

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

DECEMBER 2020

THIS MONTH

- December 2nd 2020 Stated meeting will be **VIRTUAL**. Look in your email for link to meeting.
- December 12th, 2020 Installation of 2021 Officers will be **VIRTUAL**. A link will be sent out for the Zoom meeting.

All Events and meetings are subject to change in the next few months

December 2020 Masonic Formation Classes will be dark this month.

Please check our website and your email for changes to the schedule.

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From the East

Greetings from the East,
Hello Brethren and ladies,



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday! I want to begin by congratulating all of

our elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year! The passing of the torch to our incoming Master is a great honor. His passion will continue the tradition in ruling and governing the lodge with his great wisdom and the repository of the faithful breast. With the support and hard work of all the officers, the lodge will continue in strength, peace, and harmony! As the perfect ashlar, we hope to arrive by a virtuous

education, our own endeavors in the blessing of God.

Please join us for the 116th Annual Installation of Officers 2021 by virtual zoom on Saturday, December 12th at 12:00 pm. Our last stated meeting of the year will also be by virtual zoom on December 2nd at 7:30 pm. You will receive an email invitation for the zoom link. If you need assistance for meeting ID and password, you may contact our secretary WB Armando Telles at [650 201-4300](tel:6502014300) and our assistant secretary WB Jason Yen at [925 989-6898](tel:9259896898).

At this time, I want to thank you all for your support in my term as Master for the year 2020! Without your support, I would not have reached the Oriental Chair. We learned in the teaching of our

ancient craft that Time Patience and Perseverance will accomplish all things. Although we experienced a challenging and unpredictable year, I believe our brotherhood has become more resilient. Together we have adapted to many changes, remained flexible, came to one another's aid in charitable givings, and learned new ways to practice fellowship while continuing the traditions of our ancient craft. I am eternally grateful for the time, dedication, and effort you have given towards our lodge and our brothers. I am honored to have worked alongside all of you. As Always Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Renato Alfonso
Master



Stated Meeting via Zoom, Dec 2nd

This month, we will again be holding a virtual stated meeting. This has been sanctioned by Grand Lodge of California. Look for the link in your email. If you do not have access to a computer or need the link to the meeting, contact the Secretary or Asst. Secretary.

CMC Section 807.020 Good Standing Requirement. No motion will be entertained unless it was given to the secretary 2 weeks before the stated meeting. No member may make a motion, second a motion, speak on a motion or vote on a motion recommend anyone for membership or ballot on membership at a lodge meeting unless he is then a member of good standing of the lodge. He must have a current dues receipt will be verified by the tiler.



CBL #370 is committed to it's members and to Masonary through these hard times.

From the West



Francis Feliciano
Senior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Glorious New Year.

As 2020 comes to a close it is with great excitement that I say we survived this calamitous year. Worshipful Brother Bill Aldridge best describes it as having been "volatile". I would love to quote other brothers but their thoughts about this year have very strong and profane adjectives.

To no fault of theirs. Some brothers struggled several more times over than others from the fires, loss of jobs and business, and on top of that, the pandemic. Throw in the civil unrest and political turmoil and we have a smorgas-

bord of a catastrophic event. But we hung in there and rolled with the punches not because we are invincible but because we have each other, to help one another and to motivate us to overcome our hardships. We are truly resilient and we are blessed.

We have done many firsts this year. The first virtual stated meeting, first drive through dinner distribution, first virtual election, and by the time you read this, our first Virtual Installation. It is weird to say the least but our health and safety is paramount. I hope to celebrate this momentous occasion with all of you perhaps at a later time, when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please join us for our lodge instal-

lation and take part in celebrating, virtually, the new officers for the ensuing year.

I am honored to have served as the Senior Warden this year and I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as Master of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370, Free and Accepted Masons for 2021.

Be safe my brethren. Stay strong. Remain resilient.

Francis Feliciano, Sr.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No.370

Master Elect, 2021

From the South



Reyno Del Rosario Jr.
Junior Warden



Greetings from the South!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday!

