



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

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THIS MONTH

JUNE 7 (6 PM)

*Stated Meeting

JUNE 8

*Ritual Competition

JUNE 12

*Masonic Formation Class

JUNE 14

*Degree Conferral

JUNE 18

*Father's Day

JUNE 19

*Masonic Formation Class

JUNE 24

*Feast of John The Baptist

*CBL/ CAL 1 Table Lodge

JUNE 28

*Hiram Award PRACTICE

JUNE 30

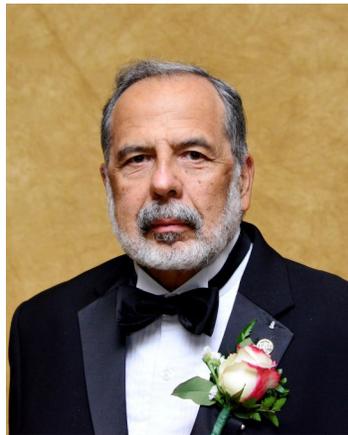
*Sweetheart's Luncheon

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From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Sisters

As we enter the sixth month of our year and with the summer solstice on June 21 marking the beginning of the summer and the midpoint in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, I send you greetings from the East.

Members of Columbia Brotherhood and their guests gathered for its May Stated Meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd. In observance of May's traditional celebration of Cinco De Mayo, the Stated Meeting dinner had a Mexican theme complete with a Mariachi band.

We were joined at dinner and during our lodge meeting by WB Inspector **ALAN NUBLA**, as this was his official annual visit representing the California Grand Lodge, which was scheduled to take place during our May Stated Meeting. We are grateful to WB Inspector Nubla for his continued support and guidance.

Thanks to everyone who participated in preparing for this visit and to those who participated in this meeting.

Our lodge is in the area served by the members of the Taraval Police Station who are not only the first responders in the case of emergen-

cies but are also regularly present ensuring the safety of our lodge members and our lodge building. In acknowledgement of our first responders and to make them more aware of our presence in the community we were joined for dinner by **ERIC ANDERSON**, San Francisco Police, Taraval Station Night Sergeant, and his wife Juanita Anderson. Please reach out to your local police and first responders and medical personnel in your orbits and express your gratitude.

Thanks go out to our own **NINA CHAVEZ** for arranging the music, for preparing an extraordinary dinner, and for setting the atmosphere for a most enjoyable dinner, thanks to all who participated, and thanks to everyone who signed up for this dinner in advance thereby easing its planning.

Our Lodge's pillars and Senior Deacon attended one of the four Master and Warden retreats offered by the California Grand Lodge in 2023 which was held at Lake Tahoe Friday, May 5th through Sunday, May 7th. Major topics covered during this weekend of presentations and breakout group discussions included:

1) the Grand Lodge's 2050 vision (*The world in harmony by building peace and understanding through friendship service and self-improvement*); 2) the Grand

Lodge 2025 strategic plan (*including true friendship (Masons build strong, long-lasting friendships), Diversity (Making our lodges reflect the diversity of their communities), and Harmony (Harmony is the aim in our lodge and in the community), Positive awareness (We proudly share our Masonic experience and the public understands our contributions)*); 3) the recommended tools for strong Lodges and hall associations including planning, developing Lodge handbooks, creating a welcoming and friendly environment, enhancing the ritual and degree experiences, being more in the community, and providing leadership training; 4) the Grand Lodge planning and budgeting processes; and 5) the Annual Grand Lodge Communication Meeting planning and processes.

As one of the lodge's community engagement activities; **WB ORLAND** and Sister **SYLVIA ARCE**, **WB REYNO DEL ROSARIO**, **WB ROBERT DELUZURIAGA**, Brother **JIMMY FOWLER**, Brother **JERRY JUGAL**, Brother **FRANK PERTIERRA**, and Brother **CARLOS** and Sister **DINAH SUNCIN** represented our Lodge in the community at the FALEO (*Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association*) 12th Annual Scholarship Dinner on May 6th. Our **WB FRANCIS FELICIANO**, President of FALEO, was instrumental in planning this event sent his thanks saying, "Thank you,

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COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370 PAST MASTERS DEGREE

From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI



Greetings to all the Brothers! We all know that Masonry is a progressive science, but by no means do we all take the same path. We do not all take the same things from Masonry and we do not all contribute to our fraternity in the same way.

