

# Columbia Brotherhood Lodge no.370 F&AM

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## THIS MONTH

- September 2, 2020  
Stated meeting is  
**CANCELLED**
- All Events and  
meetings are sub-  
ject to change in  
the next few  
months
- September 2020  
Masonic Formation  
Classes will be con-  
ducted via Zoom  
conference.  
Contact Brother J.  
Gonzales.

Please check our web-  
site and your email  
for changes to the  
schedule.

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## From the East

Hello brethren and ladies,

Hello Brethren and ladies ,

I am hoping that everyone remains safe in this Covid-19 pandemic and my thoughts are with those impacted by California's wild fires. I look forward to when we can return to our normal and social life. As of now, we are still waiting for the green light from the Grand Master to re-open our lodge and conduct our regular stated meetings. Once again, I sadly report that our stated meeting for the month of September is cancelled. Our Past Master Night is postponed and also will be rescheduled.

Please support our Blood Drive on September 19th. (Donate



blood and save life). Thank you to our chairman Brother Bruce Lyons for all his hard work and to his dedication to our lodge. If you

wish to donate blood, please e-mail Brother Bruce Lyons at [Bruce@CoastalPacificIns.com](mailto:Bruce@CoastalPacificIns.com) text/call 415 309 0495 or make your reservation at Sign Up Genius.

I want to thank all the Brothers who Volunteered to help distribute books, bags, and baseball mitts to our younger generation. Also, thank you to those who

supported and contributed to the Raising a Reader and Mason's 4Mitts charity program!

Happy Labor Day to All! Stay safe and well!



Sincerely and Fraternally,

Renato Alfonso  
Master



## Masonic Service for Congressman John R. Lewis



by Christopher Hodapp  
[Freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com](http://Freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com)

Illus. Brother John Robert Lewis 33° passed to the Celestial Lodge on July 10, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 80 years old. The Hon. John Lewis served as the U.S. Representative for the 5th District of Atlanta more than three decades, from 1987 until his death, and he was one of the last living 'leading lights' of the 1960s civil rights movement.

John Lewis was the last surviving speaker

from the famous civil rights 'March on Washington' in 1963 (the occasion of Dr. Martin Luther King's celebrated "I Have a Dream" speech) — at the age of 23, Lewis was the youngest person to give a speech that day.

John Lewis was made a Prince Hall Mason 'at sight' in 1999 at H. R. Butler Lodge 23 in Atlanta, Georgia, by then-Grand Master Benjamin Barksdale of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Georgia.

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# From the West

Greetings Brethren,



**Francis Feliciano**  
Senior Warden

As always, I hope all of you and your families are in good health and safe from all perils. Keep your heads up and your masks on and soon enough we will all gather once more as a family. The Great Architect of the Universe is kind and merciful. He will get us through these trying times.

Outside of work, that dreaded place where high blood pressure and stress are served all day, at least for me, I discovered that there is this realm, a fantasy world, a place that I once dreamed of where the food is good, the wine sweet, and love present all day, everyday, and I can't get enough of it. Yes, I am home.

During these times, I find myself busier than ever, at home. Yes, I found more time and have been spending it at home, with the family, as most of you have, but unknowingly reallocating those newly found valuable and priceless seconds doing other things. Since the pandemic started, I've spent many hours with my wife watching great movies, documentaries,

stand up comedies, and cooking shows. I was even subjected to several subtitled foreign movies, and quite honestly, some of them were not bad. I've spent countless hours with my wife working on puzzles and trying out new dishes we saw on television. We've even made it a part of our regiment on Sunday mornings to tune in to our Church service on Youtube.

But I've rediscovered an old passion of mine, something I picked up from my father, as all of my siblings did, carpentry. Not because I was getting bored but because there was so much more time to do other things, fun things. If you are a weekend warrior and a Do-It-Yourself-er, as Worshipful Danilo Dauz is with his skillful hands as well as brothers Peter and Frank Pertiera, with their brilliant culinary skills, you probably now find yourself working on that lingering home improvement project you've been putting off for years and not even realize you are doing it. Well I'm doing it now and before I can blink, well, I'm suddenly out of time. It is true that time flies when you are having fun.

