and monumental works that defined entire eras.

As Europe moved between the middle of the 17th century and the beginning of the 18th century, the demand for such grand stone structures declined. With fewer large building projects, the traditional guilds began to change and gradually opened their membership to men who were not masons by trade—men of learning, philosophy, and public life, who were welcomed as “Free and Accepted Masons.” This transition marked the birth of modern, speculative Freemasonry, which preserved the moral and symbolic teachings of the craft even as the operative work diminished.

Some notable structures in history associated with the legacy of the operative masons include:

The Great Cathedrals of Europe, masterpieces of Gothic engineering and Sacred Geometry, including Notre-Dame de Paris (1163), Canterbury Cathedral, and Cologne Cathedral.



Notre-Dame de Paris



Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel (1484) in Scotland, famed for its intricate stonework and symbolic carvings.
The Tower of London (1066), Windsor Castle (1070), and other medieval fortifications.

King's College Chapel (1446) in Cambridge, a triumph of late Gothic fan vaulting.

St. Paul's Cathedral in London, rebuilt after the Great Fire (1666) under Sir Christopher Wren, whose work reflects the transition from operative to speculative eras.

The great medieval bridges, such as the Pont Valentré (1378) in Cahors or the Old London Bridge (1209), which combined engineering skill with artistic stonework.



Kings College Chapel Vaulting



Old London Bridge

King Solomon's Temple, not a historical guild project but the legendary archetype of sacred architecture that inspired the symbolic framework of Freemasonry.

These structures stand as enduring reminders of the ingenuity, discipline, and artistry of the operative masons, and they form the symbolic foundation upon which speculative Masonry later based its moral and philosophical teachings.

SELECTED EVENTS OCCURING DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

APRIL 6, 1776 (Economic Independence):

On April 6, 1776, the Continental Congress opened American ports to international trade which effectively severed economic ties with Great Britain.

APRIL 12, 1776

The fourth provisional congress of North Carolina meeting in town of Halifax, adopted the Halifax Resolves officially authorizing its delegates to vote for independence accelerating the movement toward the formal Declaration of Independence.

APRIL 15, 2026

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No.370 hosted the April District School of instruction which was open to members and their families and included a

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presentation by representatives of the Masonic Homes of California who described their services.

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 For living in Covina: (888) 466-3642
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masonichomes.org

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Those interested in services available to our fellow Masons and their families should contact the Masonic Value Network or

visit mcyaf.org, and or read *California Freemason Magazine: MHC at 125 Years at*, masonichome.org/125years/.

APRIL 15, 1850

On this date just two years after the gold rush began, months, after transitioning from Mexican rule in 1848, and five months prior to becoming a state, California's first state legislature passed the 1850 incorporation act thereby formally incorporating the area formally known as Yerba Buena as the City of San Francisco.

Of additional interest, this date is annually celebrated by some as "415 Day," references to the City's date of incorporation and its initial area code.

APRIL 18, 1906

On this date, the City of San Francisco experienced a devastating earthquake followed by a fire that destroyed much of the city. It occurred at 5:12 a.m. PST on the San Andreas Fault approximately two miles west of Mussel Rock (near Daly City).

APRIL 19, 1775

On this day, the opening shots of the American Revolutionary War were fired at **Lexington and Concord**, two towns northwest of Boston. The clash—later remembered as "*the shot heard 'round the world*"—marked the end of any realistic hope for reconciliation with Britain and the beginning of open armed resistance. The confrontation was preceded only hours earlier by **Paul Revere's midnight ride**, during which Revere, along with William Dawes and Samuel Prescott, rode out from Boston to warn the countryside that British regulars were advancing. Their alarm roused the local militia, ensuring that the Minutemen were assembled and ready when British troops reached Lexington at dawn. These events accelerated a profound shift in colonial sentiment toward independence. By **April 1776**, momentum had grown significantly. The **Halifax Resolves**

(discussed above) was the first official call for independence by any colonial assembly, and it encouraged other colonies to adopt similar positions. This rising unity set the stage for **Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence** in June and culminated in the **Declaration of Independence** on July 4, 1776.

