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November 2024

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

PO Box 443

4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236



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

**164 Years
Tuesday, November 05, 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. 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 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
• Argiene Jomer Sison Castillo	384984	argiene.castillo@gmail.com
• Reginald Guerrero Galanto	387411	reginaldgalanto@yahoo.com
• Reynoldo Gorospe Guerrero	387415	dlonyerg777@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.

Time flies! Only two months left in the year and my term as Master of Valley Lodge 135. Let's make these last months count and finish strong together!



Brethren, please come out and vote for our new set of officers at Valley Lodge 135! Your participation is essential to shaping our lodge's future. Let's continue building a strong brotherhood.

The Valley Lodge Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 3:00 PM at our lodge, located at 4971 N Mill Road, Linden, California 95236. Attire will be Christmas color.

I look forward on our next stated meeting, November stated meeting will be on Tuesday November 5th at 7:30PM. Dinner will be at 6:30.

Attire: Black Suit

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 West

To My Valley Lodge No. 135 Family



Good day to you and your love ones. This article is to inform you that last week, Saturday, October 5, 2024, we, **Brother Erickson Ordonia qualified as Senior Deacon, Brother Erick Molina qualified as Junior Warden, Brother Apollo Cueto qualified as Senior Warden**, and yours truly, **Brother Noel Cubol qualified as Master**. We are qualified to serve you, our Lodge, Valley Lodge No. 135 for the ensuing masonic year, 2025.

As incoming Master, it will be a pleasure to lead this group of elected and appointed officers whom desires to dedicate time, talents, and services to Valley Lodge No. 135, our community, Linden, California, and other places who need our help.

Your incoming officers, for ensuring Masonic Year 2025 are:

- Brother Jose Apollo Hular Cueto, Senior Warden
- Brother Constante Miguel Molina, Junior Warden
- Worshipful Brother Edison Claveria Espeleta, PM, Treasurer
- Worshipful Brother Richard Eugene Thornton, PM, Secretary
- Brother Erickson Culannay Ordonia, Senior Deacon
- Brother Erwin Culannay Ordonia, Junior Deacon
- Brother Cesar Cadavez Sotto, III, Senior Stewart
- Brother Reynaldo Soriano Manalang, Junior Stewart
- Brother Robert Victor Lopez, Marshal
- Worshipful Brother Alejandro Nucum Villanueva, PM, Tyler
- Brother Onofre Cajaine Carillo, Assistant Treasurer
- Worshipful Brother Jericho Apolonio Reyes, PM, Assistant Secretary

Yours truly is expecting all officers and members will have the same heart and commitment to serve one another and be there for each other, anytime and all the time.

Our Lodge, Valley Lodge No. 135 will not succeed to any future goals and plans without each and everyone's participation. I am asking each member of Valley Lodge No. 135 to please help in making our lodge be an excellent source of philanthropic services to the Community of Linden, California and to our own family.

- Let's keep the **Brotherly Love** that taught us to regard the whole human species as one family.
- **Relief**, to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize their miseries, and to restore peace.
- **Truth**, to be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in masonry, so let's all join together in promoting each other welfare and rejoice in each other's prosperity.

Those are some of the obligations that we all solemnly took and need to keep in our heart and mind.

I am here to serve you and your love ones, in any way I can. I will serve the lodge without any personal motives of my own. Help me make 2025 be a better year for our Lodge and family.

Thank you for trusting me and Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

May God continue to Bless us all.

I love each of you, my Valley Lodge No. 135 Family.

Your Future Worshipful Master.
Emmanuel C Cubol.

PS: To all my valley family, I hope you had a great Halloween weekend and got A Lots of candies. November is now here and the year is almost come to an end. I want to let you all know that we had a great fruitful year and I am looking forward to have a more fruitful and productive year ahead of us. With the new sets of officers, I am so excited that we will Serve our lodge Together. I want to invite you all and our family on Saturday, December 21st, 2:00pm, 1123 J St Sacramento. I hoping to see You all and celebrate with us. Let's eat and have fun. We have a band that will entertain us while we are eating. Again, I hoping see you all on our 167th installation of Officers and in the lodge. God Bless you all and see you soon.

One love, one Family,
With Fraternal Love
Bro. Noel Cubol

From the South

Junior Wardens Corner

Election of Officers

An election can be described as a formal process by which a group of people, often citizens of a country, choose individuals to hold public office or decide on specific issues. Elections are a central component of democratic systems, allowing voters to express their preferences and influence government decisions.



