

*Trestleboard*  
*January 2023*

*Valley Lodge No. 135*  
*Free & Accepted Masons*  
*PO Box 443*  
*4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236*

05/11/1860

162 Years

01/01/2023



# Officers

**Worshipful Master Donie Navarro. PM**

**Senior Warden Oscar Amil, PM**

**Junior Warden Emmanuel Cubol**

**Treasurer Edison C. Espeleta, PM**

**Secretary Richard Thornton, PM**

**Senior Deacon Jose Cueto**

**Junior Deacon Rey Evangelista**

**Senior Steward Jerome Arrington**

**Junior Steward Christopher Arrington**

**Marshal Ferdinand D. Aben**

**Chaplin Erwin Guzman, PM**

**Assistant Secretary Jericho Reyes, PM**

**Tiler Alejandro Villanueva, PM**

## Valley Lodge No. 135 Status

**\*\*\*\* As of November 24, 2022 \*\*\*\***

### 3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

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- \*\*Please note: Herbert T. Tubillara has been contacted and wants to advance\*\***

### 8 Entered Apprentices

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**Valley Lodge No. 135 has 81 Master Masons**

# *From the East*

## **Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135**

Good evening it was an excellent installation of officers of Valley Lodge No. 135 on Saturday December 17, 2022.

Thank you so much to the installing team which we have an excellent ceremony done by our Worshipful Brother Espeleta, PM; Worshipful Brother Buentipo, PM; and Worshipful Brother Villanueva, PM.

Every one was installed to their respective position except the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Some of the visitors are from Modesto Lodge, Patterson Lodge, Carquines Lodge, Suisun Lodge, Pittsburg Lodge, Escalon Lodge and General Douglas MacArthur Lodge. We have a good crowd from different lodges; we had over a hundred visitors and many of our guest stayed until the midnight hour.

I would like to thank my wife Aurea Navarro, my youngest daughter Donna and her husband Mr. Noe Valades and my two grand kids, Mateo and Haddasa in supporting me for the second time again. To my Masonic family at Valley Lodge No. 135 (Ladies of Valley) in supporting me and my wife, you have shown me love, tolerance, joy and camaraderie, your trust and confidence in me, encourages me to do more for the good of the others.

As Master of Valley Lodge No. 135, I wish to continue and enhance the tradition and spirit that our Lodge enjoys today. Some of my thoughts and goals are to uplift community service through charitable involvement and be visible by joining community service. To focus on fellowship and family have more events activities that are open to our friends and families. So may we bring us closer to each other.

**Fraternally Yours,**

**Worshipful Master Donie Navarro, PM**  
**Valley Lodge No 135**

# *Masonic Education*

## **Let's review the Officers Duties beginning with Tiler:**

**Copied from Grand Lodge of California 2022:** “As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass except such as are duly qualified, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man.”

**Copied from Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1850:** The Tyler: “You are appointed Tyler of this Lodge and I invest you with the implement of your office. As the sword is place in the hands of the Tyler, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, post a sentinel over our actions: thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy though or deed, and preserving consciences void of offense towards God and toward man”.

## **The Stewards**

**Copied from Grand Lodge of California 2022:** “you have been appointed Stewards of this Lodge and I will now instruct you in your duties. In olden times, your province was to superintend and provide for the Festivals of the Craft, to assist in the collection of dues and subscriptions, to keep an account of the expenses for refreshments, and to see that the tables were properly supplied and every Brother suitably provided for. In modern times, however, the provision for actual refreshment has diminished and your principal functions will now be to prepare Candidates for admission, and to perform those duties which Masonic custom has assigned to you on days of procession. Receive the jewels of your office together with the white rods.”

**Copied from Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1850:** You have been appointed Stewards of this Lodge. The duties of your office are, to assist in the collection of dues and subscriptions, to keep an account of the Lodges expenses, to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and that every Brother is suitable provided for: and generally to assist the Deacons and other officers in performing their respective duties. Your regular and early attendance will afford the best proof of your zeal and attachment to the Lodge.”

# Events

\* No events will be posted until the April Issue of the Trestle Board

**The officers to fulfill the requirements as stated in the letter from the Grand Master. We should meet to practice our Ritual. For a snack go to our neighbor and order a hamburger or another dish we may like.**

The meeting on December 28, 2022 with our Inspector was excellent and some comments:

**“Don’t ever feel guilty Worshipful Mannie. Things happen for a reason and this will bring about stronger bond amongst us brothers of Valley Lodge 135. We are family.**

**#OneLoveOneThreeFive**

**I’ll never leave nor abandon my brothers who have fought for the real meaning of Brotherhood, respect and truth. So proud of what we have become. My loyalty will always be yours, my brothers. Thank you so much.**

**That is true Worshipful, I saw last night how our brothers reacted to our Inspector. Some statements from our brothers to the Inspector:**

- **What happen to brotherly love, relief and truth,**
- **your admonishment did not apply to WB Mannie, you did not give him a chance,**
- **where is the 5 points of fellowship,**
- **Don’t blame yourself WB Mannie, nagtiwala ka sa Kanya, and**
- **Worshipful Mannie forget what happened, move on we are all with you.**
- **You are a Mason, Past Master, Brother, a member of Valley Lodge No. 135 and you have my respect please come back to family**

