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April 2024

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

PO Box 443

4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236



Valley Lodge Charter
04/01/2024

163 Years

Friday, May 11, 1860
Worshipful Oscar Ryan Amil, PM

Valley Lodge No. 135 Officers

Oscar Ryan Amil, PM: Worshipful Master

Emmanuel C. Cubol: Senior Warden

Jose A. Hular Cueto: Junior Warden

Edison C. Espeleta, PM: Treasurer

Richard E. Thornton, PM: Secretary

: Senior Deacon

Constante M. Molina: Junior Deacon

Warren I. Santos: Senior Steward

Onofre C. Carillo: Junior Steward

Robert V. Lopez: Marshal

Donie B. Navarro: Chaplin

Jericho Reyes, PM: Assistant Secretary

Alejandro Villanueva, PM: Tiler

Oscar Amil, PM: Officers Coach

Edison Espeleta, PM: Officers Coach

Grand Lodge Officers

G. Sean Metroka: Grand Master

Arthur Lupe Salazar, Jr.: Deputy Grand Master

Garrett Scott Chan: Senior Grand Warden

Ara Maloyan: Junior Grand Warden

Charles P. Cross: Grand Treasurer

Allan Lesley Casalou: Grand Secretary

Ricky Lee Lawler: Grand Lecturer

Alan S. Rellaforde: Grand Chaplain

Gary Richard Quintrell: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division I

Mike Edwards: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division II

Antonio G. Cimarra, Jr.: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division III

Jairo Jesus Gomez, Jr.: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IV

Robert Glenn Beeson, III: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division V

Matthew Scott Vander Horck: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VI

Alberto Luke Casanova, Jr.: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VII

Victor Michael Ropac, Jr.: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VIII

Russell Elliot Hennings: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX

Narbeh Bagdasarian: Grand Orator

Jordan Tyler Yelinek: Assistant Grand Secretary

Steven Leslie Yeffa: Grand Marshal

Christian Gegajo Marano: Grand Standard Bearer

Daniel Steven Yeffa: Grand Sword Bearer

Robert Lavern Lavy: Grand Bible Bearer

Jonathan Chan: Senior Grand Deacon

Chay Alexander Wright: Junior Grand Deacon

Gabriel G. Mariscal: Senior Grand Steward

Josh Michael Jacob Le Vesque: Junior Grand Steward

Wil Smith: Grand Pursuivant

Stephen Richard Miller: Grand Organist

Vinz Olivar Tolentino: Grand Tiler

Tigran Agadzhanian: Assistant Grand Organist

Scotty Joe Christian: Assistant Grand Tiler

Valley Lodge No. 135

Status

**** As of March 2024 ****

3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

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|------------------------|--------|--|---------|
| • Wilfredo T. De Mesa | 368531 | wdemesa@gmail.com | No Date |
| • Yasser Tamarit | 353647 | ytolivera@gmail.com | No Date |
| • Herbert T. Tubillara | 371190 | htubillara@gmail.com | No Date |
- **Please note: Herbert T. Tubillara has been contacted and wants to advance****

5 Entered Apprentices

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| • Cameron Eric William Bregman | 385573 | cameron@bregmanfinancial.com |
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| • Reginald Guerrero Galanto | 387411 | reginaldgalanto@yahoo.com |
| • Reynoldo Gorospe Guerrero | 387415 | dlonyerg777@yahoo.com |
| • Jayr T. Rafanan | 387410 | karruba00@gmail.com |

3 Fellowcrafts

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| • Lourd Xedric Ramos Miguel | 384131 | x_dmiguel@yahoo.com |
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Valley Lodge No. 135 has 74 Master Masons



From the East

Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135

I hope everyone had a great month. With the arrival of spring, nature awakens from its slumber, painting the world in vibrant hues and filling the air with the sweet scent of new beginnings.



On behalf my family, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your presence at the funeral, your comforting thoughts, sincere prayers, and generous donation. Your support during this difficult time has meant the world to us.

