



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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THIS MONTH

MARCH 1

* SERVICE FOR WB MARIO REYES

MARCH 3

* TRUSTEE MEETING

MARCH 5

* STATED MEETING

MARCH 10

* MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

MARCH 12

* DEGREE PRACTICE

MARCH 15

* OFFICER MEETING

MARCH 17

* ST PATRICK'S DAY HOLIDAY

MARCH 20

* DSOI HOSTED BY SF120 TOPIC:
MASONIC OUTREACH; ALL ARE
INVITED

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PLANNING DINNER

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* DSOI HOSTED BY CAL 1

APRIL 23

* PROPOSED DEGREE CONFERRAL

APRIL 30

* OFFICER PRACTICE / MEETING



From the East



Brethren and Friends of the Lodge,

March being a month of rebirth, new beginnings and transition and being reminded by Sant Patrick's Story of a Mason's quest of spreading moral and ethical teachings, I send you greetings from the East.

Manisha and I started February with the celebration of our nuptials, and we celebrated this very happy and prosperous occasion with the assistance of many of our brothers and their spouses. We thank all who were involved and all who reached out with their good wishes.

Worshipful Master, Anil Awasti

I woke up on the day of February Stated Meeting with a high fever and sore throat, so I decided not to attend the Stated Meeting to prevent sharing this illness with anyone. My thanks go out to our Senior Warden, Brother Bruce Lyons for taking my place in the East and to WB James Gonzalez for sitting in for Brother Bruce in the West.

Our Lodge balloted on and elected Mr. Charles Gagas to receive the degrees of Masonry in our lodge. I thank the Brethren for their participation. I congratulate Charles Gagas on being elected and wish him the utmost success in his Masonic journey.

As many of you may know, seven wildfires during the month of January which were exacerbated by low humidity, drought conditions, buildup

of vegetation and winds reaching 100 miles per hour, killed at least 29 people, forced over 200,000 people to evacuate, and damaged over 18,000 structures.¹ The Grand Lodge reports that over 1,100 households of California Masons or Masonic widows were in the affected area and nine Masonic halls were near the fire zones², and many of our Brothers were or know someone who was affected by this fire, so I am grateful that our Lodge acted consistent with Chapter 12 of the CMC and with brotherly love, relief and truth by generously contributing to the Masonic Relief Fund with the express intention to provide relief to our brothers who have been adversely affected by these events. We will monitor the work of the Masonic Relief Fund and share news about our

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From the West | SENIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS



Greetings Brethren, Sisters, Family, and Friends,
 "May the luck of the Irish" extend to you during March as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and American Irish heritage in the United States.

According to Edward T. O'Donnell, an Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross College and author of "*1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History*," the term is not Irish in origin.

"During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth. Over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression 'luck of the Irish.'

Ireland in Masonic history also has great significance. The

Grand Lodge of Ireland is the second-most senior Grand Lodge in the world and the oldest in continuous existence. Go to GrandLodgeofIreland.com or Freemason.ie to learn more about masonry in Ireland.

Back home at our Lodge, I want to thank Worshipful Anil for allowing me to sit in the East last month. It was an honor and both interesting and enlightening. I am looking forward to sitting there next year should I be elected. I appreciate the support extended to me for this privilege. I expect the Master to be back in the Oriental Chair after recovering from the excitement of his marriage. It was quite a ceremony. If you were not able to attend, please ask around the lodge for a picture of the "Teletubbies"!

The MFC class, under the very capable leadership of Worshipful Brother James

Gonzalez, is going strong, and I am delighted to say we have 10 to 15 brothers, knockers, and candidates at every class. We are attracting some very eager men in their twenties which is a welcome addition to our lodge and a great trend. Hopefully, young men are seeking the companionship and friendship of other men rather than video games and the Internet.

I believe that Free Masonry can help encourage our society to search for the collective good rather than just individual gains and accomplishments. Harmony is needed in this world and can be accomplished through fraternal organizations like ours. The more we know our fellow humans for their true selves rather than through online personas, the better our society will survive in this millennium.

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From the South | JUNIOR WARDEN, FRANK PERTIERRA



Greetings Brethren,
"There is no strength without unity" an Irish Wisdom.