This is part of the beauty and intricacies of our gentle craft. Having just returned from a Masonic Leadership, Masters and Wardens Retreat, put on by our Grand Lodge, I was again reminded of several imponderable things, including the amazing depth and richness that Freemasonry affords to any brother who seeks it. The offerings are innumerable and the never-ending journey to greater personal enlightenment will span a lifetime.

Our individual paths will always

be uniquely our own, but as Masons we are assured we will never be alone. The spirit-lifting fellowship that is enjoyed when Masons come together, even when most have never previously met, is a wonderful reality of our brotherhood and one that makes the efforts we make along our Masonic paths all the more rewarding. All the more reason for each of us to make the effort.

The Master Mason's Degree on the May 24th of last month went very well and we congratulate Brother Osama Muqatash. The degree was conducted by our Past Masters and was done excellently. This degree is the most important of the sublime degrees we bestow on our brothers.

This month, we have a time honored event, the Table Lodge, that will bring many brethren

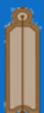
together for fellowship. It will occur on June 24th. This event is always well attended and many Master Masons come revel in the ritualistic dinner. Try not to miss this and any of future interesting events.

I want to give you a quote for this month from George Washington; "It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

Jason Hui
Senior Warden

From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI



Brethren and Friends, we had a busy month in May where we celebrated the lives of 2 beloved brothers. Thank you all who came to pay your respects to them and their families.

We also celebrated the raising of brother Osama Muqatash to a Master Mason. Our Honorable Past Masters put on a wonderful degree and it was very well attended. The officers always appreciate having as many side liners attend degrees as possible as it makes it more meaningful for the candidate

and gives us an opportunity to get together and engage in some fellowship.

We are kicking off June with our Stated Meeting. We will celebrate Philippine Independence Day and will have a buffet of Filipino food. Please wear a Barong if you have one.

Later in the month, we will enjoy some time with friends and families on our annual camping trip. You won't want to miss this as we have some of the best cooks who make wonderful food for us to

share!

We will end the month by having a Table Lodge which will be jointly hosted by us and Cal 1. This event is for Master Masons and we will serve a multicourse meal and have ample time for fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you all there.



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LODGE EVENTS

California Lodge #1
Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

Table Lodge

Saturday, June 24, 2023



Featuring Traditional Table Lodge Ritual
855 Brotherhood Way, SF
5:00 PM seating
Celebrate with toast and great evening of fellowship and rivalry
Master Masons Only, Business Attire
Admission \$40.00, Limited seating
RSVP by June 22nd
email Brother Anil Awasti; awastianil@gmail.com

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

ANNUAL CAMPING



JUNE 8—11, 2023
LAKE OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Free and Accepted Masons
of the
State of California

Cordially invites you & your guest to the
HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION
Honoring
Worshipful Brother Orlando Arce
Saturday July 1st, 2023

At Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
855 Brotherhood Way
San Francisco, CA 94132

Ceremony (Lodge Room) 5:30 PM
Dinner to follow presentation – 6:30 PM

Please RSVP by JUNE 17, 2023
RSVP to Jimmy Fowler at (415) 530-9779
or via email jaf1331@yahoo.com

*Columbia Brotherhood
Lodge #370*

Cordially invites you to attend a Special Lunch
honoring the
Columbia Brotherhood Widows



Friday, June 30 2023
Meet at 11 A.M.
At Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Bus will leave at 11:30 A.M.

Lunch at 12 noon
Moss Beach Distillery, Moss Beach, California

Business Attire: Sport coat and tie
limited seating – Make your reservations early
by calling Carlos Suncin at 415-806-2711

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge Widows: Free
Supper: \$45.00 per person

Please make checks payable to:
Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370
Mail checks to: Carlos Suncin, 125 Rae Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94112
Phone: (415) 806-2711



