

# Trestleboard

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Valley Lodge No. 135

Free & Accepted Masons

PO Box 443

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# Valley Lodge No. 135

## Status

\*\*\*\* As of September 2023 \*\*\*\*

### 3 Applicants (for Entered Apprentice Degree)

- |                        |        |        |  |         |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--|---------|
| • Wilfredo T. De Mesa  | \$0.00 | 368531 | <a href="mailto:wdemesa@gmail.com">wdemesa@gmail.com</a>       | No Date |
| • Yasser Tamarit       | \$0.00 | 353647 | <a href="mailto:ytolivera@gmail.com">ytolivera@gmail.com</a>   | No Date |
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- \*\*Please note: Herbert T. Tubillara has been contacted and wants to advance\*\***

### 5 Entered Apprentices

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|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| • Cameron Eric William Bregman | \$0.00 | 385573 | <a href="mailto:cameron@bregmanfinancial.com">cameron@bregmanfinancial.com</a> |
| • Argiene Jomer Sison Castillo |        | 384984 | <a href="mailto:argiene.castillo@gmail.com">argiene.castillo@gmail.com</a>     |
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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| • Lourd Xedric Ramos Miguel | \$0.00 | 384131 | <a href="mailto:x_dmiguel@yahoo.com">x_dmiguel@yahoo.com</a>                 |
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**Valley Lodge No. 135 has 79 Master Masons**



# *From the East*

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



Today start the Autumn Season Sep. 22, 2023 and Friday we just had our SOI at Elk Grove Lodge yesterday, the meeting start at 7PM at night and we have a very good crowd, we have 5 Lodges who meet every 3rd week of Thursday of the month, except, for the month of July, reason we are dark every month of July. Having said that we have a very good crowd, because some Lodges had attendees of 4, 5, or 6 members showed up, almost we have more than 20 personnel in the Lodge room. Every one very happy to see each other and shake hands to each other.

The main topic of simplification is Fellow Craft Degree and as soon as the Pledge of allegiance completed WB Daryl WM of Elk Grove Lodge immediately open the Lodge in Fellow Craft Degree and any who made a mistake in verbiage or floor work, WB Christian the Inspector of district No. 428 of Grand Lodge California will stop them, He explained duly and clearly gave the right word and floor work to execute the right way, the practice meeting of Fellow Craft Degree simplification lasted almost one and one half hour, and it seems every one very happy to see each other and to the practice meeting.

The Autumn Season is now with us and it seems to me once the sun went down to sleep the cool breezed start to go around in the HEMISPHERE of the terrestrial globe of the earth and the surrounding start to cool off, and in that case, we can turn off our Air condition to minimize the use of our electricity, and also in that case we help the world in GREEN DEAL CONCEPTION. The autumn leaves will turn red and gold and will start to fall on the ground.

Remember Brethren whenever you driving on the wet ground and you encounter driving on plenty pool of wet leaves on your way it is my friendly brotherly love advise that you drive very carefully, keep your car rolling in slowly speed, specially not to accelerate the speed of your car on that way or else your car will skid, you might not be to control the wheel and you may wind up in accidents.

And before I stop writing this Article, I would like to CONGRATULATES EVERY ONE OF US, in double 3rd degree Conferral for our brothers \* THE TWIN\* Last Saturday, we raised them and work hard with flying high red flag, the verbiage and the floor work was done consistently and beautifully. And I hope everyone of US proud to be in this Valley Lodge No. 135 \* AS CONFERRAL THEME\* Free and Accepted Mason in the state under the Grand Lodge of California. \*KUDOS\* TO EVERY ONE. And thank you so much to everyone and I AM PROUD TO BE YOUR BROTHER, Brethren.

**Fraternally Yours,**

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

# *From the West*

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



I hope everyone had a great month. Fall is officially here, bringing with it a symphony of rustling leaves, pumpkin-spiced delights, and the cozy embrace of sweaters and scarves. It's a season of change and a time to embrace the beauty of nature's transformation.

I would like to congratulate our newly obligated brothers, Brother Erickson and Erwin Ordonia on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

See you all on our Stated Meeting!

