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February 2025

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons
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HOW IT FEELS GOING THROUGH THE
DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY



Valley Lodge No. 135 Dispensation	Received: Tuesday, July 20, 1858
Worshipful Master J.C. Pendergrast	Master: 1858 and 1859
Valley Lodge No. 135 Charter	Received: Friday, May 11, 1860
Worshipful Master Thomas Wasley	Master: 1860 & 1861
Worshipful Master Emmanuel Cubol	Master: Saturday, December 21, 2024
Saturday, May 11, 2024	166 Years of Service to Linden, CA

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Valley Lodge No. 135 Officers

Emmanuel C. “Noel” Cubol: Worshipful Master

Jose A. “Apollo” Hular Cueto: Senior Warden

Constante M. Molina: Junior Warden

Edison C. Espeleta, PM: Treasurer

Richard E. Thornton, PM: Secretary

Erickson Ordonia: Senior Deacon

Erwin Ordonia: Junior Deacon

Cesar Sotto: Senior Steward

Reynaldo Soriano Manalang: Junior Steward

Robert V. Lopez: Marshal

Mannie Buentipo, PM: Chaplin

Alejandro Villanueva, PM: Tiler

Onofre Carillo: Assistant Treasurer

Jericho Reyes, PM: Assistant Secretary

Oscar Amil, PM: Officers Coach

Edison Espeleta, PM: Officers Coach

Jericho Apolonio Reyes, PM: Trustee – Term Ends 12/31/2027 Election 11/2027

Richard Eugene Thornton, PM: Trustee – Term Ends 12/31/2026 Election 11/2026

Emmanuel Clamosa Cubol: Trustee – Term Ends 12/31/2025 Election 11/2025

Grand Lodge Officers

Arthur Lupe Salazar, Jr. Grand Master

Garrett Scott Chan: Deputy Grand Master

Ara Maloyan: Senior Grand Warden

Christopher D. Smith: Junior Grand Warden

Charles P. Cross: Grand Treasurer

Allan Lesley Casalou: Grand Secretary

Matthew Scott Vander Horck: Grand Lecturer

David Martinez Ferreria: Grand Chaplain

Gary Duane Sparks: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division I

Corey Payton Allen Leighty: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division II

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

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

jChristian Gegajo Marano: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division V

Rio Lagunda Santonil: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VI

Narbeh Bagdasarian: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VII

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

Russell Elliot Hennings: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX

Charles Delos Reyes Dimaano: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division X

Carlos Manuel Diez, Jr.: Grand Orator

Jordan Tyler Yelinek: Assistant Grand Secretary

Sean Matthew Mantucca: Grand Marshal

Cameron Scott Ellis: Grand Standard Bearer

Jhairo Echevarria: Grand Sword Bearer

Jarrold Demetrious Washington: Grand Bible Bearer

Luis f. Carrion: Senior Grand Deacon

Albert S. Cua: Junior Grand Deacon

Arman Albert Ordian: Senior Grand Steward

Michael Dalisay Tagulao: Junior Grand Steward

Scott Alan Morrison, Jr.: Grand Pursuant

Stephen Richard Miller: Grand Organist

Scotty Joe Christian: Grand Tiler

David Alfonso Olmedo: Assistant Grand Tiler

Valley Lodge No. 135

Status

**** As of Tuesday, February 04, 2025 ****

5 Entered Apprentices

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2 Fellowcrafts

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Valley Lodge No. 135 has 75 Master Masons



From the East

To My Valley Lodge No. 135 Family

Don't give in to discouragement.



Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while. We will reap the harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.

Sometimes doing the right things makes you tired because it's easier to do what's wrong than to do what's right. It's easier to be undisciplined than to be disciplined. It's easier to lie than to tell the truth. It is easier to be selfish than to be unselfish. To do what is right, we need self-control, wisdom and willpower and that's why we get tired.

When you plant a seed, you don't instantly get a plant, there is always a delay. You plant in one season and you harvest in another season.