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold and at the end of your rainbows. May you find a pot of gold" an Irish Blessing.

In line with the March Stated Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will be serving a traditional Irish—American meal of corned beef and cabbage. We will also have

fish or vegan options for those not eating beef. Of course, the celebration will not be complete without the Irish dancers, so make your reservations through SignUp genius, email me @ Fbpertierra@aol.com, or send me a text message at (707)342-8770, and join us.

We have few events last February in the lodge, The NFL's championship football game viewing, The Lunar

Chinese New Year, and the Sweetheart Dance which all have an exceptionally good turnout.

I hope the new season of Spring will bring us hope, unity, and humility to strengthen the bond within us brethren, and I hope to see you all at our upcoming events!

Fraternally,
Frank B. Pertierra
 Junior Warden



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EDITOR'S NOTES

I wish you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day including a period of personal growth and insights. I wish our Lodge officers success with their upcoming conferrals, and I wish the candidates interesting, meaningful, and satisfying Masonic Journeys.

Thank you to our officers, and to Brother Jimmy Fowler and Brother Jeffrey Miller who chaired the football watch party and Sweetheart Dinner, and Temple Board directors, and Investment Committee Trustees for taking on the challenge of ensuring that our Lodge continues to prosper.

Just a reminder that no motion can be made unless you have properly notified the Worshipful Master so that he can include it in the meeting agenda. Failure to do so may cause undue delays and your motion may not be recognized nor voted on.

Please reach out to me if you have any comments, concerns, or submissions.

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Southern California *Brethren as it* becomes available.

Many of us gathered on February 9th to share a meal, camaraderie, friendship, and fellowship while watching the Philadelphia Eagles prevail over the Kansas City Chiefs in their contest for the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and again on February 14th to share an evening with our sweethearts. My heartfelt thanks go out to Brother Jimmy Fowler and Jeffrey Miller for their efforts in planning these events and to Brothers Jod'I Cruz, Frank Pertierra and Jerry Jugal, and Sister Roxy Hui for their contributions to the feast consumed during the ball game.

The month continued with MFC Meetings on February 10th and 24th, and MFC Meetings are planned for March 10th and 24th. Masonic Formation Classes hold special meaning for me as my attendance at these classes led to my decision to apply for the degrees of Masonry in Columbia Brotherhood Lodge. I also firmly believe that we should each continue to learn more in Masonry and to assist our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft brothers in their advancement. Please make it a point to support our Senior Warden and our Masonic Formation Classes.

Our officers represented Columbia Brotherhood at the February District School of Instruction (DSOI) by performing the first and second sections of the Entered Apprentice degree in front of our Inspector, WB Allan Nubla, representatives of California Lodge No. 1, and representatives of San Francisco Lodge No. 120.

Congratulations to Brother Frank Pertierra and our Lodge's officers for the work they did preparing for this evening and for a great demonstration at the DSOI. San Francisco Lodge No. 120 will host the March DSOI during which representatives of the Masonic Family

Outreach Services (MFOS) will provide a presentation describing the services available to each of us and our families. Our Inspector, Alan Nubla, asks that lodges in the 141st district extend invitations to members and their families to attend this meeting, so I have asked our Senior Warden and MFC Coaches to provide a brief summary describing Masonic Family Outreach Services.

We said goodbye to several members of our Masonic family in February and are planning a celebration of life for a third member in March. We said our goodbyes to Sister Anne Holly and remembered her husband, WB Alfred George Holly on February 22nd. WB Waymon Clyde Lynch laid down his tools on February 16, 2025, and several of our Brothers attended his funeral on February 26th. WB Mario Reyes laid down his tools on December 18th, 2024, and his Family, Our Officers, and I invite you to the Celebration of his life on Saturday, March 1st. Thanks to all who gathered and will gather to honor the dignity and contribution of these members of our society.

Our officers will practice on March 12th for a degree conferral on March 26th and will meet on March 15th to plan future events. As a Lodge we will continue our efforts to support each other in further development as men and Masonic Brothers, continue efforts to attract new and qualified members, encourage existing members to return to the lodge through membership retention activities; and to continue to strengthen our fraternal ties through our planned events.

