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June 2024

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

PO Box 443

4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236



**Valley Lodge Charter
Friday, May 11, 1860**

164 Years

**June 2024
Worshipful Oscar Ryan**

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
Reynaldo Soriano Manalang: 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
Jericho Apolonio Reyes, PM: Trustee – Term Ends December 31, 2027
Richard Eugene Thornton, PM: Trustee – Term Ends December 31, 2026
Emmanuel Clamosa Cubol: Trustee – Term Ends December 31, 2025

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

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Status

**** As of May 2024 ****

3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

- 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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- Jayr T. Rafanan 387410 karruba00@gmail.com

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Valley Lodge No. 135 has 70 Master Masons



From the East

Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135

Fraternal greetings brethren! I hope everyone had a great month.



June is here, I can't believe it's already halfway through the year! Time has flown by so quickly. Let's make the most of the next six months!

Celebrating St. John the Baptist in June holds special significance for Freemasons, as he is one of our patron saints. St. John the Baptist's feast day is on June 24th. This day is marked as a time to honor his virtues and legacy. St. John the Baptist is admired for his moral integrity, humility, and dedication to his mission, qualities that resonate with Masonic principles. Many Masonic lodges were dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. These two figures are often referred to as the "Holy Saints John" and are symbolic guardians of Freemasonry, representing a balance of faith and reason.

Last month, we had a successful golf tournament that brought everyone together for a fantastic day on the course. Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making it such a memorable event!

On June 21-23 we will be having our annual family camping please join us for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and family bonding in the great outdoors. We'll have campfires, games, and plenty of activities for all ages. Bring your camping gear and be ready for an unforgettable adventure.

We can't wait to see you there!

June stated meeting will be on Tuesday June 4th at 7:30PM. Dinner will be at 6:30. Attire: Hawaiian

Never Over

Never Under

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL!!!

Fraternal Grip,

Bro. Ryan Amil

From the South

Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135

Fraternal greetings brethren! I hope everyone had a great month.



Junior Warden's Corner

Seize the day

I came across this Unofficial holiday list for the month of June. Not only for this month but rather, the whole year. Besides the major Holidays, there are some "unofficial" ones that made me think "Is this really a thing?" Some made sense, some fascinating and some just plain bizarre. What stood out to me for this Month is June 8th-Best Friends Day, June 14th-Bourbon Day (I'm a fan of this one), and lastly June 22nd-Daylight Appreciation Day. These days seemed to get my attention for good reasons

Best Friends Day June 8th. As we grew up in this world, as we age. We meet certain individuals that we connect with. We meet people and become acquainted with them. These are the ones in my opinion, that we commonly encounter once or for a brief period of time. After which, we never see or even talk anymore. There are people that we call our Friends which can be described as someone that we have a connection with, somewhat having something in common or having the same interests or beliefs. But then there is your best friend, a person who you have a deeper connection to. A person who knows you, someone that is close to being a sibling that you never had that accepts you for who you truly are. A person who can be both your shield and spear.

Bourbon Day June 14th. If you are 18 and older this is a good unofficial Holiday. Bourbon is a barrel-aged American whiskey made from corn that originated from Kentucky in the Late 18th century. Enjoying a sip with a friend makes this iconic drink more enjoyable and pleasurable. In moderation, it keeps the conversations fun and interesting. But be warned, too much may bring about trouble and disharmony. Please enjoy this Unofficial holiday keeping our passions within due bounds.

Lastly, Daylight Appreciation Day June 22nd. We are all aware of the phrase "As the Sun rises in the East to open and adorn the day", and also, what every Mason desires. Appreciation of this day may be more symbolic to us rather than in a literal sense. Appreciation of this day can be done every day, not just this day. As Masons we are seekers of Light, at the same time we bring men to see the light. Daylight is also a pivotal event when God created heaven and the Earth and darkness was upon the face of the deep. We all know what God said next.

The first Tuesday of the Month of June 2024 is on June 4th, and it is Hug your Cat Day. So, if you have a Feline companion and are not allergic to them, show some love to your Feline member of the family. It may be "unofficial" but seize the day my Brothers, seize the day.

Unofficial holiday List (<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/>)

Bro. Jose Apollo Cueto

Junior Warden VL#135

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@EGHalls.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@mmcallister.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	ilbaker@pacbell.net	340 East Market Street, Stockton
Mount Oso Lodge No. 460	2 nd Mon @ 7:30pm	William Johnson	wjjo001@comcast.net	
Oak Summit Lodge No. 112	3 rd Tue @ 7:30pm		randvnoe@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	sj19secretary@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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Masonic Education

Candidate Learning Center



Welcome Candidates!

The free, newly updated Candidate Learning Center is now available in an easy-to-navigate flipbook format. Meet the requirements of the California Masonic Code for the Basic Masonic Education Course at your own convenience - wherever you are!

These courses have been prepared by California Masons, for California Masons and include a wealth of extra study materials, as well as personal interviews from fellow Masons! We hope you will enjoy this exciting period in your Masonic career.

How to use the Candidate Learning Center

- The flipbooks shown below match your degree status in the Member Center. (Entered Apprentices will only see the Entered Apprentice degree, Fellow Crafts will see the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, and so forth.)
- Select the name of the degree course below to open each flipbook in a new window.
- Thoroughly review each flipbook to immerse yourself in the lessons of each degree. If any questions come up during your review, make a note of them to discuss them with your coach.
- Once you feel adequately prepared for each degree, you can take the final exam for the course
- A score of 70 percent is required to pass each course. Once you pass, a checkmark will appear in the box in the "passed" column and your score will appear in the "score" column. You can take the test as many times as you would like. If you score a new, higher score, it will replace your previous score in the score column. Record of your passing the course will also appear in your member record in the "Basic Masonic Education Courses" section.

