



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons

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MAY 2025

THIS MONTH

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BROTHER RICHARD SAN
MAMES

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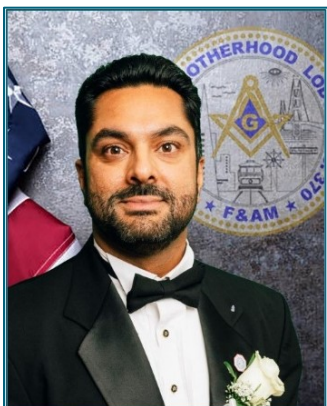
JUNE 25

• PAST MASTERS' DEGREE



From the East

Worshipful Master, Anil Awasti



Brethren and Friends of
the Lodge,

Having celebrated the
175th anniversary of the
Grand Lodge of California
and continuing the 120th
year of Columbia Brother-
hood Lodge I send you
greetings from the East.

During the evening of our
April Stated Meeting our
honorable WB Inspector
Allen Nubla representing
the California Grand Lodge
conducted a Golden
Veterans Award ceremony
acknowledging our Brother
WB Nicholas Christophe
Raisis for 50 years of service
to our Fraternity.

Congratulations to WB Nick
and thanks to his family and
all involved with this event.

California Masonic Code (CMC)
Section 405.030L, requires that
an inspector "Examine the
books and records of each
Lodge, ..., to determine if its
manner of transacting
business conforms to Masonic
law, and to report to the
Grand Master any violations of
law."

Grand Lodge Practice and the
Lodge Administration course
recommend that this occurs
during the month of March.
Members of our lodge met
with our inspector on April 4th
to complete this work.

A number of our Past Masters
met on April 5th to celebrate
the ongoing commitment by
Past Masters participate in one
third degree conferral per
year. I thank WB George
Wade for gathering our Past

Masters and planning this
event, I thank our Past Masters
for their participation in this
degree, and I thank WB Dionisio
Dela Cruz, our candidate coach,
for planning and guiding our
Past Masters through this
degree conferral process.

The California Grand Lodge
invests significant resources to
provide guidance to Lodges and
their officers on best practices
and presents this input during
annual leadership retreats.

This year's retreat was designed
with an executive track for
Masters; an administrative track
for secretaries and assistant
secretaries; a finance track for
treasurers and assistant
treasurers; an education track
for Senior Wardens and Junior
Deacons; a social track for

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From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

Hola Mis Amigos, Feliz Cinco de Mayo!

It is May and as per our usual tradition we will be celebrating our Mexican heritage. Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. More popular in the USA than in Mexico it is a good excuse to have a beer or margarita, guacamole, salsa, and chips. And most especially a Mariachi band! Please come to our Stated Meeting on May 7th and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

Fun and fellowship are important parts of our Fraternity. But more importantly, Masonry is a place to create better men, better families, and better societies. To that end, in April, the Master and most officers attended the annual officer's retreat sponsored by our Grand Lodge of California. It is a time for learning and for reflecting on

how to improve our lodge and our experience in Masonry; how to grow and spread the tenants of Freemasonry to more of our society; and how to create a more harmonious, safe, and sane world.

One of the takeaways from these meetings for me is the need for learning and spreading the important tenants of brotherly love, truth, and relief to more members of our society. Our lodge has a great vehicle with our Masonic Formation Class (MFC).

The MFC is led by Past Master James Gonzalez who has been very busy these past several months getting many new men initiated into our lodge. Brothers Alan Shain, Wiley Chan, Kelvin Sanders, Huey Thomas, and Charles Gages are our newest Entered Apprentices and are moving quickly to become Fellowcraft Masons. The class is our

vehicle for teaching the history of our lodge, the history of masonry, and the ethics and norms that a good man in the 21st century should know to bring peace and harmony to this world. If you know a good man who might benefit from these tenants, please invite them to an MFC class where they can learn more about these tenants and benefit from self-improvement.

