

# *Trestleboard*

*July 2023*

*Valley Lodge No. 135  
Free & Accepted Masons*

*PO Box 443  
4917 North Mill Road, Linden, California 95236*



## Valley Lodge No. 135 Officers

**Donie Navarro, PM: Worshipful Master**

**Oscar Amil, PM: Senior Warden**

**Emmanuel Cubol: Junior Warden**

**Edison C. Espeleta, PM: Treasurer**

**Richard Thornton, PM: Secretary**

**Jose Cueto: Senior Deacon**

**Richard Boado, Sr: Junior Deacon**

**Reynaldo S. Manalang: Senior Steward**

**Onofre C. Carillo: Junior Steward**

**Ferdinand D. Aben: Marshal**

**Erwin Guzman, PM: Chaplin**

**Jericho Reyes, PM: Assistant Secretary**

**Alejandro Villanueva, PM: Tiler**

**Scotty Joe Christian: Officers Coach**

**Scotty Joe Christian: Inspector, 428th Masonic District**

## Grand Lodge Officers

**Randall Louis Brill: Grand Master**

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Arthur Lupe Salazar , Jr.: Senior Grand Warden

Garrett Scott Chan: Junior Grand Warden

Charles P. Cross: Grand Treasurer

Allan Lesley Casalou: Grand Secretary

Ricky Lee Lawler: Grand Lecturer

Ralph Conrad Shelton, II: 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

John Hays Crago, III: Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX

David George Rathgeber: Grand Orator

Jordan Tyler Yelinek: Assistant Grand Secretary

Michael David Thibodeaux: Grand Marshal

Joseph Kouassi Dongo: Grand Standard Bearer

Nicholas Wesley Bertell: Grand Sword Bearer

Johnny Ray Wells: Grand Bible Bearer

Rodrigo Esguerra Cuevas: Senior Grand Deacon

Marty Milford Cusing: Junior Grand Deacon

David Gibran Vassall: Senior Grand Steward

Corey Payton Allen Leighty: Junior Grand Steward

George Eugene Whitmore: Grand Pursuivant

Stephen Richard Miller: Grand Organist

Vinz Olivar Tolentino: Grand Tiler

Tigran Agadzhanyan: Assistant Grand Organist

**Scotty Joe Christian: Assistant Grand Tiler**

# Valley Lodge No. 135 Status

\*\*\*\* As of April 2023 \*\*\*\*

## 3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

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  - Herbert T. Tubillara 371190 [htubillara@gmail.com](mailto:htubillara@gmail.com)
- \*\*Please note: Herbert T. Tubillara has been contacted and wants to advance\*\***

## 6 Entered Apprentices

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## Valley Lodge No. 135 has 78 Master Masons

### Masonic Do's and Don'ts

#### LODGE ROOM ETIQUETTE

- When addressing the Master in Lodge always rise, give the appropriate Masonic sign and say "Worshipful Master" before speaking.
- During open lodge, if it is necessary to walk to the East, never walk or cross between the altar and the Master's chair, always approach on either the North or South side of the Master.
- Cell phones should **NEVER** be used when lodge is open and should always be on silent mode. Use of a phone is distracting and disrespectful to the Master, Brethren and Candidate.

# *From the East*

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

Good evening, Brethren it seems the times, days, weeks and almost the half of the year 2023 completed right now it is 27 of June 2023 now we are in the last lap of six months.

Last week on Tuesday 20 June 2023 we conducted a special fellowship meeting in Valley Lodge # 135 Mess to correct and inform those brothers who are delinquent or forget to pay their dues for 3 years or in current year. Some of the Brothers came in are myself, Senior Warden Brother Oscar Ryan Pol Amil PM, Junior Warden Brother Noel Cubol, Treasurer Brother Edison Espeleta PM, Secretary Brother Richard Thornton PM, Assistant Secretary Brother Jericho Reyes PM, Chaplin Brother Erwin Guzman PM, Senior Deacon Brother Jose Cueto, Tiler Brother Andy Villanueva PM, Senior Steward Brother Rey Manalang, Junior Steward Brother Onofre (Jing) Carillo. I foremost THANK everyone who came in and we help each other to correct the current problem. Particularly I would like to thank WB Richard Thornton who provided us the list of the names who are delinquent at their dues.