I look forward to seeing you at the March stated meeting and continue to hold that we may always receive the blessing of heaven and that we may we live our lives according to the tenants and virtues taught by our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Fraternally Yours,
Anil Awasti,
Worshipful Master



Work Cited

- ¹ 2025 Southern California wildfires, *Wikipedia*, February 28, 2025, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January_2025_Southern_California_wildfires
- ² Together we make a profound difference, *Masons of California*, <https://freemason.org/wildfires/>

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We are looking forward to initiating elected applicants, Mr. Kelvin Sanders, Mr. Charles Gagas, and Mr. Huey Thomas soon; and then passing several Entered Apprentices, Brothers Eugene Dumlao and Corey Dussault to the degree of Fellowcraft; and finally raising Fellowcraft Brother Romarico (Omar) Miranda to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Look for a SignUp Genius email and plan to attend our next degree in March.

An Irish Blessing:

“May you have the hindsight to know where you’ve been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far”

Fraternally,
Bruce Lyons
Sr. Warden



Masonic Formation Class

During the month of February 2025, Columbia Brotherhood’s officers and coaches facilitated Masonic Formation Class (MFC) Meetings on February 10th and 24th and practiced preparing for upcoming Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentice degree conferrals. MFC meetings topics are selected to encourage reflection and to facilitate discussions associated with degree proficiency work, Masonic Principles and participant questions.

MFC meetings typically start at 6:00 PM with the sharing of meals, building rapport and camaraderie, and discussing general topics and questions about Freemasonry. The in-person group is then joined by those who attend via Zoom, and one or more short talks are presented to the in-person and Zoom participants. The talks are paused for discussion about specific points or participant questions, and at the conclusion of the talk(s) participant questions are also discussed. At the completion of the discussions, those working on proficiencies meet to learn and practice their degree proficiencies.

February’s MFC Meeting activities included continuation the exploration of Lodges which consolidated to become Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370; short talks about being duly and truly prepared; brotherly love, relief and truth; American presidents who were Masons, the concept of Mason on site, rules of civility, and Masonic Youth Orders. A brief summary of these talks and Masonic Outreach Family Services follow.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge History

Sixteen Lodges were chartered early in the 20th century, and over the next one hundred years, consolidated to form Columbia Brotherhood No. 370. A portion of the short talk period is dedicated to exploring these lodges, the lodge consolidation process, and reasons for these consolidations. Much of the information on the creation of the initial sixteen lodges is derived from the book, [One Hundred Years of Freemasonry in California](#), Volume III, which provides a synopsis on lodges between 1850 and 1950. If you have any information or stories you would like to share about the consolidations during that period, will you please contact WB James Gonzalez to share the stories or to arrange a time to talk directly to the MFC Class? Your contributions will be most appreciated.

Duly and Truly Prepared

Being “Duly and Truly Prepared” is highly relevant to the path of a Freemason, so closely exploring this concept can be useful to the member prospects, degree candidates, and even seasoned Master Masons. It is the state of being mentally, physically, and spiritually ready and engaged with one’s masonic journey including learning the traditions of our ancient and honorable fraternity; being dressed appropriately; being spiritually and mentally ready to learn, grow, and contribute to self-improvement; and becoming the best version of oneself. We only scratched the surface of this concept but will touch upon it as often as possible in future MFC Meetings.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

The three principal tenants of Freemasonry are brotherly love, relief, and truth, and as Freemasons, we are admonished to make these tenants part of our daily lives. Masonic tradition informs us that when we study Brotherly Love, we become aware that we are all created by the same almighty parent, that we are inhabitants of the same planet and that we are aid, support and protect each other. This allows us to build respectful relationships with people of every age, country, ethnicity, belief system, and opinion.

Relief reminds us to extend ourselves by assisting others and by practicing charity in the form of financial assistance and by volunteering time and resources. It also reminds us that it is not only the physical act, but that it also involves our heartfelt intentions.

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Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of all other virtues making it essential to be truthful in all aspects of our lives including how we treat our relationship with our maker, with ourselves and with each other.