I was inspired one day to cement my backyard. It was once a beautiful green and grassy yard, and now a dull, ugly, dusty, muddy, and just unappealing site. I'm happy to report that after approximately 5 weekends and 700 bags of Sakrete 50lb bags of concrete, I am just about done. It was tough but fulfilling. Surely I made use of the trowel as it was meant to be used.

The old windows caught my eye as my kids and I were paving one of the last sections of the dirt yard. Several trips to the local hardware store resulted in 6 new windows and several other items I'm thinking of constructing when I find the time, or rather reallocating time. Well now, I've changed nearly all of my old windows to a more modern and more energy efficient not to mention functional, kind. As I stare at it and admire our work, I realize it has been long overdue. It's been about 15 years, when my eldest son accidentally tested his lethal curve ball into the master bedroom's glass window and I kept saying I will fix .... Cont on pg 7

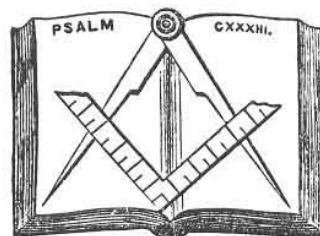
# From the South

Greetings from the South!

Happy Labor Day!

Unfortunately, with COVID-19 spreading rapidly in Bay Area, we are still in COVID-19 lockdowns and stay home ordered. This month of September we are going to have our Essential Annual Blood Drive at the lodge on September 19. Brother Bruce Lyons the chairman of this event has already send the sign-up genius, appointment is from

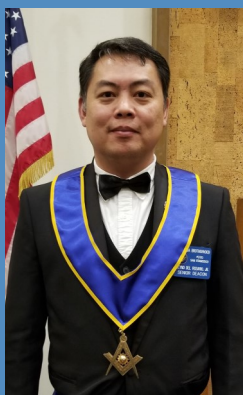
10am to 3pm. I can also help you booked a time you preferred if you want to donate. Here' my email @ reyow-en@yahoo.com.



**Stay safe and healthy brothers and sisters!**

Reyno Del Rosario Jr.

Junior Warden



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### Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Home Program

You know the good that our Home in Union City provides to aged Brothers and Sisters, however this takes money. You can help by just attend a Stated Meeting. The Lodge will donate one dollar to the Union City Masonic Home for every meeting you attended.

**Working together we can do so much more!**

## Committees

### Sunshine Committee

**"Our ailing Brothers would very much appreciate your calls and visits. Let them know you care." Let us know about any member who is ill.**

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The COVID-19 outbreak virus is different from anything we've seen before. Many of our members suddenly find themselves out of work and unable to make ends meet, even for essentials, like rent, groceries, and medication. Public programs will help, but for a great many, those dollars will take time to arrive and there will still be a significant gap.

It is at times such as these that our fraternity is strongest. We have all taken an obligation to support a distressed worthy brother, and the time to fulfill our oath, to the best of our ability, is now. In sudden, unforeseeable emergencies such as this one, we can come together. Please give what you can to support our brothers in this time of need.

Goto: [masonicfoundation.org](http://masonicfoundation.org)



As of now, our Masons Night at Oracle Park is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 24. Donations! M4M Website at [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org), went live on Monday, May 11. While we can also accept donations via check, we are encouraging our members to make their gifts online. We'll make it easy – You can use your computer or smartphone!

<https://masons4mitts.org/teams/san-francisco-sluggers/>

If someone only wishes to contribute via check, please make the check out to "Masons4Mitts"

and put your team name in the memo line (SF Sluggers). This is important because it is the only clear way that we'll know that this check should be credited to your team!

Please mail your check to:

Masons4Mitts  
1111 California St.  
San Francisco, CA 94108



After a brief postponement, the Junior Giants were given mitts, books, and trophy. Handed out by Masonic Volunteers and Junior Giants Volunteers in early August.

# CBL #370 Masonic Class

By: James Gonzales, Sr. Deacon

We and our fellow citizens of our United States are experiencing extraordinary times including a pandemic, the resulting slowdown the economy and increase in unemployment, and extraordinary weather patterns which have been associated with climate change. While some of us have been fortunate enough to have avoided the worst of the effects, other members of our communities are having to endure and overcome some very severe outcomes of the multiple challenges we collectively face.

