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Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

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•STATED MEETING

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•MASONIC FORMATION
CLASS

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•DSOI HOSTED BY SF120

OCTOBER 18

•BLACK & WHITE BALL

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•CA GRAND LODGE

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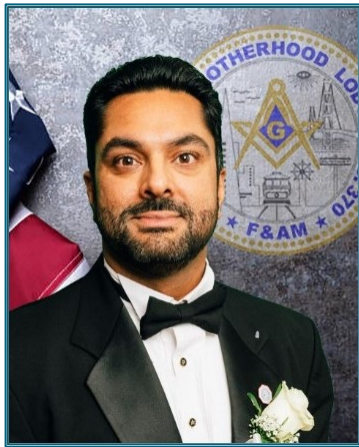
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DECEMBER 13

•OFFICER INSTALLATION



From the East



Worshipful Master, Anil Awasti

Brethren and Friends,
As we prepare for our literal and figurative harvests, I send you greetings from the East.

The fall season is that time when many anticipate harvesting that which they have been cultivating—a time to reap what they have sown. We might ask, “what are clear indications that that which has been cultivated is ready to be harvested.”

As Masons, we are continually reminded to use the allegories represented by the tools of our ancient, Operative brethren while

sowing the seeds of goodwill on our path to becoming our best selves. One possible metric is how we interact with others and how we make others feel. Does our engagement with others leave them feeling loved, heard, and respected, particularly when the engagement involves difficult circumstances? Do they look forward to or dread future engagements?

Coming from a place of truth and using our cardinal virtues can counter the behaviors of our internal ruffians thereby freeing ourselves to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection uniting us as brothers and friends and to inspire us to act on the with honesty and integrity in all

areas of our lives.

As Master Masons, we are bound to vote on who can be a part of our Lodge, and this raises questions including, “what makes a person a mason and why would someone be encouraged to join our lodge?” Does the applicant behave in a manner discussed above and or encourage others to be fair, to show compassion, to behave in a manner consistent with the requirements of our ancient and honorable fraternity? Several ballots which have taken place during the past few years have resulted in the rejection of candidates who were acceptable to all but one or two members.

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From the West

Senior Warden, Bruce Lyons

Hello Brothers, family, and friends:

San Francisco is enjoying a warm and humid Indian summer. I hope you are enjoying this time. Soon, we will be in the rainy season, so enjoy the warmth while you can.

The usual two MFC classes led by WB James Gonzalez, our most recent Hiram Award recipient, were held again in September. Congratulations to Worshipful Brother James – well deserved.

You are encouraged to come and join one Monday night and impart some of your knowledge to our prospects and Entered Apprentices.

In follow up to my last

article, I wanted to continue to expand on what I found on the website:

MasonicFind.com: [Masonic Knowledge & Community](#).

“The 3 Core Tenants of Freemasonry: An Explanation.” #2

Relief: One principle in our brotherhood is that we try to “make a good man better”. How does relief fit into this dictate? While helping with money is important and often needed, relief is also about the belief that everyone should try to help the distressed, but we believe that it is particularly incumbent on Masons to go the extra mile to sooth the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to show compassion for their miseries,

and to restore peace to their troubled minds. Freemasons are taught to practice charity beyond the lodge, caring for the broader community. This means volunteering time, donating to local causes, and offering help where it is needed, not only to Brethren but to all people, including widows, orphans, the sick, and the underprivileged. Masonry historically supports hospitals, youth programs, public schools in California, and disaster relief, but each Mason is also personally encouraged to contribute to civic charities. A Mason must remember that he is always a Mason, even outside Lodge. Freemasonry reminds

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, FRANK B. PERTIERRA

Greetings Brethren

Although autumn has officially begun, the recent warmth makes it feel as though summer still lingers. I hope everyone is enjoying the pleasant weather.

At our October 1st meeting, dinner options will include steak, halibut, or vegetarian tofu tikka masala. We will serve Indian appetizers to celebrate Navratri with our Indian American Brothers.

a festival symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

For the November stated meeting, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional turkey and ham feast.

