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August 2024

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

PO Box 443

4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236

VALLEY LODGE no.135

WHAT : HIRAM Awarding Ceremony 2024
WHO : RICHARD THORNTON P.M.
WHEN : July 20th 2024 - SATURDAY
TIME : Ceremony at 2:00 pm
WHERE : 4971 North mill road Linden, CA

ATTIRE : Western / Cowboy inspired outfit

**Valley Lodge No. 135 Charter
Friday, May 11, 1860
Worshipful Thomas Wasley**

**164 Years
Tuesday, August 06, 2024
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
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 Agadzhanyan: Assistant Grand Organist
Scotty Joe Christian: Assistant Grand Tiler

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Status

**** As of Wednesday, July 31, 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

- Cameron Eric William Bregman 385573 cameron@bregmanfinancial.com
- Argiene Jomer Sison Castillo 384984 argiene.castillo@gmail.com
- Reginald Guerrero Galanto 387411 reginaldgalanto@yahoo.com
- Reynoldo Gorospe Guerrero 387415 dlonverg777@yahoo.com
- Jayr T. Rafanan 387410 karruba00@gmail.com

2 Fellowcrafts

- Christian Matthew Soriano 366941 cmmostolessoriano@gmail.com
- Karl Dominique Torres 366934 karldomtorres@gmail.com

Valley Lodge No. 135 has 73 Master Masons



From the East

Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135

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



First and foremost, I would like to Congratulate, Bro. Lourd Xedric Miguel, on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason! Last July 13, It was well attended and filled with fun, good fellowship, and truly a day to remember. Looking forward to seeing you in the lodge and encouraging you to keep on searching for light.

Also i would like to welcome our new affiliated brothers Bro. Cesar Sotto and Bro. Jerry Reyes welcome to Valley Lodge Family.

I look forward on our next stated meeting, August stated meeting will be on Tuesday August 6th at 7:30PM.

Dinner will be at 6:30.

Attire: Dress down wear any of your Valley Lodge shirt. No Tees, No Shorts and No Flip Flops/sandals.

May you all have a great month, see you all soon.

Together Brethren! OneLove One3Five

Never Over – Never Under

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL!!!

Fraternal Grip,

Bro. Ryan Amil





From the South

Junior Wardens Corner (August)



A message of gratitude

This August, we will be having our Master Mason of the year awarding. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude for choosing me to receive this prestigious award. To our Master Worshipful Ryan Amil, our Senior Warden Noel Cubol and the rest of the officers and members who took part in the selection process.

I have been in Valley Lodge since 2018, going back, I have seen how the fraternity changed me to a better version of myself. I have been in the presence of such great men that sometimes made me think, “Will I be like them one day?” I said to myself, I will learn the ritual and memorize the words in the cipher. I will show up in all activities inside and outside the Lodge. I will follow the Masonic code, its guidelines so that I will be the best Mason in the Lodge. I will take part as an officer to be known and respected. These seem to be a very straight-forward path that a Mason should follow. However, as I continue my journey as I read and memorize the words, did I have an understanding of it? As I show up in activities inside and out of the Lodge, did I just show up to be there? Or am I present at that moment? Following the Masonic code and its guidelines will make me the Best Mason? It could, but it is my obligation to do so. Will lining up to be an officer will make me well respected? Not necessarily, we all have equal respect to one another as brothers and part of the same race - human race. Just some thoughts I had as I continue the journey and the work.

It is truly humbling and truly unexpected. Having been chosen as Master mason of the year is an Honor. I cannot express enough my gratitude to all that supported and believed in me. I shall continue to be of service to craft and be a good example to our members. I hope that we all continue to pursue to be “Better men” inside and outside our lodge.

Bro. Jose Apollo H. Cueto
Junior Warden
Valley Lodge No. 135
Master Mason of the Year 2024

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	

Become well known in San Joaquin County

Become well known in every County.
Touching San Joaquin County.

July & August Birthdays



August

Danilo Batuhan
Paulino Collado
Bienvenido Noguera
Edison Espeleta
Reynoldo Guerrero
Ferdinand Aben
Richard Wilkins

The Better Half
Thecialie Engaling
Aurea Navarro
Jhonna Gullem
Deana Farr
Eloisa Guintu

September

William Samuel Hall
Frank Albert Alimbini
John Thamar Engaling Sr.
Jayr T. Rafanan
Donie Brosas Navarro

The Better Half
Monaliza Boado
Yolanda E. Manalang
Sumaila Clarisse Ibanez
Maria Jailita Dominguez
Marika Campbell
Maria Carolina Amil

Masonic Education

Masons build strong, long-lasting friendships



Deep friendship is one of the most important outcomes of Freemasonry. The trust and bonds members forge through their shared values, the ritual experience, and their social ties often last a lifetime. At its best, the membership experience helps members start and nurture those deep relationships. To that end, three goals were identified, which a number of campaigns, initiatives, and programming will be built around.

Goal 1: Masons understand and value true friendship.

Supporting what is already a key component of the Masonic experience is pivotal. By ensuring that members recognize the deep and lasting relationships Masons develop, the fraternity will not only increase its relevance to current members, but also demonstrate to prospects and the outside world its enormous impact on people's lives.

Lodge initiatives:

- Demonstrate Masonic friendship. Lodges should intentionally work toward building, promoting, and demonstrating friendship as a goal. When guests and prospects are invited to lodge social activities, they will see Masonic friendships in action. Lodges will share inspiring stories of Masonic friendships and best practices for developing and nurturing friendship with one another and through Grand Lodge communications channels.
- Discuss how Freemasonry helps us build strong fraternal bonds. Lodges will devote Masonic education and stated meeting nights for discussion around friendship, what it means to be a true friend, and the ways that the fraternity influences those bonds.
- Build strong relationships with every potential applicant. Outsiders who approach lodges will be met by multiple members of the lodge, who can begin to build relationships with these applicants. This gives applicants a base of support throughout their candidacy.

