

Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

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FEBRUARY 2024

THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 7

* STATED MEETING

FEBRUARY 10

* SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE

FEBRUARY 11

* SUPERBOWL

FEBRUARY 12

* MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

FFBRUARY 26

* MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

FEBRUARY 28

* DEGREE CONFERRAL

From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JASON HUI



Gung Hay Fat Choy,

This is the time of year we celebrate the Chinese New Year, the year of the Dragon. In Chinese culture, the Dragon holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success. Consequently, 2024 is forecasted to bring about opportunities, changes, and challenges. If you're seeking a shift in your current lives, this year might offer a favorable chance.

To celebrate, as we have done in the past, will have lion dancers during the stated meeting dinner. Please come early to the lodge in order to be seated before the lion dancers arrive.

Bring ear plugs if you have them. I predict this coming Dragon year will live up to the forecast of many opportunities and changes. I anticipate many degrees this year due to an upsurge in applicants and knockers to our lodge. I encourage our brothers and past masters to attend to support them as they are initiated, passed, and raised through their journey in Masonry. As always, we will have time for good fellowship before and after the degrees. If you have not visited the lodge in a long while, I am personally inviting you to come to reacquaint yourself. I will personally be there to meet you. I also want to open my door to you to listen to your concerns and wishes for the lodge so that I can properly direct it's membership towards an inclusive and

diverse lodge with equal respect to all. I also want to remind everyone that we will likely be voting during this February's Stated Meeting.

I organized a planning meeting in early January this year with all my officers, event committee members, and those who are assisting. I got many feedback and clarity many dates and details from everyone who attended. I noticed the dedication and commitment by everyone in their roles to the enjoyment of our lodge member's enjoyment of events. I was proud of the individual brothers that will be making your year a worthwhile experience as members of our lodge. So please be sure to attend the events I have planned for you this year as I have made it extremely affordable for members to participate. Also, because I anticipate this

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Dear Brethren.

I hope you are all doing well and staying warm and dry. In my new role as Sr. Warden of our Lodge, I have the pleasure to oversee Masonic Education and candidate advancement. As such, I would like to start by thanking Worshipful Brother James Gonzalez and Brother Jim Guerrero for co-leading our MFC classes this year. Our lodge is one of the few ones that invests so much time in sharing Masonic principles with members and candidates of all lodges. Currently, the coaches are working on preparing Brother Mel for his firstdegree proficiency. Please be on the lookout for an invite to his second-degree conferral in the near future.

We also have two candidates who have submitted their applications to take the degrees

of Masonry in our lodge. More on that soon. We also have an application for Brother Louise Allsopp to affiliate with our lodge. I hope to see these candidates and brothers at our MFC classes.

The MFC topics for February include the makeup of Blue Lodges and the Grand Lodge, the legislative process for amending the CMC, and a deep discussion of the three principle tenants of Masonry.

Brothers, our MFC class is a gem with Bay Area Masonry, and I ask you all to plan on attending at least 1 MFC class this year. Those who have never attended will be in for a treat where we discuss various aspects of what it means to be a good Mason. The MFC class is where a lot of connections are forged for our lodge and my hope is that we get large turnouts. To facilitate this, I have

asked that we send out Sign-Up Genius invites for our classes every month. My hope is that this will help you as you plan your calendar.

Take care Brothers and see you at the lodge.

Anil Awasti Senior Warden



From the South

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My prayer for you is that you have had a great start to the new year and are looking forward to a bright and prosperous 2024.

February will be a celebration of the Lunar New Year. It is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities, among others. We here in San Francisco and our lodge have a rich Chinese history and have made it a tradition to celebrate this date with the longest Chinese New Year parade outside of Asia.

JUNIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

Our stated meeting will be a buffet of Chinese food, including a whole pig. We will have lion dancers along with celebrating other traditions to welcome the year of the Dragon. Those born in the Year of the Dragon are

believed to be ambitious, energetic, and charismatic, often inspiring others with their passion and enthusiasm. They are often considered natural leaders, confident and unafraid to take risks, making them magnetic personalities in social and professional circles. Do you know someone born in 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1975, 1988, 2000, 2012, and 2024 that have these traits, such as WB Reyno Del Rosario, PM and Bro. Allan

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February is a very busy month and with fewer days. Stay healthy and safe.

Please reach out to me if you have any comments, concerns, or submissions. I am open to suggestions and ideas.

IN MEMORIAM

NONE

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.

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meeting to be longer than usual due to voting in the meeting, the spouses will be treated to something different while waiting for the meeting to finish. So make sure the spouses come to the stated meeting dinner.



