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October 2024 Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons
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4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236



McDonald's
the drive-in with the arches

McDonald's Amazing Menu

Pure Beef Hamburger.....	15¢
Tempting Cheeseburger.....	19¢
Triple-Thick Shakes.....	20¢
Golden French Fries.....	10¢
Thirst-Quenching Coke.....	10¢
Delightful Root Beer.....	10¢
Steaming Hot Coffee.....	10¢
Full-Flavor Orange Drink.....	10¢
Refreshing Cold Milk.....	12¢



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

164 Years
Tuesday, September 03, 2024
Worshipful Oscar Ryan Amil, PM

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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. Rellaford:	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 Thursday, August 29, 2024 ******

2 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

- Wilfredo T. De Mesa 368531 wdemesa@gmail.com No Date
- Yasser Tamarit 353647 ytolivera@gmail.com No Date

5 Entered Apprentices

- Cameron Eric William Bregman 385573 cameron@bregmanfinancial.com
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- Reynoldo Gorospe Guerrero 387415 dlonverg777@yahoo.com
- Jayr T. Rafanan 387410 karruba00@gmail.com

2 Fellowcrafts

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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.

Fall is officially here! As the seasons change and the air cools, let's embrace this time of reflection and renewal. Whether you're enjoying the crisp weather or preparing for the busy months ahead, I hope this season brings you warmth and fellowship.



I'm thrilled to share that our recent blood drive was a huge success—we exceeded our goal!, we not only met but exceeded our goal of 22 units of blood—we collected an amazing 24 units! Every donation has the power to save lives, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated in this effort.

A special congratulations to Worshipful Brother Richard Thornton on receiving his Hiram Award on September 21st. A heartfelt thank you to all the brethren and ladies who helped out and donated food, making both events memorable.

I look forward on our next stated meeting, October stated meeting will be on Tuesday October 1st at 7:30PM. Dinner will be at 6:30.

Attire: White long sleeves barong or White dress shirt. No Tees, No Shorts and No Flip Flops/sandals.

May you all have a great month ahead, 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



ANCOM

This Month of October the 174th Annual Communications for the Grand lodge of California. This marks the occasion of which new officers will be elected as well as new Legislatures will be voted upon and executed with the consensus of the brethren. The common goal is to make the craft more up to date and suited with the changing times involving Masonry. Moreover, the evolution of the brotherhood.

During our School of instruction there were some discussions about some of the topics that were presented as part of the legislature change. Some questions were raised and were answered diligently by our Inspector. This can be found in the Masons of California website in the General Resources and look in the Annual Communications resources tab. There we can read it in the 2024 Grand Lodge Legislations.

The inevitability of change is somewhat challenging to accept. However, being part of that change makes it bearable if not, tolerable. Then again, it is how receptive we are to look at it from a different angle.

Having to take part in this event gives us Master Masons the opportunity to be involved to make the craft more suitable to our learning and improvement. To some, it may come as a way of making a difference and being part of the change. To me, it is a great privilege to have a voting right to this event. I encourage our brothers to exercise their rights as well and enjoy themselves. Let us all get together and Attend. Looking forward to seeing our Brothers in the 174th ANCOM in California for 2024.

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 Benns	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@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	wjjo001@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		jcoleman@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.

October & November Birthdays



October

Karl Dominique Torres
Ora Eugene Watters II
Oscar Ryan Pol Nodado Amil
Rand Jeffry Spraggins
Arnel Magdaong Ibanez
Winston Alegre
Charles Arthur Willis

Rosemarie Tambot Veridiano
Mariam S. Reyes

November

Ernest Dale Watters
Christopher James C. Pacetes
Erwin Culannay Ordonia
Erickson Culannay Ordonia
Richard Eugene Thornton

Eppie Evangelista
Carolina Macaraeg Torres
Juvy Alegre
Anabelle Salvador
Annie Pham Nguyen
Marlene Ruse
Marilyn C. Feliciano

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: Lodges seek out and are welcoming to people of all races and backgrounds.

Goal 2: Leadership is diverse at all levels.

Goal 3: Leaders have the knowledge and support they need to build and maintain harmony in the lodge.

Goal 4: Our Masonic family works in unison.

Harmony is our aim—in our lodges and our community.

From before its statehood, California has attracted people from around the globe searching for opportunity, a place to put down roots and create communities. Today's California continues that history. With over 39 million people, California is the most populous and most diverse state in the Union. Home to many cultures and languages, it is not a surprise that California would also be home to a diverse group of Freemasons.

Our membership should be representative of our communities. Masonic lodges have always aimed to be places that unite people of different "countries, sects, and opinions." But we need to reinforce this goal. Specifically, our market research has revealed that we can do a better job of welcoming and admitting people of all backgrounds and races. For example, the Latino population is under-represented in our membership, even though our Latino prospects report higher levels of enthusiasm about the fraternity than any other group.