As a Mason we should always remember our mission that is guided by the enduring and relevant principle of our fraternity. Brotherly love, Relief and Truth. With brotherly, we value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance and our differences to strive a harmony in our individual life, in our lodges in the global community. We take responsibility for the well-being of our Brothers, Sisters, families and others. And for most of all we should always stay true to our personal code of conduct and ethics.

As Worshipful Master of Valley Lodge No. 135 sitting on the hot Oriental seat in the East again and part my brethren upon the Square, so we may ever meet, act and part, may the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons May Brotherly Love Prevail in every moral and social virtue cement us! Amen.

GOD is good to US, GOD provide US, OUR INSPECTOR WB Scotty Christian to guide and teach us all every step of the way every brother Officer of Valley Lodge# 135. God guided, helps, provided and gives US a Strong Body and elusive mind to memorize EVERY word and the right floor works that needs to accomplish that we need to Reclaimed OUR CHARTER.

Again, Thank so Much WB SCOTTY Christian for your time, patience, perseverance in teaching Us all the right moved and we accomplished all things.

**Fraternally Yours,**

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

# *From the West*

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

Happy 4th to all.

Fraternal greetings brethren! I hope everyone had a great month. I can't believe it half of the year has already flown by. June stated was well attended and we also had a lot of visiting brethren from Escalon Lodge # 591 headed by Worshipful Michael Faircloth. They also reclaimed the travelling gavel from us.

I would like to congratulate WB Erwin Guzman as the recipient of the Master Mason of the Year award of Valley Lodge 135.

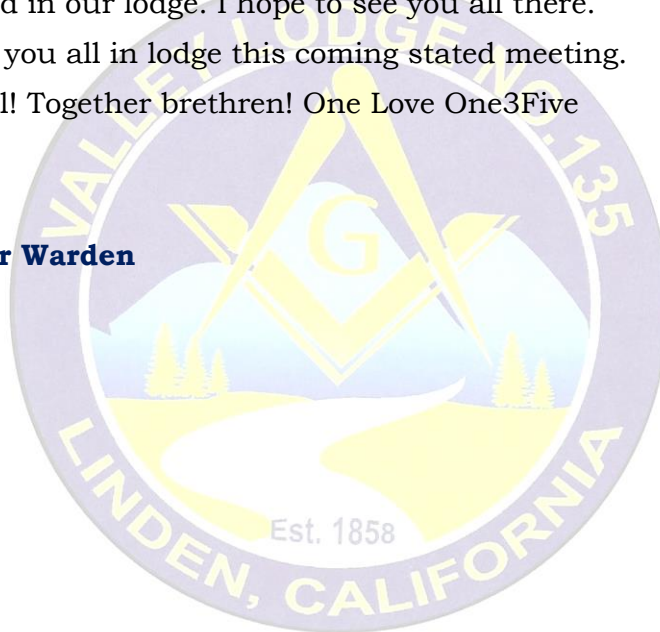
And please join me on July 29, 2023 (Saturday) at 1:00 pm. As i recieve the prestigious award, Hiram Award. To be held in our lodge. I hope to see you all there.

I look forward to seeing you all in lodge this coming stated meeting.

May GAOTU bless us all! Together brethren! One Love One3Five

**Fraternal Grip,**

**Bro. Ryan Amil, Senior Warden  
Valley Lodge No. 135**



# *From the South*

## **Greetings from the south Brethren,**

My masonic life is not too exciting, compared to other brothers. I have few important people who influenced me and showed me what Masons accomplish. I have my wife's cousin, Mark Parinas who open my eyes to what being a mason is all about.

When we were still living in bay area year 2009, Mark brought me and my family to his Lodge, Crow Canyon #551. They were having Christmas celebrations and met many of his brothers and lodge members, I felt the genuine care and being welcome as a brother even though I was not a mason.