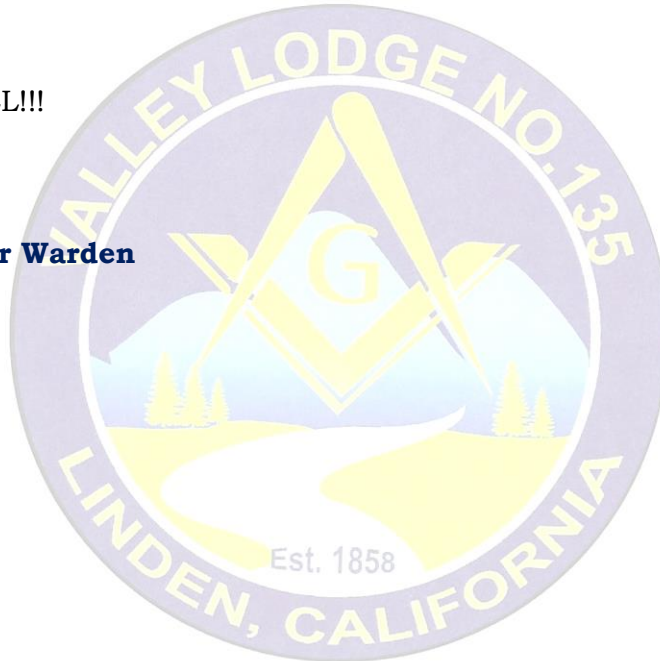
Never Over

Never Under

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL!!!

**Fraternal Grip,**

**Bro. Ryan Amil, Senior 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 Bennis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: 5 West 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@stii.net">chuckk@stii.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:jscoleman@reagan.com">jscoleman@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>	Nelson Jones	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday: 1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge (209) 570-2615	<a href="mailto:nelsonjones1971@gmail.com">nelsonjones1971@gmail.com</a>
<b>Yosemite Lodge No. 99</b>	Larry H. Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: 1810 M Street, Merced (209) 658-0335	<a href="mailto:cuaione12@gmail.com">cuaione12@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ben Ali Shrine</b>		(916) 920-4107	
<b>Scottish Rite</b>	Steve Hauber	(209) 466-3391	<a href="mailto:stknqs@stocktonscottishrite.org">stknqs@stocktonscottishrite.org</a>
<b>Stockton York Rite</b>		6:00pm Social – 7:00pm stated meeting	
Chapter No. 2 & Council No. 5		4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday – odd Month – Red Jacket and Purple Jacket	
Pacific Commandery No. 3		4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday – even Month – Uniform	
	Richard Thornton		<a href="mailto:sj19secretary@att.net">sj19secretary@att.net</a>

# Masonic Education

FREEMASONRY AND THE CIVIL WAR - A HOUSE UNDIVIDED by Justin Love



"My father had been a soldier in the Union Army. He was made a Mason in a military Lodge. Taken prisoner at Arkansas Post, he was carried up the Mississippi River to Rock Island, Illinois. My father became desperately ill, and made himself known as a Mason to an officer of the camp. The officer took him to his own home and nursed him back to life. When the war ended, he loaned Father money to pay his way back to his Texas home, and gave him a pearl-handled pistol to protect himself. This experience of my father, when I learned about it, had a very great influence upon my life; the fact that such a fraternity of men could exist, mitigating the harshness of war, and remain unbroken when states and churches were torn in two, became a wonder; and it is not strange that I tried for years to repay my debt to it." **Joseph Fort Newton, D.D. in River of Years**

The Civil War was the single most divisive event in our nation's long history. No other war, political event, or national crisis has ever approached the levels of animosity and hatred that the Civil War caused. Brother fought against brother. Fathers against sons. Families were forever split over the idealism of the War. They were not alone. Major national organizations, notably the Baptist Churches, also broke up over the issues of slavery and States' Rights.

The War seemed to destroy the bonds of any organization it touched. All the organizations, that is, except one: Freemasonry. While the War raged around them, Freemasons held on to the ties and the idealism that brought them together in the first place. Thousands of Masons fought in the War, and many died. But the tenets of the Craft, those ideals and moral codes that we, as Freemasons, strive to abide by, were able to overcome the hatred and the animosity that the War generated.

There are a number of reasons why this organization, more than any other, was able to survive the tumult that was the Civil War. **A major reason is the long and storied history of the Craft.** The beliefs and tenets of the Lodge predate not only the Civil War, but the Constitution, the discovery of the New World, and, according to some, even the birth of Christ. When a tradition of that many years exists, it is difficult to ignore.

**A second reason why Masonry held together is that membership in a Masonic Lodge is by choice only.** No man has ever been recruited into joining a Lodge. Our rules in fact prohibit Masons from actively pursuing someone for initiation. Instead, a man interested in becoming a Mason must, "of his own free will and accord," actively seek out a member of the Lodge which he wishes to join and ask him for a petition for membership.