This November, our stated meeting will hold its Annual Election of officers. Where new officers will be filling the seats that will determine their roles in the upcoming Masonic year. Immovable positions are the Plumb, Level and the Square which in our Masonic Language would mean that these are the three Lights or the three principal officers of the Lodge. These are the officers associated with the Jewels or emblem of their office. The **East - Square**, The **West - Level** and the The **South - Plumb**.

However, being elected is just the start. The work will require a certain degree of dedication and responsibility. The support from our brethren will be a key point of the success and strength of our Lodge.

As Masons, we also practice our right to vote on aspiring officers. This has been a long-standing tradition of each lodge during the Annual Election of officers. During this time, we make use of the opportunity to step into the next position, Considering it as Progress and Advancement. As Masons, I believe that we can do more and We can learn more. The beauty of the craft can be appreciated more not from a far but from within.

To our upcoming officers for the year 2025. I would like to extend my Congratulations and Appreciation to all of you.

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
 Bicentennial Daylight Lodge No. 830
 Calaveras Lodge No. 8
 Elk Grove Lodge No. 173
 Escalon Lodge No. 591
 Hornitos Lodge No. 98
 IONE Lodge No. 80
 Lodi Lodge No. 256
 Modesto Lodge No. 206
 Morning Star Lodge No. 19
 Mount Oso Lodge No. 460
 Oak Summit Lodge No. 112
 Patterson Lodge No. 488
 Smyrna Lodge No. 532
 Stockton York Rite
 Turlock Lodge No. 236
 Tyrian Lodge No. 439
 Valley Lodge No. 135
 Volcano Consolidated Lodge No. 56
 Woodbridge Lodge No. 131
 Yosemite Lodge No. 99

1st Wed @ 7:30pm
 3rd Tue @ 1:00pm
 2nd Wed @ 7:00pm
 2nd Thu @ 7:30pm
 3rd Wed @ 7:00pm
 2nd Sat @ 6:00pm
 3rd Mon @ 7:00pm
 1st Thu @ 7:30pm
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 1st Wed @ 7:30pm

Ed Marquez
 Dave Hughes
 Gary Bennis
 William Hall
 Matt Due
 Robert McAllester
 Bill Wells
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 William Johnson

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 340 East Market Street, Stockton

Main Street & Ellen Street, Knights Ferry
 650 North 6th Street, Patterson
 2904 3rd Street, Ceres
 340 East Market Street, Stockton
 108 South Thor Street, Turlock
 212 North Powers Ave, Manteca
 4917 North Mill Road, Linden
 16180 Charleston-Volcano, Volcano
 1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge

Become well known in San Joaquin
 County

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

October & November Birthdays



November

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

December

Stephen Jeffrey Campbell
Christian Matthew Soriano
Manuel Atencio Buentipo
Ora Eugene Watters
Cameron Eric William Bregman

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

Cara Thornton
Romelyn Maningoling Sotto



October 22, 2024

Lodge Secretary
Valley #135
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richard@valleylodge135.org

RE: Mrs. Patricia Miklos

Dear Lodge Secretary:

I am writing to inform the officers and members of Valley #135 that Patricia will be celebrating her birthday on November 28th, 2024. You may wish to join in making this day a happy one through some type of greeting.

Should you wish to send any form of gift (flowers, gift cards or greeting cards, etc.), please send to Patricia Miklos and address the envelope to the resident at:

34400 Mission Boulevard
Union City, CA 94587-3604

We thank you for your support and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry Quigley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Quigley
CEO & President

cc: Resident's File

Masonic Education

Masons build strong, long-lasting friendships

Goal 3: Leaders have the knowledge and support they need to build harmony. Harmony is the measure of a lodge. In fact, members reported that “member relationships” is the single most important factor when asked to rate their lodge – both positively and negatively.

Masters are responsible for its safeguarding. It is the foundation on which understanding, fellowship, and respect is built on. Lodge leaders at all levels should value the active, ongoing pursuit of harmony— and be equipped with the support and training they need to build and maintain it.



Lodge initiatives:

- Lead the lodge with harmony as a priority. Since member relationships is the single most important factor in membership engagement, harmony should be a priority of the lodge's leaders. From planning events and stated meetings designed to build harmony and friendship, to listening to what members want from their

Masonic experience, lodge leaders will build and nurture harmony in their lodge.