It has been a pleasure of serving as the Junior Warden and would like to extend my appreciation and all the support and understanding, without your help and all the officers this would not have been possible "Thank you" I look forward to serve you as the Senior Warden, for the ensuing year.

As we held our first virtual stated meeting and election of new officers for the ensuing Masonic year. I would like to extend my congratulations to the newly elected officers and particularly our Master Elect Brother Francis Feliciano. In addition, congratulations to advancing officers, especially to our new Senior Deacon Brother Jason Hui. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the ensuing Masonic year.

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Annual Installation of Officers 2021 by virtual zoom on Saturday, December 12th at 12:00 pm. Our last stated meeting of the year will also be by virtual zoom on December 2nd at 7:30 pm.

Stay safe and healthy!

Reyno Del Rosario
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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Reyno Del Rosario jr.Member

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Orlando Arce P.M.
Armando Telles P.M.

Community Partnerships Grand Lodge

California Masons are committed to making a profound difference in our communities. By partnering with respected organizations, the California Masonic Foundation provides meaningful support where there is a critical need. These partnerships touch the lives of thousands of Californians each year.



Masons4Mitts

Through Masons4Mitts, the California Masonic Foundation partners with popular baseball teams to help underserved youth.

Each baseball season, teams of lodges face off in friendly competition to purchase baseball mitts for children in need. Each mitt is embossed with the Masons of California logo.

Over the past seven years, the Masons of California have provided more than \$500,000 in gifts to support under-resourced youth. Visit masons4mitts.org during baseball season to learn more.

Cornerstone Ceremonies

California Masons conduct a number of historic cornerstone ceremonies each year in communities statewide. Continuing a tradition that originated in the 1730s, officers of the Masons of California Grand Lodge lay a symbolic first stone of a civic building. Each ceremony incorporates the tools of operative masonry - the square, level, and plumb - along with the elements of corn and wheat (signifying plenty), wine (symbolizing joy), and oil (representing peace).

UCLA Freemasonry and Civil Society Program

In 2011, the California Masonic Foundation and its Institute for Masonic Studies entered into a collaborative partnership with the history department at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), to help establish its [Freemasonry and Civil Society Program](#). The program offers ongoing courses investigating the history of Freemasonry within the context of civil society, and sponsors a post-doctoral fellow each year.

The Freemasonry and Civil Society Program develops annual international conferences to coincide with current research. Open to the public, these events seek to educate and inspire scholars of the craft. Learn more about the conference by visiting the Grand Lodge of California.

GIVE A GIFT

SUPPORT A DISTRESSED WORTHY BROTHER TODAY

A Mason always heeds the call. Your generous contribution will have a lasting impact on the most vulnerable among us.

Ceremonies of Installation of Officers

Introduction

The installation of lodge officers has been a function of the Grand Master, or an officer he designates since time immemorial. No officer of a Masonic lodge may take up his elected or appointed duties until formally installed to his office by proper authority.

This ceremony relies heavily on the work of the prolific

Masonic author and commentator, Robert Macoy who first set it down in writing in 1885. The Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, Macoy was instrumental in writing and recording Masonic ceremonies, and he was the author of the Adoptive Rite of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The installation of lodge officers is an important function of the Lodge. The Lodge ceremonies adopt a standard ceremony that emphasizes

es with due solemnity, these important occasions, and that we deliver a presentation of which will bring credit to all Lodges.



The Importance of Preparation

The Grand Master acknowledges the importance of installing lodge officers and will make every effort to schedule and attend these presentations. In the event he cannot attend, he will select a Grand Lodge officer, or an Area or District Deputy to make the presentation. In turn, the lodge must make every effort to ensure a turnout of all officers who are to be installed, as well as properly publicizing the

event (if a public installation), and make those preparations necessary to ensure that the event is a success.

In the case of public installation, it is critical that the lodge puts its best foot forward, the officers should dress for the occasion, and the event should be given the importance and dignity that the occasion requires.

Lodge Secretary

In addition to proper planning, as above, the lodge Secretary also has a role to play in the ceremony. He must:

Print out the script of the proceedings (below) with each brother who is to be installed listed.