Masonic Presidents

Presidents are honored in February, and since the office of President was established in 1789, there have been forty-seven presidencies. Forty-five men have served as president. Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd and 24th president, and Donald Trump served as the 45th and is serving as the 47th president. Fifteen of the 45 presidents were Freemasons. Ronald Reagan was made an honorary member of the Scottish Rite and of the Imperial Council of the Shrine. Joe Biden was declared a "Mason at Sight" by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina in 2025. Bill Clinton was a member of DeMolay.

Rules of Civility

By age sixteen, George Washington had copied out by hand, 110 rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation. They are based on a set of rules composed by French Jesuits in 1595. A sample of the 110 rules was discussed during the recent February MFC Meeting.

Short Talks Planned for March MFC Meetings

Short talk topics planned for March MFC Meetings include St. Patrick and how his behavior was similar to Masonic values, Orders of Architecture, and how working tools used by ancient operative masons are used in Speculative Masonry

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS)

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS) program was created in 2009 to assist Fraternal Families who are facing challenging times by offering expertise and resources to guide families through difficult situations. More information is available on MSOF at <https://masonichome.org/in-your-community/family-outreach-services/>, and MFOS representatives will make a presentation describing its services during the March 20th District School of Instruction at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Center. Please call one of our officers listed on Page 3 for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,
James Gonzalez, PM, MFC Coach



From the Secretary

Dear Brethren,

Just a friendly reminder the dues for 2025 of \$88.50 are now considered delinquent. We appreciate the brethren who have already paid.

Why am I receiving a notice from the Grand Lodge?

We are participating in the Grand Lodge's dues notification program, where they handle all the printing and mailing of notices. This service helps the Lodge save significantly on printing and postage costs.

- **Do I have to pay online?**

Not at all! While many brothers find paying online convenient and even have the option to set up automatic payments or renewals for future years, you are always welcome to pay directly to the Lodge by check.

- **They're saying there's a processing fee for online payments.**

Yes, if you choose to pay by card, a small processing fee will be added. This fee goes directly to the credit card processor, and the Lodge receives the full amount of your dues. The Grand Lodge charges the Lodge nothing for this service.

- **Can I still pay with a check?**

Absolutely! If you prefer to pay by check, you should be receiving a printed mailer soon, which might include a return envelope for your convenience.

- **Will you be mailing out dues cards?**

Dues cards will be mailed upon request. Once your 2025 dues are paid, your new card will also be available online at www.freemason.org. You can download and print a valid copy, or access a digital version on your mobile device for identification purposes.

- **Dues have increased, and I'm unable to pay them right now. What should I do?**

Please reach out to me or the retention committee. If you're facing financial difficulties, we have the ability to remit (reduce or forgive) some or all of your dues. I'm happy to discuss this with you in confidence, so please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Don't risk losing your good standing in the Craft by ignoring your dues notice. We are here to help.

- **Is there something I haven't addressed?**

If you need any assistance or have questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the officers. We are here to support you.

NAME TAGS: Members who wish to have a new name tag, please take this opportunity to order it. For efficiency and cost saving reasons, I will be taking orders beginning January 10 to April 05, 2025. The cost will be \$15 per name tag.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Jason Yen, Secretary



IN MEMORIAM

In February, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 Members Bid Farewell to one Worshipful Brother and to the widow of another. Several of our members attended a service and internment ceremony for Sister Anne Browning Scudder Holly, Widow of Worshipful Brother Alfred George Holly, on February 22nd, and a service and internment ceremony for Worshipful Brother Waymon Lynch. In addition, a celebration of life for, Worshipful Brother Mario Reyes is planned for March 1st, 2025.

Sister Anne Browning Scudder Holly

(March 3, 1935 – November 1, 2024)



Funeral Service: February 22, 2025, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1755 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Internment: February 22, 2025, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1755 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Worshipful Brother Waymon Clyde Lynch

(March 5, 1931 – February 16, 2025)



Funeral Service: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Chapel of the Sea, 801 Oceana Blvd, Pacifica


Burial: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno

Worshipful Brother Waymon Clyde Lynch

(January 9, 1935 – December 18, 2024)

The family of Worshipful Brother Mario Reyes, Our Worshipful Master, and our officers invite you to the Celebration of his life on Saturday, March 1st.

