



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

VOLUME 118, ISSUE 10

OCTOBER 2023

THIS MONTH

OCTOBER 4

* STATED MEETING

OCTOBER 8

* Past Master Dinner & Dance

OCTOBER 9

* Masonic Formation Class
(MFC)

OCTOBER 14

* Octoberfest/
Night in Old Havana

OCTOBER 16

* Masonic Formation Class
(MFC)

OCTOBER 23

* Masonic Formation Class
(MFC)

OCTOBER 27- 29

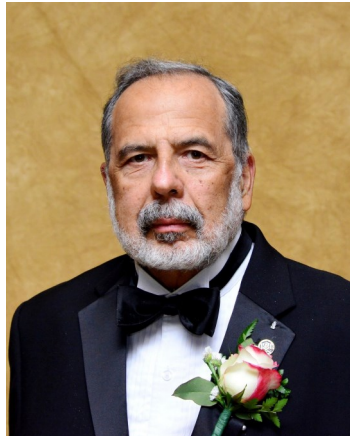
* Annual Communication

CBL370.COM



From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JAMES GONZALEZ



Brothers and Ladies,

With the advent of the autumnal equinox, in anticipation of autumn activities, and the beginning of the year's fourth quarter, I send you greetings from the east.

The autumnal equinox which occurred on the 22nd of September is the day on which the number of nighttime hours equals the number of daytime hours. This date is the midpoint between the summer solstice on June 21st and the winter Solstice on December 21st. It also falls at a midpoint between St John's Feast Day on June 24th and St John's Day on December 27th. These dates associate with the parallel lines representing St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist and with the Freemason symbol of point within a circle. It has also been said that relationships can exemplify a point on a Mason's

journey, a point of balance and harmony which allows reflection on the progress he has made in quest to be a better man, a time to be grateful for the bounties experienced during this year, and a time to look forward and prepare for the renewal and transformation during the ensuing masonic year.

Our current efforts involve the work needed to complete this masonic year, to prepare for the annual communications meeting for the California Grand Lodge, and to prepare in so many ways for the ensuing Masonic year. Our officers have been working on their proficiencies needed to qualify themselves for their 2024, "advanced stations" by performing the ritual functions of the upcoming seats, and by assisting each other in learning their new rolls in the lodge management and operation, and by planning for the events of the coming year, including two golden veterans' awards. Last months activities and the upcoming October

activities are discussed below.

The Grand lodge hosted an event on August 31st during which individuals who expressed interest in Freemasonry met with representatives of lodges in the San Francisco Bay Area and called it the Masonic Information Night. Several members of our lodge attended this event and met with perspective members, and several of these perspective members joined us during our Stated Meeting dinner on September 6th which was followed by our business meeting. In addition to other lodge business, **WB JASON YEN** presented the lodge's semiannual financial report which showed improvement in the lodge's net worth.

Many of us gathered again on the 9th of September to share a luau dinner which was followed by entertainment and dancing. My thanks to **WB ORLANDO ARCE**, Brother **CARLOS SUNCIN**, and Brother **ANIL AWASTI** for spear-

Continued on page 4



From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, JASON HUI

"What is a Mason?"

When I listen to Masons in Masonic gatherings, read articles from other Brothers around the globe, and visit other lodges, I often notice how most Men talk about their lives BEFORE Freemasonry. It is intriguing that they make correlations to the before and after Masonry. I then started to think about my life before Masonry of which was only a few years ago.

As a kid growing up, I used to struggle with larger group settings, and speaking comfortably around them. It was something that always seemed to affect my confidence. Because of that, I never played competition sports, not seri-

ously anyway. I think my lack of confidence in myself at that time extended to adulthood. But lucky for me, I seem to land myself in situations in college that required me to speak before groups of people. When I started my civic career, I found myself often thrust before groups without much or any preparation. From that, I found public speaking a dreaded event for me.

Many years later I discovered Freemasonry, but I never really gave it much thought. Once I became a Mason, I noticed a big shift in my outlook on life. Freemasonry made me challenge myself, and always strive to always do better. Soon after, I noticed a big change in my self-confidence. I then became

comfortable with giving presentations, and doing it with confidence. Becoming a Mason changed my life for the better, and it still remains the best decision I made for myself. I encourage all brothers, and all Men in our Friend-to-Friend Group to come find me, and let me know some of their own personal goals they have for next year. I think it's that outward excitement that will inspire others to join and to continue to make our Fraternity flourish.