I am looking forward to our October 18th Black and White Ball at CBL lodge, chaired by Brother Jim Guerrero, and seeing everyone dressed up. I encourage all brothers to attend our Stated Meetings and other events.

Please join us and make your reservations early through sign-up genius, or you can email me at fbpertierra@aol.com or text me at 707-342-8770.

I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally,

Frank B. Pertierra
Junior Warden



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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.

**EDITOR'S NOTES**

Wishing our officers continued progress and success with their preparation for their roles and rituals for our upcoming degrees and the ensuing Masonic year. Thanks to all who have been participating in our events. May all of us experience harmony, meaning and satisfaction along their Masonic Journeys.

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I mention this out of concern about what seems to be an unfortunate trend. Instead of building our lodge with the aid of the time and talents of new members, we have been rejecting candidates who have the potential to contribute to the future of our lodge. Assuming those who choose to vote against a nominee do so with the intention of protecting the lodge, and baring a valid Masonic reason, I would ask how the act of rejecting a vetted candidate protects the Lodge, and I would also ask why that person did not have the courage and respect to raise his issue prior to balloting. I have asked our candidate coach, WB James Gonzalez, to add information about Balloting in the MFC Section of this Trestleboard. I implore you to review this information, to consider the unintended consequences associated with rejecting vetted candidates without a Masonic reason, and to consider whether this rejection helps the lodge. Finally, I ask you to consider how rejection of your candidacy would have affected your life.

During this Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to make a \$5,000.00 donation to Masons for Mitts. My thanks go out to our lodge members for their generosity and investment in the youth of our community.

We continued the month celebrating WB James Gonzalez's service to our lodge. As I said during the ceremony, WB Gonzalez played an important role in my experience and those of many others at CBL. Many of us gathered for an enjoyable evening to celebrate this achievement. I thank our Senior and Junior Wardens, the Hiram award committee, Brother Carlos Suncin, and everyone who participated in preparing for, executing of and participating in this most important award and event.

Masonic Formation Class Meetings were facilitated on September 8th and 22nd and are discussed below.

Our officers hosted California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco Lodge No. 120 for the September District School of Instruction (DSOI). My thanks go out to all who gathered to demonstrate selected portions of the third degree.

I thank our lodge and WB Rick Smith for making it possible for many of our Brothers and their spouses

to enjoy the Opera Rigoletto by Verdi on September 19th.

Our officer's team and coach worked together to prepare our Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden for their work in the upcoming Masonic year. I thank them for their efforts and support.

Finally, we held our annual Past Masters' dinner dance on September 27th. I congratulate our Past Masters on their achievements and thank them for the support they currently provide for our Lodge. I thank WB Dionisio Dela Cruz and his team for their work on executing this event.

Our October Stated Meeting is planned for October 1st, Masonic Formation Class Meetings are planned on October 13th and 27th, San Francisco Lodge No. 120 will host the October DSOI on October 16th, Our Black and White Ball is planned for October 18th, and the Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of California will occur between October 24th and 26th. My thanks go to all who are planning, will execute and will participate in these events. Special thanks go out to Brother James and Sister Mayra Guerrero for their continued efforts to perfect the Black and White Ball, and to those who joined me in representing our Lodge during the Annual Communication Meeting.

Anyone interested in information on proposed legislation which will be acted upon during this year's Annual Communication meeting can find more information at the following URL. Please contact me or one of our Lodge officers with any questions.

https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/02.-2025-Legislation-1.pdf?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=the_leader&utm_term=2025-09-10

Thanks go out to all of you for your participation in September's activities. I look forward to spending time together during the month of October and hold that we will always meet on the level, act by the plumb and part on the square.

Fraternity yours,

**Anil Awasti,
Worshipful Master**



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members that their behavior in public, at work, at home, or when alone reflects on the Craft. A noted Masonic author urges: *"in every moment of our life, in public, at work, at pleasure, with our families, even when you are alone, you are a Mason!"* The non-Masons who know us will judge each of us, and Masonry itself, by the way in which we conduct ourselves. Thus, a Mason should govern himself on the level at all times. Relief to our Brethren, and our community reflect what each of us as Masons strive to project to the world in and out of our lodge. Next month: Truth, another important tenant.