Finally, we look forward to expanding the light of masonry by introducing some changes to our Stated business meeting each month. We will start in June with the Right Worshipful Garrett Chan, Deputy Grand Master of California coming to talk to our lodge about harmony.

By the time you read this message, Brothers Eugene Dumlao and Corey Dussault will have been passed to the

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From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, FRANK PERTIERRA

Greetings Brethren,

During the May stated meeting we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo to celebrate Mexico's Victory over the second French empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. In the US, Cinco de Mayo is primarily as a day to acknowledged and appreciate the Mexican Culture and heritage particularly among Mexican - Americans. It is a day to showcase Mexican traditions for food and other

traditions of food and other cultural aspects. We will be serving Carne Asada, fish, or a vegan option with chips and salsa and flan for dessert, and a Mariachi Band will entertain us during dinner.

During the June stated meeting, we will celebrate the Philippine Independence Day. It will be the 127 years celebrating Filipino Freedom. During the July Stated Meeting, we will celebrate Independence Day.

Please join us at the May Stated Meeting and make your reservation by sign-up genius, email 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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EDITOR'S NOTES

May you and everyone you care about continue to enjoy your spring activities throughout the month of May. I wish our newly conferred Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Brothers much success with their proficiency work and hope the efforts of our officers and candidates contribute to meaningful and satisfying Masonic Journeys.

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 nor voted on.

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Senior and Junior Stewards; a membership track for Junior Wardens, Marshalls, Senior Deacons, and Chaplains; and a ritual track for officers' coaches, organists, and tilers.

I thank the officers who offered their precious time to participate in this year's leadership retreat and have asked them to share some key takeaways they learned during the retreat.

On Tuesday, April 8th I received word that Brother Richard San Mames had laid down his working tools. It is with a sad heart and much admiration, for his over thirty years of service, that I report that he has departed from our daily lives.

Masonic Formation Classes were facilitated on April 14th and April 28th, and they are described later in this Trestle Board. The Masonic Formation Class meetings are important for developing prospects and candidates, for assisting our Brother Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons with their proficiencies, and for providing ongoing refreshers on Masonic fundamentals to our proficient Master Masons. These classes are important to me, and I ask that each of you make it a point to attend at least one class this year.

Several of our officers represented our Lodge during the April District School of Instruction on April 15th which was hosted by Cal Lodge No. 1, and our officer's team will host the May DSOI Meeting.

On April 16th we initiated Brother Charles Gagas to the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason. My thanks go out to our officers, to the sideliners who attended this degree conferral, to all who assisted with this conferral. I would like to stress the importance of sideline participation in degrees and ask that each of you make it a point to attend our future conferrals.

A week later, our officers and several others met to practice for the Fellowcraft

degree conferral planned for April 30th, to review activities of the past quarter, and to discuss degrees and events planned for the next two months.

On April 30th, we passed Brother Dumlao and Brother Dussault to the degree of Fellowcraft. I thank all involved for their participation in this conferral.

As mentioned in 1 Kings 6:37 (Marking the beginning of the construction of King Solomon's Temple), the April to May time frame of the Gregorian Calendar roughly aligns with the Hebrew month of Zif or the second month of the sacred year. The same verse indicates that Zif is a Hebrew word meaning "Light" or "Glow." During this time frame we celebrated the 175th anniversary of the California Grand Lodge Established in Sacramento, CA between April 17th and May 6th AL 5850 (Anno Lucis being a dating system equivalent to the Gregorian year of 1850 plus 4000); celebrated the 120-year anniversary of a series of preliminary meetings among fourteen San Francisco Brethren who worked acquire, on June 24, 1905, a Grand-Master dispensation to open a Lodge called Amity; and observed May Day; Cinco De Mayo; Mother's Day; and Memorial Day.