Notify the lodge chaplain that his services are required for this event, or nominate a chaplain *pro tem*

to lead the assembly in prayer according to the script.

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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.

The dues are \$75.25 per year.

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

Secretary- Armando Telles

Asst. Secretary - Jason Yen

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 and you can 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.

The Top Hat

Masonic hats worn by the Master of the Lodge signify his authority of his rank and status...the origins of which go back over many centuries.

The wearing of a hat by the Worshipful Master alludes to the crown that adorned the head of King Solomon.

In the United States, a Stetson Homburg or Fedora style hat is quite popular and is often chosen by the Master of the lodge. Other hat brands and styles are also worn.

Albert Mackey, Masonic researcher and historian had this to say about Masonic hats in his *Revised Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*, 1929:

To uncover the head in the presence of their superiors has been, among Christian nations, held as a dutiful obligation.

Among Eastern nations, it is their custom to uncover their feet when they enter a place of worship.

Kings:

Historically, Kings wore crowns to denote their rank, while the courtiers standing around him removed their hats in deference to his superior status.

Ancient Romans

We are told that the ancient Romans prayed with their head covered or veiled.

The woolen cap, called a *pileus*, was allowed to be worn only by the free-by-birth or manumission (papers with which one is formally released from slavery), but it was forbidden for Roman slaves to wear this cap.

House of Commons - London

Historically, it was customary that a member of the English Parliament, London's House of Commons, wear a hat when he addressed the membership of the House. If he were to have risen to speak without his hat, other members would greet him with cries of "Order, Order"!

France

In France, it was the custom of monks at the Sorbonne, (previously called the University of Paris which was founded in 1257 by Robert de Sorbon) to remove their cap when a member did not wish to speak or was in token of agreement with the others.

(End of Mackey quote from *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1929)

Masonic Hats: United States:

Today, Masonic hats are worn, ceremonially, in the United States during the time when the lodge is in session. Some Grand Lodges require that the hat be constructed with a brim. Others simply decree that the Worshipful Master remains covered at all times.

Internationally:

In different jurisdictions around the world, it is also common to see many different styles of Masonic hats.

Does the Worshipful Master have to wear a Masonic hat?

Masonic hats are the privilege of the Master of the Lodge, and only his. To remain with his head covered to signify that his is the position to which the greatest respect should be paid. If in doubt, however, contact your Grand Lodge for more information about your specific jurisdiction.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge holds the most honored, prestigious and sacredly held chair of office during his term. The Worshipful Master's **position** (not the man, himself) is one of the 3 Lesser Lights. The 3 Lesser Lights of a Lodge are the Sun, the Moon and the Worshipful Master.

As the highest ranking officer within the lodge, it is the duty of the man holding this office to preserve the solemnity and respect of this ancient and historic position, symbolic of his duties as one of the Lesser Lights.

While Masonic hats differ within jurisdictions around the world, Masonic hats are a visible symbol of the Master's authority, and as such, should reflect a respectful, classic or traditional style.

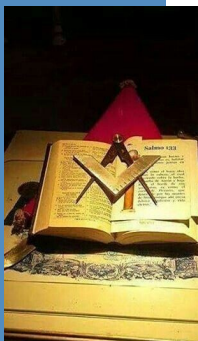
Masonic Hat Styles

There are numerous styles of Masonic hats are worn by the Worshipful Masters in different areas of the United States and in various jurisdictions around the world. There are satin top hats, the satin collapsible folding top hat, felt top hats, men's fedora hats, derbies, bowlers, and many more. Other jurisdictions around the world wear different varieties of Masonic hats, caps and tams.

While most Freemasons are aware that ritual and a few officer duties and Masonic symbols vary somewhat around the world;..."From many, one;...and from one, many."

...A brotherhood of many, ...who speak different languages, who reside possibly half a world away...who each wear different hats...come together as one....within the brotherhood of Freemasonry.

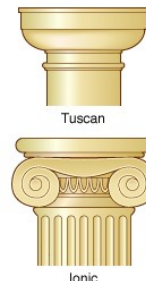
Maintaining
the lodge



Richmond Masonic Temple Co.