[Freemasonry in India \(Video Documentary\)](https://masonicfind.com/freemasonry-in-india)

<https://masonicfind.com/freemasonry-in-india>. Our Master, although a native San Franciscan, is of Indian ancestry. This video gives you a brief glimpse into masonry in his ancestral homeland. Diwali, the festival of lights is celebrated in October, so please say *"Tuhanu Diwali diyan bohat bohat vadhaiyan"* (Happy Diwali) when you see him next.

Brothers Jim Guerrero and Allen Shein are working hard to research to plan our trip to New York for the Fourth of July next year, which will also be in conjunction with the Grand Lodge's trip to Philadelphia. We will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The trip is expected to start on June 29th and go until July 12th. I hope you will make plans to join us. It will be a fun trip for your whole family and a good history lesson.

With much love and appreciation,

Fraternally,

Brother Bruce Lyons
Senior Warden



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

IN MEMORIAM

Our Worshipful Brother Rufo A. Macaraeg (4/20/1959 –9/25/2025), PM of Crocker #212 (1999), Francis Drake #376 (2010), San Francisco Lodge No. 120 (2018, 2022), raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 25, 1990, recipient of the Hiram Award in 2000, recipient of the Grand Master's Mason of the Year Award in 2023, and after 35 years of Masonic Service laid down his tools on September 25, 2025.

Soft and safe to thee, my brother, 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.

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Masonic Outreach Services (MOS), such as Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS) and Masonic Senior Outreach Services (MSOS) provide support to Masons and their families by connecting them with community resources, offering care management, and providing financial assistance. These services help with various needs, including issues related to special-needs children, job loss, foreclosure, and aging, with the goal of improving the lives of fraternal families.

The California Freemason Article describing Masonic Outreach Services is provided at the following URL:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2023/09/14/masonic-assistance/#:~:text=Open%20to%20Masons%20of%20all,a%20bridge%20toward%20self%20sufficiency.>

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Tiffany Lozoya, Manager of Outreach and Education and Soledad Silverman, Director of Masonic

Assistance and Outreach will join us at our October 1st Stated Meeting and make a presentation on Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach Services.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Each one of the thirteen applicants was recommended to receive a scholarship, and WB Reyno Del Rosario, our Treasurer has disbursed the checks to each applicant.

NINA CHAVEZ

Magdalena "Nina" Chavez Nina Chavez served our lodge between 1990 and 2024 and was near and dear to so many of us. She passed away in 2024, and on



September 3rd, our Hall Association and the brethren of our Lodge presented the plaque shown below to memorialize Nina how special she was to us.

WB Bill Aldridge, WM Anil



Awasti, and Nina's Daughter Maria shared thoughts



and stories about their experiences with our beloved sister.

*Soft and Safe to our Sister be thy resting place
may we cherish our fond memories of you.*

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

Each candidate for blue Lodge degrees is required to demonstrate proficiency in each degree which is conferred upon him and is promised suitable assistance to do so.



Prospects, Entered Apprentice

Candidates, Fellowcraft Candidate, Master Degree Candidates, and Brothers who have achieved all three Blue Lodge degrees can be assisted by a mentoring process which addresses social and moral behaviors and Masonic culture thereby assisting participants to evolve from their rough and original selves to polished, perfect ashlar, or the best person each of them can be.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 (CBL) Masonic Formation Class (MFC) meetings are structured to provide ideas about social and moral behaviors and Masonic allegories and symbolism resulting in a forum which encourages active and participatory discussions. This exchange of ideas leads to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of Freemasonry and the best self each participant desires to become.

Two MFC Meetings were offered during the month of September, and selected topics of discussion include an overview of selected Masonic events which occurred during the month of September, Exemplary Behavior and Virtues vs. Ruffians, the significance of the Autumn Equinox to Masons, Elements of a Lodge. Several of these topics are discussed below.