## January’s Birthdays

Robert Tod Ruse	January 06
Rex Laganson Villarin	January 06
Athens Randolph Salvador	January 07
Angelito Miranda	January 08
Jose Apollo Hular Cueto	January 11
Albert Macario Medrano, DR	January 11
Jaime Navarroza Mordo III	January 21
Sheldon George Moore	January 26
Dennis Del Nero	January 28
Don Beltran Veridiano	January 29
Jennifer D. Cueto	January 15
Priscilla A. Herrera	January 16
Daisy Miranda	January 26

# Secretaries Chat

I usually write, at least the first part of the Chat, what are the duties of the Secretary. Well for the next three months, duties are going to be easy.



- Ask our Inspector for approval to meet to pay our Bills.
- Keep minutes
- Present the minutes to Grand Master for approval to pay our bills
- Upon approval, issue warrants to Treasurer to pay our bills.

4. **Requirements for Recovery of Charter.** In order for the Lodge to recover its Charter on March 31, 2023 or thereafter, the Lodge, at a minimum, must have provided me with satisfactory evidence that the following duties have been performed:

**Master:** Qualify to give the Master's work and lecture in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees.

Demonstrate he is proficient in those portions of the Code that relate to the government of the lodge. Fulfill his duties as an ex-officio director of the Hall

**Senior Warden:** Qualify to give the Senior Warden's work in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees. Qualify to give the Master's work and lecture of the Fellow Craft degree. Demonstrate he is proficient in those portions of the Code that relate to the government of the lodge and Fulfill his duties as an ex-officio director of the Hall

**Junior Warden:** Qualify to give the Junior Warden's work in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees. Qualify to give the Master's work and lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. Demonstrate he is proficient in those portions of the Code that relate to the government of the Lodge

**Senior Deacon:** Qualify to give the Senior Deacon's work in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees. Qualify to give the Senior Deacon's lecture of the Fellow Craft degree.

I may impose other requirements during the period of the Charter's suspension. Failure to follow and achieve the above requirements by March 31, 2023 will likely result in a recommendation by me that the Charter be revoked, unless the Charter is voluntarily surrendered. Section 813.020 of the *California Masonic Code*.

## American York Rite

I do want to talk, just a little, about American York Rite. Now wait a minute, there are York Rite's in other countries, why do we have American York Rite. **Well, us Colonials must do things differently.**

In the United States and in each state, we have a Grand Lodge of Masons. Let's follow our State; California. We have the Grand Lodge of California, with Grand Master of Masons. It does not matter if you are a Shriner, Scottish Rite, York Rite or other bodies, you are a Mason under the jurisdiction of Grand Master of Masons.

- **Grand Lodge of California** – Grand Master of Masons; with the following arrangement, Entered Apprentice Degree, Fellowcraft Degree, and Master Mason Degree
  - **Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons** – Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons, California; with the following arrangement: Mark Master Degree. Past Master, Most Excellent Master, & Royal Arch Degree
  - **Grand Council Cryptic Masons** – Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons, California; Reason clarified with California, not all states have "Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. With the following arrangement: Royal Master and Select Master Degrees
  - **Grand Commandery Knights Templar** – Grand Commander Knights Templar, California; with the following arrangement: Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple

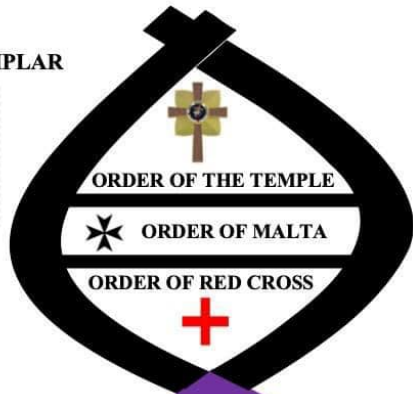
## England

- **Grand Lodge of England** – Grand Master of Masons & Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons
  - **Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons** does not exist in England. Basically, the arrangement is Entered Apprentice Degree, Fellowcraft Degree, Master Mason Degree, and Royal Arch Degree.
  - **Mark Master Grand Lodge**, Mark Master Degree
  - **Grand Council Cryptic Masons**; Royal and Select Master Degree
  - **Grand Commandery Knights Templar**, Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, Order of the Temple.



# THE TRUE LIGHT!

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



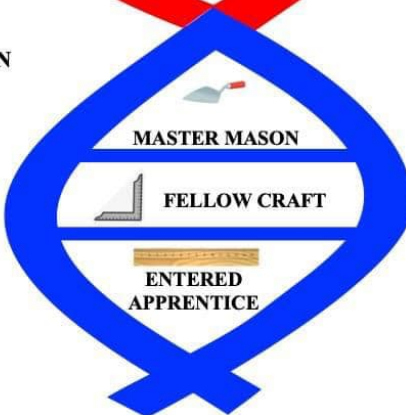
## ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



## 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 Masters, 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!



# Pictures

Pictures off of the Internet from Mannie