As we account for the return of the seasons and the vibrant scenes of this halfway point between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice we can reflect on and reawaken the spirit of Freemasonry in ourselves and our Fraternity, seek harmony and balance in our lives, nurture each other with morality and virtue reminding ourselves of the enlightenment we experience as we grow as individuals and as Masons. This also being a time associated with the Masonic tradition of fidelity, we also celebrate the immeasurable contributions of our mothers and divinely feminine influences in our lives which help us to remain balanced and to embrace love, compassion and wisdom, which help shape us as we continue to develop our craft, and to plant the seeds of intellect and knowledge and further pursuits knowledge and enlightenment.

We will close the month honoring those members of our country's armed forces who have given their lives in the battles which have occurred over the history of our country.

As we focus on honoring our country, please also make plans to join our members as we walk in the Independence Day parade in Redwood City on 4 July after which we will look forward to sharing fraternal experiences with our brethren in Panama and participating in local brotherly love and relief activities during our 2025 Master's trip.

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Our retention committee has been working to contact a group of our members to discuss any circumstances associated with continuing membership and dues. If you are having any difficulty in paying your dues or if you know someone who is, please contact me, a member of our Retention Committee, or one of our officers to discuss your situation. My thanks go out to our retention committee members for their service and to anyone who reaches out to discuss his situation. We are all in this together and benefit from helping each other.

I look forward to seeing you during the upcoming May activities; I thank you for your continued support and participation; and I continue to hold that we may always receive the blessing of heaven and that we may live our lives according to the tenants and virtues taught by our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Fraternity yours,

**Anil Awasti,
Worshipful Master**



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degree of Fellowcraft. I hope you attended their ceremony. We hope to pass more EAs to Fellowcraft in May and to soon raise them to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Buenos Dias,

Bro. Bruce Lyons
Sr. Warden



DUES ARE DUE

Just a friendly reminder the dues for 2025 of \$88.50 are now considered delinquent. If you have not yet paid, you can pay online or via check.

Please reach out to our secretary with questions or for additional instruction. If you are unable to pay, please reach out to a member of the retention committee to discuss (in confidence) your situation and any assistance that may be available.

Masonic Formation Class

Columbia Brotherhood's officers and coaches facilitated Masonic Formation Class (MFC) Meetings on April 14th and 28th, prepared for the Entered Apprentice degree conferral on April 16, prepared for the Fellowcraft Degree on April 30th, and practiced for the ritual subject of the May District School of Instruction (DSOI).

In-person MFC-meeting participants met at 6:00 PM to share a light meal and to discuss a variety of general and Masonic topics. At 7:00 PM those who were unable to attend in person joined the in-person participants via Zoom participated in and discussed short talk topics.

The topics covered included the history of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, Freemasonry and public education, Orders of Architecture, working tools of operative masons and how they apply to Speculative Masonry, King Solomon, and Masonic degree work. These discussions were followed by degree proficiency work. Short descriptions of the referenced subjects follow.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge History

Sixteen Lodges were chartered between 1903 and 1926 and consolidated between 1963 and 2005 to form Columbia Brotherhood No. 370. The two lodges discussed during the April MFC meetings included FAIRMONT Lodge No. 435, chartered October 16th, 1913, and GEORGE WASHINGTON Lodge No. 525, chartered October 12th, 1922.

Freemasonry and public education

During American colonial times a formal education was a luxury that was only available to the wealthy. Those without wealth were limited to taking an apprenticeship in a trade; being educated in biblical teachings from a church; or, if an individual was a Freemason, he could be educated in his Lodge. Lodges at the time sought to teach manners and decorum; public speaking; record keeping and bill paying; citizenship, debate and voting; and liberal arts and sciences. This assisted the Brethren, but many were concerned about how to educate the children. One Freemason, Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin, saw the importance of equal education for all and shared that if the country were to succeed, its citizens would need to be educated. Most Worshipful Franklin went as far as founding and operating institutions of public education.

