



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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MARCH 2023

THIS MONTH

MARCH 1 (6 PM)

*Stated Meeting

MARCH 6 (6 PM)

*Masonic Formation Class

MARCH 8 (6 PM)

*3rd Degree Conferral Practice

MARCH 17

*St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 20 (6 PM)

*Masonic Formation Class

MARCH 22 (6 PM)

*Degree Practice
*Golden Veterans Award Practice

MARCH 25 (6 PM)

*Casino Night

MARCH 27 (6 PM)

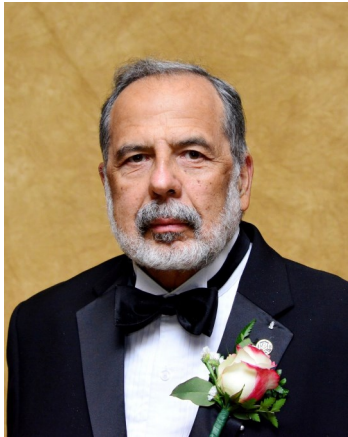
*Temple Board Meeting
*Board of Trustees Meeting

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From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and sisters,

As we enter the third month of the year, celebrate rebirth represented by spring and enter a period during of balance during which days and night are equal length, I send you greetings from the east and wishes for a happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Our February activities started with our stated meeting on the first day of the month. In addition to normal lodge business, we reviewed the annual Treasurer, secretary, and membership reports. MFC meetings were held on February 6 and February 13 during which participants discussed lodge etiquette, discussed first and second degree concepts, and worked on first and second degree lec-

ture proficiencies.

Many of us gathered at the lodge on February 11, for a sweetheart dance. Our gratitude goes out to Brother Jim Guerrero and Mayra for putting this event together. On the day following many of us returned to the lodge to break bread and watch the Superbowl as a group. The camaraderie shared made it a truly special event, and our thanks go out to Brother Jimmy Fowler for all off his hard work in planning and executing this event which included some most enjoyable food. Thanks go out to Brother Jim Guerrero for his pulled pork and to Roxana Hui for her tri tip.

Brother Jack Lam having completed his first-degree proficiency on August 24, 2022 and Brother Osama Muqatash having completed his first-degree proficiency on February 8, 2023 were passed

to the second degree on February 8, 2023. Congratulations go out to each of them and to OUR officers' team. Please reach out to Brother Jack Lam and Brother Osama to congratulate them at your earliest opportunity.

The officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 hosted the officers of California No 1 and San Francisco 120 for the 141's District school of instruction on February 15th during which they demonstrated the second section of the second degree. Our inspector WB Allan Nubla was out of the state on that day, so WB Reynaldo B. Harrold, Inspector of the 143rd district observed the work and gave valuable feedback. Our gratitude goes out to WB Harrold for his time and input and to the Columbia Brotherhood officers for their preparation,

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SECOND DEGREE CONFERRAL OF BROTHERS JACK LAM AND OSAMA MUQATASH

From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI



Jason Hui
Senior Warden



Brethren,

This last month we had two brothers passed through the wonderful Fellow Craft Degree. Congratulations to our newly passed Brethren, Brothers Jack Lam and Osama Muqatash. They worked hard to advance to this next level. They will need assistance to move up, to the sublime degree, so please assist our ambitious brothers.

For those of you fortunate to have attended, you might well recall a portion of the monitorial of the degree, which refers to Geometry and the description of length, thickness, and solids. This part of the degree reminds me of the mathematics of Euclid, an often daunting rite of passage for all high school students."

A really very interesting proof from Euclid's Elements, demonstrates that if you create two points, then trace circles around each point, then connect the

points with a line, and connect the ends of that line to one of the vertices of the two circles, you will yield an equilateral triangle circumscribed within the *vesica piscis* created by the



intersection of the circles. What's even cooler is that you can perform this exercise with only a compass and a straight edge. This can also be proved in architecture, which by the way, is often used to begin basic plans.

One could also take the interpretation another direction, and think of the triangular figure known as the *Tetractys*.



It consists of ten points arranged into four rows, where the first row has one point, the second has two, the third three, and the fourth four.

This corresponds nicely to the magnitudes mentioned in the monitorial, as a "point" has only one point (forgive the circular definition), a line is comprised of two points, a *superficie* (or surface) extends the line into a third plane, and a fourth point can extend that plane into a solid.