APRIL 23, 1789

President-elect and Brother George Washington and his wife Martha moved into the first Executive Mansion, the Franklin House, in New York City. America's First Family left Mt. Vernon on 16 April for Brother Washington's Inauguration as US President after he had been unanimously selected by the members of the Electoral College to become the first President of the United States of America.

April 30, 1789

Brother George Washington was inaugurated as first President of the United States at New York City under the new US Constitution. Brother and Chancellor Robert R. Livingston administered the oath of office to Brother Washington on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets. The New York Grand Lodge and its member Lodges re-enact the inauguration on the steps of Federal Hall, in New York City annually.

APRIL 24 - 26, 2026

Our Lodge officers attended the first of the Grand Lodge's three 2026 Leadership retreats. Participants received input on strengthening leadership and improving lodge operations. Subjects covered included the Keystone Initiative, the fraternity's new strategic plan focused on long-term success, community engagement, and revitalizing lodge experiences. A 40-minute stated meeting demonstrated how prioritizing meaningful Masonic content over routine business can entice member participation. Finally, "LodgeCraft," a new, digital tool which assists with agendas, meeting scripting, and documentation of minutes was introduced. More information about this retreat can be found at, <https://freemason.org/leadershipretreats26/>, and updated officer responsibilities can be found at, <https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Officer-Job-Descriptions.pdf>.

Please attend one or more MFC meetings and participate in discussions similar to those summarized above.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM
 MFC Coach



CMC RULES ABOUT ALCOHOL

Rules governing the use of alcohol by California lodges appear throughout the California Masonic Code, including Chapter 9, *Financial Matters*, §809.530 *Prohibited Expenditures*; Chapter 11, *Restricted or Prohibited Activities*, §811.010 *Alcoholic Beverages*; Part 9, *Masonic Hall Associations*, §900.030 *Alcoholic Beverages*; and Part 12, *Masonic Organizations*, §1200.045 *Alcoholic Beverages*. In addition, the *Guidelines for Use of Alcoholic Beverages by Masonic Lodges and Masonic Organizations* (1995 G.M. Recommendation No. 5, revised by 2009 G.M. Decision No. 1) provide interpretations of CMC §§811.010, 900.030, and 1200.045. The Grand Lodge has also issued a Q&A summary outlining these requirements. For detailed or situation-specific questions, consult the individual sections listed above.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Q&A

Q May alcohol be sold at a Lodge/Hall event by someone other than an ABC-licensed caterer?

A No

- If alcohol is to be sold at an event, it must be sold and served by a caterer with an ABC license.
- Lodge may not operate a cash bar, sell drink tickets or tokens. or charge additional meal fees to cover alcohol.
- Lodge/hall may not directly /indirectly apply for ABC permit.
- If tickets are sold to the event, the licensed caterer who will be serving and selling alcohol at event, not the lodge, must sell the tickets.

Q When may alcohol be served at a Lodge/Hall event that is open to the general public?

A Alcohol may be served at an event open to the general public only by ABC-licensed caterers.

- Under no circumstances may general public be present when alcohol is served without a license.
- Lodge may not advertise to the general public an event at which alcohol will be served on Masonic property.
- Invited guests and family members attending event are not considered the general public.

Q When may alcohol be served (but not sold) at a Lodge/Hall event that is not open to the general public?

A When the general public is not present, alcohol may be served only under the following conditions only:

- Alcohol is not present or consumed during a lodge/hall meeting.
- Alcohol is not in the room where the lodge meets, unless the room is also its regular social hall.

- Attendees are only members, invited guests and family members.
- Lodge/Hall funds were not used to buy the alcohol or reimburse alcohol purchases.
- Alcohol must have been donated for the event by only one person (who was not reimbursed)
- Members and guests may not bring their own alcohol to the event.
- Lodge may charge for a meal at which alcohol is served as long as the alcohol has been donated by one person and everyone pays the same price, regardless of whether they will be served alcohol.

Q May the Lodge/Hall maintain a bar?