President, Worshipful Brother George Washington, another Freemason shared the same view and included reference to the need for public education in his 1796 farewell speech stating, "promote then, as an object of primary importance,

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institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened..."¹

According to the California Masonic Foundation, in April California Freemasons celebrated 105 years of advocating for and supporting public education in California beginning in 1920 when Grand Master Charles Adams declared the first public school's week. Our Grand Lodge continues this tradition today.

Orders of Architecture

Necessity being the mother of invention, order in architecture



may be traced back to the first formation of society when the inclemency of the seasons obliged men to come up with ways to protect themselves, and from the simple solutions used at that time came an entire art of architecture

which is an assemblage of parts and materials ordered to provide the best form and function needed to satisfy the stated architectural need.

There are generally five Orders of architecture including the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite, and they are generally recognized by the types of columns used. Discussions covered the fact Freemasons esteem the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, invented by the Greeks for their invention and character, and how buildings and architecture are representative work done by Operative Masons which can represent the internal work of Speculative Masons.

Working Tools and other Masonic Symbols

Speculative Masonry uses the working tools, of the practical art and science of Operative Masonry, and allegory to convey moral and philosophical lessons. Studying the ways these working tools were used and discussing their moral and philosophical meaning in Speculative Masonry can assist with one's personal exploration and development associated with one's Masonic journey. The tools or symbols discussed in April included the square, level, plumb, apron, and gavel.

King Solomon

King Solomon and the stonemasons who built the temple which bore his name play a large part in the traditions of our Fraternity. He is said to have succeeded his father David to become the penultimate ruler of the Twelve Tribes of Israel between 970 and 931 BCE.

The building of the Temple of Solomon is an allegory which assists in the understanding of the three degrees of Freemasonry and concept associated with a building being a spiritual temple within oneself representing one's self development.



The image of King Solomon shown on the right adorns the former Grand Lodge of California Building at 25 Van Ness Ave. which was a significant Masonic meeting place until the Masonic Temple on Nob Hill was completed in 1958.

Masonic degree work

The Masonic Blue Lodge experience involves progressing through the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees which are based on the Journeyman education system of Medieval craftsmen. Before one can advance from one degree to the next, he should mentally and morally prepare himself for the next degree. General discussion topics included the degree descriptions and the process of moving through them, and proficiency work which involves going through the necessary work to become entitled to advancement to the next degree.

Short Talks Planned for MFC Meetings

MFC Meetings are planned for May 12th and May 19th, and topics of study include continued discussion about constituent lodges that consolidated to form Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, and selected symbols associated with one's Masonic Journey including ashlar, the point within a circle, the spiritual building.

In addition to MFC Meetings, please look for upcoming announcements about workshops being planned in support of our newly obligated Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Brothers.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gonzalez, PM
MFC Coach



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IN MEMORIAM



Brother Richard San Mames was born April 3, 1952, and laid down his tools on April 8, 2025, at 73 years of age. He was raised in Starr King No. 344 on February 22, 1995, affiliated with Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 on July 1, 1996, and affiliated with Mission No.169 on February 4, 2003. He served as Marshall of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in 2001; as a Trustee for Mission No. 169 in 2014, 2017, 2018; and he received the Hiram Award from Mission No. 169 on November 21, 2020. **His Masonic Funeral Service will be on May 19th at 11:00 AM at our Lodge followed by a lunch. His interment service will be on May 20th. For more information, contact Brother Bruce Lyons.**

*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*



As a reminder,



§804.855 of the California Masonic Code, Entitled, "DUTY TO ATTEND FUNERAL," indicates that "it is the duty of every member, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft to attend the funeral of a deceased member of his Lodge or any other Master Mason residing within the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience."