In the same way, there may be a delay between when you do the right things then when you see the blessings, why? Because God's blessings isn't like a bending machine, when you put in a good deeds and instantly get a blessing back, you can't decide to start putting a purse in your finances and giving generously to others and then expect all your problems to go away the very next day. That's not how God promise works so what do you do before after a while comes? You keep on doing the right things. Continue serve the people in needs, continue share your blessings. For He looks to a cheerful giver and a big heart who never get tired to help in any way.

One of the greatest tests of Faith is how you handle the delay when you're doing the right thing and you don't see the immediate reward. God's promises can give you the courage and determination. You need to keep going when your life gets tough. Don't let discouragement overwhelm you, instead, remember what is waiting for you when you choose to do what's right and don't give up.

There is no greater joy than to be used for a purpose bigger than yourself. The purpose of life isn't to get an education, find a job, make money, and retire before you die. Your life is far more significant than your career, you were made for eternal purpose.

Your pass does not determine your future, your past is past! It doesn't disqualify you from being used for a greater purpose in life and the opportunities you've had or didn't have don't determine whether you're qualified for our Masonic mission. We are all called and chosen to be the channel of blessings to others who need our help. I always remember the saying: it's better to give than to receive.

Thank you and have a great day, my Ladies and Brethren from Valley Lodge # 135, thank you all for your generosity and support to our lodge projects and activities. One Love, One Family. 135.

We had a very successful food drive last January 24, and on January 25, a wonderful time serving the community of Lodi when we volunteered in giving the foods and goods the people needed in their tables. I am looking forward for another great time serving this community in the near future. The feeling of being there for the community when they need us is an overwhelming Joy. That is why I want to tell to all of my Valley family let us all not get tired of helping one another and the people of our community for there is no greater joy than seeing this people have something that they really needed even only in a few days of their lives. Again, thank you all and God Bless us all.

Brother Emmanuel C. "Noel" Cubol
Worshipful Master
Valley Lodge No. 135

From the West

Senior Warden's Corner

Love is in the Air

February is here. We have this month we associate it with Love, Affection and Romance. It's the time when we greatly express it through gifts, flowers and sweet gestures. The occasion where Roses, Chocolates and cards are highly appreciated when given to your loved ones. Thanks to the Martyr St. Valentine, this has become a Global occasion. Legends have it that the Saint performed weddings in secret for young soldiers who were forbidden to Marry defying Emperor Claudius II. For reasons that the Emperor believed that Married men did not make good soldiers and also to grow his army. As a result of his defiance, he was executed on February 14th year 270 A.D.



Valentine's day has evolved overtime. Making the expression of Love more noticeable, prominent even sometimes lavish.. Even in this modern time with the aid of social media alongside with the internet, with a little courage, creativity and hard work it can be expressed with such extravagance. But the essence remains the same, it's about Love and affection.

Brotherly love on the other hand, is highly regarded as Masons who are linked together with an indissoluble chain of affection. For we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family who are created by one almighty parent. Love for our fellow brothers comes with respect and genuine adoration. This tenet brings upon the goodness on how we act towards our family, friends even in our community not just to our fellow brothers. We can express it not just on a small scale but on a global extent, reaching far and wide. That's the beauty of this Fraternity, we exercise Love as part of our obligation to ourselves but to our creator. May we all continue to Love one another. Let us all continue to spread this powerful gift that has been entrusted to us. For our own existence is the product of this strong word. It can move mountains, it can conquer negativity, It can surpass limits, it can become our greatest implement.

One Love, One Family, One 3 Five.