**The third reason is the structure of the Craft itself.** There are a number of internal rules and customs that helped the Lodge as a whole avoid the turbulent politics and divisiveness of the War. This allowed the Lodge to continue to function as a place a man could go when he needed help, or a quiet haven from the storms that raged outside the Craft. It was then, and continues to be today, a place where true brotherhood exists.

**Perhaps the best example of these ties of brotherhood occurred on the battlefield at Gettysburg.** This battle, the turning point of the War, saw 93,000 Federal troops doing battle with 71,000 Confederates. Of those numbers, more than 35,000 were killed or wounded in the three days of fighting from 1 July to 3 July, 1863. Of the men who fought, 17,930 were Freemasons, including the roughly 5,600 who became casualties.

One of the most famous events that occurred at Gettysburg was the huge Confederate infantry push known as Pickett's Charge. On 3 July, Pickett (a member of Dove Lodge #51, Richmond, Va) led nearly 12,000 men on a long rush across open fields towards the center of the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. It has been called the last and greatest infantry charge in military history.

One of the men leading that charge was Brigadier General Lewis Addison Armistead, CSA. He was a member of Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge #22 in Alexandria. Originally from North Carolina, he had attended West Point, and fought with the US Army for a number of years before resigning his commission to fight for the Confederacy. During that time, he had occasion to serve with now Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, USA (Charity Lodge #190, Norristown, Pa.) while both men were in the west. The two had become good friends. However, with Armistead's resignation, it had been nearly two and a half years since the two men had had any contact. Until Gettysburg, that is.

It was Hancock who had taken command of the fragmented Union troops on Cemetery Ridge on 1 July, and organized them into a strong front that had withstood three days of pounding from the Confederate guns. And

it was his position, in the center of the Union line, that was the focus of Pickett's Charge. During the action, both men were wounded. Armistead was shot from his horse, mortally wounded. Hancock's saddle took a hit, driving nails and pieces of wood into his thigh.

As the battle waned, it became clear that Armistead's injuries were fatal. Knowing that his old friend was somewhere behind the Union lines, Armistead exhibited the Masonic sign of distress. This was seen by Captain Henry Harrison Bingham, the Judge-Advocate of Hancock's Second Corps (Chartiers Lodge #297, Canonsburg, Pa.). He came to the fallen Armistead, and declared that he was a fellow Mason.

The two men spoke for a time, and when Armistead realized that Bingham had direct access to Hancock, he entrusted some of his personal effects to him. Among them were his Masonic watch, the Bible upon which he had taken his obligations, and a number of other items. Bingham said his farewells, and then returned to the Union camp to deliver the items. Armistead died two days later.

The fact that Armistead chose to use the Masonic sign of distress signified that his war was over, and that there was another, more pressing matter on his mind, even on the field at Gettysburg. What could lead one of the highest ranking and most intelligent officers in the Confederacy to lay aside all of the ideology of the war and call for a brother of the Craft from the other side? It is this question which I will now address.

During the war, and in the years just prior to it, the questions of secession, slavery, and states' rights were as much on the minds of Masons in this country as anyone. There was almost no way of escaping the thoughts of imminent warfare between the states. The following is taken from a letter, drafted in June of 1861, from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, sent in response to a communication received from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee decrying the situation that the country was in.

"As to the present deplorable state of this country, Masons cannot fail to have opinions as to the cause that produced it. It is to be feared that some of our brethren are in arms against the union of the States; others are in the ranks of its defenders. Taught by the history of the Order. . .they have carried these principles into the formation of opinions on the present crisis in our national history. But while Masons, as individuals, have been thus influenced and are acting in harmony with such views, Freemasonry is a silent, unimpassioned, abstracted observer of events. . . "Brethren -- We, with you, deplore the present unnatural and deeply distressing condition of our national affairs. . . But if this whirlwind threatens to overwhelm us, yet in this last extremity, the still small voice of Masonic faith will be uttered and heard, saying, Brethren, there is help at hand in this time of need.

**"Surely your God is our God; your faith our faith; your landmarks our landmarks; your joy our joy; your prosperity our satisfaction."** Then let us unitedly work together for the preservation and perpetuity of a common inheritance. [W]e will aid in maintaining unity, peace and concord, among the brethren and citizens of united sovereign States in our glorious Union. If all bonds should be broken, all ties rent asunder; if discord, dissension, and disruption, shall mark the decline and fall of the most wise and wonderful of the governments of mankind, let the Masonic temple, in all States, kingdoms, lands, peoples or confederacies, be common refuge of an indestructible Masonic fraternity."