JUNE 2023 Birthdays

Muqatash	Osama	Jeris	06/01	Campos	Juanito	Estioko	06/23
Manning	Wilson	Smith	06/03	Lowe	Ging	Bong	06/24
Milano	Ellis	Tobias	06/03	HUI	JASON		06/25
Viray	Joselito	Santiago	06/03	Maravelis	Christos	Peter	06/25
Simpson	Jerome	Alfred	06/06	AWASTI	ANIL		06/26
Dumlao	Eugene	Viray	06/08	Holmgren	Donald	Frederick	06/27
Bush	Robert	A	06/14	Brill, Jr.	Don	Royal	06/29
Forbes	Ronald	Forrest	06/14	Kelly	Guillermo	H	06/29
Tomasello	Timothy	Nicholas	06/14	Angeles	Dexter	Gonzales	06/30
Torres	Hugo	Padilla	06/15				
DiGiacomo	Lawrence	Edward	06/16				
Leung	Richard		06/16				

Happy Birthdays!



From the East

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brothers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 for being part of this wonderful evening to honor our fallen officers and our children striving to effect change in the world. Your support ensures that we continue to provide much needed assistance to our communities and less than fortunate members of society, who may not otherwise receive it. Maraming-maraming Salamat! [Thank you very much!]" My thanks go out to all who represented our lodge and its presence in the community during this important event.

In furtherance of our Lodge's goal of being more noticed in the community, will you please consider ways to be more present in the community and bring ideas for discussion and action.

Masonic Formation Class Meetings were held on May 8th and May 15th, during which participants discussed questions raised about Freemasonry, selected topics from Master and wardens retreat 5/5-5/7, the 2023 Night in Havana, and regular vs. irregular and non-conforming Lodges; and practiced first and third-degree proficiency work.

SOLEMN FAREWELL

Worshipful Brother **ARMANDO TELLES**, born Monday, Thursday, June 8, 1933, and raised Tuesday, August 27, 1991, laid down his tools on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. In accordance with the wishes of our Worshipful Brother Armando and his daughter Marian, a Masonic service celebrating his life and the mark he left in on our hearts was held on Friday, May 12th during which over 100 of his closest friends, family and Masonic Brothers joined to remember Brother Armando and the mark he left on this world.

Brother **BERNARD "BERNIE" FEINBERG**, born Monday, September 27, 1941, and raised Wednesday, January 27, 2010, also laid down his tools on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, and in accordance with the wishes of our Brother Bernie, our sister Jeanette over 100 friends and family and Masonic brothers met on May 26th to celebrate his life and the joy he brought to so many of us.

Our gratitude goes out to both of our brothers for the gifts of their presence in our lives along with our wishes and hopes that they are enjoying the time with each other and other loved ones who have gone before them. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Worshipful Brother **DIONISIO DELA CRUZ**, for officiating these services, to Brother **JERRY JUGAL** and Brother **JIMMY FOWLER** for serv-

ing as Marshall at the two respective services, and to all of our Lodge and Grand Lodge Brethren who were in attendance.

BROTHERLY LOVE

Several lodge members spent the evening of Mother's Day participating in a Reception hosted by California Lodge No 1 at Brotherhood Masonic Center for Right Worshipful **GARRETT S. CHAN**, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California. Several Senior Grand Lodge representatives were in attendance including, but not limited to Most Worshipful **RANDALL L. BRILL** and Right Worshipful **G. SEAN METROKA**. Our thanks go out to the Brothers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 for representing our lodge and to our Brothers at California Lodge No 1 for extending the opportunity to meet with our Grand Lodge Leadership. Finally, our thanks go out to the mothers in our lives who supported our presence at this meeting and who always support us and our children in all of our endeavors.

DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION (DSOI)

On May 17th the officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 hosted the officers from California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco Lodge No 120 for the May District School of Instruction (DSOI), and our Past-Masters Degree Team presented the second section of the third degree. Thanks go out to all of our officers for attending and to our Past Masters who attended and demonstrated this degree work.

On Thursday, June 15th the officers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120 will host officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and California Lodge No. 1 for the June District School of Instruction (DSOI). Thank you in advance to our officers for attending this training and for their efforts in perfecting their ritual and our degree work skills.