In closing, Brothers, you hold the keys to our success. Our new Officers are all charged up and ready to make a difference. Please join us and make Columbia Brotherhood Lodge the best lodge in the Bay Area of San Francisco. Without your attendance, we will struggle to exist for future years! Now look to the East for the Light of every new Day. May we serve one another with faith, hope and charity.

Fraternally Yours.

Jason Hui

Jason Hui Worshipful Master

SECRETARY'S DESK

JASON YEN, P.M.

Dear Brethren,

Just a friendly reminder the dues for 2024 of \$85.50 is now consider delinquent. We appreciate the brethren who had already paid it. You have 2 options to pay your dues:

To use Credit Card: Go to Grand Lodge Website, www.freemason.org, create and/or update your account. You can print your due's card through iMember 2.0.

Send due's check to the Lodge and made it payable to Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370.

NAME TAGS: Members who wish to have a new name tag, please take this opportunity to order it. For efficiency and cost saving reasons, I will be taking orders beginning January 10 to April 05, 2024. The cost will be \$15 per name tag.

For Sign-up genius and E-Trestleboard related information, please contact Worshipful Brother Reyno Del Rosario. Contact information: reyowen@yahoo.com or Cell, 925-642-2717

All members can also access 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,

Jason Yen Secretary



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Young, anyone else?

In addition to the Stated Meeting, we will have our Annual Sweetheart Dance on February 10th with Nina's short ribs. The watching of the Big Game on February 11th at 3:00 PM with lots of food and fun! Will there be a local team involved? Let's hope! We plan to have a degree conferral on the 28th of February and Masonic Formation Classes on the 12th and 26th.

Make your plans now to join us for future meetings:

March Stated Meeting - Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Irish dancers. Salmon and vegan options will be for those not eating beef.

April Stated Meeting with a celebration of the spring equinox - ham, scalloped potatoes, and a fabulous dessert, and of course options for those not eating meat.

Our website has our calendar: <u>CAL-ENDAR | CBL 370</u> Make your plans now to join us for all the events this year.

Gong Hei Fat Choi.

Bruce Lyons *Junior Warden*

























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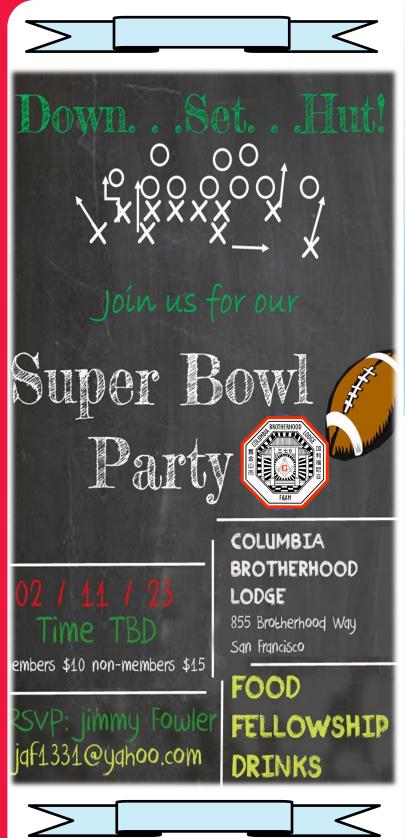
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02/19	DENIS RAJIC	02/27
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02/20 * CURRENT LODGE OFFICER









HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

- 1. A hiding place for murderers
- 2. The only one who wears a hat in the lodge
- 3. How Mason's act
- 4. Where the sun sets
- 5. Unit of measure in freemasonry
- 6. Simply, why we must wear aprons
- 7. The 3 officers with a rod
- 8. The 3 Lesser Lights
- 9. The 3 Great Lights
- 10. Why nobody sits in the North

Answers will be posted in the MARCH 2024 Trestleboard!

Can you name these Masons in the photos? From JANUARY 2024 Trestleboard





Answer: from L to R

Worshipful Brother Francis Feliciano, PM Worshipful Brother Bill Aldridge, PM Worshipful Brother John Conlan, PM Worshipful Brother Tom Burkhart, PM

Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo?

Answers will be in the MA2024 Trestleboard



Answers to JANUARY 2024 Trivia

- Always in the center of the lodge
 ALTAR
- The only one who wears a hat in the lodge THE MASTER
- 3. Where the sun rises from THE EAST
- 4. Title you earn after sitting in the East PAST MASTER
- Lodge Investors
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- 6. The number of Liberal Arts 7
- 7. Implement of the Tyler's Office THE TYLER'S SWORD
- 8. Deadly Tool

 SETTING MAUL
- 9. They traveled 3 East, 3 West, 3 North, and 3 South 12 FELLOWCRAFTS
- 10. Lodge Interrogator

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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.

Jason Hui Master 2024