For all our brothers, I want to remind you that Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370 is your Lodge even if you are not an officer. We have a lot

Continued on page 6

From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren.

I hope you all are doing well and ready to come to the lodge in October.

We will start with our Stated Meeting on October 4th and our dinner choices will be steak, halibut, or portobello mushrooms.

On Sunday, October 8th, we will gather at Dominic's at Oyster Point

to honor our Past Masters. Our dress code for this event is Black Tie. Please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible.

On October 14th, we will have a joint celebration for Octoberfest and Night In Old Havana at our lodge. More information to follow on Sign-Up Genius.

Brothers, our 174th Annual Communication will be held

at the Grand Lodge from October 27th through October 29th. Please attend if you are able.

Anil Awasti, JW



2023 OFFICERS

James Gonzalez (Mary)..... **MASTER**
(510) 772-7415
Email: jgonza9916@aol.com

Jason Hui (Roxana)**Sr. Warden**
(415) 300-0911
Email: jason@hui.cc

Anil Awasti **Jr. Warden**
(415) 846-7129
Email: awastianil@gmail.com

Orlando Arce, P.M. (Sylvia).....**Treasurer**
H (650) 875-0994
C (415)-244-5373 W (415) 285-4400
Email: Orlando@jetintl.com

Jason Yen, P.M. (Sunny) **Secretary**
W (925) 989-6898
Email: jasonyen@cbl370.com

VACANT**Asst .Secretary**

Reyno Del Rosario, Jr.(Jen)**Chaplain**
C (925)642-2717
Email: reyowen@yahoo.com

Bruce Lyons**Sr. Deacon**
(415) 309-0495
Email: bruce@CoastalPacifcInns.com

Frank Pertierra (Roselle)**Jr. Deacon**
C (707) 342-8770
Email: fbpertierra@aol.com

Jeremias Jugal..... **Marshal**
(707) 334-8549
Email: jerryjugal70@gmail.com

Jimmy Fowler..... **Sr. Steward**
(415) 530-9779
Email: jaf1331@yahoo.com

Jod'l Cruz (Jem) **Jr. Steward**
(707) 631-8001
Email: jodljaycruz@gmail.com

James Guerrero (Mayra).....**Tiler**
(415) 595-9127
Email: jim.guerrero53@yahoo.com

COMMITTEES

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Ron Ragland, P.M. (650) 303-9369
Ron Sickler(650)-464-8717

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Agusto Tagaro, P.M.(650) 346-4551
Carlos Suncin(415) 806-2711
Bruce Lyons(415)309-0495

RETENTION & DELINQUENT COMMITTEE

Richard San Mames(415) 424-6931
James Guerrero(415) 595-9127
James Gonzalez (510) 772-7415

CHARITY COMMITTEE

James Gonzalez..... Chairman
Jason Hui..... Member
Anil Awasti Member

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James Gonzalez
Jason Hui
Anil Awasti
Orlando Arce P.M.
Jason Yen P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert De Luzuriaga, P.M.exp 2023.....President
Lawrence Di Giacomo, P.M. ..exp 2025..Vice President
Jason Yen, P.M. Secretary
Armando Telles, P.M. Asst. Secretary
Mike Baloupolos, P.M.exp 2024.....Member
Markos Boulapolous, P.M. exp 2023.....Member
William F. Aldridge, P.M.exp 2026.....Member
Francis Feliciano, Sr. P.M.Trustee Emeritus

RICHMOND MASONIC TEMPLE BOARD

Richard San Mames President exp 2026
Reyno Del Rosario, Jr., P.M. VP..... exp 2026
Bruce Lyons..... Secretary exp 2024
Carlos Suncin..... Treasurer exp 2023
Anil Awasti.....Member exp 2023
Alex Ellescas P.M..... Member exp 2025
James Gonzalez, Master.....Ex Officio Member
Jason Hui, Senior WardenEx Officio Member

INSPECTOR

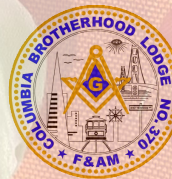
Alan Nubla, P.M. (Jacqueline)

OFFICERS COACH

Dionisio Dela Cruz, P.M.(707) 718-0825
Email: onnie6219@gmail.com

TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR

Francis Feliciano, Sr., P.M.....(415 407.0199)
Email: djfrance@comcast.net



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.

heading this event and to Nina Chavez and her team for their efforts in executing this event.