My father-in-law, who were still in the Philippines during that time, help me find one of his brother's in Sacramento area that can and will be able assist me to get connected to a lodge in Elk grove area. I was introduced to his Brother Nolan Paraiso who is now a past master. Due to my nature of work when I was knocking 2010. He suggested that I can try the Provident Three Pillars lodge #609. I submitted my application 12/13/2010 and got elected to receive a degree 2/14/2011. April 20,2011, I received the First degree, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft 9/20/2013 and then raised to the sublime degree of master mason 11/04/2013. I remember my raising because that day was my 3rd child Kathrine 2nd Birthday.

The following year I become Marshall of Provident Three Pillars Lodge # 609. Then become a junior steward next year after, before the lodge was closed and Charter surrendered to Grand Lodge. I submit an affiliation of membership to GDML #853, Then I was invited to Valley lodge # 135 and become a member, then an officer, as a senior steward 2015, then assistant Treasurer and then Treasurer for 2 years until I decided it's time to get out of my comfort zone.

All throughout my masonic journey for many years it was my father in-law Worshipful Cirilo Sernat who molded me and kept on inspiring me that I can do it, in spite of my 2 jobs and also as a president of our Business. He always told me that I should not pressure myself but when I'm ready to line up as an important officer of the lodge, he believed in me and that I can able to do it. He is one among few masons that leads me and kept me in a straight path towards east. It's not easy but he trusted me that I wsd able to do it when the right time comes.

I have many plans to continue my journey in masonry that I can make my father in-law W. Cirilo Sernat to be proud of me. But he cannot see me personally sitting in those important chairs that will lead the lodge to his existence and make history together with my brethren in Valley Lodge #135.

July of last year is a very sad moments to our Family, not only in personal life, but also in masonic life. This coming July 5 will be his 1-year Death anniversary. He is now in a better place together with our supreme Architect of the Universe. We truly missed him and his words that lives in our heart. My family and our Valley #135 Family knows how good brother and person he is, He never say no to any masonry works in general. He always makes time and so happy to go with his other fellow worshipful going to other lodges to help facilitate a degree and fill in to any positions he is needed. You can ask him to sit in any officer's place or position of the lodge and he will deliver his verbiage very well. That is why due to his dedications to the craft he was awarded to receive the Hiram award August 2, 2022.

Help us celebrate his wonderful life This coming July 5 2023. Me and my family will be in the Philippines to celebrate this important date of his life. Even he is not here anymore on Earth his memories will always be remembered and those people that he shared his time and masonic journey will always be grateful on his love and dedication to masonry. His examples cannot be replaced and I'm sure I won't be able to do what he did but I promised to continue what he started in my life and try to continue his legacy to his own family and his masonic family. He finished his race and did it very well. I am hoping that he will be one of our inspiration among many of the very wonderful great Man in masonry who is now also with our Supreme Architect together with Worshipful Cirilo Sernat.

Again, thanks you Worshipful to your words, time and examples that will continue to help us in our daily lives, not only in masonry but also with our personal life. To all my Brethren and members of Valley Lodge #135, God Bless to you all and let's continue to inspire one another and the lives of our brethren in other lodges and people around our community. God Bless America.