Market research also revealed that those who are unengaged in their lodges point to member relations as the number one reason for being unengaged. Creating a welcoming environment isn't only about who is admitted to the lodge. Disharmony stems from many issues, including issues of power and control, personal behavior, a misunderstanding of the rules of engagement, and differences between longer-term members and newer members. The ideal of harmony among diverse individuals is part of our heritage, and it will be our legacy. If practiced intentionally, it can be the fraternity's greatest strength.

Goal 1: Lodges seek out and are welcoming to people of all races and backgrounds.

There is a significant demographic difference between newer members and long-term members. Age, affluence, levels of education and backgrounds are all aspects of the demographic differences between members and prospects. Because long-term members and new members may be so different, it's not surprising that this difference can be a driver of disharmony. But it is something we can recognize and remedy.

In addition, our market research revealed that lodges are not consistently living up to their Masonic ideals of tolerance. Biased or bigoted language or sentiments are contrary to Masonic ideals and are not permitted or tolerated. Market research showed that prospects report that they were sometimes ignored and that repeated inquiries were not returned. One common perception of this lack of attention was that they were not welcomed due to their background or race. Authentic interest in the organization should not be ignored, and all people must be made to feel welcome in our lodges.

Lodge initiatives:

- Create a welcoming committee. Lodges will ensure all prospects and guest are offered information and receive special attention when they enter or approach the lodge. A committee will develop systems, roles, and practices for engaging all guests and prospects.
- Cultivate and embrace a culture of inclusion. Lodges will prioritize diversity and inclusivity in communications with members, prospects, and the public. This includes: Stressing the principles and best practices of diversity and inclusion, especially their fundamental role in Freemasonry. Making diversity an important consideration in prospecting new members. Making diversity as an important consideration in appointments including candidate's coaches, officer's coach, and lodge officers.

Grand Lodge initiatives:

- Create new lodges in new areas. Grand Lodge will develop new lodges in key areas where it currently lacks ethnic, age, and income diversity.
- Cultivate and embrace a culture of inclusion. Grand Lodge will prioritize diversity and inclusivity in communications with lodges, members, prospects, and the public. This includes: Stressing the principles and best practices of diversity and inclusion, especially

their fundamental role in Freemasonry. Making diversity an important consideration in prospecting new members. Making diversity as an important consideration in appointments including candidate's coaches, officer's coach, and lodge officers.

Goal 2: Leadership is diverse at all levels.

Organizations with diverse leadership attract diverse members. Our organization is no different, and in fact, provides ample opportunity to lead at many levels. Achieving a meaningful diversity of viewpoints in both our membership and our leadership is critical to maintain a thriving culture.

Lodge initiatives:

- Diversify lodge leadership and appointments. Leadership at all levels should represent the diversity in California. Lodges will invite more participation in leadership, including by dividing roles, delegating responsibilities, and implementing new roles where appropriate. This brings more voices to the leadership table and reduces disharmony by spreading work across more people.

Grand Lodge initiatives:

- Diversify Grand Lodge leadership and redesign leadership positions to make them more accessible to more members. All levels of leadership, especially at the grand lodge level, should be as diverse as its membership -- including inspectors, committees, boards, and Grand Lodge officers. Grand Lodge will review how leaders are identified and selected, diversify those who make appointment decisions, and appoint a diverse group of leaders. In re-designing leadership positions, requirements of time, time of day/week, and financial commitments to make these roles will be reviewed to be made more accessible, and more attractive, to all members.

Secretary's Chat

Members,

Our lodge, Valley Lodge No. 135 is doing Fantastic. We are family orientated, i.e., Social, Stated, Social. On the horizon Election of Officers for Valley Lodge No. 135 (November), Linden 2024 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (December), and Installation ceremonies. And the year just began and we are going to elect new officers, WOW.



1 8 5 0 First Grand Master JONATHAN DRAKE STEVENSON

There is a Seafaring Man

THE FIRST MASONS to reach California were seafaring men who traded along the coast from San Diego on the south to the Russian settlements on the north. They were a hardy lot who feared neither man nor element and, from some accounts, not averse to an occasional bit of smuggling. They sailed their flimsy little vessels out of New England ports, battled storms off Cape Horn, and months later declared their cargoes at Monterey. Some, engaged in straight bide and tallow trade, came up the South American and Mexican coasts, making their way here as directly as winds would permit. Others, in the China and Hawaiian Islands trade, often sailed across the Pacific and back between visits to our ports, while a few went as far north as Sitka, Alaska.