Grand Lodge initiatives:

- Facilitate and promote discussion around true friendship and fraternal connection. Grand Lodge will make Masonic friendship a key theme at leadership events, in Masonic educational offerings, and in newly developed public events.
- Provide resources and training for lodge engagement on friendship. Grand Lodge will provide training for lodge leaders to help build stronger friendships among members.

Goal 2: Masons build true friendships through excellent membership experiences.

While members overall report that they highly value their membership, only half of members are engaged with their lodge, with only a third of members highly engaged. Creating a lodge atmosphere where members feel engaged will help them develop true friendships.

Lodge initiatives:

- Streamline business at stated meetings. The main purpose of a lodge is social, but lodge business has long been the focus of many lodges' stated meetings. Lodges will develop ways to ensure that members' valuable time is respected, and that less time is spent on administrative matters, and more time given to fellowship.
- Reimagine lodge activities. Lodges will plan activities that provide more opportunities for social and fraternal connections among members. Building even small traditions into the culture of the lodge that help members get to know each other can deepen the friendships between members.
- Perform excellent ritual. Ritual at its best makes a lasting impression on all members, and the trust that is forged through it is foundational to our relationships. Lodges will make performing excellent ritual a priority and, in so doing, deepen the connection that candidates and members form with the fraternity.

Grand Lodge initiatives:

- Provide resources and training to lodges to create excellent membership experiences. Excellent membership experiences at all levels and events are important. Grand Lodge will provide resources and training to help lodges ensure excellent membership experiences for new and long-term members alike.
- Institute and promote affinity lodges. Grand Lodge will develop and promote "affinity lodges," providing members with new avenues to nurture strong connections based on interests outside of Freemasonry.
- Create opportunities for statewide fellowship. Grand Lodge will offer more opportunities for members from lodges around the state to come together in new and unexpected ways. This means supporting lodge partnerships and developing casual and fellowship-driven events programming.

Secretary's Chat

Members,

My wife was admitted to Kaiser Hospital, Modesto.

We entered ER, 10:30am, July 06, primarily due to very low Blood Pressure. As we were entering ER, she lost balance, Luckily I caught her and a Security Guard helped me. They took her into room A9 and immediately drew blood. Instead of putting an IV in her arm, they installed a necklace, where they can draw blood, give medicine, and IV's faster.



She does not remember entering ER or me standing by her side nor her daughter Kristina. Her memory is coming back, Sepsis, Septic Shock, and CHF is a bad.

The doctors at that point in time did not know what was wrong but she was diagnosed with Sepsis, a bacterial infection in her blood. By 11:00pm, Saturday, July 06 she transferred to ICU where she stayed until Saturday, July 13.

During that time I was told her kidney, bladder, stomach, lungs, and muscles were, in addition to Sepsis, was being treated by antibiotics and other medication.

Saturday evening July 13, she was transferred to a regular bed at Kaiser primarily due to her regaining control of her bowels.

Sunday afternoon on July 14 she was transferred to Rehab, Lodi Creek, Lodi, CA and as of today, Thursday, July 25, 2024 she still resides in Lodi Creek. Her expected discharge date, is Saturday, July 27, 2024, She is now at home

She can now walk about 10 steps, she becomes winded, they are working on her lungs, in addition to her muscles.

As a doctor told me and I did read a Sepsis document he gave me, Sepsis attacks everything and she will have difficulty for some period of time. She has to concentrate on her muscles and lungs.

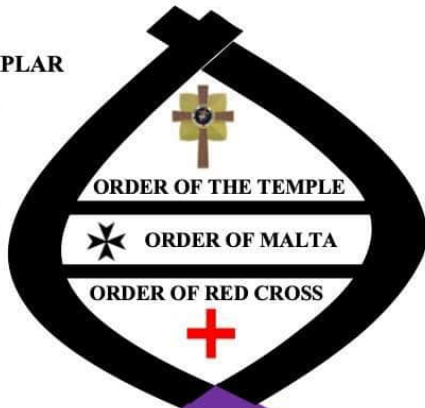
She is on a salt free diet, no soda's. She can have Mineral Water, Ice Tea, Milk, Coffee

The recovery will be a long road but we will make it.

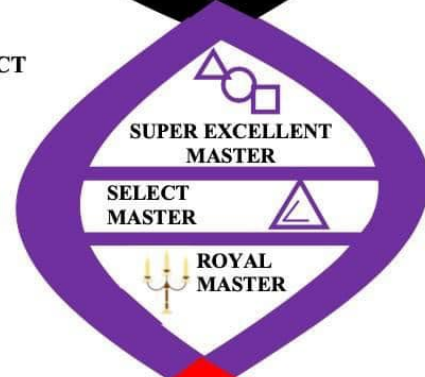


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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



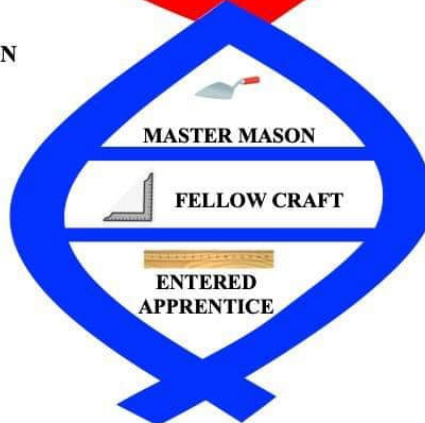
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



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 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"

