**Noel Cubol JW.**

**With all my Heart and Thanks,  
Brother Noel Cubol Junior Warden  
Valley Lodge No. 135**



# Our Masonic Valley

<b>Antioch/Brentwood Lodge No. 175</b> Ed Marquez	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: 521 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Antioch (925) 642-5736 <a href="mailto:Secretary175@gmail.com">Secretary175@gmail.com</a>
<b>Argonaut Lodge No. 8 Even Months</b> Rodger Walker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: 16 South Washington Street, Sonora (209) 532-5480 <a href="mailto:catnip@mlode.com">catnip@mlode.com</a>
<b>Calaveras Keystone Lodge No. 78</b> Gary Benns	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: 5 West Street. Charles Street, San Andreas <a href="mailto:garpapa@sbcglobal.net">garpapa@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Drytown Lodge No. 174</b> Richard Meyer	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 10:00am except July; 9325 Main Street, Plymouth (916) 705-6616 <a href="mailto:sac1kings@gmail.com">sac1kings@gmail.com</a>
<b>Elk Grove Lodge No. 173</b> William P. Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday: 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove (916) 425-4160 <a href="mailto:Bill@EGHall.net">Bill@EGHall.net</a>
<b>Escalon Lodge No. 591</b> Matt Due	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 1500 Viking Street, Escalon (209) 480-7667 <a href="mailto:mattdue@hotmail.com">mattdue@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Ione Lodge No. 80</b> Bill Wells	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: 19 West Main Street, Ione (209) 304-4853 <a href="mailto:bmwells31@gmail.com">bmwells31@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hornitos Lodge No. 98</b> Robert M. McAllester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday 6:00pm: 2877 Bear Valley Road, Hornitos (209) 374-3358 <a href="mailto:allister@rmmcallister.com">allister@rmmcallister.com</a>
<b>Lodi Lodge No. 256</b> Will McVicker	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 321 West Pine Street, Lodi (209) 333-8406 <a href="mailto:wmcvicke@gmail.com">wmcvicke@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mariposa Lodge No. 24</b> Charles O. Kendall	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am after Full Moon 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa (209) 966-3081 <a href="mailto:chuckk@sti.net">chuckk@sti.net</a>
<b>Modesto Lodge No. 206</b> Charles Heckendorg	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 800 Rose Avenue, Modesto (209) 572-2911 <a href="mailto:cmheckendorf@gmail.com">cmheckendorf@gmail.com</a>
<b>Morning Star Lodge No. 19</b> John or Karen Baker	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 340 East Market Street, Stockton (209) 465-3711 <a href="mailto:JLBaker@pacbell.net">JLBaker@pacbell.net</a>
<b>Mount Oso Lodge No. 460</b> William D. Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday: 1601 North Tracy Blvd, Tracy (209) 836-3770 <a href="mailto:wdjo001@comcast.net">wdjo001@comcast.net</a>
<b>Oak Summit Lodge No. 112</b> Rodney Owen	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: Main Street and Ellen Street, Knights Ferry (209) 545-5609 <a href="mailto:Rodneyowen66@comcast.net">Rodneyowen66@comcast.net</a>
<b>Patterson Lodge No. 488</b> Stephen A. Bruce	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday: 650 North 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Patterson (209) 529-2269 <a href="mailto:stephenbruce@sbcglobal.net">stephenbruce@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Smyrna Lodge No. 532</b> John S. Coleman	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday: 2904 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Ceres (209) 404-5085 <a href="mailto:iscoleman@reagan.com">iscoleman@reagan.com</a>
<b>Turlock Lodge No. 236</b> William Sargenti, IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 108 South Thor Street, Turlock (209) 535-3758 <a href="mailto:wsarge7407@gmail.com">wsarge7407@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tyrian Lodge No. 439</b> Tim De Carie PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 212 North Powers Avenue, Manteca (209) 401-8268 <a href="mailto:timdecarie@gmail.com">timdecarie@gmail.com</a>
<b>Valley Lodge No. 135</b> Richard Thornton	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday: 4917 North Mill Road, Linden <a href="mailto:sj19secretary@att.net">sj19secretary@att.net</a>
<b>Volcano Consolidated Lodge No. 56</b> John O. Stettler	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday: 16180 Charleston-Volcano, Volcano (209) 295-2272 <a href="mailto:JosofJSA@yahoo.com">JosofJSA@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Woodbridge Lodge No. 131</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday: 1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge



Nelson Jones (209) 570-2615 [nelsonjones1971@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonjones1971@gmail.com)

**Yosemite Lodge No. 99**

Larry H. Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: 1810 M Street, Merced  
(209) 658-0335 [cuaione12@gmail.com](mailto:cuaione12@gmail.com)

**Ben Ali Shrine**

(916) 920-4107

**Stockton York Rite**

**Stockton Chapter No. 2**

**Stockton Council No. 5**

**Pacific Commandery No. 3**

Richard Thornton

6:00pm Social – 7:00pm stated meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – odd Month – Red Jacket  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – odd Month – Purple Jacket  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – even Month – Uniform

[sj19secretary@att.net](mailto:sj19secretary@att.net)

**Scottish Rite**

Steve Hauber

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[stkngs@stocktonscottishrite.org](mailto:stkngs@stocktonscottishrite.org)