Please join us on April 13, 2024 at 2pm as we commemorate the 50th year of our beloved WB Donie Navarro's dedication to Masonry. Let's gather to honor his lifelong commitment and celebrate his enduring impact on our lodge.

See you all on our Stated Meeting!

Never Over

Never Under

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL!!!

Fraternal Grip,

Worshipful Brother Ryan Amil

Master

Valley Lodge No. 135

Note: Following schedule has been established:

- **1st Tuesday: Stated Meeting**
- **2nd Tuesday: Practice**
- **3rd Tuesday: Reserved for Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft Degrees**
- **2nd Saturday: Reserved for Master Mason Degree**

Note: Executive Committee: All Motions were seconded, discussed, and approved for advancement to lodge

Motion for the Executive Committee to consider Investments opportunity for Valley Lodge No. 135; and establishment of Trustee's. Seconded. Discussion

- This motion is recommended for approval at a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, April 02, 2024 with final approval on a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, May 07, 2024 upon completion of notification of all members of Valley Lodge No. 135 by mail.

Motion for the Executive Committee to consider Valley Lodge No. 135 membership dues. Seconded. Discussion

- Any member of Valley Lodge No. 135 obtaining the age of 80 years, may upon payment of dues the following year after reaching the age of 80 may pay per-capita only, not per-capita and dues.
- This motion is for recommended for approval at a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, April 02, 2024 with final approval on a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, May 07, 2024 upon completion of notification of all members of Valley Lodge No. 135 by mail.

Motion for the Executive Committee to consider special arrangements for Tiler, Treasurer, and Secretary. Seconded. Discussion

- Initial discussions centered around recommended total salary for Tiler, Treasurer, and Secretary and its effect on Dues structure of Valley Lodge No. 135. Reviewing the total salary of Tiler, Treasurer, and Secretary and the effect it would have on Valley Lodge No. 135 Structure of dues the following recommendation was added to the motion.

- Tiler: Total Dues would be paid by Valley Lodge No. 135

- Treasurer: Total Dues would be paid by Valley Lodge No. 135
- Secretary: Total Dues would be paid by Valley Lodge No. 135
- This motion is for recommended for approval at a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, April 02, 2024 with final approval on a regular scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, May 07, 2024 upon completion of notification of all members of Valley Lodge No. 135 by mail.

Our Masonic Valley

Antioch-Brentwood Lodge No. 175	1 st Wed @ 7:30pm	Ed Marquez	Secretary175@gmail.com	
Bicentennial Daylight Lodge No. 830	3 rd Tue @ 1:00pm	Dave Hughes	davehughes32@aol.com	5944 San Juan, Citrus Heights
Calaveras Lodge No. 8	2 nd Wed @ 7:00pm	Gary Bennis	garpapa@sbcglobal.net	5 West St. Charles Street/San Andreas
Elk Grove Lodge No. 173	2 nd Thu @ 7:30pm	William Hall	bill@eghall.net	9075 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove
Escalon Lodge No. 591	3 rd Wed @ 7:00pm	Matt Due	mattdue@hotmail.com	1500 Viking Street, Escalon
Hornitos Lodge No. 98	2 nd Sat @ 6:00pm	Robert McAllester	allister@mrmcallister.com	
IONE Lodge No. 80	3 rd Mon @ 7:00pm	Bill Wells	Bmwells31@gmail.com	
Lodi Lodge No. 256	1 st Thu @ 7:30pm	William McVicker	wmcvicke@gmail.com	321 West Pine Street, Lodi
Modesto Lodge No. 206	1 st Thu @ 7:30pm	Charles Heckendorf	cmheckendorf@gmail.com	800 Rose Avenue, Modesto
Morning Star Lodge No. 19	1 st Thu @ 7:00pm	John Baker	jbaker@pacbell.net	340 East Market Street, Stockton
Mount Oso Lodge No. 460	2 nd Mon @ 7:30pm	William Johnson	wjio001@comcast.net	
Oak Summit Lodge No. 112	3 rd Tue @ 7:30pm		randynoe@reagan.com	Main Street & Ellen Street, Knights Ferry
Patterson Lodge No. 488	2 nd Thu @ 7:00pm	Stephen Bruce	stephenbruce@sbcglobal.net	650 North 6 th Street, Patterson
Smyrna Lodge No. 532	1 st Tue @ 7:30pm		iscoleman@reagan.com	2904 3 rd Street, Ceres
Stockton York Rite	4 th Wed @ 6:00pm	Richard Thornton	si19secretary@att.net	340 East Market Street, Stockton
Turlock Lodge No. 236	1 st Thu @ 7:00pm	William Sargenti	Wsarge7407@gmail.com	108 South Thor Street, Turlock
Tyrian Lodge No. 439	1 st Thu @ 7:30pm		timdecarie@gmail.com	212 North Powers Ave, Manteca
Valley Lodge No. 135	1 st Tue @ 7:30pm	Richard Thornton	richard@valleylodge135.org	4917 North Mill Road, Linden
Volcano Consolidated Lodge No. 56	1 st Thu @ 8:00pm	John Stettler	iosofisa@yahoo.com	16180 Charleston-Volcano, Volcano
Woodbridge Lodge No. 131	1 st Tue @ 7:30pm	James Jones	nelsonjones1971@gmail.com	1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge
Yosemite Lodge No. 99	1 st Wed @ 7:30pm	Larry Smith	Cuaione12@gmail.com	