PAST MASTERS DEGREE TEAM

Several of our past masters guided by our officers coach, WB Dionisio Dela Cruz, and WB George Wade gathered at our Lodge on May 24th to conduct the 2023 Past-Master's-Degree Conferral during which Brother Osama Muqatash was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

OUR YOUNGEST MASTER MASON

Brother Osama (Sam) J. Muqatash was born on June 1st, 1977, in Amman, Jordan and raised in family of 6. His father served as a judge for 30 years, and his mother was teacher. At the age of 16, he knew that his brother-in-law was a Freemason, and although he was too young to join Freema-

sony, he became fascinated with it and began educating himself about it. After graduating from high school, Brother Osama moved to Ukraine and earned his master's degree in biomedical engineering.

In 2007, after a few years working in his field in his native country of Jordan, Brother Osama immigrated to United States to fulfill his dreams including that of owning his own business. He immigrated to Los Angeles where he lived with his sister; he moved to Humboldt County for 2 years; he then moved to Novato; and he has lived in Millbrae for the past 11 years. Upon arriving in the United States, Brother Osama started managing restaurants where he learned food service. After moving to the Bay Area and in addition to his work managing a restaurant, he established a business with a friend, he became involved in Jordanian-American community, he was elected to and served for two years on the board of directors of the Jordanian-American association, and perhaps most importantly, he became a naturalized Citizen of the United States on March 21st, 2023.

In 2021, Brother Osama's cousin Brother **AZIZ YOUSEF**, a member of California Lodge No 1 and Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No 370, told Brother Osama that he was a Freemason, and Brother Osama asked him how he could join. Brother Osama first visited California Lodge No. 1 in October 2021, and at Brother Aziz's suggestion that he visit other lodges, Brother Osama visited Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in February 2022. As a result of the friendship offered him by Brothers **JEFF MILLER** and **JIMMY FOWLER**, Brother Osama felt a chemistry of brotherly love and connection at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No 370 and was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in our lodge on November 30, 2022; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 28, 2023; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by our Past-Masters-degree team on May 24, 2023.

Brother Osama considers himself a very social person who loves people and who makes new friends daily. He believes Freemasonry has taught him about brotherly love, and that he can have trustworthy relationships all around the world which is not something everyone can have. He reads about and learns more about Freemasonry every day as it inspires him to be a better person; and in addition to participating in concordant bodies like the Shriners, he hopes to work through the line and become a Worshipful Master of our lodge.

Please reach out to and congratulate Brother Osama as our newest Master Mason when

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you next see him.

Thanks go out to WB **DIONISIO DELA CRUZ**, our Columbia Brotherhood officers coach for his guidance and planning, to WB **GEORGE WADE** for his efforts on again assembling 2023 Past Master degree team and for assembling the team every year, to our past masters who made up this year's Past-Masters' degree team including: Worshipful Brothers **DIONISIO DELA CRUZ, FRANCIS FELICIANO, EDMUND LIM, ORLANDO ARCE, RON RAGLAND, RENATO ALFONSO, JASON YEN, REYNO DEL ROSARIO, ALEX ELLESCAS, GEORGE WADE, RICK SMITH, FROILAN ANCHETA, AUGUSTO TAGARO, JACK LEWKOWITZ, and VREY MEKHALIAN**; who shared their time and talent in the preparation for and conducting of the 2023 degree. Please join me in showing our gratitude to these Worshipful Brothers by acknowledging them and their work when you next see them.

Our lodge will hold its June Stated Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023. In acknowledgement of Philippine Independence Day (observed annually on June 12th commemorating its independence from Spain in 1898) and in celebration of the **100th birthday** of our Past Master **JUANITO CAMPOS**, our Officers and lodge members are invited to wear Barongs.

Most Worshipful **RANDALL L. BRILL** has Proclaimed June 2023 as Masonic Homes Month. The proclamation at :

https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/5_June_MHC.pdf , Indicates that "... since 1898, California Masons have fulfilled their obligation to care for fellow members and their families through their support of the Masonic Homes. Now, 125 years later, the fraternity remains committed to delivering on that promise by offering crucial services to those in need through retirement homes in Union City and Covina; the brand-new Pavilion at the Masonic Homes in Union City, which provides important memory care and assisted-living services to both Masons and members of the community; through Masonic Outreach Services statewide; and through MCYAF campuses in San Francisco and Covina. This month, I [Most Worshipful Randall L. Brill] call on Masons to support these important programs and to make sure that all members are aware of the services they have access to as Masons or widows. Share the Masonic Assistance Line (888-466-3642) with members in need. Visit the Masonic Homes and Pavilion websites to learn about the services being offered, and of course consider making a gift to the Masonic Homes to ensure that this proud legacy endures into the future...." In support of the Grand Lodge Masonic Homes theme, please make it a point to visit the Masonic Home in Union City or Covina during one of their many events, to familiarize yourself with the services they provide, and to offer your support

FROM THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL JAMES GONZALEZ

for the good work the staff of these organizations do for our community.