**Daughters of Boaz**

Barbara Burrue

Second Sunday of Month  
(209) 475-9492

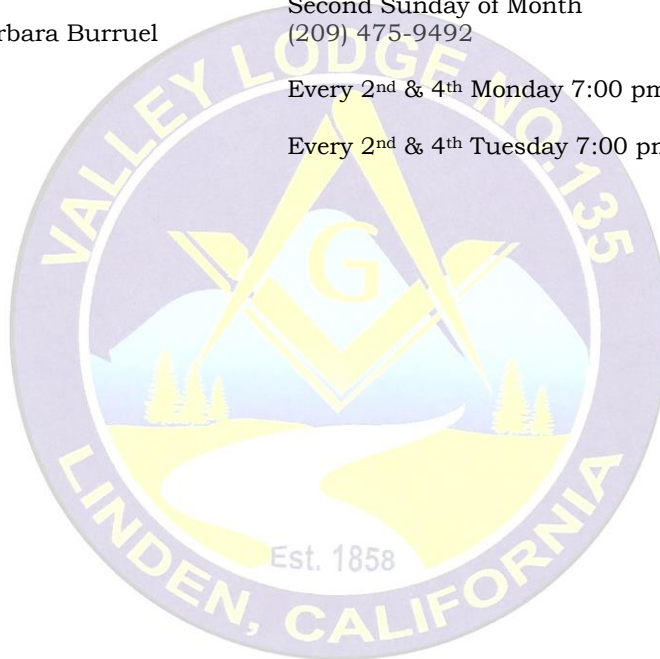
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**DeMolay of Stockton**

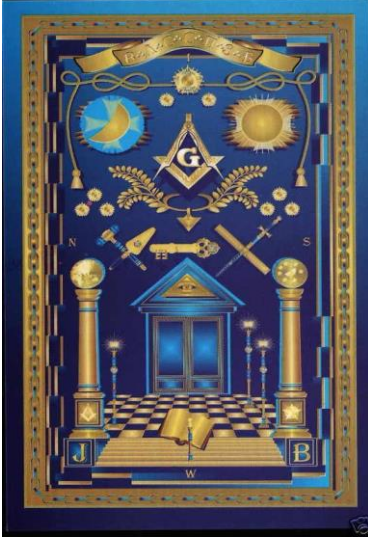
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:00 pm; 340 East Market Street, Stockton

**Job's Daughters, Bethel 83**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:00 pm; 340 East Market Street, Stockton  
[Bethel83stockton@gmail.com](mailto:Bethel83stockton@gmail.com)



# Masonic Education



## Brief History of Freemasonry in North America

No one knows with certainty how or when the Masonic Fraternity was formed. A widely accepted theory among Masonic scholars is that it arose from the stonemasons' guilds during the Middle Ages.

The language and symbols used in the fraternity's rituals come from this era. The oldest document that makes reference to Masons is the Regius Poem, printed about 1390, which was a copy of an earlier work.

There is little but tradition regarding Freemasonry in North America prior to 1750. Setting aside an inscribed stone dated 1606 from Goat Island, Nova Scotia; ambiguous Plymouth County records from 1654; and the Rev. Edward Peterson's claims for a Rhode Island lodge in 1658, the first reference to a freemason in North America is Jonathan Belcher, born in Boston in 1681, who was initiated into an "occasional lodge" while travelling in Europe in

1704, making him, upon his return to Boston in 1705, the "Senior Freemason of America".

Henry Price, First Grand Master of Masons in America, and of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1733. Born in London 1697. Died at Townsend Mass. 1780.

There is some evidence that Lord Alexander, Viscount Canada (d. 1638)—who was admitted into the Lodge of Edinburgh on the 3rd of July, 1634—established a lodge in the colony on the banks of the St. Lawrence, but there is no trace."

In 1717, four lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge of England, and records from that point on are more complete. The first Lodge meeting in the western hemisphere, the knowledge of which is supported by something more than pure tradition, was probably held in King's Chapel, Boston, in 1720. From 1721 there are newspaper accounts of Masonic affairs, implying that Freemasonry was of public interest and that there were freemasons in the colonies. A number of members of the lodge meeting in King's Chapel, Boston relocated to Nova Scotia after 1723 and may well have held occasional lodges in their new home.