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- *Become well known in every County touching San Joaquin County.*

Masonic Education

Where is the Oldest Masonic Lodge in the World?

By: William Regal Last Updated: April 17, 2023

When it comes to the history of Freemasonry, many brothers are intrigued to learn which is the oldest of the Masonic lodges. Brothers within the centuries-old fraternity have been meeting in lodges since Freemasonry began. And while every lodge has its own unique character, they bring Masons together around a shared purpose.



This article is concerned with uncovering the truth about the oldest Masonic lodge in the world, as there is often some contention regarding which establishment should be awarded the title. Read on to find out which of the world's Masonic lodges is officially the oldest.

The oldest Masonic lodge can be found in Scotland.

Given that Freemasonry as many of us know it originated in England, it's no real surprise that the oldest Masonic lodge can be found in the United Kingdom. However, the oldest record of a Masonic meeting took place in Scotland, long before the 1717 date given as the inauguration of Freemasonry with the United Grand Lodge of England.

But this is also where the controversy begins. Some sources tell us that the Lodge of Mother Kilwinning, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is the oldest Masonic lodge in the world, with some attributing its origins to the 12th century.

The Lodge of Mother Kilwinning

An excellent source for our consideration of the origins of the Lodge of Kilwinning can be found in Mackey's Revised Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, in which he states:

“As the city of York claims to be the birthplace of Freemasonry in England, the obscure little village of Kilwinning is entitled to the same honor with respect to the origin of the Order in the sister Kingdom of Scotland.”

The Kilwinning Mother Lodge is actually number zero on the Masonic roll, given its status in many people's eyes as the oldest Masonic lodge in existence. However, in 1736 when the Grand Lodge of Scotland was organized, Kilwinning Lodge was unable to verify its existence as the oldest lodge in Scotland, as many of its original records had been lost.

Today, the oldest written records for a Masonic lodge that is still in existence are from The Lodge of Edinburgh, St Mary's Chapel No. 1. The Masonic lodge records at St Mary's Chapel date back to 1599, making it the oldest proven Masonic lodge in the world.

What proof do we have that St Mary's Chapel is the oldest Masonic lodge in existence?

The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)

Proof of St Mary's Chapel as the oldest Masonic lodge in the world can be found in the Schaw Statutes.

William Schaw was the Master of Work to His Majesty and General Warden of the Masonic Craft, and in his statutes, he declared that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of lodges considered the lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first and principal lodge in Scotland.

The Schaw Statutes from St. Mary's Chapel date back to July 31st 1599 and are now preserved in the first Minute Book of Edinburgh's Lodge. It is from these minutes that historians assert that the lodge at St. Mary's Chapel is the oldest on record.