This Tetractys dates way back through the ages to Pythagoreanism, dating back to the 6th century BC in what is now Southern Italy.

For adherents, they considered the symbol sacred and considered it as a model of the cosmos, where the monad (one) became the dyad (two), then the triad (three), and finally the tetrad (four). The

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI



Anil Awasti
Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren and Friends.

Thank you all so much for participating in our lodge events during February. I hope the red envelopes brought you amazing luck!

We also had a wonderful turnout for the Sweethearts Dinner and the Superbowl viewing party. Thank you to all officers and friends who helped make these events successful.

We have more events scheduled for March so be on the lookout for your invites. In case you don't see the invite for any event, kindly contact me by text, email, or phone call.

We will kick off March as usual with our stated meeting and dinner options will be Ham and Colcannon, Fish, or Vegan. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Take care and see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Anil Awasti
Junior Warden



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MEMORIAM

Worshipful Brother
DAVID VOLKOFF

March 12, 1934—February 17, 2023

Funeral Service

March 3, 2023
Garden Chapel
885 El Camino
Real
So. San Francisco,
CA 94080

Interment

Olivet Gardens
Cemetery
1601 Hillside Boulevard, Colma, CA



EDWARD LEE BARBER

July 30, 1932— February 1, 2023



Memorial Service
held on
February 24, 2023

From the West

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Tetractys also symbolizes the four classical elements: earth, water, air, and fire.

Also coincidentally, bowling pins are arranged in a Tetractys. So next time we have the annual Bowling with Brothers, you now have one more concept to contemplate as you launch the bowling ball down the lane.

This month, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's day. Our Worshipful Master and Junior Warden had worked hard to bring you an entertaining stated meeting dinner.

Don't forget to wear green.

See you at lodge and fellowship!

Jason Hui
Senior Warden



EVENTS



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370 ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

Brotherhood Masonic Center
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

Please join your fellow Masons to give Blood.

Light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Gift cards will be given to those Masons and friends who donate!

REGISTER AT:

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

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CASINO NIGHT

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

and

California Lodge No. 1

Saturday, March 25, 2023

6 PM

\$25/ members

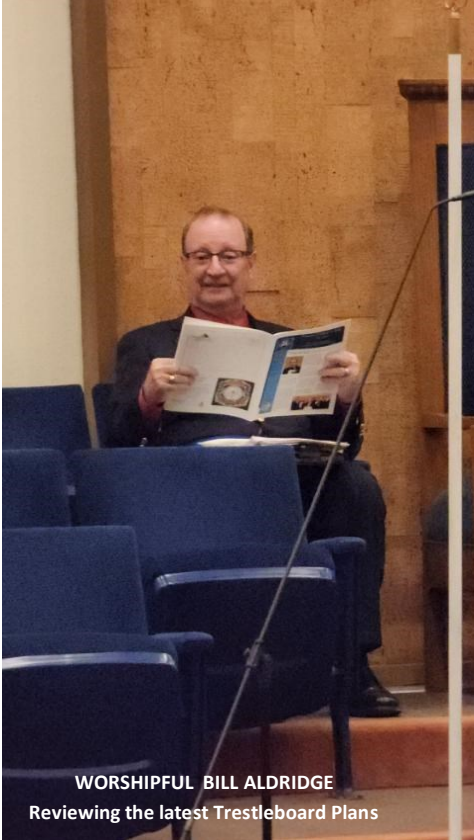
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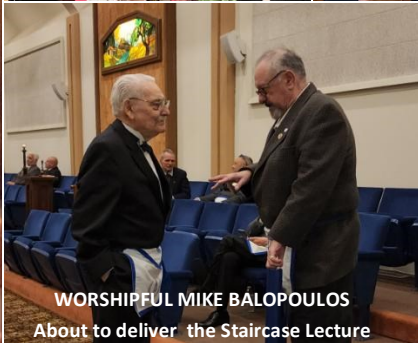
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WORSHIPFUL ED DEL ROSARIO
Congratulating the newly-passed brothers



