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November 2023

ELECTIONS

Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

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Valley Lodge No. 135 Officers

Donie Navarro, PM: Worshipful Master

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Emmanuel Cubol: Junior Warden

Edison C. Espeleta, PM: Treasurer

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Jose Cueto: Senior Deacon

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Erwin Guzman, PM: Chaplin

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Alejandro Villanueva, PM: Tiler

Oscar Amil, PM & Edison Espeleta, PM: Officers Coach

Scotty Joe Christian: Inspector, 428th Masonic District

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Marty Milford Cusing: Junior Grand Deacon

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Corey Payton Allen Leighty: Junior Grand Steward

George Eugene Whitmore: Grand Pursuivant

Stephen Richard Miller: Grand Organist

Vinz Olivar Tolentino: Grand Tiler

Tigran Agadzhanian: Assistant Grand Organist

Scotty Joe Christian: Assistant Grand Tiler

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Status

**** As of October 2023 ****

3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

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|------------------------|--------|--------|--|---------|
| • Wilfredo T. De Mesa | \$0.00 | 368531 | wdemesa@gmail.com | No Date |
| • Yasser Tamarit | \$0.00 | 353647 | ytolivera@gmail.com | No Date |
| • Herbert T. Tubillara | \$0.00 | 371190 | htubillara@gmail.com | No Date |
- **Please note: Herbert T. Tubillara has been contacted and wants to advance****

5 Entered Apprentices

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|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
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| • Reynoldo Gorospe Guerrero | \$0.00 | 387415 | dlonyerg777@yahoo.com |
| • Jayr T. Rafanan | \$0.00 | 387410 | karruba00@gmail.com |

5 Fellowcrafts

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| • Lourd Xedric Ramos Miguel | \$0.00 | 384131 | x_dmiguel@yahoo.com |
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| • Karl Dominique Torres | \$0.00 | 366934 | karldomtorres@gmail.com |

Valley Lodge No. 135 has 78 Master Masons



From the East

Brethren of Valley Lodge No. 135

I would like to thank my Brethren from our last Stated Meeting for the month of October 3, 2023, even though we were few, however the Officers of the Lodge were fully occupied their respective positions and also the brethren honors, very pleased and fully acknowledge the well support and present of Worshipful Brother Scotty Christian our Inspector of district 428 under the Grand Lodge of State of California.



And to our monthly SOI I am very pleased to see, greet and shake hands to every brother in SOI meeting that came in from other four Lodges in our district. As well as the brethren from other Lodges very happy to see you again monthly, and sometimes some of the brothers they have good beneficial story telling upon in our ritual in masonry that you missed to practice and now you able to hear from other brothers the part that ritual you missed and then you can remember and imitate to learn that piece of word or floor works that you missed in ritual.

I would like to thank every Inspector that he made and schedule under the direction of CMC a topic of SOI is the Election and advancement of Lodges officers for the month of November. Very outstanding and very beneficial moments to every Lodges to set up to learned how to do it again the procedure of election of officers once a year, We also practice that once every year for the month of November. Not like the other rituals, like the Stated Meeting or subsequent special meetings, we always used that mostly every month if necessary, such as conferral, for Entered, Passing and Raising.

For the months of December and January then every Lodges are very busy to set up and prepare their schedule day and time for public Masonic Installation of Officers. They invited each other Lodges to support them for the festivities and vice versa the other Lodges do the same, and sometimes that the best time to meet the brothers and families that you have never meet yet before. And to my wonderful experienced in each Installation, I had attended; the fellowship always winds up a brotherly love prevail in every moral and social virtue cement us.

Fraternally Yours,

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

Valley Lodge No. 135 Members must be in good standing in the Lodge to be permitted to vote in the Election of Officers.

When mistakes are made and bad things happen it is always the Master who must accept the blame.