MFC Meetings are planned for October 13th and 27th, and planned topics of discussion include Civility and Geometry.

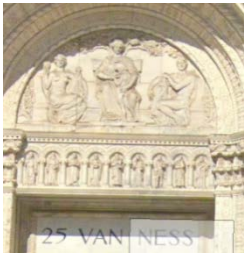
Selected Masonic Events In September

- Formation of Fredericksburg Lodge on [September 1, 1752](#), later chartered under the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1758
- Declaration of [Masonic Public Schools Week](#) on September 7, 1920 by Grand Master Charles Adams establishing the first statewide Masonic Public Schools Week.
- First Activities Associated with the founding The Order of DeMolay, a Masonic youth organization, on [September 16, 1919](#).
- George Washington, acting as Grand Master pro tem, performed the traditional Masonic ceremony for the laying of the U.S. Capitol's cornerstone on [September 18, 1793](#).

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- The beginning of the journey of a special “unity trowel” [September 18, 1908](#) which passed through various lodges around the world including Oakland Lodge 188.
- Autumn Equinox and Michaelmas about [September 29](#), a time within the Masonic Journey to reflect on balance, harvest, and personal growth.
- The California Masonic Memorial Temple was formally dedicated before the annual communications meeting on [September 29, 1958](#). Prior to moving to this space, the California Grand Lodge occupied the San Francisco



Masonic Temple at 24 Van Ness Avenue. Two interesting features of that building included a sculpture of King Solomon on the building's southeast corner and three allegorical figures by Alexander Weinman in its

entrance arch which represent Caritas (Charity), Fortitudo (Fortitude), and Veritas (Truth).

Exemplary Behavior: Virtues vs. Ruffians

As Masons we are required to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties, to never support any act which may disrupt the peace and good order of society, to obey the laws under whose protection we live; and to pay the allegiance due to our country. As individuals, we are charged to be virtuous in our behavior in public and in private. We are to let Temperance chasten, to let Fortitude support, to let Prudence direct us, and to let Justice be the guide of all of our actions. In addition, we are to maintain, in their fullest splendor, those truly Masonic Ornaments — Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Finally, we are to be faithful to the trust committed to care for and demonstrate, through our actions, our unwavering loyalty and commitment to our core values.



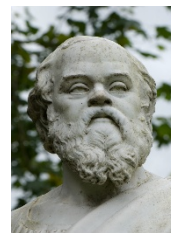
One Masonic legend discusses three unworthy craftsmen who enter into a plot to extort, from a widely admired Mason, secrets to which they have no right, and they are referred to as ruffians. Albert Pike identified three figurative brothers as enemies of one's welfare and social progress and labeled these ruffian behaviors



as kingcraft, priestcraft, and the ignorant mind. He asserts that these ruffians can destroy liberty, without which man can make no advance. They do so via strikes to the throat (representing freedom of speech), stabs to the heart (representing freedom of conscience and that by which man is guided) and a blow to the head which contains brain (representing freedom of thought).

Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, three Greek philosophers, were not Freemasons as they lived long before Freemasonry became a speculative fraternity, however, the craft has been influenced by their teachings.

Socrates (c. 469–399 BCE) is said to have been



stonemason and sculptor by trade before the notoriety of his philosophical teachings. Self-examination, search for wisdom and intellectual exploration have contributed to several Masonic principles including search for truth and self-improvement. He is credited as the

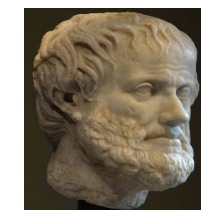
founder of Western philosophy, and his teachings lead some to believe that the ruffian who robs the individual of self-actualization is ignorance and that no one with a healthy mind does wrong unless he is blinded by ignorance.

Plato (c. 428-347 B.C.), an Athenian philosopher, and



student of Socrates is responsible for work that is said to have influenced politics and philosophy, and his work is said to have influenced Euclid's work in mathematics. Much of his influence on Freemasonry is associated with justice, search for truth and reason. His work and teachings could lead one to believe that he associated the second ruffian with passion that clouds one's judgement sufficiently to prevent self-actualization.