Bro. Jose Apollo H. Cueto

**Senior Warden
Valley Lodge No. 135**

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
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 Gary Bennis
 William Hall
 Matt Due
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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

Events

- 1) **Stated Meeting, Tuesday, February 04, 2025 6025**
- 2) **Ladies of Valley Lodge No. 135 Relaxation**
Saturday, February 15, 2025
11:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)
8139 Elk Grove Blvd, suite 120, Elk Grove, CA

**Become well known in San Joaquin
 County**

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

February Birthdays

Cornelio Malabanan Perez	February: 2/02
Rolando Marcella Santos, Jr.	February: 2/10
Miguel Fuentes Gomez	February: 2/14
Lourd Xedric Ramos Miguel	February: 2/21
Reginald Guerrero Galanto	February: 2/28

Rhuena B. Buentipo	Spouse of Manuel Buentipo	February: 2/01
Carmen Santos Medrano	Spouse of Albert Medrano	February: 2/01
Grace Pacetes	Spouse of Christopher Pacetes	February: 2/03
Maria Lourdes Aben	Spouse of Ferdinand Aben	February: 2/12
Maria Melanie Molina	Spouse of Constante Molina	February: 2/18
Jennifer Santos	Spouse of Warren Santos	February: 2/18
Florence Dalisay Natividad	Spouse of John Natividad	February: 2/26



Masonic Education

VALLEY Lodge No. 135



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 1, 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.

Retaining Younger Brethren

How to stop them leaving the Lodge

Get them involved



Encourage them to take part in the Ceremonies



Encourage the senior Brethren to be more youth friendly



Adjust the Lodge times to suit modern working hours



Take them on a Fraternal visit to friendly Lodge



Finally lock and bar the door



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".

Name Audit	Members Oscar Ryan Paul Amil, PM Alejandro Villanueva, PM Donie Navarro, PM Erwin Guzman, PM Jose Apollo Cueto	Position Chairman Member Member Member Member
Budget and Finance	Emmanuel Cubol Edison Espeleta, PM Richard Thornton, PM Donie Navarro PM	Chairman Member Member Member
Candidates Coach	Jose Apollo Cueto Oscar Ryan Paul Amil PM Angelito Mirando, PM Paulino Collado, PM Constante Molina	Chairman
Charity	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto Constante Molina	Chairman
Dues & Delinquent Dues	Emmanuel Cubol Edison Espeleta, PM Richard E. Thornton Oscar Ryan Paul Amil, PM	Chairman Member Member Member
Executive Committee	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto Constante Molina Ryan Paul Amil PM Richard E. Thornton, PM	Chairman Member Member Member Secretary-non-voting member
Fund Raising	Emmanuel Cubol Jose Apollo Cueto John Jay Natividad, PM Oscar Ryan Paul Amil, PM Marcial Gullem, Jr, PM Donie Navarro, PM	Chairman Member Member Member Member Member
Hiram Award	Jose Apollo Cueto Oscar Ryan Paul Amil, PM Edison Espeleta, PM Andy Villanueva, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM Richard Thornton PM	Chairman Member Member Member Member Member
Masonic Education	Edison Espeleta, PM Oscar Ryan Paul Amil, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM Richard Thornton, PM	Chairman
Mason of the Year	Emmanuel Cubol	Chairman
Refreshment Committee	Constante Molina Cesar Sotto Reynaldo Manalang Xedrick Miguel Erickson Ordonia Erwin Ordonia	Chairman
Retention	All Members	

Sunshine Committee

Donie Navarro, PM
Robert Lopez
Richard Thornton, PM

Chairman

US Constitution Observance

Jericho Reyes, PM
Richard Thornton, PM
Donie Navarro, PM
Erwin Guzman, PM

Chairman

Trustees

Jericho Reyes
Richard Thornton
Emmanuel C. Cubol

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Pictures



Picture of Valley Lodge No. 135 Worshipful Master Emmanuel Cubol, Brother Jose Cueto, Senior Warden, and Constante Molina, Junior Warden.





















"I am deeply honored and grateful to have been selected as the Master of Ceremony of General Douglas Mac Arthur Lodge 853 by our Worshipful Master, Winston Baltazar Pat Nubay. Thank you for placing your trust and confidence in me. Congratulations to you and your set of officers for the ensuing Masonic year



