Our Masonic Valley

Antioch/Brentwood Lodge No. 175	Ed Marquez	1 st Wednesday: 521 West 2 nd Street, Antioch (925) 642-5736	Secretary175@gmail.com
Argonaut Lodge No. 8 Even Months	Rodger Walker	2 nd Tuesday: 16 South Washington Street, Sonora (209) 532-5480	catnip@mlode.com
Calaveras Keystone Lodge No. 78	Gary Bennis	2 nd Wednesday: 5 West Charles Street, San Andreas	garpapa@sbcglobal.net
Drytown Lodge No. 174	Richard Meyer	1 st Saturday 10:00am except July; 9325 Main Street, Plymouth (916) 705-6616	sac1kings@gmail.com
Elk Grove Lodge No. 173	William P. Hall	2 nd Thursday: 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove (916) 425-4160	Bill@EGHall.net
Escalon Lodge No. 591	Matt Due	3 rd Wednesday: 1500 Viking Street, Escalon (209) 480-7667	mattdue@hotmail.com
Ione Lodge No. 80	Bill Wells	2 nd Wednesday: 19 West Main Street, Ione (209) 304-4853	bmwells31@gmail.com
Hornitos Lodge No. 98	Robert M. McAllester	2 nd Saturday 6:00pm: 2877 Bear Valley Road, Hornitos (209) 374-3358	allister@rmmcallister.com
Lodi Lodge No. 256	Will McVicker	1 st Thursday: 321 West Pine Street, Lodi (209) 333-8406	wmcvicke@gmail.com
Mariposa Lodge No. 24	Charles O. Kendall	1 st Saturday at 10:00am after Full Moon, 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa (209) 966-3081	chuckk@stii.net
Modesto Lodge No. 206	Charles Heckendorf	1 st Thursday: 800 Rose Avenue, Modesto (209) 572-2911	cmheckendorf@gmail.com
Morning Star Lodge No. 19	John or Karen Baker	1 st Thursday: 340 East Market Street, Stockton (209) 465-3711	JLBaker@pacbell.net
Mount Oso Lodge No. 460	William D. Johnson	2 nd Monday: 1601 North Tracy Blvd, Tracy (209) 836-3770	wdjo001@comcast.net
Oak Summit Lodge No. 112	Rodney Owen	3 rd Tuesday: Main Street and Ellen Street, Knights Ferry (209) 545-5609	Rodneyowen66@comcast.net
Patterson Lodge No. 488	Stephen A. Bruce	2 nd Thursday: 650 North 6 th Street, Patterson (209) 529-2269	stephenbruce@sbcglobal.net
Smyrna Lodge No. 532	John S. Coleman	1 st Tuesday: 2904 3 rd Street, Ceres (209) 404-5085	jscoleman@reagan.com
Turlock Lodge No. 236	William Sargenti, IV	1 st Thursday: 108 South Thor Street, Turlock (209) 535-3758	wsarge7407@gmail.com
Tyrian Lodge No. 439	Tim De Carie PM	1 st Thursday: 212 North Powers Avenue, Manteca (209) 401-8268	timdecarie@gmail.com
Valley Lodge No. 135	Richard Thornton	1 st Tuesday: 4917 North Mill Road, Linden	sj19secretary@att.net
Volcano Consolidated Lodge No. 56	John O. Stettler	1 st Thursday: 16180 Charleston-Volcano, Volcano (209) 295-2272	JosofJSA@yahoo.com
Woodbridge Lodge No. 131	Nelson Jones	1 st Tuesday: 1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge (209) 570-2615	nelsonjones1971@gmail.com
Yosemite Lodge No. 99	Larry H. Smith	1 st Wednesday: 1810 M Street, Merced (209) 658-0335	cuaione12@gmail.com
Ben Ali Shrine		(916) 920-4107	
Scottish Rite	Steve Hauber	(209) 466-3391	stknsgs@stocktonscottishrite.org
Stockton York Rite		6:00pm Social – 7:00pm stated meeting	
Chapter No. 2 & Council No. 5		4 th Wednesday – odd Month – Red Jacket and Purple Jacket	
Pacific Commandery No. 3		4 th Wednesday – even Month – Uniform	
	Richard Thornton		sj19secretary@att.net

Masonic Education

Located 40 miles east of San Francisco, atop 267 acres of scenic property, the Masonic Home at Union City offers panoramic views and a moderate climate.



Its gated grounds are home to about 300 residents who live in comfortable studio or one bedroom apartments. The campus offers independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, memory care, and on-site post-surgical rehabilitation. Residents enjoy multiple health and wellness centers, walking trails, activity areas, comfortable indoor and outdoor areas for small or large groups, a lodge room, and a worship center.