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Jason Unulata.....	President
Jim Guerrero	Vice President
James Gonzales	Secretary
Carlos Suncin	Treasurer
Phillip Busalacchi	Member
Bruce Lyons.....	Member
Richard San Mames	Member



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Secure the services of an installing marshal or notify the Grand Lodge that a marshal will be needed

from among the Grand Lodge officers.

Collect all officers' jewels and place them on the altar for the installing marshal.

Expectations

If we agree that the installation of officers are some of the most important occasions the lodge can facilitate, *then there is absolutely no excuse for a shabby presentation*; anything less shows Masonry in a very poor light. Because of this, please observe the following expectations:

Timely notice is required for Grand Master to attend

RSVPs are required for the officers who are to be installed

The lodge room and facilities should be clean and inviting

Ushers should be on hand to seat any members or guests with disabilities

The remarks of the presenter should conform to this ceremony



Conclusion

Officer installations are important events for not only our fraternity but for our brethren being installed and their families. It is therefore only proper that Grand Lodge and local officers work together to ensure a meaningful ceremony.

For Lodge presenters – they must act both as an emcee and an ambassador and it is of the utmost importance to create a positive impression both for our members and any potential members who may attend an emblem ceremony.

Grand Lodge officers should dress formally if the occasion requires it, or wear their appearance suit at a minimum, as well as collar, jewel, and apron to all installations. District and Area Deputies should wear coat and tie (at the minimum) with their jewel of office.

Lodge officers should also wear coat and tie, and ensure that the lodge is squared away and in proper shape to receive visitors, some of whom may have never visited a Masonic lodge before. A proper appearance is augmented by professional behavior. All officers should be prompt; arriving and starting the ceremony on time.

Finally, be certain to display a positive attitude, and above all, enjoy the time you spend with our newly installed officers.

December Birthdays

Renato	Alfonso	Dionisio Logina	Dela Cruz	PM	Eduard	Rashom	Marchese	
Arnel	Jose	Emil	John Andres	Estolano	Isaac	Cabrera	Mejia	
Wallace	Roderick	Mark	Gregory	Fitzpatrick	Haralambos	N.	Papadopoulos	
Raymond	Alf	John	Sheldon	Gottsche	Frank	B.	Pertierra	
Juan	Cespedes	Allan	John	Houlberg	George		Poon	
Jimmy	Chow	Ed	P.	Isana	Theodore	Ross	Prepoutse	
Gerald	Toner	Martin	Karl	Kloess	Ronald	Bass	Ragland	PM
John	Michael	Jaeame	Inneass	Koyil	Damaso	Arellano	Ramirez	
Nader	Musa	Kenneth		Lebovitz	Allen	Wesley	Smith	III
Perry	Edward	Eli	Gabriel	Levy	Christian	Ejvind	Sorensen	
Robert	De Luzuriaga				Dewayne	E.	Watson	II

116th Annual Installation of Officers



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California

Cordially invites you to be present at the Installation of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year on Saturday Evening,

December 12th, 2020.

Virtual Ceremony begins on the Zoom Link at High Twelve (12:00 P.M.)

Zoom Link will be provided separately in your email

RSVP by December 7, 2020

to James Gonzalez via phone at 510-772-7415 or via email at

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Installing Officers

Most Worshipful
Frank Loui
Installing Officer

Thomas C. Chavez, PM
Master of Ceremonies

Dionisio Dela Cruz
Installing Chaplain

Insp, 141th Masonic Dist.
Allan Nubia, PM

Officer's Coach
Dionisio Dela Cruz PM

2021 Officers

Master	Francis Feliciano, Sr.
Senior Warden	Reyno Del Rosario
Junior Warden	James Gonzalez
Treasurer	Orlando Arce, PM
Secretary.....	Jason Yen, PM
Chaplain	Renato Alfonso, PM
Assistant Secretary.....	Armando Telles, PM
Senior Deacon	Jason Hui
Junior Deacon.....	Anil Awasti
Marshall.....	Bruce Lyons
Senior Steward.....	Frank Pertierra
Junior Steward	Jeremias Jugal
Tiler	James S. Guerrero

Board and Trustees

Temple Board

James S. Guerrero

Carlos Suncin
Bruce Lyons
Anil Awasti

James Gonzalez
Phillip Busalacchi
Richard San Mames

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William Aldridge, PM
Armando Telles, PM
John M. Conlan, PM

Robert DeLuzuriaga, PM
Mike Baloupoulos, PM
Lawrence Di Giacomo, PM

Masonic Formation Class

by bro. James Gonzales



Masonic Formation Class Team wishes to congratulate and wish guidance and success

Jerry Jugal, Junior Stewart; James Guerrero, Tyler.