Among the earliest of these traders were Captains John Meek, Robert J. Elwell, David P. Penhallow, Joseph O. Carter, John Paty, Supercargo Carter Carew, the brothers Robert G. and William Heath Davis, Jr., and probably Stephen Reynolds. Meek, Elwell, Paty, and Reynolds were from Massachusetts. The record is not clear on Carter, but Penhallow was a New Hampshire man and Carew was a Pennsylvanian. The Davis Brothers, born in Honolulu, were sons of William Heath Davis, Sr., a Boston shipmaster who died in the Hawaiian Islands in 1823. Save for Carew, who lost his life when by some historians, they were all sharp traders who realized substantial fortunes from their California ventures.

Elwell and William Heath Davis, Jr. (the latter nicknamed "Kanaka Davis") married native California women and, in all things but money matters, became more Californian than the Californians themselves. Meek and Paty were content to own property here and trade along our coast but, like Carter, Reynolds and Robert Davis, preferred to live in the Hawaiian Islands, Paty dying there in 1868 and Meek in 1875.

Unfortunately, though the business affairs of these brethren cover pages of history, their Masonic records are incomplete and hard to trace. The raising dates of only two, Elwell and Penhallow, are available. Fragments of personal correspondence, signatures in a Tiler's register, and a few minute entries must suffice for the rest.

Also, there seems to be no positive way of determining who among them got to California first, for reminiscences are faulty and at variance with shipping registries.

Take Captain John Meek, who appears to be first, for example. Born at Marblehead, Massachusetts, November 24, 1791, he went to sea at an early age, and was probably here on the West Coast throughout the entire War of 1812. It is possible that he did not even know the war had taken place till it was over. For Hubert Howe Bancroft, the celebrated California historian, mentions him as master of the *Ametbyst*, engaged in otter hunting under Russian contract along the California coast in 1811 and 1812. William Heath Davis, Jr., mentions him as first officer on the *Eagle*, owned by Davis's father, which put in to Refugio near Santa Barbara in 1816. He was subsequently master of several other vessels in the California-Hawaiian trade, the brig *Tamaabmaaba* and Captain John Paty's famous bark *Don Quixote* being among them.

When Le Progres Lodge No. 124 was organized under dispensation of the Supreme Council of France on board Captain M. Le Tellier's bark *Ajax* at Honolulu April 8, 1843, Captain Meek was one of its organizers and charter members. He was intensely devoted to its welfare, serving as Senior Warden in 1848, and furnishing his own house for a meeting place when no other edifice was available. His name frequently appears in the minutes of this lodge, and when he died at Honolulu January 29, 1875, his funeral received special mention in them. Elsewhere, the records reveal that he had been a member of Le Progres Lodge thirty-two years and was its oldest charter member at the time of his death.

Meek was also an organizer and charter member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, established in 1852 under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. It seems that Le Progres Lodge languished almost to the point of extinction about that time, and he and Penhallow helped to organize Hawaiian Lodge in order to keep the Craft alive in the islands. Paty and Robert G. Davis followed them into the new Lodge a short time later. But, by 1856, they had all withdrawn from it and returned to Le Progres Lodge which, in the meanwhile, had resumed work.

Yet, nowhere in all the history of Hawaiian Masonry is there a satisfactory clue as to where Meek was made a Mason, though all authorities agree he was a Mason before he went to the islands.

Outside the Craft, Meek is best remembered as one of the earliest Americans to visit the islands. He first went there in 1809, only thirty-one years after their discovery by our illustrious English brother, Captain James Cook, and eleven years before the arrival of the first missionaries. When he finally went ashore to live, he became a farmer, interested in blooded stock. About 1832, as master of the Don Quixote, he imported a bull and three heifers given to him by Y gnacio Martinez, comandante of the Presidio of San Francisco. These animals formed the nucleus of the vast herds that roam the islands today.

There is some question as to the next brother to visit California, but it appears to have been Captain David Pearce Penhallow, born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 1805. Penhallow was the third known candidate raised in Le Progres Lodge. He was entered April 29, 1846; passed February 6, 1847; and raised March 11, 1847.

Bancroft's History of California mentions his arrival in California as master of the Alert in 1837, but in his application for membership in The Society of California Pioneers he stated that he was here in 1812. In either event, he did not become a Mason till sometime later. He is described as a jovial, well-liked fellow with a boyish mischievousness and a liking for practical jokes. It is said that he once put a small snake under the plate of his host at a dinner.

Whether Captain Penhallow carried any of his mirth-evoking tactics into the Lodge room is not recorded but, as elsewhere noted, he was a good Mason and active in the affairs of Le Progres and other Lodges. Later in life he settled in San Francisco, where he affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge No. 44, sometime between November, 1859, and February, 1860. He died in San Francisco February 10, 1860, and was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

If Robert Jonathan Elwell did not precede Penhallow here, he still gets credit for being the first Mason to settle in California. Captain Elwell, who was raised in the Lodge of St. Andrew at Boston January 23, 1823, was reputedly a "comical genius" who gradually abandoned the sea for an idyllic life at Santa Barbara. Family tradition cited by his posterity has him in California as early as 1816, but he himself said that he did not come till August, 1824.