WORSHIPFUL BILL ALDRIDGE
Reviewing the latest Trestleboard Plans



WORSHIPFUL MIKE BALOPOULOS
About to deliver the Staircase Lecture



CBL OFFICERS — 2nd Degree Conferral

March 2023 Birthdays

Lewkowitz	L	William	03/05	Yen	Jason	03/21
Lynch	Waymon	Clyde	03/25	Rivera	Jose Marten	03/23
Wilkinson	Jeffrey	Francis	03/07	Helt	Brian Joseph	03/24
Amaya		Gilbert	03/08	Ross	Lawrence Bruce	03/26
Salas	Jim	C	03/11	Allahyari	Albert Fariborz	03/27
Caraway	Brendan	Aristotle	03/12	Pertierra Jr.	Peter Bulatao	03/29
Halfacre	John	Christopher	03/17			
Dahlberg	Clifford	Stanley	03/18			
Wong	Wilfred	Sau Hoong	03/18			
Fross	Daniel	Vance	03/20			
Hellesto	Richard	Alvin	03/20			
Aldridge	William	Francis	03/21			



From the East

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time, and work and to Nina Chavez for feeding the officers of all three lodges.

Our officers began work on the third-degree conferral ritual on February 15 in preparation for the possible upcoming third-degree conferrals and to be more present during the upcoming past master's degree in May.

During the month of February, two of our brothers laid down their working tools, departed their earthly endeavors and transitioned from the imperfect to the all perfect and celestial lodge above. Noble Edward Barber (at the age of 90 and 32.76 years of service) transitioned on February 1st, and Worshipful Brother David Volkoff at the age of 88 and 52.36 years of service) transitioned on February 17th. Several of us attended services for Noble Barber on February 24th, and WB Volkoff's family shared his desire for a Masonic service. Please include Noble Edward Barber, Sister Arlene Barber, WB David Volkoff, Sally Volkoff, and their families in your thoughts and prayers and check your email for details on WB Volkoff's service on March 3.

People all around the world celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in honor of the March 17 celebration which started when a feast day honoring patron St. Patrick was established by the Church in 1631. In observance of that tradition and to get a sense of Irish culture, we have chosen St. Patrick's Day as the theme for our March stated meeting on March 1st, we have invited the Murphy Irish Dancers to share their talent and

passion for Irish dance, and I have asked our Junior Warden to include a traditional Irish dinner of ham and colcannon as one of the dinner options. In past centuries, cattle in Ireland were kept and used for their strength and for milk production and were only slaughtered when they were too weak and or could not produce milk. Instead of using beef for meat, the Irish raised and consumed pigs, sheep, and poultry. In recent centuries, raising cattle for meat became part of the Irish economy, but a national Irish dish remains bacon and cabbage. Irish bacon is cut from the back of the pig as opposed to its belly, so it resembles what we in the United States refer to as ham.

MFC Classes will be offered on March 6 and March 20. Participants questions and second-degree topics be discussed after which assistance will be offered for first-, second- and third-degree proficiencies. In addition, the officers will continue the 3rd degree ritual on March 8. Any third degree members are invited to attend.

Our officers will join the officers of California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco Lodge 120 on March 16 during which San Francisco Lodge No. 120 will host the March district school of instruction (DSOI).

On March 27, Brother James Antony Dillon will have completed 50 years of service, so on March 22, officers will meet to practice for his Golden Veteran Award Ceremony planned on April 5th Stated Meeting.

Finally, we are planning a Casino Night on March 25th. Be sure to check your email for updates on this event.

Thanks to all of you for the presence in our lodge and at our events. Please feel free to contact me or any of our officers with questions or concerns.

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

Fraternally yours,

James Gonzalez, WM



Dear Brethren,

Name Tags: Many members had inquired about getting a new name tag. To be efficient and cost saving for all of us, I will be taking orders from the brethren who wishes to get a new name tag beginning January 10 to April 05, 2023. The cost will be \$20 per name tag. Please take this opportunity if you would like a new name tag.

Scholarship Applications are now available. Please contact me and I will email you the application. All applicants must have a Masonic connection to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge.

The **Dues for 2023 is \$80.50**. If you or someone you know have not yet paid, it is now considered delinquent. Please make checks payable to **Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370** and send it to the Lodge.

For Trestleboard and Sign-up genius, please contact Worshipful Brother **Francis Feliciano**, Media Coordinator. His contact info:

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All members can also access the Lodge's Trestleboard through our website: www.cbl370.com

If you need any other assistance, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers.

Fraternally yours,
WB Jason Yen, Secretary

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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