Several of our brothers and a few of the prospects from the Masonic Information Night participated in Masonic formation classes which were held on September 11th and 18th. Participants talked about on their life experiences and expectations, shared experiences associated with Freemasonry, and discussed a variety of Masonic concepts and symbols. Thanks go out to Thanks to Brother Jim Guerrero for facilitating the MFC classes, to those who participated in the MFC meetings.

Our officers gathered for degree practice on September 13th and 27th in preparation for upcoming proficiencies and for the September District School of Instruction (DSOI) on September 20th during which the officers of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 hosted the officers of California Lodge No. 1 and the officers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120. After receiving a briefing covering from Our Inspector WB **ALAN NUBLA** on Grand Lodge news, our officers demonstrated the first section of the third degree. Please join me in thanking our officers and our coach, WB Dionisio, for representing our lodge at the DSOI, when you next see them.

Columbia Brotherhood hosted an American Red Cross blood drive at our lodge on Saturday, September, and participants included lodge members and members of the general public. Brother Bruce Lyons has steadfastly worked with the Red Cross and other agencies to plan several blood drives this year, but staffing and other circumstances affecting those agencies caused them to cancel their participation for the two previously scheduled drives. Brother Bruce's persistence and pro-

fessionalism are responsible for the success of this drive. I am grateful to him for his efforts in making this drive happen. Please reach out to Brother Bruce and other Lodge participants to express gratitude for their efforts and participation and making a difference by facilitating this valuable gift of life. If you missed the drive or if you would like additional opportunities to give blood, you can schedule a donation by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=94132>

In support of the Masons4Mitts program, many of our brothers and their guests met for dinner and comradery and then participated in the 2023 Northern California Masons Night at Oracle Park on September 26th. Thanks to Brother **JIMMY FOWLER** for arranging the accommodations for dinner and comradery and for coordinating our lodge's participation in this event.

Our October stated meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 4th, and Masonic Formation Classes are planned on October 9th, 16th and 23rd. We will celebrate our Past Master's on Sunday, October 8th and our Octoberfest event Saturday, October 14th. We will have a short planning meeting before the Octoberfest dinner. Finally, the Grand Lodge will hold its 174th Annual Communications Meeting Friday, October 27th through Sunday, October 29th.

One of our efforts associated with the fulfillment of our basic tenant of charity, involves contributing to the Toys for Tots program. In support of this practice, stated meeting dinner will be free for those bring a toy to support the Toys for Tots program, and those who desire a greater participation in this program are encouraged to contribute directly to

San Francisco Fire Department's 2023 toys-for-tots program by contacting Toys for tots at www.sffirefighterstoys.org and or at 415-777-0440.

Our Retention Committee continues to check in on members who have not been seen within the past year and requests your support. If you have news about a member we have not seen in a while, or if you know a member in need of assistance, will you please contact please contact any of the officers or Retention Committee Member **RICHARD SAN MAMES** or **JAMES GUERRERO**.

In this time of reflection, I would like to express appreciation for your continued participation in our lodge's activities, for your continued support of our lodge, and for the support you have shown our officers.

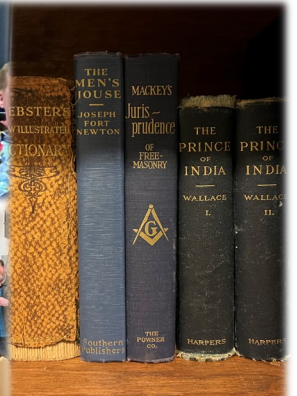
May we always meet on the level, act by the plumb, and live by the Square.