Within thirty years, of the founding of the first Grand Lodge of England the fraternity had spread throughout Europe and the American Colonies. The first lodge in Boston, St. John's meeting at Tun Tavern, was constituted July 30, 1733 but claimed an older history. Its first record book dates from the eleventh meeting of the lodge on December 27, 1738 to July 24, 1754.

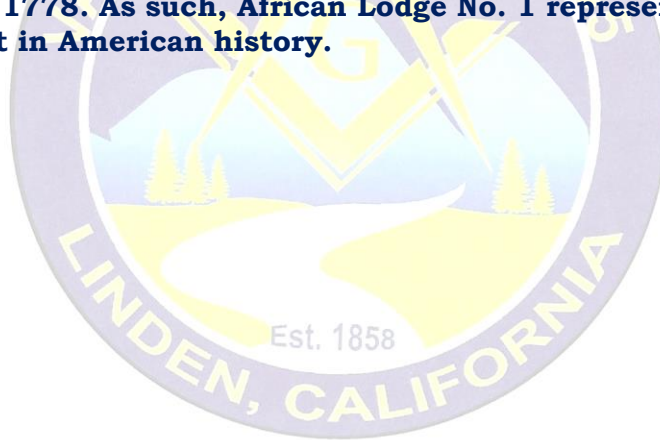
The brethren who met in Philadelphia left an account book, now known as "St. Johns Lodge Library B", beginning with June 24, 1731. In the archives of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia is a volume entitled "Franklins Journal, began July 4, 1730". It is an account book containing an entry for September 9, 1731 referring to the "Lodge of Masons held at B. Hubbard's". Bro. John Hubbard kept Tun Tavern, where the lodge met.

Unfortunately, "...the premier Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Hemisphere, organized in Boston, Massachusetts, July 30, 1733 [by Henry Price], has no formal and continuous records written in a book.

Freemasonry became very popular in colonial America. George Washington was a Mason, Benjamin Franklin served as the head of the fraternity in Pennsylvania, as did Paul Revere and Joseph Warren in Massachusetts. Other well-known Masons involved with the founding of America included John Hancock, John Sullivan, Lafayette, Baron Fredrick von Stuben, Nathanael Greene, and John Paul Jones. Another Mason, Chief Justice John Marshall, shaped the Supreme Court into its present form.

The first Lodges in the U.S. were chartered directly by Lodges or Grand Lodges in Britain; after a while, however, Lodges in the colonies would issue warrants to form new Lodges themselves and eventually organized their own (Provincial, during the colonial period, but independent later on) Grand Lodges. The first truly independent Grand Lodge in America was organized by four Lodges meeting in Virginia. As each had been chartered by a different Grand Lodge in other states, the resulting ritual was a mixture of that in use in the other states. At the present time there is a Grand Lodge for each of the 50 states, as well as one for the District of Columbia. That is a fairly recent development; until just a few years ago, the Grand Lodge of California had jurisdiction over the Lodges in Hawaii. The Grand Lodges in the United States observe a custom of exclusive geographic jurisdiction (with some few exceptions in Alaska); no Grand Lodge may charter Lodges in the territory of another Grand Lodge. This custom does not prevail in other parts of the world.

In a young America, Masonic ideals fully took flight—sometimes in unexpected ways. In Boston in 1775, Freemasonic officials who were part of a British garrison granted local freemen of color the right to affiliate as Masons under the banner of African Lodge No. 1. The African Lodge later became known as Prince Hall Masonry, so named for the order's founder, Prince Hall, a freed slave. Hall became the first African-American named a Grand Master. Despite the African Lodge's segregated status, Prince Hall Masonry was a bastion of abolitionism. Its leader affixed his name to some of the republic's earliest anti-slavery petitions in 1777 and 1778. As such, African Lodge No. 1 represented the first black-led abolitionist movement in American history.



# Events

**Mason of the Year:**

**Worshipful Erwin Hipolito Guzman, PM:**

5:00pm Social 6:00pm dinner.

Worshipful Erwin & guest: Dinner no charge

Worshipful Donie & guest: Dinner no charge.