The Masonic tenant of brotherly love teaches us that as we regard the human species as one family who share the same almighty parent and who are inhabitants of the same planet we are to aid, support and protect one another.

The Masonic tenant of relief teaches us that the relief of the distressed is particularly incumbent on Masons. (<http://www.masonicdictionary.com>, <http://www.masonicdictionary.com/relief.html#:~:text=One%20of%20the%20three%20principal,indissoluble%20chain%20of%20sincere%20affection.>)

[www.masonicdictionary.com/relief.html#:~:text=One%20of%20the%20three%20principal,indissoluble%20chain%20of%20sincere%20affection.](http://www.masonicdictionary.com/relief.html#:~:text=One%20of%20the%20three%20principal,indissoluble%20chain%20of%20sincere%20affection.))

Finally, According to Masons for Dummies (<https://www.dummies.com/religion/spirituality/the-basic-principles-of-freemasons/>), The concept of charity in "Freemasonry is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of all mankind. Freemasonry teach its members that unselfishness is a duty and that it is not only more blessed to give than to receive, but it is also more rewarding." In addition, masonic symbolism describes the greatest of the principle rounds of Jacob's ladder is charity because charity extends beyond the grave .

As Freemasons, these concepts call on us to assist in any way we can without putting ourselves our families in danger. What are some ways that we can be of assistance to our brethren and their families? We can volunteer when it is safe to do so, we can follow guidelines

for reducing the spread of disease, we can provide resources when called upon by our lodge or the Grand Lodge, we can check in on one another and offer assistance or even a friendly voice. The situations in which we find ourselves in many cases will guide us on how best be of service to one another.



## From the Secretary

The Trestleboard is only mailed out to persons who make their request through me. All others will receive links to the electronic copy from our website, [www.cbl370.com](http://www.cbl370.com).

The dues are \$73.00 per year.

If you know you are delinquent, just mail payment to the lodge.

Secretary - Armando Telles

## Candidates Corner

Masonic Formation Class members are progressing in their Masonic experiences during this pandemic. Bro. James Gonzales is conducting classes via telephone conferencing technology. Please contact him via email to be invited. The schedule is listed on our calendar via our website.

Bro. Gonzales prepares his classes with interesting topics each session. Please participate, even if only to listen if you choose not to be part of the discussion.

We wish all of you and your loved ones good health and protection, and we look forward to a time when we can again safely come together as a group.

# Masonic Formation Class



**Masonic Formation**  
**6:00 dinner**  
**6:45 Formation Class**  
**7:30 proficiency /**  
**coaching**

The Masonic Formation Class is comprised of coaches and participants interested in learning more about Freemasonry. Classes provide a forum for candidates and brothers to exchange thoughts and information to achieve a better understanding of Masonry. All men interested in learning more about Freemasonry are welcome to participate in:

- Proficiency work in all three degrees, long and short forms.
- Individual coaching and mentoring
- Discussion groups including information provided in the Masonic-formation "Red Book"
- Lodge operation, Lodge & Grand

Lodge events and current events affecting Freemasonry

- Lodge etiquette and parliamentary procedures
- Symbolism, spirituality & personal development in Masonry
- Famous Masons & Masonic leadership
- Science, geometry, their effects on society through the ages
- Masonic Rituals (Available to brothers who achieved applicable degrees)
- Special proj & special speaker
- Please contact a member of the Masonic Formation Staff for assistance outside of class times

• Invite a friend or a brother from another lodge. Everyone is welcome

• Check the Trestleboard Calendar for the monthly class schedule.

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September  
**19<sup>TH</sup>**  
 10AM-3PM

## COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE #370

THE BLOOD BANK REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!  
 Light breakfast will be served. Lunch will be provided but only on a ToGo basis as we are practicing social distancing.

**MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.**

Vitalant is trained in all aspects of preventing the transmission of COVID-19. The event will be very safe. Donors will not be able to stay at the lodge after their donation (except for recovery time).