One Year Anniversary

Magdalena "Nina" Chavez
July 22, 1951 - May 9, 2024

Mass
Friday, May 9 at 10:00 AM

Holy Angels Catholic Church
107 San Pedro Road, Colma

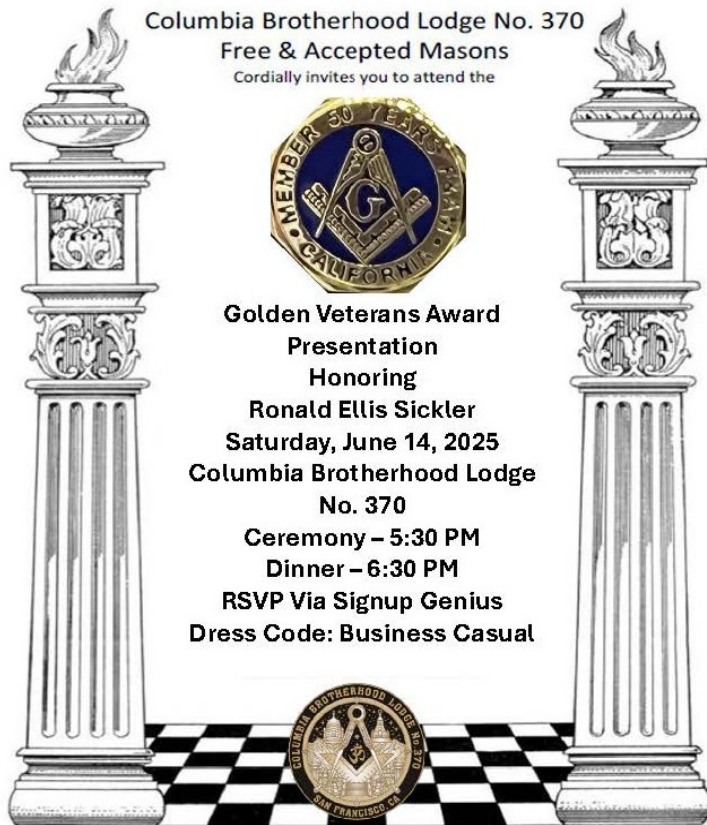
We understand that not everyone may be able to attend the memorial Mass in person, but we ask that you please join us in spirit. If you are unable to be present, we kindly invite you to light a candle or say a prayer in Nina's memory.

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 370
Cordially invites you to attend a Special Lunch honoring the Columbia Brotherhood Widows
Scenic Round Train Trip from Napa to St. Helena
Gourmet Express Lunch
Saturday, June 28, 2025

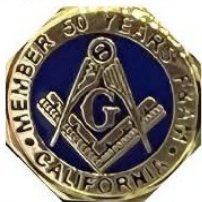
Meet at 8:45 A.M. at Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. for Napa Train Station
Dress Code: Business Attire - Suit or Sport Coat and Tie
Seating is limited!
Make your reservations early by calling Carlos Suncín at 415-806-2711
Columbia Brotherhood Lodge Widows: Free
Guests: \$50 per person

GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD CEREMONIES


Watch for more information regarding recognition for Brother Mario Arbis (Crocker Lodge No. 212), Brother Oscar Estioko (Columbia Brotherhood No. 370), Brother William Botieff (Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370), WB Paul Davis Johns (Mission Lodge No. 169).



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370
Free & Accepted Masons
Cordially invites you to attend the



**Golden Veterans Award
Presentation
Honoring
Ronald Ellis Sickler
Saturday, June 14, 2025
Columbia Brotherhood Lodge
No. 370
Ceremony – 5:30 PM
Dinner – 6:30 PM
RSVP Via Signup Genius
Dress Code: Business Casual**




COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE

2025 Annual Camping Trip

JUNE 5, 6, & 7 (three nights)

Loafer Creek Camp Ground Lake Oroville

Join us for one day, two days, all days!
For more information contact
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\$10 pp
12 and under free



HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAY BRETHREN

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS, MAY 2025

William Aldridge, PM	5/16/1988	Alex Ellescas, PM	5/18/2012	Frank Pertierra	5/21/2014
Daniel Ahern	5/10/2017	Bernd Albrecht	5/23/1967	Vincent Piga	5/27/2009
Mario Arbis	5/24/1975	Candler Gibson	5/29/2013	Nicholas Rasis, PM	5/19/1975
Carlos Balladares	5/17/1999	Edmond Lim, PM	5/12/1983	Francis Rosendale	5/17/1963
Robert Bugawan, PM	5/8/1965	Daniel Constantine	5/19/1970	Paul Sabelstrom	5/31/1974
Juan Cespedes, PM	5/22/2001	Ermanno Matteucci	5/11/1981	Ronald Sickler	5/8/1975
Patrick Cheng	5/19/2003	Ermanno Matteucci, PM	5/22/1990	Brandon Vance	5/16/2018
Christopher Cole	5/15/2019	Steven Miller	5/17/1966	Dewayne Watson	5/25/2004
Franklin Dalog	5/14/2002	Manuel Ortiz-Luis, PM	5/19/2010	John Whitefield	5/16/1972
Lawrence Di Giacomo, PM	5/22/1972	John Palau	5/16/1969		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN MAY 2025 BIRTHDAYS

Daniel David Ahern	17	Danny J. Farro	11	Francis William Rosendale	4
William Clayton Albright	22	Steven Lewis Holly, PM	11	Ronald Ellis Sickler	6
Richard William Barber	5	Peter Abdalla Ishaq	23	James Toy	2
Daniel Simon Bilog	9	Paul Davis Johns, PM	17	George Ernest Wade, PM	8
Kenneth Warren Bott	21	Kirk Bruce Maringer	29	Glen Allan Williams, PM	24
Oscar Patacsil Estioko	14	Lorenzo Robert Ramos	14	Lawrence Carl Rober Yarberry	6

APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



WELCOME BROTHER CHARLES GAGAS



2025 Northern California



Masons Night

SF Giants vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
May 13, 2025, at 6:45 PM PDT

Join our Grandmaster and your fellow brethren for an exciting night at Oracle Park for Masons Night to celebrate our continued partnership with the Giants Community Fund as the Official Mitt Sponsor for the Junior Giants via our Masons4Mitts campaign! During the game, be sure to check out fellow brother David Okamoto as he makes his debut on the field as the SF Giants Ball dude!!!

Discounted tickets for friends and family are available at:
https://www.gofevo.com/event/MasonsNorthernCalifornia25?utm_term=2025-05-04&utm_campaign=masons_of_ca_news_and_events&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newslette

THANKS TO THOSE WHO REPRESENTED THE LODGE AT THE RETREAT



COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 370

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS DUMLAO & DUSSAULT



***CBL #370 MASTER'S TRIP TO PANAMA
JULY 10-24, 2025***



Join us on our Master's trip to Panama!

Dates: July 10 through July 24, 2025

Some of our planned activities are:

- *Charity Work with local nonprofit organizations
- *A Visit to the Pacific Lodge No.5 and the Grand Lodge of Panama
- *A Stay at a Beach Resort
- *Brotherhood and Fellowship
- *Local and Regional Tours
- *Sightseeing and Shopping for Everyone

For more information, contact Carlos Suncín at 415-806-2711 and e-mail: sun1car@earthlink.net.

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA

- The subjects that make up the Quadrivium: _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- James Anderson compiled the first Book of _____.
- The three principle rounds of Jacob’s Ladder are denominated: _____, _____, _____.
- It being necessary that there should be wisdom to _____.
- Five senses of human nature: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- The _____ Ashlar is taken from the quarry in its rude and natural state.
- The basis upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected is _____.
- The _____ represents rectitude of life.
- The Senior Warden’s Jewel is the: _____.
- A Lodge is metaphorically supported by three great pillars denominated: _____, _____, and _____.