**Hiram Award:**

**Worshipful Oscar Ryan Pol Nodado Amil, PM please join me on July 29, 2023 (Saturday) at 1:00 pm.**

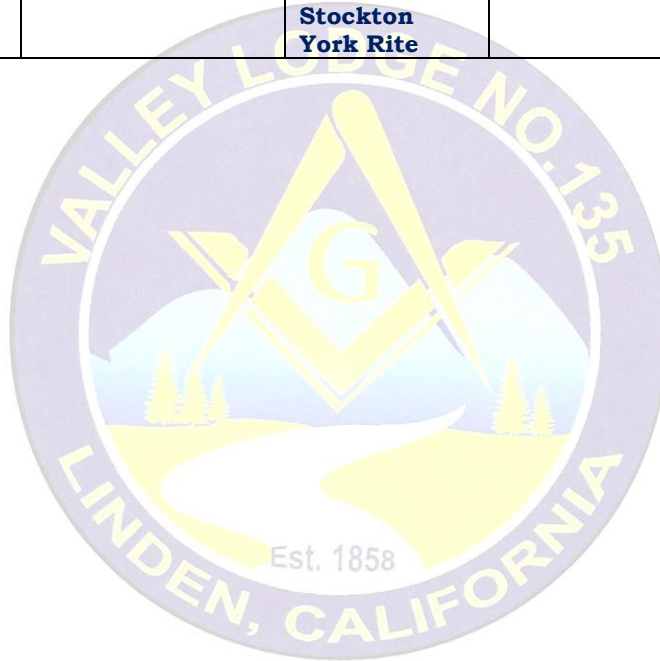
**Social: 12:00pm**

**Dinner: 1:00pm**

**Program: 2:00pm**

<b>July</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	7	
9	10	11 Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	12	13 Third Degree Bro. Alex Terrill Lodi Lodge 256	14	15
16	17	18 Practice	19	20	21	22 Degree
23	24	25	26 Stockton York Rite	27	28	29 Valley Lodge Hiram Award Ryan Amil,PM
30	31					
<b>August</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	2	3 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	4	5 Mason of the Year: 5:00pm Social 6:00pm dinner. Mason of the Year & guest, Master & guest dinner at no charge.
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Stockton York Rite	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

<b>September</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Stockton York Rite	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>





## *July Birthdays*

**Jericho Apolonio Reyes**  
**Rovil Comission Ruiz**  
**Donald Morton Bloom**  
**Frantel C. Alcanzaren**  
**Rey Evangelista**  
**Victor Bautista**  
**Reynaldo Soriano Manalang**  
**Galang Nguyen**  
**George Aaron Caves**  
**Victor Rivero Duadico**  
**Albert R. Felician, Jr.**  
**Frederick DeCastro Aben**  
**Baltazar Genodiala Cania, Jr.**

**Sarah Jane Aben**  
**Imelda Espeleta**  
**Edna Noguera**  
**Dipika K. Tupaz**  
**Melody Tubilara**  
**Eleanor Gaité**

# Secretary's Chat



I am going to talk a little about the Golden Veterans Award.

Why?

The actual name is “**50 Year Golden Veterans Award Ceremony**”.

This award stands alone on the top tier of Masonic Awards. Reason I am going to talk about the award, it is the Master's responsibility, working with secretary, Inspector, Grand Lodge, and family ensuring this award is presented to the Mason with all due grandeur the Masonic Lodge can muster. When I was Master in 2006, we presented the award twice, both in nursing homes. Their

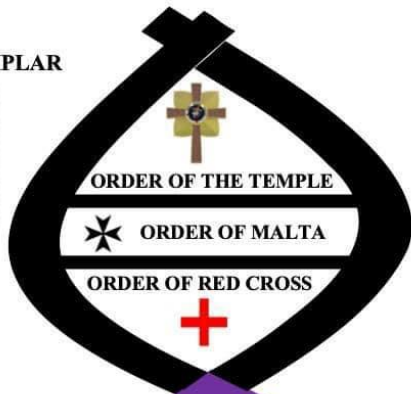
faces lit up when Ricky Lawler, Inspector, myself, and many other Masons walked through the door. The look on their faces was priceless and will be remembered always.