- Clarify expectations of Masonic culture. Lodges should develop an active, ongoing pursuit of harmony. To nurture harmony, lodge leaders must clarify the rules that were designed specifically to build harmony in the lodge. The concept of “who can best work and best agree” must be understood by all members of the lodge. Expectations of lodge culture include:
 - Lodge meetings and activities should be free of personal conflict.
 - Subjects that are inherently divisive are not discussed.
 - Decisions of the lodge are honored by all members once made. Members speak with one voice. Opposing perspectives are welcomed, expressed in a dignified and respectful manner, and considered with patience and open-mindedness.
- Expect behavior that is in line with Masonic values, and hold members accountable. Behavior that runs counter to Masonic values should not be tolerated. Racist or bigoted language is unacceptable.

Grand Lodge initiatives:

- Train leadership on building and maintaining harmony in a lodge. Grand Lodge will educate leaders and develop tools for them to be successful at this aspect of their role through training at leadership retreats and other Masonic events.
- Promote harmony as part of Masonic heritage and legacy. The public's perception of Freemasonry does not align with the fraternity's ideals regarding harmony and diversity. Grand Lodge will work to improve the fraternity's reputation for harmony through partnerships with organizations working toward diversity and equality and participation in events and forums on similar themes. Grand Lodge will involve subject-matter experts in communications within the fraternity and increase their visibility among the public.

Goal 4: Our Masonic family works in unison.

Freemasonry in California is not limited to lodges that practice under the Grand Lodge of California. There are nine other Grand Lodges in the state, in addition to Masonic Organizations such as the Order of the Eastern Star, and various Masonic youth orders. All of these organizations benefit from sharing and presenting a common view of Freemasonry. Working together to raise each one's profile will only benefit Freemasonry. Lodge initiatives: • Participate in Youth Order events and chapters. Lodges will participate in and provide mentorship for their partner Masonic youth orders. Grand Lodge initiatives: • Partner with other Masonic organizations and grand lodges in California to present a united picture of Freemasonry in California. The Grand Lodge of California and local lodges will seek meaningful collaboration and engagement with Masonic organizations, youth orders, and other grand lodges including Prince Hall, the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile, the Women's Grand Lodge of California, and mixed and feminine lodges working in California. The Masons of California will seek out philanthropic and volunteer partnerships, as well as shared public relations opportunities, with its sister organizations.

- Key performance indicator: Masons of California more closely represent the racial diversity in the state.
- Key Performance Indicator: Leadership grows more diverse at all levels of the organization. Goal is to be 50% more ethnically, age, and income diverse by 2025.
- Key performance indicator: Biased and bigoted language is not a theme in prospect research.
- Key performance indicator: The percentage of prospects that say the organization needs to be more welcoming to people of all races decrease by half (2020 baseline 63% Latino prospects, 23% other) by 2025.
- Key performance indicator: The collaborative relationship between the grand lodges in California expands and deepens to include more Masonic Organizations with similar messaging.
- Key performance indicator: Increase the number of public events with other Masonic Organizations and grand lodges.

Valley Lodge No. 135 History

The growth of Valley Lodge No. 135 runs parallel to that of the farming community of Linden, in San Joaquin County. Neither has ever been large. Valley Lodge came into existence in 1858 at a place called Forman's Ranch, on the old Mokelumne Hill Road (now Linden Road), fifteen miles east of Stockton. It received its dispensation from Grand Master Curtis, July 20 of that year, but had to wait till May 11, 1860, before being chartered.

At the time Valley was organized, Forman's Ranch appears to have been a settlement that had grown up around the old Fifteen-Mile House, which has long since disappeared. In 1862, it was laid out as a town and given the name "Linden." Yet, in its annual returns, the Lodge did not change the name of its meeting place till 1864.

With J. C. Pendergast, John C. Reid, and James H. Cook respectively as its first Master, Senior and Junior Warden under dispensation, it got under way at what was hardly an auspicious time. People were restless, and the nation was torn with sectional differences that eventually led to the Civil War. But the Lodge's location must have been favorable enough to offset those handicaps. In its first returns, filed in '59, it reported 16 members. Between '61 and '65, the actual years of the war, it jumped from 18 to 26, a growth of more than forty-four per cent.

There was, however, during its dispensation period, a re-arrangement of officers. By 1860, when the charter was granted, Master Pendergast had dropped back to the ranks, with no mention as Past Master, and Thomas Wasley was Master. Reid, who was a Past Master from another Lodge, and Cook were still in their respective positions of Senior and Junior Warden.