Course Name

Entered Apprentice Final Exam	Study Guide
Fellow Craft Final Exam	Study Guide
Master Mason Final Exam	Study Guide

June & July Birthdays



June

Cajaine Carillo – 6/12

Gabriel Herrera – 6/19

Warren Santos – 6/30

Alyne Bloom – 6/5

Secretary's Chat

Members,

We had a fantastic time at the Linden Cherry Festival and our Golf Tournament, all people present, oh Lord it is hard when you get old, you run to the bathroom and then forget why.



St. John the Baptist: Why is He A Prominent Masonic Figure?

As far as Freemasons are concerned, the Lodge of St. John in Jerusalem was the first Mother Lodge. The lodge was first devoted to St. John the Baptist before being dedicated to St. John the Evangelist in Jerusalem. The Mother Lodge is now devoted to both of them.

The Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem is how Freemasons refer to this lodge in Jerusalem today. For Freemasons, the lodge is extremely important because it is from this primitive location that all other lodges around the world descend.

So why is St. John the Baptist revered by Masons? Let's take a look at his life in more detail.

The life of St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist had a strict demeanor and a positive personality. He grew a prominent ministry and a large following over the course of his long life, preaching on a variety of important topics at the time and is one of the most significant characters represented in the Bible.

He was a direct descendant of Abraham's son and was Jesus' age-mate, playing an important role in his life. He is best known for baptizing Jesus and referring to him as the Lamb of God. When Herod chastised John the Baptist, he imprisoned him and finally beheaded him.

Within Freemasonry, St. John is said to embody purity, zeal, simplicity of manners, and a strong desire to help others, as a result of his Biblical interpretations.

St. John's Day.

The first Grand Lodge in England was formed on 24th June 1717, which is the feast day of John the Baptist. This was a deliberate act, and pays tribute to the Saint who was widely regarded as the patron of stonemasons right the way through the Middle Ages.

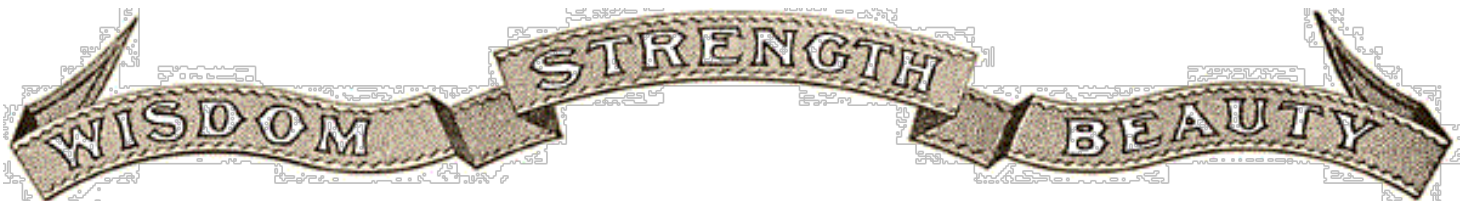
Every year, brothers come together to celebrate St John's Day and celebrate his life. But it's equally important to recognize St. John the Evangelist's Day, which appears just as prominently on the Masonic calendar. This falls every year on 27th December.

John the Evangelist is more associated with the Scottish lodges, even though the United Grand Lodge of England was itself formed on 27th December 1813. The two saints continue to be widely respected and revered figures for brothers studying the Craft.

The Holy Saints John.

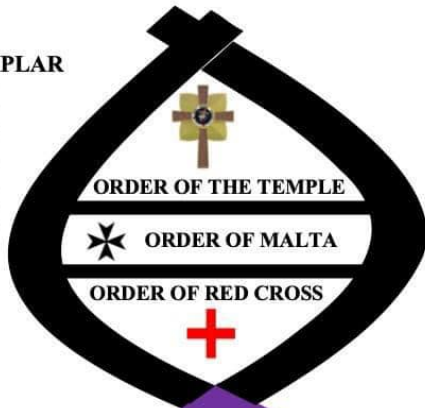
When regarding St. John the Baptist in regard to Freemasonry, it's impossible to consider him without also acknowledging the Evangelist. In fact, within Masonic circles, they are known as 'The Holy Saints John,' and contribute to many interesting and important Masonic symbols and rituals.

To this day, brothers the world over regard the two Holy Johns as the patron saints of our fraternity. We mark the 24th June and 27th of December in our calendars to celebrate the lives of the saints and to revel in their historical significance.

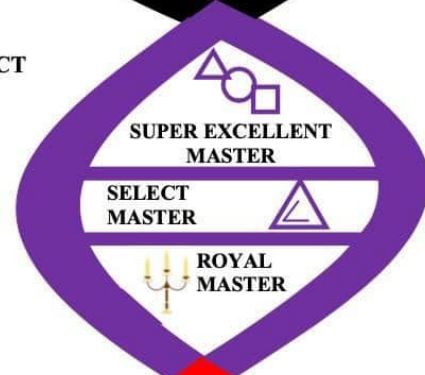


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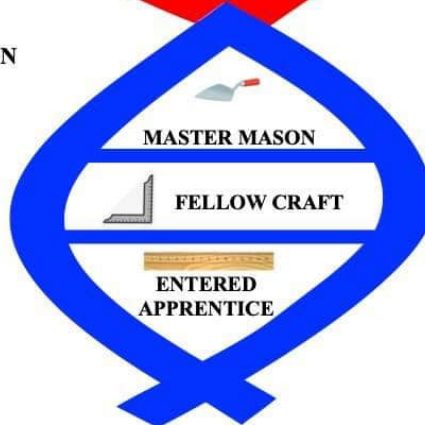
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



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 Miranda, 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"





