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge 370 owns the lodge building through the Richmond Masonic Temple Company of San Francisco, Inc. which

has a board of directors, and Columbia Brotherhood Lodge 370 owns an investment trust which has a board of trustees. During this same election, board of director positions for the Richmond Masonic Temple Company, and trustee positions for the lodge's investment trust were filled.

Congratulations to Jim Guerrero who was re-elected to the Temple Board of Directors, and Anil Awasti who will become a new Director and will replace Brother Jason Unluata, who will be stepping down as president of the temple board of directors and retiring from the board. Our thanks go to Brother Jason for his guidance as president of the board, and we wish him continued friendship, good health and prosperity

Congratulations to WB Lawrence Di Giacomo was elected to serve five more years as a trustee and WB John Conlan who will become a member emeritus. Congratulations to board of trustees and much success to them in the ensuing Masonic year.

Unfortunately, the presence of corona virus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19 in our communities mandates an abundance of caution on the parts of the City of San Francisco, the Grand Lodge of California, and the State of California who have issued restrictions intended to reduce contact between people thereby disrupting the virus's ability to replicate and or infect new hosts. Specifically, on March 18, 2020, our Grand Master Most Worshipful John Trauner issued the directive that "there

Congratulations to WB Lawrence Di Giacomo was elected to serve five more years as a trustee

The lodge's annual elections were held during our November Stated meeting, the Masonic Formation Class Team wishes to congratulate and wish guidance and success to our newly elected officers for the ensuing year including: Francis Feliciano, WM; Reyno Del Rosario, Jr., SW; James Gonzalez, JW; Orlando Arce, Treasurer; Jason Yen, Secretary; and also to our newly appointed officers: WB Renato Alfonso, Sr. Chaplain; Armando Telles, Assistant Secretary; Jason Hui, Senior Deacon; Anil Awasti, Junior Deacon; Bruce Lyons, Marshall; Frank Pertierra, Sr. Stewart;

During the 2020 annual communications meeting, the constituent member lodges of the California Grand Lodge codified processes maintaining essential lodge functions such as payment of invoices and invested authority in the Grand Master to provide processes for virtual stated meetings, lodge elections, and officer installations in the event of pandemics.

The current infection rates indicate that people are still sharing the virus with each other and that nothing has changed, so our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Arthur Harold Weiss has elected to continue this directive. Consequently, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge will be holding its 2020

officer installation virtually, so photos of these symbols are provided below.

The virtual installation process will be similar to the in-person process with the exception of floor work and in-person interactions. Each position and its responsibilities will be described by the installation officer, candidates for those offices will be introduced by the Master of Ceremonies and charged with the new responsibilities by the installing officer, and the officers for the ensuing Masonic year will be presented by the Installation officer.

The Masonic formation class is traditionally dark during the month of De-

cember, but given the current pandemic situation, Masonic Formation Classes continue Virtually for the first portion of 2020, and this will be adjusted based on directions from the State of California, the California Grand Lodge and the City of California.

The Masonic-Formation-Class team wishes all of you a happy holiday season and hopes you are able to be with those who you care about even if it may only be virtually.

See you online for the time being and hopefully in person as the new year progresses.


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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 the December calendar events will still be cancelled. However the Installation will commence, virtually.

Our stated meeting for the month of December will be held online. The Grand Lodge of California has authorized virtual gatherings. More information of sanctioned masonic gatherings will be sent via email and posted on our website. Please look for the link sent out through Signup Genius.

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



Thank you and stay
healthy.
Master 2020
Renato Alfonso