Under the guidance of such men as these and their competent successors after the war, Valley continued a relatively vigorous growth till the early eighties. Then, it gradually declined for some reason-perhaps unfavorable farming conditions and the slackening of mining activities in the eastern hills, which diminished travel on the road through Linden. By 1900, it had only 27 members. By 1910, however, it had recovered itself with 42. Since that time, save for a minor decline in the 1930's, it has continued to grow, reaching 83 by 1949.

As the reader pores over Valley's ninety years of returns to Grand Lodge, he sees few names that he recognizes as of great distinction. Most of the brethren of this Lodge were confirmed rural folk, intent on their local affairs, and entertained few aspirations for the emoluments or glories of high office. Indeed, the Lodge's two most outstanding characters till after the turn of the century were Past Masters Wasley and Reid. Wasley died in 1901, after being a member of the Lodge more than forty years, and Reid laid down his working tools in 1909, after more than fifty years in the Craft at Linden alone .

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.



HARRY EUGENE STAFFORD: First Grand Mater of Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Received his education principally in New York, where he became a medical doctor. He first engaged in private medical practice in New York as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and as professor in the New York Polyclinic P.G. Medical School.

Dr. Stafford was among the first to be commissioned in the military medical service in the Spanish-American War. He was a Captain and Assistant Surgeon in the 71st Regiment, New York National Guard, in Cuba, and was wounded at San Juan Hill by a shrapnel explosion, for which he later received the Purple Heart Decoration. On his return from Cuba to the United States, in 1899, he applied for medical military service in the Philippines and was assigned to the 13th Regiment. He arrived in Manila in May, 1899. In Manila, Dr. Stafford was given charge of the surgical work of the First Reserve Hospital. Then he was detailed to Malacanan Palace as surgeon to General Arthur MacArthur. He was also surgeon to Governor Taft and later to Governors Wright, Ide, Smith, and Forbes, and was family surgeon in General Wood's family while Wood was Governor-General of the Philippines. After organization of the Civil Government of the Philippines, Governor Taft requested him to remain in the Philippines and take charge of the Bureau of Hospitals and the medical and surgical service of the Government of the Philippines.

After Stafford's service in the Civil Government of the Philippines, he remained in Manila and engaged in the general practice of his profession.

Dr. Stafford retired from private medical practice a short time prior to World War II and located in the City of Baguio, Mountain Province, which is a picturesque mountain resort about 165 miles north of Manila. Here, he and Mrs. Stafford were enjoying the beauties and comforts of that delightful country until they were interned by the Japanese Army in 1942. They almost lost their lives from internment and malnutrition before they were liberated by the American Army, under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, in 1945. But they soon afterwards made their way to the United States, where they are now comfortably located in Santa Cruz, California.

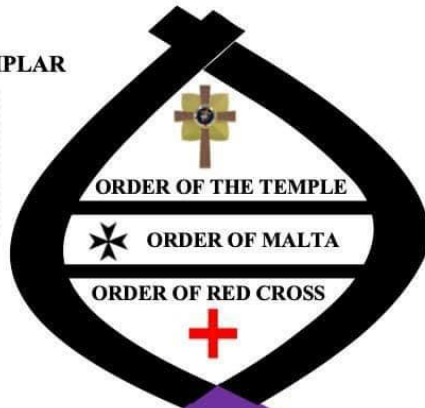
Stafford has been a Master-workman in the quarries and workshops of Freemasonry. Before going to Cuba and the Philippines in the military medical service, he was twice Master of Roome Lodge No. 746, under the Grand Lodge of New York. In the early days of the American occupation of the Philippines, he was one of the many Masons in the United States Army who desired to organize a society or association for the study and propagation of Masonic teachings, and Masonic conduct for funeral services and social affairs.

A Masonic Sojourners' Association was the result. A call was made in the Manila Times for a meeting of Freemasons for that purpose, and a meeting was held in the editorial room of that paper. Stafford was requested to take the chair, and in the organization of the I Masonic Sojourners' Association he was elected President. Other meetings were held in the old Oriente Hotel and in Stafford's home in Manila.

The membership of the Association was quite large at the beginning, but, after the shifting of the Army officers and troops during the insurrection, the later meetings of the Association were not so well attended. Stafford was the first Master of the first Lodge organized in Manila under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, Manila No. 342. And when the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was organized in 1912, he became its first Grand Master. Today, he is often affectionately referred to as the father of American Freemasonry in the Philippines. Dr. Stafford is a member of all concordant orders of Masonry. As a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Philippine Islands, he received the 33 ° Honorary.

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"