The Union City community is bustling and vibrant, shaped by the energy and care of residents and staff. Union City residents take advantage of every one of our 305 acres and seven buildings, from hiking trails to the

fitness center to the on-site medical and dental clinic.

The community also features:

- Three meals daily in gracious dining rooms
- Year-round recreation activities, celebrations, and parties
- Apartment maintenance and utilities, including high-speed Internet
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Secured and monitored entrances and grounds
- Transportation to off-site events and appointments
- Chaplain and individual pastoral care
- Lodge room and outdoor lodge site
- General store, resale shop, and ice cream parlor
- Computer center, library, and game rooms
- Beauty salon and barber services
- Fitness center and wellness programs
- On-site medical and dental clinic
- Pharmacy services
- Rehabilitation services, including speech, physical, and occupational therapy
- Guest accommodations and meals

Independent living and assisted living residents choose from a studio or one-bedroom apartment, featuring a private bath and in most cases, a kitchenette.

Other amenities include:

- Call button for 24-hour emergency response
- Weekly general housekeeping and linen service
- Annual heavy cleaning
- Free hook-up for telephone and basic cable or satellite TV
- Window and floor coverings
- Closet/storage space
- Refrigerator and microwave oven (stoves available in some independent living units)

Our independent living option is dedicated to residents who can provide all of their own care (including those who use a walker or cane).

Free from the demands of household chores, residents embrace retirement in the ways that matter most to them – surrounded by comfortable amenities, good neighbors, and a culture of successful aging.

For those residents who require assistance with daily activities, our caregivers provide discreet, in-home support with tasks such as bathing, medication management, dressing, personal care, and mobility.

With this level of care, residents can remain safe, empowered, and connected to the lifestyle they love.

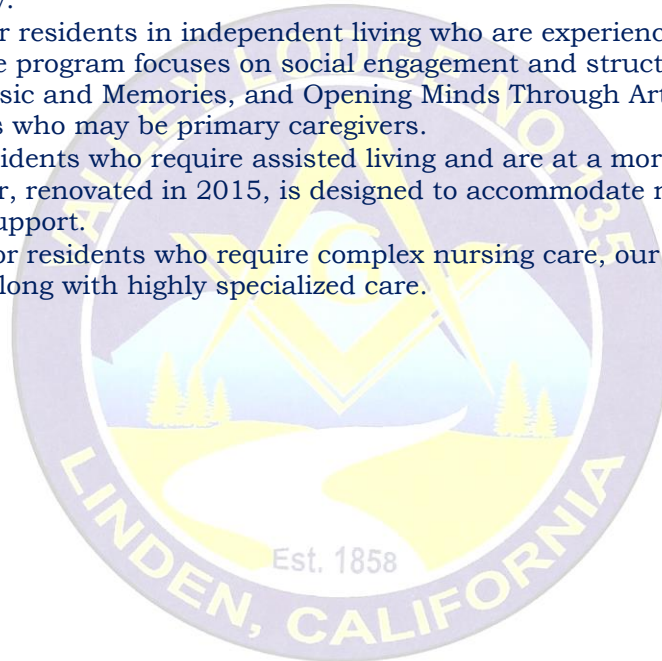
For residents in need of 24-hour nursing care, around-the-clock skilled nursing is provided in a devoted facility. Under the care of registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and certified nursing assistants, residents can continue to take part in campus events and activities, challenge themselves to grow and learn, and remain connected to their favorite pastimes.

Our skilled nursing and rehabilitation services have repeatedly earned a coveted five-star rating from Medicare.

For residents who need short-term skilled nursing following surgery, illness, or injury, the Transitions program provides short-stay rehabilitation.

Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are progressive journeys, requiring different approaches to care at different stages. We guide residents through every step with dignity and compassion.

- Brain health: All residents can take advantage of on-campus programming to prevent cognitive loss. This includes the Brain Fitness Gym, a technology-based program developed by researchers at Case Western University.
- Compass Club: For residents in independent living who are experiencing early memory loss, this interactive daytime program focuses on social engagement and structured activities such as Memories in the Making, Music and Memories, and Opening Minds Through Art. The program also provides a respite for spouses who may be primary caregivers.
- Traditions: For residents who require assisted living and are at a more critical stage of memory loss, the Traditions floor, renovated in 2015, is designed to accommodate memory care best practices and round-the-clock support.
- Skilled nursing: For residents who require complex nursing care, our skilled nursing unit provides memory support along with highly specialized care.