*Masonic Memorial Services
Past Master and Past Potentate
Mario Reyes*



March 1st 2025
Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge #370
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132
11:00 am followed by a Lunch

*We will always cherish in our hearts and minds
The memory of our departed brother*

RSVP to Orlando Arce – orlando@jetintl.com



*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*





GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD CEREMONIES

Several Columbia Brotherhood Home-Lodge and Affiliate Members were raised in 1975 and will celebrate 50 years of service in 2025. They include WB Nicholas Christophe Raisis (CBL No. 370), Mario Arbis (Crocker No. 212), William Botieff (CBL No. 370), WB Paul Davis Johns (Mission No. 169), Ronald Ellis Sickler (Peninsula No. 168).

Watch for SignUp Genius Invitations from Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 for WB Nicholas Christophe Rais, William Botieff, and Ronald Ellis Sickler and watch for invitations from the home lodges of Mario Arbis and WB Paul Davis Johns for the dates and times of their ceremonies.



MARCH 2025 BIRTHDAYS					
William F Aldridge	21	Richard J Hellesto	20	Jim C Salas	11
Albert F Allahyari	27	Brian J Helt	24	Rik B Schrammel	18
Brendan A Caraway	12	L. W Lewkowitz	5	Jeffrey F Wilkinson	7
Clifford S Dahlberg	18	Waymon C Lynch	5	Wilfred S Wong	18
Daniel V Fross	20	Peter B Pertierra	29	Jason Yen	21
John C Halfacre	17	Lawrence B Ross	26		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

1. The three principle tenants of Masonry are brotherly _____, _____, and _____.
2. Lodges are situated due East and: _____
3. The first and noblest of sciences: _____
4. Freemasonry is known as the following type of order: _____
5. The number of Lodges that consolidated to form CBL 370: _____
6. The number 370 was first assigned to _____ Lodge in: _____
7. Lodges at present are dedicated to Saint John the: _____ and Saint John the _____.
8. The Hourglass is an emblem of human: _____
9. The Lodge's Marshall carries a: _____
10. The number of years a Golden Veteran Recipient has served as a Master Mason in good standing: _____

Answers to FEBRUARY 2025 Trivia

1. An emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason:
THE APRON
2. The five orders of Architecture:
TUSCAN, DORIC, IONIC, CORINTHIAN, COMPOSITE
3. A Jewish historian of note among Masons:
JOSEPHUS
4. Describes Masonic self-governance during the reign of King Athelstan, the 1st King of England:
"REGIUS MANUSCRIPT"
5. Greek Mathematician said to be the father of Geometry:
EUCLID
6. Four Cardinal Virtues:
TEMPERANCE, FORTITUDE, PRUDENCE, JUSTICE
7. It pervades the innermost recesses of the Human Heart:
THE ALL-SEEING EYE
8. A divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue:
TRUTH
9. In Operative masonry, the Master draws designs on the:
TRESTLE BOARD
10. Is the Worshipful Master's emblem of authority for governance within the Lodge Room:
THE GAVEL

Who's Who?

Answers to Who's Who in the February Trestleboard:



Answer from Left to Right Back Row:

Brother Jim Guerrero, WB Juanito Campos, WB Orland Arce, WB Gary Andrews, WB Manuell Ortiz-Ruiz

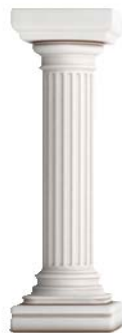
Answers from Left to Right Front Row:

WB, Robert Deluzuriaga, WB Danilo Daus, WB Danney Stiltner, Dionisio Dela Cruz, WB Armando Telles

What is What?

Can you Identify the orders of Architecture shown to the right? Are they of Greek or of Roman Origin?

The answer will be in the **APRIL 2025 Trestleboard.**





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Important Reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe. Just a reminder that as Master Masons, we are responsible for all our actions, to meet on the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square. We are held to a higher standard. Let us all lead by example, whisper good council to our brothers and continue to improve ourselves in Free masonry.

Anil Awasti
Master 2025