RITUAL COMPETITION

On Thursday, June 8th, several Columbia Brotherhood Brothers will meet with our inspector, a panel of judges and Brothers from California Lodge No. 1 to participate in the 2023 California Grand Lodge Competition during which participants will demonstrate their mastery of proficiencies in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master's degrees. Please reach out to Brothers **JIMMY FOWLER** and **JOSE RIVERA** and wish them success in this endeavor.

MASONIC FORMATION CLASS (MFC)

Masonic Formation class meetings are planned for Monday, June 12th and Monday, June 19th. In addition to participant questions, topics of discussion will include ritual competition, Masonic homes, the concepts of harmony and visibility in the community, selected symbols, and plans for the Night in Havana Event on August 25th. Degree proficiency work will follow these discussions. If you are interested in assisting others in completing their proficiency work, if you are interested in completing the proficiency in your current degree, and or if you know someone who is interested in completing the proficiency in his current degree, will you please reach out to a member of the MFC team listed in the trestle board or to the Senior Warden.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please take a moment to celebrate our country's flag June 14th, the anniversary of the official adoption of the flag of our country, a symbol of democratic values practiced by Masons withersoever dispersed.

On June 18th those in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom will celebrate the fathers in our lives and the concept of fatherhood. Good wishes and acknowledgement go out to our brethren who are biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and father figures for the examples they set and for the crucial role they play in rearing the children, for being in our lives, and for being the good men they are.

The officer degree team is planning a degree on June 14th and hope you will be able to attend in support of the officers and candidate. Watch for notices via sign up genius and or email.

On June 24, 2023, and in celebration of the Premier Grand Lodge of England formed on the feast day of John the Baptist (one of the patrons of Masonry) on June 24th, 1717, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and California Lodge No. 1 will host a table lodge. Please see the flyer in this Trestle Board or contact one of the officers for more information.

HIRAM AWARD

WB **ORLANDO ARCE** is the 2023 recipient of Columbia Brotherhood's Hiram Award which will be presented to him during a ceremony planned for Saturday, July 1, 2023, and our officers will practice for this event on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Please see the invitation for the Hiram Award presentation in this Trestle Board and watch your emails for more information on the practice.

SWEETHEART'S LUNCHEON

Our annual luncheon honoring our sisters who were spouses of our brothers who have been called from their earthy labors is planned for Friday, June 30th. Please take a moment to greet our sisters in acknowledgement of the roles they played in our late brothers' lives and those which they continue to play in our lives. Details for this event are provided in the flyer in this Trestle Board. My thanks go out to Brother Carlos and Sister Dinah for all their efforts in planning and conducting this event.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Our lodge is working with members of the Asiya Shrine to participate in Redwood City's July 4th Parade and barbeque Asiya Shrine following the parade. Please watch for Signup Genius notices of this event.

Scholarship applications continue to be available. If you know anyone who could use some extra help in covering educational costs, please encourage them to submit a scholarship application.

Our Retention Committee continues to check in on members who we have not seen in a while and those with outstanding balances. Through the efforts of WB **JASON YEN**, our lodge secretary, our retention committee members and our lodge officers, the membership roster regularly gets updated with contact information on our members, and the number of members with outstanding balances has been reduced. If you are or know a member in need of assistance with any life circumstance and or with becoming current, please contact any of the officers or Retention Committee Members **RICHARD SAN MAMES** or **JAMES GUERRERO**. If you are one who needs to pay his 2023 dues, please visit the grand lodge website at <https://freemason.org/> to submit your payment or send a check to our secretary, WB Jason Yen.

May we always act by the plumb, meet on the level, and live by the Square.

Fraternally yours,
James Gonzalez, WM





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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 of 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 and admonish errors by our brothers and continue to improve ourselves in freemasonry.

JAMES GONZALEZ
Master 2023