Elwell was still following the sea in 1828, when he was naturalized a Mexican citizen. The shipping registries for 1827 and 1828 respectively, show him as master of the Tamaahmaaha and the Washington, and as late as 1830 he is mentioned taking a cargo of horses to the Hawaiian Islands. In 1829, he married Senorita Vicenta Sanchez, whom William Heath Davis described as a "handsome woman." Seven years later, the Santa Barbara padron (census) listed him as being thirty-nine years old and the father of four children.

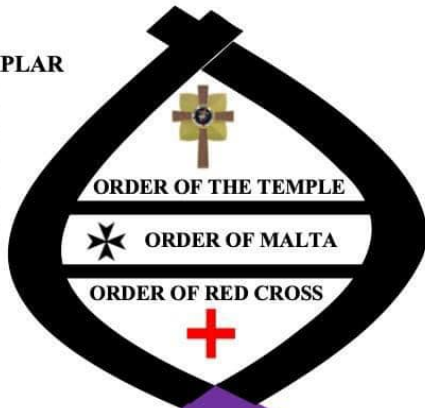
Captain Elwell "engaged in trade" at Santa Barbara till the time of his death there in 1853. He acquired land in Yerba Buena and elsewhere about the state and was considered a man of affluence. Still, his Masonic record seems restricted to the date of his raising in the Lodge of St. Andrew and to an amusing tale told by his descendants. According to the latter, some of the women folk of his household happened upon his Masonic apron one day when he was away from home on business. Not knowing what it was, but admiring the beautiful silk of which it was made, they swiftly converted it into a dress for one of his small children. The youngster was undoubtedly "the belle of the ball", but what the old sea dog thought of the destruction of his apron is more than likely unfit to print.

Captain Elwell was followed by Joseph O. Carter, who came here as master of the bark Volunteer in 1831. Captain Carter was a founder and charter member of Le Progres Lodge. His Masonic record can be found only in the minutes of this Lodge, and then for only a few years and at widely separated dates, for he was at sea most of the time. Between 1833 and 1840, he was master of several different vessels, one of which, the Alciope, was in the Boston trade. He was apparently loath to leave his family at home, and, as Bancroft points out, his wife and child frequently accompanied him on his voyages between California and the islands.

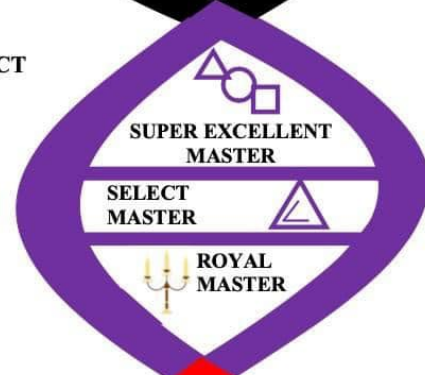
Captain Carter died at Honolulu about 1851. He has been described not only as an adviser to the Hawaiian Royal family, but also as a "many-sided man, familiar with commerce in all its branches and esteemed the soul of honor to his dying day."

THE TRUE LIGHT!

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



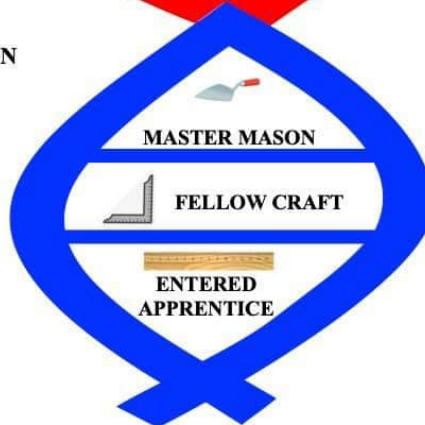
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



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
Trustees	Jericho Reyes Richard Thornton Emmanuel C. Cubol	Term Ends 12/31/2027 Term Ends 12/31/2026 Term Ends 12/31/2025
		Election November 2027 Election November 2026 Election November 2025

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"











Blood Drive Pictures















VALLEY LODGE No. 135 Linden, CA



Valley Lodge #135 sojourned to Karalen Lodge #591 to reclaim the traveling gavel. August 21, 2024

Members of Valley Lodge #135 proudly embarked on a journey to Karalen Lodge #591 to reclaim the traveling gavel, engaging in a friendly competition that highlighted the unity and camaraderie between lodges. The spirit of brotherhood was on full display as we came together, not only to represent our lodge but also to strengthen the bonds that tie us together as Masons. The dedication and commitment of the brethren were a true reflection of the pride and unity that define Valley Lodge and the values we share.