Schaw decided that the informal meetings taking place between operative masons required a formal structure that covered details of how apprenticeships worked and how Masons could live charitably and harmoniously with one another.

When he sent these statutes to every lodge in existence, one of his rules meant that each lodge should hire a clerk's services, meaning that minutes could be taken and stored. It is why from the start of the seventeenth century, we have records of meetings taking place at Masonic lodges across Scotland.

So does this mean that Freemasonry dates back to before 1717?

The short answer is yes. Although the United Grand Lodge of England gives 1717 as the year of the foundation of Freemasonry, ask any Masonic historian and they will tell you that Freemasonry has its roots in Scotland in the centuries preceding this date.

Learn more: Did Freemasonry Really Begin in 1717?.

From the Middle Ages, associations formed by craft stonemasons existed in communities in both England and Scotland. In the late sixteenth century, evidence of these associations can be found, with proof that meetings were held across Scotland from Edinburgh to Perth.

These informal associations had likely been meeting for centuries, but it was at the turn of the seventeenth century where they developed an institutional structure and established ground rules and procedures, as were documented in the Schaw Statutes already introduced.

Although there is evidence of minutes from Aitchison's Haven lodge in East Lothian from January 1599, this lodge closed in 1852, and it is the minutes from six months later, taken from a meeting at St Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh, that historians point to as evidence of the existence of the oldest Masonic lodge in the world.

What happened at these early lodge meetings?

A Masonic lodge meeting of Mozart's day, once thought to portray Mozart's own lodge.[1] Oil painting (1789), Wienmuseum Vienna.

As with all early guilds of operative stonemasons, the meetings at these early lodges were generally informal. They were a way for masons to discuss their craft and develop relationships with other masters of the craft.

In Britain during the Middle Ages, there was a rush to build bigger and more intricate churches throughout the country. Often stonemasons would be posted far from home, often for months or years on end, until the project was complete.

When presented with such a situation, the stonemasons created associations that their fellow masons could join, so they could get to know other people and learn about the intricacies of one another's craft.

It really wasn't too dissimilar to how people get to know one another in the present day. If we move home for work or any other reason for that matter, we seek out community groups of like-minded individuals so we can try and develop new relationships. The stonemason's associations of the Middle Ages were essentially away for men to network and get to know one another.

In approximately 1600 in Scotland, the Lodge of Edinburgh began to admit non-operative Freemasons to join their lodges. In June of the same year, the Laird of Auchinleck was appointed as a speculative member, which is the first known authentic record of someone outside the craft joining a lodge. In many respects then, the Laird's admittance to the Masonic lodge set the precedent for the development of Freemasonry as we know it today, and it was from this occurrence that modern-day Freemasonry began to take shape and admit new members.

Why then, do people consider the founding of Freemasonry to be in 1717?

It's a good question, and one that is often debated. Many historians agree that it was Schaw's statutes that helped lodges develop a rigid structure and enabled the meetings to spread across the whole country and into England.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, for whatever reason, Scotland's Masonic influence was overshadowed and the Grand Lodge of England was established in 1717. In the centuries that have followed, Freemasonry's Scottish origins have been largely forgotten and even ignored by many within the craft.

However, if one is to visit St Mary's Chapel and the associated museum, they will learn the true history of Freemasonry's roots.

What does this all tell us about the origins of the craft as we know it today?

As we all know, the history of Freemasonry is shrouded in intrigue and mystique, with brothers attributing many stories to the formation of the craft. We believe many historical sources contribute to the development of Freemasonry, and the existence of the Scottish lodges before 1717 strengthens the argument that Masonry evolved from the medieval associations of tradesmen.

King Solomon's Temple

While many of the Masonic allegories and teachings come from the story of King Solomon's Temple, the meetings at lodges, and much of the Masonic regalia, originate from the meetings of medieval stonemasons, and the existence of the early Scottish lodges is further indication of this strong Masonic heritage.