A A bar may be maintained so long as alcohol is not regularly stored there (or elsewhere at hall)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarship applications are available and are due by July 1, 2026.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship should request an application from our Secretary.

Much success to our scholarship applicants.

HALL ASSOCIATION

The Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco holds monthly Hall Association Meetings in person or via Zoom.

Columbia Brother hood 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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Brethren

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Richard Baber	Lorenzo Ramos
Oscar Estioko	Francis Rosendale
Danny Farro	Ronald Sickler
Amelio Feliciano	James Toy
Steven Holly, PM	George Wade, PM
Peter Ishaq	Glen Williams, PM
Paul Johns, PM	

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Happy Masonic Birthday Brethren

Daniel Ahern	5/10/2017
Bernd Albrecht	5/23/1967
William Aldridge, PM	5/16/1988
Mario Arbis	5/24/1975
Carlos Balladares	5/17/1999
Robert Bugwan, PM	5/8/1965
Juan Cespedes, PM	5/22/2001
Patrick Cheng	5/19/2003
Christopher Cole	5/15/2019
Daniel Constantine	5/19/1970
Frankin Dalog	5/14/2002
Lawrence Di Giacomo, PM	5/22/1972
Alexander Ellescas, PM	5/18/2012
Chandler Gibson	5/29/2013
Edward Lee	5/15/1995
Robert Leon	5/24/1999
Edmond Lim, PM	5/12/1983
Emanno Matteucci	5/11/1981
Ellis Milano, PM	5/22/1990
Jeffrey Miller	5/25/2022
Steven Miller	5/17/1966
Manual Ortiz-Luis II, PM	5/19/2010
John Palau	5/16/1969
Frank Pertierra	5/21/2014
Vincent Piga	5/27/2009
Nicholas Rasis, PM	5/19/1975
Francis Rosendale	5/17/1963
Paul Sabelstrom	5/31/1974
Ronald Sickler	5/8/1975
Dewayne Watson II	5/25/2004
John Whitefield	5/16/1972



APRIL BIRTHDAY CELLBRANTS

IT BEING 250 YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WM Bruce Lyons Invites you to the 2026 Master's Trip

Monday, June 29th through Sunday, July 12 beginning in Philadelphia, PA and ending in New York, NY

Watch this Space and your Emails for Details.





Lodge Officers and Law Enforcement Representatives, April Stated Meeting



1. In Masonic Tradition, Hiram Abif serves as a _____ figure rather than a historical one.
2. Within California Freemasonry, the Hiram Award is the single _____ a lodge may bestow upon one of its members.
3. Several California Masonic Code Sections including §811.010, §900.030 and _____ address use of Alcoholic Beverages by Masonic Lodges.
4. Three Masonic Pillars are Wisdom, Strength, and _____.
5. _____ was officially incorporated as a U.S. city on April 15, 1850.
6. Bro. George Washington was inaugurated as first _____ of the United States at New York City under the new US Constitution on April 30, 1789.
7. The number three appears throughout the Craft in _____ triads that shape Masonic teaching, structure, and moral philosophy.
8. On April 18, 1906, San Francisco experienced a devastating _____ and fire that destroyed much of the city.
9. _____ funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
10. On April 12, 1776, _____ became the first colony to officially authorize its delegates to vote for independence through the Halifax Resolves.

The decoded **April** Cryptogram is provided below.

**BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS FOR
 BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!
 Psalm 133:1, Bible, King James Version**

ANSWERS TO APRIL 2026 TRIVIA

1. **Freemasonry** has spent centuries refining a culture designed to preserve harmony, encourage personal growth, and strengthen the bonds between brothers.
2. Harmony is considered essential to the **health** of a lodge.
3. Effective **communication** is generally considered the primary tool for resolving conflict, acting as a crucial mechanism to reduce anxiety, correct false assumptions, and build trust
4. **Etiquette** is a set of polite, customary, or formal rules of behavior
5. **Civility** is the practice of demonstrating respect, courtesy, and politeness in interactions with others.
6. Worshipful **Master** has the authority to rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
7. The Trivium focused on Grammer, Rhetoric, and **Logic**.
8. The four subjects in the Quadrivium are Arithmetic, **Geometry**, Music, and Astronomy.
9. The **Boston** Massacre was a deadly confrontation during which British soldiers fired into a crowd in Boston, killing five colonists and wounding six.
10. Years after French King Philip IV ordered the mass arrest of Knights Templar and their Grand Master, Jaques DeMolay, they were burned at the stake in **Paris** on March 18th, 1314.