Aristotle's (384–322 BCE) work in empirical



observation and logic and inquiry, which enable understanding the natural world, is said to have been foundational to the modern scientific method and is said to have earned him nick names like – father of

science and father of logic. His work and

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teachings might cause one to conclude that the most dangerous ruffian is one's willful departure from moral and ethical standards and being in a state of spiritual corruption which separates one from one's creator.

The Election of a Candidate – Balloting

A Lodge is both the members of the local chapter of the fraternity and the building in which they meet. The applications of new members are accepted via a balloting process, and as members of a lodge, one of the most important and solemn duties of its Master Mason members is to ballot on applications for lodge membership. This is a centuries-old tradition, and the process is specified in several craft documents and in the California Masonic Code .



California Masonic Code (fourth edition, 2024) Articles 2 (Applicants for Degrees and Membership) (§804.200) (page 91) specifies application requirements and process for accepting an application and vetting the applicant. Articles 3 (Investigation) (§804.310), 4 (Balloting) (§804.410), and 5 (Objections to Applicants) (§804.510) specify the investigation, objection, balloting processes, respectively.

Pursuant to Article 2, the application is reviewed and vetted by the secretary and a background check is completed by the Grand Lodge.

Article 3, Investigation, not only requires that candidates for the degrees of Masonry be investigated by a three-member committee, but it also specifies that a "committee member is guilty of a serious neglect of duty if he reports favorably on an application without reliable information as to all matters on which the Lodge requires advice." Among other requirements, the committee is charged with protecting the lodge by ensuring that only worthy applicants are recommended for admission into the lodge, protects the candidate by identifying and resolving any issues which might result in unfounded assumptions by members who have no personal knowledge of the candidate, to vet the candidate by

learning about the candidate's character, background, and suitability.

The vote on whether to accept a candidate's application is a solemn undertaking specified in Article 4 (§804.410) and cannot begin until the conditions in Articles 2 and 3 are met.

The due diligence and integrity required of the experienced Brethren performing the duties of the investigating committee provide a strong indication of the candidate's worthiness to become a member of the lodge, and in some jurisdictions outside of California, a Master Mason who lacks personal knowledge of a candidate's qualifications is bound to trust the recommendation of the investigating committee.

While a Master Mason with knowledge, unavailable to the investigation, that the applicant would not make a good Mason and or that the applicant's personality and actions would create disharmony in the Lodge has the duty to reject an applicant this duty should be exercised as a last resort when his objection cannot be resolved through the objection process specified in Article 5 (§804.510).

Ignoring the objection process specified in Article 5 not only disregards the ongoing requests by Worshipful Masters that this process be used, but it unfairly causes the candidate to wait a year before applying to another Lodge, of the objector thinks he is not a good fit for our lodge. It also blindsides the Lodge, creates disharmony, and taints the candidate and our Lodge.

Our Worshipful Masters have implored members with objections to share them, anonymously if preferred, and prior to balloting. Notifying one of the pillars of an objection to an applicant shows respect for the pillars, to the Lodge's reputation, to fellow Brothers, and to the candidate.

One might suggest that a Brother who has a valid reason for objecting to a candidate which is derived from actual knowledge about the candidate should be able to do so in good conscious through the objection process specified in Article 5.

In conclusion, a brother Master Mason casting a ballot in view of the all-seeing eye wields tremendous power which affects the candidate, the Lodge, his Brothers in the Lodge, and himself. Accordingly, this power should be used with intelligence and with solemn self-inquiry

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affirming that the reason for a rejection is Masonic, and that it considers Masonic teachings, particularly the cardinal virtue, Justice. Justice allows us to render to every man his just due without distinction and it is a practice from which no Mason should deviate from minutest principles thereof. Justice to the Lodge might require a black cube rejecting an applicant who will destroy the harmony of the lodge. Justice to the applicant requires that the applicant is not rejected for insignificant, mean, or inappropriate reasons.