Conclusion: the oldest Masonic lodge in the world

Despite there being several contrasting theories, it's widely agreed by Masonic historians that Freemasonry, as we know it today, was actually born before the 1717 date given by the United Grand Lodge of England.

It's more accurate to say that Freemasonry has its origins in Scotland, and records from the Schaw Statutes indicate that the oldest Masonic Lodge in existence is The Lodge of Edinburgh, St Mary's Chapel No. 1.

It was at this lodge that non-operative Masons were first permitted to become Masons, and therefore we can conclude that this period of time should be rightly marked as the birth of the fraternity of Freemasonry as we know it today.

March/April Birthdays



March

**Michael Anthony Billedo
Edilberto S. Lubiano
John J. M. Natividad
Joel Tono Torres
Jullius Caezhar E. Gaité
Erwin H. Guzman
Richard Boado, Sr.
Eric Wilbur Krenz
Emmanuel Clamosa Cubol
Robert Victor Lopez**

**Leah Collado
Jersie
Ethel Espiritu
Uriia Arrington**

April

**Marcial Gullem Jr.
Argiene Castillo
Albert Babaran
Gary Ricafrente**

**Carisa Veridiano
Jennifer Gaité
Eumeha Babaran**

Secretary's Chat

Members,

I know and agree a shorter drive to the lodge for stated, practices, and special meetings would be advantages for each of us. But let's take another look, maybe from a different angle.



Our lodge, Valley Lodge No. 135 located in Linden, CA., established Friday, May 11, 1860 or actually Tuesday, July 27, 1858 taking several years to receive a Charter.

What happened on May 11 throughout History:

- Sunday, May 11, 330: Newly built city of Constantinople (Byzantium) dedicated, becomes the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire
- Thursday, May 11, 1189: Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I Barbarossa and 100,000 crusaders depart Regensburg for the Third Crusade
- Tuesday, May 11, 1751: Pennsylvania Hospital founded by Dr. Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin, in Philadelphia
- Monday, May 11, 1812: British Prime Minister Spencer Perceval is assassinated by John Bellingham in the lobby of the House of Commons, London. Ironically, descendants of both later stand for the same seat in Parliament at the same time but neither win.
- Thursday, May 11, 1995: More than 170 countries agree to extend the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty indefinitely and without conditions to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons
- Thursday, May 11, 2000: India's population officially reaches 1 billion - Astha Arora named India's billionth baby

Valley Lodge No. 135 is now at its high point in lodge activity, thanks to each of you.

But, herein lies the problem, Linden, CA is not located near any major town, such as Stockton, Lodi, Elk Grove, or Sacramento and most of us live in those named towns.

Maybe we should re-think our possible actions. We have a bunch of excellent brother's & loved ones who have dedicated their lives to Masonry. I say this with all the love in my heart, without our loved ones we would be like a lot of Masonic Lodges, 6-10 Brothers to Open, Business, Close and go home.

I would love to see Valley Lodge No. 135 turned into a Masonic Lodge that everyone wants to attend, not as an afterthought, but actually a Masonic Lodge that is a go to destination.

How can we do this?

1. Become well known in San Joaquin County
2. Become well known in every County touching San Joaquin County.
3. I am also a member of Old West Lodge No. 813 which is a go to Lodge. Many years ago, it was not a place to attend. We had our usual 6 to 10 Masons to open, business, close. Then one day our Inspector uttered some words, which some of us paid attention. We were existing, not growing, kind of just paying our dues and per-capita.
4. The Inspector uttered words such as "let's do something in Santa Clarita, let's do something for the community, let's become known as **Masons**".
5. A brother jumped up and said "let's help with the parade". The first response, "what parade?" We got involved. The next thing we knew, York Rite came in and helped us with the parade,

next thing we knew, Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander started to attend and then the big one, Grand Master of Masons started to attend.