- Valley Lodge No. 135 had a 50 Year Golden Veterans Award Ceremony, Eric Wilbur Krenz on July 11, 2022; Eric Wilbur Krenz was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on December 16, 1969, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 18, 1971, and Raised on July 11, 1972; and
- We will have another on June 29, 2024, Donie Brosas Navarro: Initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 31, 1974, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 14, 1974, and raised on June 29, 1974. Donie is a member of Suisun No. 55, Hiram Award, November 11, 2017, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master 2019, Chaplain, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master 2023.

The original form of this presentation was used for presentations made at dinner meetings preceding regular Lodge meetings, or in open Lodge, in order that the family and friends of the recipient may be present. It was also suggested that the actual pinning of the button be done by the recipient's wife, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson or some close friend. We, Valley Lodge No. 135 will always use the long form version of the 50 Year Golden Veterans Award Ceremony.

# THE TRUE LIGHT!

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



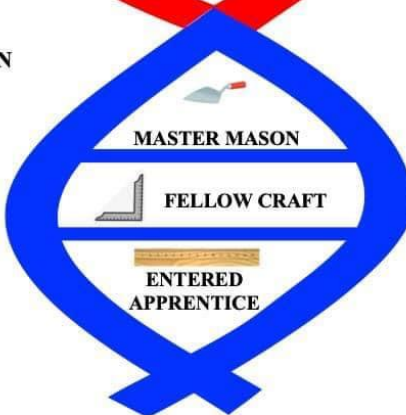
## ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



## 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!



# *Happenings in a Galaxy far, far away*



June Stated Meeting



# 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".

<b>Investment Committee</b>	<b>Mannie Buentipo, PM</b> John Natividad, PM Alex Llanera, PM Victor Duadico, PM Edison Espeleta, PM	<b>Chair</b> Member Member Member Member
<b>US Constitution Observance</b>	<b>Erwin Guzman, PM</b> Jericho Reyes, PM Robert Lopez Ferdie Aben	<b>Chair</b> Member Member Member
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Andy Villanueva, PM</b> Mannie Buentipo, PM Ferdie Aben Richard Boado, Sr. Eric Molina	<b>Chair</b> Member Member Member Member
<b>Charity</b>	<b>Donie Navarro, PM, Master</b> Oscar Ryan Pol Amil, PM Emmanuel Cubol Jericho Reyes, PM Erwin Guzman, PM Joel Torres	<b>Chair</b> Senior Warden Junior Warden Member Member Member
<b>Hiram Award</b>	<b>Ryan Amil, PM</b> Emmanuel Cubol Alex Llanera, PM Andy Villanueva, PM Vic Duadico, PM Edison Espeleta, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM	<b>Chair</b> Junior Warden Member Member Member Member Member
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	<b>Linden/Stockton Area</b> Ryan Amil, PM Robert Lopez Greater Sacramento Area Vic Duadico, PM Joel Torres	<b>Chair</b> Member  <b>Chair</b> Member
<b>Retention Committee</b>	<b>All Officers</b>	
<b>Mason of the Year</b>	<b>Donie Navarro, PM</b>	<b>Master</b>
<b>Masonic Home Endowment</b>	<b>Rey Evangelista</b> Robert Lopez Jerome Arrington	<b>Chair</b> Member Member
<b>Masonic Education</b>	<b>Alex Llanera, PM</b> Vic Duadico, PM Mannie Buentipo, PM	<b>Chair</b> Member Member
<b>Resource Committee</b>	<b>John Natividad, PM</b> Jose Cueto Richard Thornton, PM	<b>Chair</b> Member Member
<b>Refreshment Committee</b>	<b>Emmanuel Cubol</b> Rey Manalang Jose Cueto Onofre Carillo All Degrees	<b>Chair</b> Member Member Member

# Pictures



Escalon Lodge No. 591 reclaiming the travelling gavel. 12 members of Escalon Lodge attended our Stated meeting



Tuesday, June 06, 2023, Valley Lodge No. 135 Officers, Members, and Visitors

Buddy Espeleta and visit to Mt. Rushmore