 Brotherhood
 Columbia Lodge Cordially Invites You to
 Dinner and Dancing
Black & White Ball
 Saturday, October 18, 2025
 5:30 PM — 10:30 PM
 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, Ca 94132

Choice of Beef, Fish or Vegan Entrée
 Members and Family \$40 per person
 Non-Members: \$50 per person
 Formal Attire

RSVP Required by October 10th
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No walk-ins will be admitted.



OCTOBER 2025 MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Brother	Raised	Brother	Raised	Brother	Raised
Albert Allahyari	10/9/1968	Rajiv Gutral	10/28/1991	Gil Palencia	10/30/2000
Froilan Ancheta, PM	10/13/1994	Warren Hanson, Sr.	10/23/1962	Gary Pittman	10/26/2011
Michael Balopoulos, PM	10/27/1961	Marc Hogue, PM	10/16/1984	Peter Preovolos	10/8/1966
Donald Bohn, PM	10/26/1971	Allan Houlberg	10/22/2019	Denis Rajic	10/29/2008
Mark Brett-Warburton	10/8/1998	Jason Hui	10/8/2014	Joseph Rosson, PM	10/19/1999
Juanito Campos, PM	10/11/1958	Alex Ignatovsky	10/23/1993	Jerome Simpson	10/19/1981
Raymond Carlson	10/15/1965	William Koch	10/13/1966	Donald Sinnar	10/27/1953
Kent Colliander	10/22/1965	Norman Krug	10/20/1959	Danney Stiltner, PM	10/26/2005
Eric De Jesus	10/21/2009	Bruce Lyons	10/25/2017	William Suguitan	10/22/2010
Dionisio Dela Cruz, PM	10/24/2007	Isaac Mejia	10/25/1995	Rodny Suspene	10/19/2011
Eugenio Devera	10/22/2008	Vrej Mekhalian, PM	10/23/1984	Gary Westre	10/13/1972
Roy Eidson	10/26/1993	Joseph Mercado	10/30/2013	Jeffrey Wilkinson	10/28/2009
Francis Feliciano	10/15/2014	Elmor Oro	10/20/2003	Wilfred Wong, PM	10/26/1961
Ronald Forbes	10/21/1974	Raymond Padmore	10/29/2014	Allan Young	10/15/2008

OCTOBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

Brother	Day	Brother	Day	Brother	Day
Michael Balopoulos, PM	10	Reyno Del Rosario, Jr., PM	8	Ermanno Matteucci	9
Gerald Benjamin	2	Perfecto Dizon	23	Kaare Myksvoll	18
Mark Brett-Warburton	29	Alfred Edwards	17	Serafin Padlan	12
Roberto Bueno	26	Ernesto Fronda	10	Jason Pollard	11
Thomas Burkard, Jr., PM	9	J. Hamilton	6	Edward Shehorn	10
Rodney Carolino	15	Paul Hamor	3	Sandro Vecchiato	12
Christopher Cole	1	David Leeds	18	Joseph Woo	22
		Wolfgang Linnenbach	1		



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

- _____, one of the four cardinal virtues, is how we regulate or 'moderate' our appetites and emotions.
- _____ governs human relationships and social interaction.
- On September 18, 1793, WB George Washington acting as Grand Master pro-tem conducted the Cornerstone placement Ceremony at the _____.
- In 1908, Amity Lodge No 370 met in the _____ Lodge Building
- The Ca Grand Lodge met at _____ before moving to 1111 California St.
- Candidates for the degrees of Freemasonry are vetted by the _____ Lodge and are investigated by three brother Master Masons.
- The three allegorical figures by Alexander Weinman in the entrance arch of the SF Masonic Temple at ____ Van Ness Avenue represent Caritas (Charity), Fortitudo (Fortitude), and Veritas (Truth).
- A _____ is the local chapter of the fraternity and place where it meets.
- Albert Pike described three ruffian brothers who are the greatest enemies of individual welfare and social progress as kingcraft, priestcraft and the _____ or mob mind.
- _____ is considered a founder of Western philosophy.