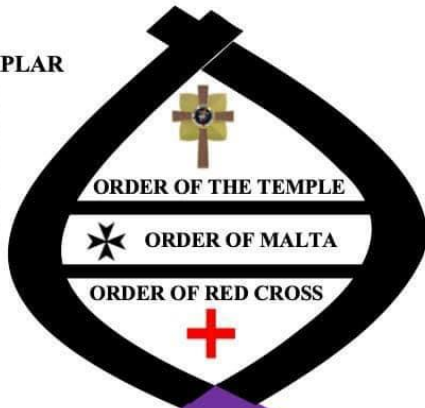
6. Another brother jumped up, and then another brother jumped up, and then...
7. Old West Lodge No. 813 now holds the annual 4th of July Parade with the 4 biggies attending, Teacher of the Year, Fireman of the Year, Policeman of the Year, and several BBQs in their huge parking lot.
8. And guess what, we can do the same.
9. Let's:
 - a. Cherry Festival
 - b. Elementary Teacher of the Year
 - c. High School Teacher of the Year
 - d. Buy and supply Backpacks for all of Linden Schools
 - e. Policeman of the Year
 - f. BBQ in May and September, we have a huge parking lot
 - g. One big medical donation to an Indian Reservation a year or donation to a reservation school
 - h. One big medical donation to Philippines each year
 - i. There are plenty of things we can do, but first we must get off of our a@@@es.
10. I offered Candy to our Ladies because without our Ladies, our Families, our Masonic Road would be difficult and without them nothing would be done. In all of the above suggestions our Ladies must stand beside us, talk with them, become involved as a team, but become involved. I personally do not believe we can abandon Linden
11. Let's take a look at the lodges we are considering
 - a. Lodi Lodge Hosting:
 - i. Job's Daughters
 - ii. DeMolay
 - iii. Eastern Star
 - iv. Several Renters downstairs
 - v. They reserve Thursdays for practice and degrees and some Saturday's
 - vi. How would Valley Lodge fit into this tight schedule
 - b. Woodbridge
 - i. Rainbow Girls
 - ii. They reserve Tuesdays for stated, practices, and degrees
 - iii. Surrounding area is not palatable for bringing in Masons
 - iv. Not as full as Lodi

12. **WE NEED YOU & YOUR FAMILY**



THE TRUE LIGHT!

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



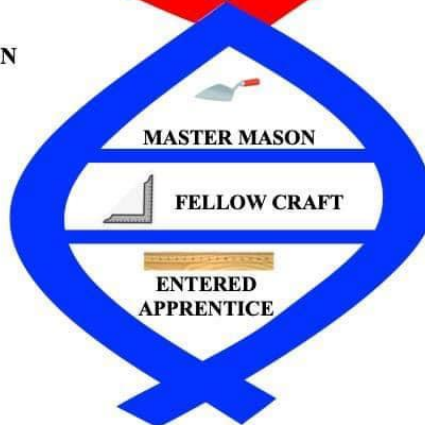
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



ROYAL ARCH MASON



MASTER MASON



CHIVALRIC MASONRY:

The Order of the Red Cross: The story told in the ritual for the Red Cross acts as a link between the Capitular Degrees and the ones that follow and bridges the period between the Old and New Testaments.

The Order of Malta: The story of this order begins by making the candidate a Knight of St. Paul or the Mediterranean Pass.

The Order of the Temple: Confers knighthood on the pilgrim making him a Knight's Templar. Every Christian Mason should be a Knights Templar.

CRYPTIC MASONRY

Royal Master: The Temple is nearing its completion and certain Overseers are anxious to receive the Master Word and be honored with the rank of Royal Master before their employment ceases. Shortly before his death Hiram Abif explains to one of these Overseers, Adoniram, that with patience and industry he will, in due time, receive it. This discourse is widely regarded as the most beautiful in any Masonic Degree.

Select Master: The preparations for the building of the Temple having commenced in the Mark Master Degree, the three Grand Masters are anxious that the form of the sacred treasures, including the Ark of the Covenant, could be lost forever in the event of the Temple being sacked. They therefore arrange for a small number of Select Masons, sworn to secrecy, to construct a secret vault beneath the Holy of Holies and deposit replicas therein.