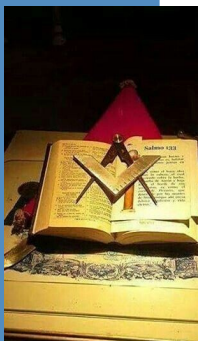
**855 BROTHERHOOD WY, SF**

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**REGISTER NOW**

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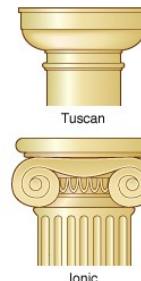
**Maintaining the lodge**



# Richmond Masonic Temple Co.

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Ionic



Doric

Corinthian



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it, change it, or even patch it up but I never did. Let's just say that I had many long cold winters, until now. I think the ball was still there when I changed that window.

So what now and what's next? I will probably paint the entire house before it starts raining. The kitchen still has the original linoleum floor from when it was first built in the 60's so that is definitely on my to do list. Or perhaps take a break and watch some old classics or action movies on Netflix.

Now I say this, whether you like it or not, there will always be a need for you to stay home. And when you do find yourself at home, enjoy it, savor it, and love it. There is an array of activities you can do to make use of your time. But whether you stay home and spend all your time with your family or whether you call up a few of the brothers and plan a weekend bike ride or a day shooting at the range, you will always find yourself fulfilled and satisfied.

The pandemic is not a punishment but a challenge or an obstacle. It is a temporary inconvenience that we will over-

come. Till next time, keep practicing social distancing, wear a mask, sanitize, and wash your hands. And next we meet, I am hopeful that we will initiate, pass, and raise brothers who have been waiting a time with patience.

But for now, I will fire up the barbecue, pop open a bottle of wine, and commit to memory the lecture of the third degree while admiring good, square work in my backyard.

Cheers Brothers!  
Brother Francis Felliciano



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In addition to his lodge, Brother Lewis was a Scottish Rite Mason in Atlanta Consistory No. 24-A, Orient of Georgia (PHA). He was coroneted a 33°SGIG in 2011 at the United Supreme Council Session in Atlanta. And he was a Shriner in the Prince Hall-associated Khedive Temple No. 16, and later in Mecca Temple No.



Illustrious John Lewis, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General

10, in the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



On Sunday, a horse-drawn carriage carried his flag-draped casket on a final trip across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Congressman Lewis' body will lay in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda Monday and Tuesday so that lawmakers and many others can pay their final respects in Washington, D.C. He will then be taken to

the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta.  
MW Corey Shackelford, Sr., Grand Mas-



ter of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Georgia (PHA), has announced that the last rites for the late Congressman and Mason took place Wednesday, July 29 at 8:00 p.m., at the Georgia State Capitol in the Rotunda area. Masonic services were performed by the officers and members of H.R. Butler Lodge No. 23 (PHA) under current COVID guidelines and restrictions.

## September Birthdays

Mario	A	Arbis	
Gerardo	Segundo	Calderon	
Ronald	Myrle	Crow	
David	A	Del Castello	Sr.
Anthony	Hiroki	Ehara	
Bernard		Feinberg	
Candler	M.	Gibson	
James	Santiago	Guerrero	
Robert	Hugh	Hodgen	
Marc	Michael	Hogue	
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William	Henry	James	
Edmond	Ming	Lim	

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James	Montgomery	Smallin	
James	Frederick	Smith	
Rick	Richard	Smith	II
Alexander		Stevenson	
Danney	Ferrell	Stiltner	
John	Collis	Stone	
William	Guillermo	Suguitan	
Joseph	Edward	Surdyka	
Robert	Patrick	Wood	Jr.
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## Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe. This is an update that August calendar events will still be cancelled.

Our stated meeting for the month of September is also canceled with no planned events. More information of masonic gatherings will be sent via email and posted on our website.

Please visit our website and monitor your email from our lodge for changes in the calendar.

Thank you and stay healthy.



## Masonic Quotes



*"We had seen  
God in His  
splendors,  
heard the text  
that Nature  
renders. We had  
reached the naked  
soul of man."*

*Brother  
Ernest Shackleton*