WORD SEARCH – The **May Puzzle is a Word Search. Find the words listed below in the table to the right.**

ACACIA	LEVEL
ALL SEEING EYE	MOSAIC PAVEMENT
ANCHOR AND ARK	PERFECT ASHLAR
BEEHIVE	PILLAR
BLAZING STAR	PLUMB
BROKEN COLUMN	POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE
CHECKERED FLOOR	ROUGH ASHLAR
COMPASS	SCYTHE
GAVEL	SQUARE
HOURGLASS	TESSELLATED BORDER
JACOBS LADDER	THE LETTER G
KING SOLOMONS TEMPLE	TROWEL
LAMBSKIN APRON	TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAGE

Y	J	B	N	P	L	L	M	P	C	L	X	P	N	Y	S	Q	U	A	R	E	F	Q	O	O
D	N	Y	C	C	T	C	B	L	A	Z	I	N	G	S	T	A	R	W	T	T	A	K	K	T
Z	O	H	M	T	Z	L	A	R	Q	O	E	K	O	P	P	X	Q	A	M	M	N	A	R	B
H	B	J	A	C	O	B	S	L	A	D	D	E	R	O	U	M	P	B	V	A	C	F	Z	X
V	R	F	F	S	Y	C	B	V	O	U	B	X	L	I	F	F	Z	M	L	C	H	I	Q	K
M	O	G	V	Q	O	P	E	N	M	H	X	T	I	N	N	E	K	Y	E	O	O	P	C	O
O	K	P	O	J	C	T	E	T	H	E	L	E	T	T	E	R	G	P	V	R	R	I	N	J
S	E	K	N	R	S	R	H	P	J	C	Y	Z	S	W	O	T	M	L	E	N	A	L	K	A
A	N	F	I	C	N	O	I	T	Y	S	M	W	C	I	A	C	X	U	L	I	N	L	I	B
I	C	H	F	W	V	W	V	A	A	F	I	Q	Y	T	T	Y	C	M	A	Z	D	A	N	O
C	O	L	R	I	A	E	E	C	X	S	R	Q	T	H	X	L	G	B	N	V	A	R	G	P
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N	E	G	G	W	W	L	Z	J	R	P	D	M	L	C	P	C	M	V	D	N	F	S	N	A
T	M	L	X	A	C	A	C	I	A	E	X	P	K	L	N	Y	R	P	H	I	V	H	S	S
V	X	R	M	J	Y	R	I	M	L	Q	L	T	G	E	P	A	A	I	A	K	C	L	T	H
E	Y	T	E	S	S	E	L	L	A	T	E	D	B	O	R	D	E	R	Q	S	H	A	E	L
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Important Reminder from the Master

Freemasonry teaches us that communication begins with listening attentively, practicing patience, and respecting the experiences that shape our brothers' perspectives. We are also reminded to speak with intent and restraint, avoiding careless words, assumptions, or commentary that may create misunderstanding.

As we move into May, let us renew our commitment to the kind of communication worthy of our Craft and remembering that our lodge functions best when we listen attentively, speak thoughtfully, and support the decisions reached by consensus or majority vote during our Lodge meetings and committee meetings.

When disagreements arise, let us address concerns directly and respectfully, "on the level," rather than speaking about one another indirectly. This will preserve harmony and strengthen trust. Above all, our communication should be purposeful, guided by brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Let us strive this month to listen fully, speak with care, act with integrity, and uphold the harmony that defines our fraternity.

Bruce Lyons,
Master, 2026

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