Super Excellent Master: The Temple had stood in all its glory for nearly 400 years but had then fallen to Nebuchadnezzar and his army. The King and his principal citizens were taken into captivity in Babylonia. Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar's puppet King, has rebelled against him and fled, leaving the remaining citizens to defend the Temple and pledge their devotion to God.

CAPITULAR MASONRY

Mark Master: It concerns the workmen building King Solomon's Temple. The Degree of Mark Master teaches the candidate the value of workmanship, honesty, and charity and how they received their wages.

Past Master: In the York Rite system, the Past Master is a symbolic degree, and the candidate isn't actually installed as the Master of a Lodge.

Most Excellent Master: Deals with the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

Royal Arch Mason: The completion of the story started in the Symbolic Lodge Degrees, about the search for secrets that were once lost now discovered.

IS THE YORK RITE IN YOUR DNA? IT SHOULD BE!

Valley Lodge No. 135 Committees

All Reports must be in writing, given to Secretary for attachment to minutes. When Master calls upon the Committee, give verbally the report, stating a copy has been presented to Secretary, or state "No Report".

Executive Committee	Ryan Amil, PM Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto Donie Navarro, PM	Member Member Member Member
Audit	John Jay Natividad, PM Alejandro Villanueva, PM Donie Navarro, PM Erwin Guzman, PM	Member Member Member Member
Budget and Finance	Ryan Amil, PM Edison Espeleta, PM Richard Thornton, PM	Member Member Member
Dues and Delinquent Dues	Ryan Amil, PM Edison Espeleta, PM Richard E. Thornton John Jay Natividad, PM	Member Member Member Member
Charity	Oscar Ryan Pol Amil, PM Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto	Member Member Member
Fund Raising	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto John Jay Natividad, PM Angelito Miranda, PM Marcial Gullem, Jr, PM	Member Member Member Member Member
Sunshine Committee	Donie Navarro, PM Robert Lopez Richard Thornton, PM	Member Member Member
Hiram Award	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto Edison Espeleta, PM Andy Villanueva, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM	Member Member Member Member Member
Mason of the Year	Oscar Ryan Pol Amil, PM	Member
Masonic Education	Edison Espeleta, PM John Jay Natividad, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM	Member Member Member
US Constitution Observance	Jericho Reyes, PM Richard Thornton, PM Donie Navarro, PM Erwin Guzman, PM	Member Member Member Member
Refreshment Committee	Jose Cueto Warren Santos Onofre Carillo Constante Molina Erickson Ordonia Erwin Ordonia	Member Member Member Member Member member
Candidates Coach	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto Angelito Mirando, PM Paulino Collado, PM	Member Member Member Member
Retention	All Members	Member

Pictures



Picture of Valley Lodge No. 135 Oscar Ryan Amil, PM, Master, Emmanuel Cubol, Senior Warden, and Jose Cueto, Junior Warden. We are going to have an excellent year and how do I know this, well it's a fact, look at the picture; this could be put in the dictionary as definition of "Serious"

Space filler: On a cold, wet day in 1942 weary travelers to the small Shannon Airport in southwest Ireland found their way to a restaurant and chef Joe Sheridan. To warm his guests, he served them hot coffee, spiked with whiskey, and topped with whipped cream. The passengers asked if the beverage was Brazilian coffee. Sheridan responded that it was Irish coffee.

A travel writer, Stanton Delaplane, brought Irish coffee to the United States after having it at Shannon Airport. Delaplane brought the idea to The Buena Vista Café (San Francisco, Ca) on November 10, 1952. After much trial and error, sampling, and a trip back to Ireland for a taste of the original, Delaplane, along with Buena Vista owners Jack Koeppler and George Freeberg, were able to replicate the delicious coffee and the method for floating the cream on top of the coffee.

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we thought we would share the recipe for an authentic Irish Coffee.

Starting with a warm glass, fill 2/3rds full of freshly brewed coffee. Stir in a heaping teaspoon of sugar. Add 1 ounce of Irish whiskey. When the coffee has stopped swirling from stirring in the sugar, pour the foamy cream over the back of a spoon.

