Events

Thursday, November 02, 2023: Lodi Lodge

Social: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Stated Meeting: 7:30pm

Thursday, November 07, 2023: Valley Lodge

Social: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Stated Meeting: 7:30pm

Thursday, November 16, 2023: OSI at Woodbridge Lodge

Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Stockton Chapter No. 2 & Stockton Council No. 5

Social: 6:00pm

Stated Meeting: 7:00pm

Thursday, November 23, 2023: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24, 2023: Officially 81 years of age

Thursday, December 05, 2023: Valley Lodge

Social: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Stated Meeting: 7:30pm

Thursday, December 07, 2023: Lodi Lodge

Social: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Stated Meeting: 7:30pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023: Valley Lodge No. 135

Installation: Noon

Wednesday, December 20, 2023: Pacific Commandery No. 3

Social: 6:00pm

Stated Meeting: 7:00pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023: Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25, 2023: Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26, 2023: 59th Wedding Anniversary



November Birthdays

November

**Ernest Dale Watters
Jingle Sabio Somera
Christopher James C. Pacetes
Erwin Culannay Ordonia
Erickson Culannay Ordonia
Christopher Antonio Guintu
Richard Eugene Thornton**

November Spouses

**Eppie Evangelista
Carolina Macaraeg Torres
Juvy Alegre
Anabelle Salvador
Annie Pham Nguyen**

Secretary's Chat

Writing this due to our low attendance. Brothers love Valley Lodge No. 135 but sometimes life takes us away from the things we enjoy.



Don't let this happen to you.

Brothers, Valley Lodge No. 135 needs you now as we always have.

Don't assume Valley Lodge No. 135 will always be here waiting for your return. A Lodge is not a building but the assemblage of good and upright men who gather there.

Never assume that you don't have anything to offer; your presence and ideas could be the difference between Valley Lodge No. 135 closing/merging and thriving.

Every single Brother is an asset to their Lodge.

We need experienced Masons and Past Masters to help teach the influx of new men coming into the Fraternity. We need your passion and desire to help to ensure Valley Lodge No. 135 will grow and continue to do what we have always done to support our community.



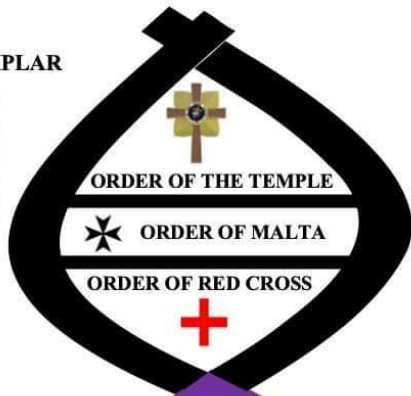
'I think we skipped too many meetings.'

With November being a time to remember and thank our military veterans we also thank the Masonic Golden veterans of Valley Lodge No. 135.

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| • Sheldon George Moore | August 24, 1954 | |
| • Charles Arthur Willis | June 05, 1965 | |
| • Donald Morton Bloom | February 24, 1969 | |
| • Rand Jeffrey Spraggins | March 31, 1970 | |
| • Eric Wilbur Krenz | July 11, 1972 | |
| • Acuavera, Romel Veridiano | Navy | |
| • Boado, Richard | Navy | |
| • Guzman, Erwin Hipolito | Marine | |
| • Ibanez, Arnel Magdaong | Navy | |
| • Natividad, John Jay Manguba | Air Force | |
| • Navarro, Donie Brosas | Navy | |
| • Reyes, Jericho Apolonio | Air Force | Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada) |
| • Thornton, Richard E. | Army | Vietnam |

THE TRUE LIGHT!

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



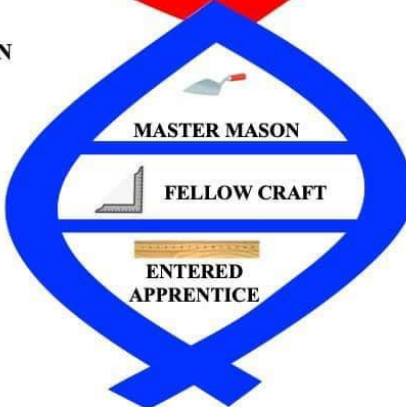
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



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!

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".

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