Fraternally yours,

James Gonzalez, WM



Stated Meeting Dinner will be free for those who brings a toy to support the Toys-For-Tots



OCTOBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM COLE	10/01	MICHAEL BALOPOULOS, PM	10/10	ROBERTO BUENO	10/26
WOLFGANG DIETRICH LINNENBACH	10/01	SERAFIN F. PADLAN	10/12	MARK JULIAN M. BRETT-WARBURTON	10/29
GERALD ANDREW BENJAMIN	10/02	RODNEY R. CAROLINO	10/15		
PAUL SEBASTIAN HAMOR	10/03	DAVID HOWARD LEEDS	10/18		
REYNO MANUEL DEL ROSARIO, Jr. PM	10/08	KAARE MYKSVOLL	10/18		
ERMANN AGOSTINO MATTEUCCI	10/09	PERFECTO S. DIZON	10/23		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

continued from page 2: From The West

of positive activities happening for the rest of this year and I plan an even more exciting year for 2024.

There is a place for all to participate in any capacity your cable tow will allow.

Fraternally, Jason Hui



Worshipful Master James Gonzalez and Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

Invites you to the

Past Masters Dinner and Dance

Sunday October 10th, 2023 6pm-11pm

Dominic's at Oyster Point

911 Marina Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94080

- 6-7:30pm Hostess cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
- 7-9pm Sit down Dinner
- 9-11pm Dancing ***no-host bar

Dress attire: Dark Business Suit (Black tie optional)

Cost per person \$50.00

*** CBL Past Masters and their ladies will be guest of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

RSVP and check, due by September 24th, 2023

***** No walks-ins Allowed *****

Please make checks payable to Columbia-Brotherhood lodge #370 and mail to:

Orlando Arce

160 Windsor Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066

Cell 415-244-5373 - orlando@jetintl.com

Tables of 8 or 10 maybe reserved at time of RSVP.

Include the name of the guests and meal choices:

Filet Mignon, Stuffed Petrale Sole OR Stuffed chicken Medallions

COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE #370

Oktoberfest

OCT 14, 2023 | 5:30PM | 855 BROTHERHOOD WAY
CONTACT BRO CARLOS SUNCIN - SUNICAR@EARTHLINK.NET

\$20 FOR MEMBERS
\$30 FOR NONMEMBERS

Masquerade Party

THE GREAT GATSBY THEME

saturday • november 4, 2023 • 6pm

Columbia Brotherhood Masonic Center
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

PLEASE COME IN FORMAL ATTIRE
MEMBERS \$25
NONMEMBERS \$35

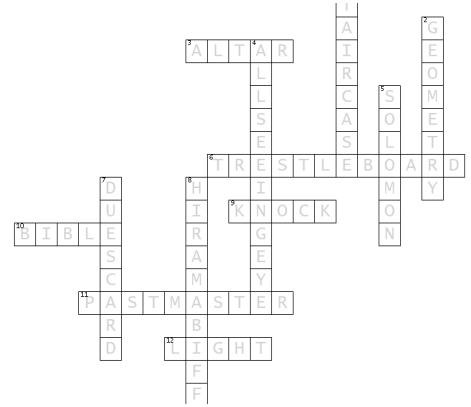
RSVP by Oct. 27th to Bro. Jim Guerrero
jim.guerrero53@yahoo.com
415-595-9127

HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

1. A coin for a Master Mason _____
2. Where timbers were from _____
3. One of the 3 great lights _____
4. Where Masons meet _____
5. King Solomon's dad _____
6. Widow's Son's home _____
7. Once a grave marker _____
8. That which is lost _____
9. That which binds us _____
10. Allusion to King Solomon _____

ACROSS
 3. where promises are made
 6. where designs are drawn
 9. do this to gain entry
 10. one of the three great lights
 11. title of a lodge has been
 12. what you most desire

DOWN
 1. 3 5 7
 2. what G alludes to
 4. that which watches over you
 5. son of David
 7. golden ticket to a tiled lodge
 8. widow's son



Answers will be posted in the November Trestleboard!

Can you name these Masons in the photo?

Answers will be posted in the November Trestleboard.

Who's Who?



Can you name these Masons in the photo?

Answer: from L to R
 Brother Perfecto Barbosa
 Brother Jimmy Fowler
 WB Francis Feliciano
 Brother Jim Guerrero
 Brother Jason Hui



Can You Identify this Photo?

Can you identify where this photo was taken from? →

This magnificent piece of art can be seen above the doorway of San Leandro Masonic Building/ San Leandro Lodge No. 113

This has proven to be more difficult than expected! No winners!





Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370
855 Brotherhood Way
San Francisco, CA 94132

First Class Mail
Presorted US
Postage Paid
San Bruno, CA
Permit No. 43

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