September Cryptogram

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

TRUTH IS A DIVINE ATTRIBUTE
AND THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY VIRTUE.
TO BE GOOD AND TRUE IS THE FIRST
LESSON WE ARE TAUGHT IN MASONRY.

Answers to September 2025 Trivia

- Three Core Principles of Freemasonry are **Brotherly Love**, relief, and truth.
- The "Circumpunct" has also been referred to as a **Point** in a Circle.
- Many of our Lodge Brothers supported Masons4Mitts on Saturday, August 9th to watch the San Francisco Giants play the Washington **Nationals** play ball.
- Alta Vista Lodge No. 464 consolidated with Argonne Lodge No. 461 in 1983 to form **Columbia** Lodge No. 461.
- In Freemason history, the Premier Grand Lodge of England was generally considered to have been founded on **June 24, 1717**.
- The Lodge of the Goose and **Gridiron** Ale house, the Lodge of the Crown Ale House, the Lodge of the Apple Tree Tavern and the Lodge of the Rummer and Grapes Tavern gathered at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse on June 24, 1717, and declared themselves a Grand Lodge.
- This Grand Lodge (in #6 above) was called the **Premier** Grand Lodge of England.
- Anthony Sayer was elected the first **Grand** Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England.
- The Premier Grand Lodge published the "Constitutions of the Freemasons" by James Anderson, the first comprehensive rulebook for modern Freemasonry, further solidifying its structure and principles and it was called the **Anderson** constitutions of 1723.
- The 1723 edition of the Constitutions was edited and reprinted by Benjamine Franklin in **1734**, becoming the first Masonic book printed in America.

October Crossword Puzzle

Find subtle reminders of our Fraternal past. This puzzle derives from the article entitled *The Masonic Streets of San Francisco* on page 27 of the fall edition of California Freemason "Fall 2025: Masonic San Francisco at, <https://californiafreemason.org/#>.

ACROSS

- Past CA Governor "Sunny Jim", James _____, Jr.
- Commodore John D. _____
- Charles and William and sons of Charles _____ SP Railroad Tycoon
- Charles Henry _____, City supervisor and Golden Gate Park Planner
- Joseph Libby _____.
- San Francisco's first millionaire, Samuel _____.
- Avenue named after first Grand Master of California, Charles _____.
- Lieutenant Richard Coulton _____.
- Filipino national hero, Jose _____.
- Charter Member of Cal 1, Jonathan Drake _____.

- Masonic Cemetery, and current location of the University of San Francisco campus

- Hippie movement ground 0 Street, Governor Henry _____ and Supervisor and Planner, Monroe _____.

DOWN

- UC Med School Founder, William Beverly _____.
- 1830's Pilot and Trader, Wiliam Heath _____.
- San Francisco's First Mayor John White _____.
- First mayor of San Jose Josiah _____.

DOWN CONTINUED

- Leland _____, governor and railroad tycoon.
- Joseph Warren _____, son of American Hero Paul _____.
- Irish Surveyor Jasper _____.
- First US President.
- California's First licensed doctor, John _____.
- Colonel Richard B. _____, fifth military governor of California
- Recruiter during Mexican American War, Thomas _____.
- Built one of the first houses in the Yerba Buena Settlement, Jacob Primer _____.



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Important Reminder from the Master

Autumn is a time to reflect on one's Masonic journey of self and of festivals and observances associated with harvesting what we reap, self-reflection, and celebration of good triumphing over evil.

A popular paraphrasing of Carl Jung's philosophy is, *"As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being."*

The core principles of the philosophy of Bro. Dr. Rudolf Steiner have been summarized as, *"Transform yourself for the sake of the world. Learn to practice thinking, feeling, sensing, and willing without egoism. Let your work be the shadow that your 'I am' casts when it is shone upon by the flame of your higher self."*

My sincere wish is that each of us has the time, courage, and integrity to reflect on our actions and behaviors, that this reflection affirms that good has triumphed over evil in our lives, and that each of us has much to celebrate.

Anil Awasti
Master 2025