Answers to APRIL 2025 Trivia

- The Psalm number starting with “Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” is: **PSALM 133**.
- In three subjects that make up the trivium: **Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic**.
- The form of a Lodge is: **Oblong**.
- Masonry is a progressive, moral **Science**.
- The three principal stages of human life: **Youth, Manhood, and Age**.
- What Lodge was assigned Number 545 in 1923? **Jonathan #545**.
- What anniversary will the California Grand Lodge celebrate in April 2025? **175th**.
- The Level represents: **Equality**.
- The Masonic Treasurer’s jewel is often depicted as: **Crossed Keys**.
- Lodge No, 640 choose Veritas because it is Latin for **Truth**.

What is What?



Can you Identify the tool shown to the left which was used by our ancient Masonic Brethren?

Answer: **Skirret**

What was it used for? **The string is unwound from the spindle and used to layout the design of a structure in a manner similar to layouts with present day chalk lines.**

Which is Which?

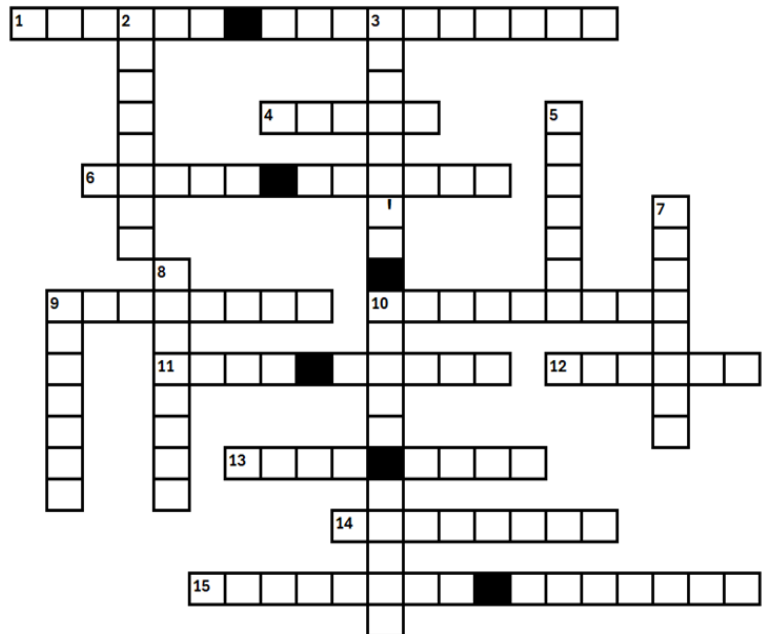
Sixteen Lodges consolidated to become Columbia Brotherhood No. 370, and they are shown in this Crossword puzzle. Blanks stand for spaces in multiple-word lodge names.

Across

- No. 525, Chartered 10/12/1922
- No. 370, Chartered 10/12/1905
- No. 517, Chartered 10/12/1922
- No. 461, Chartered 10/12/1916
- No. 388, Chartered 10/10/1907
- No. 464, Chartered 10/12/1916
- No.393, Chartered 10/12/1908
- No. 536, Chartered 10/10/2022
- No. 435, Chartered 10/16/1913
- No. 570, Chartered 10/12/1923

Down

- No. 375, Chartered 10/11/1906
- No. 706, Chartered, 10/12/1950
- No. 640, Chartered, 10/14/1926
- No. 354, Chartered 10/12/1953
- No. 545, Chartered 10/11/1923
- No. 514, Chartered 10/12/1922



The completed puzzle will be in the **JUNE 2025 Trestleboard**.



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Important Reminder from the Master

Spring being a season of rebirth, renewal and fresh starts, I hope that you and your families are well and safe; that you experience an appropriate time of reflection and introspection, and a renewed commitment to Masonic and personal growth; and that through this growth we are reminded 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.

Anil Awasti
Master 2025



Gran Loggia de Panama