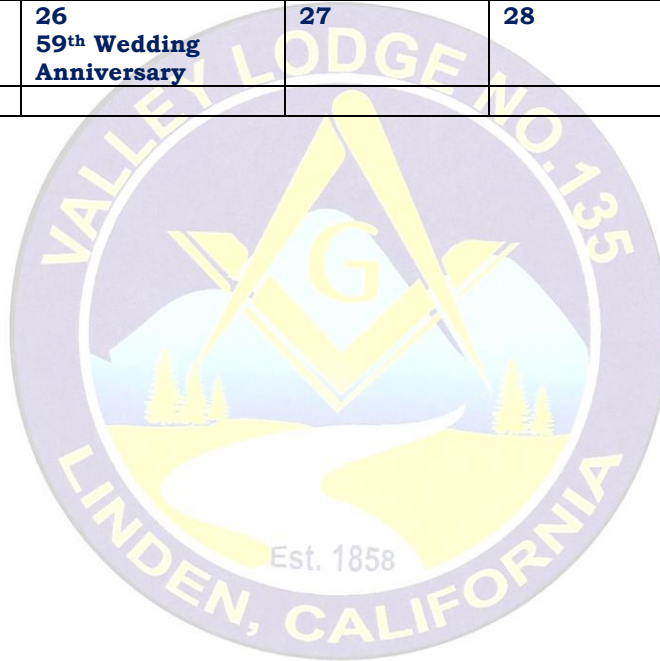
# Events

**OSI: Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:00pm Woodbridge**

<b>October</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	4	5 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 OSI Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Master Masons	20	21
22	23	24	25 Stockton York Rite	26	27	28
29	30	31				

<b>November</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Est. 1858	2 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm (Elections)	3	4
5	6	7 Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm (Elections)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Stockton York Rite	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 My Birthday	25
26	27	28	29	30		

<b>December</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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3	4	5 Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	6	7 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Ryan Amil Installation
17	18	19	20 Stockton York Rite	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 59 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	27	28	29	30
31						





## October Birthdays

### October

Karl Dominique Torres  
Ora Eugene Watters, II  
Oscar Ryan Pol Nodado Amil  
Rand Jeffry Spraggins  
Arnel Magdaong Ibanez  
Winston Alegre  
Charles Arthur Willis

### October: Spouses

Rosemarie Tambot Veridiano  
Mariam S Reyes

### 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

Open conversation with Valley Lodge No. 135. Is an Open Conversation as talking to myself when the answers received is the answers expected? No! An Open Conversation is a discussion between two or more people and this discussion is about Valley Lodge No.



135. Our stated meeting, held on Tuesday, September 05, 2023 displayed a lack of attendance. Worshipful Master Donie Navarro, PM wrote the following **“Please all members must Attend this SM if you have time, please come this your time to communicate to your brothers monthly, thank so much to all of May God Bless Us All”**. As secretary, I did not auto correct his plea. I know Valley Lodge No. 135 had a tough period, where we lost our Charter and had to earn, though ritual, to have the Charter returned to its proper place. But the auto correct period for the lodge has run its course and we must return Valley Lodge No. 135 being normal.

The food, so lovingly prepared but in my case was purchased:

- Worshipful Espeleta - Chicken Adobo,
- Brother Noel pot roast beef and Spanish rice,
- Brother Apollo – Drinks,
- Worshipful Richard Thornton - KFC,
- Worshipful Jericho- Pork spareribs and shrimp rolls,
- Worshipful Gullem - Kilawin Tuna,
- Ateng - Desserts and quinoa salad, and
- Worshipful Donnie Navarro – Menudo.

We did not have a full lodge, nor a half lodge, nor a quarter of a lodge ...

I would like to hear from each of you, how can we correct? Let's do things differently. The information received, whether by email or letter will remain anonymously (I will not stand up in the lodge or elsewhere and state this information was received from ...).

**a)** We can discuss Masonic Education in the Dining Hall from 7:00om to 7:25pm, most of the stuff I write in the Trestleboard comes from History,

**b)** Let's discuss Rainbow Girls for Daughters,

**c)** Let's discuss different food categories for our Stated Meetings, i.e.,

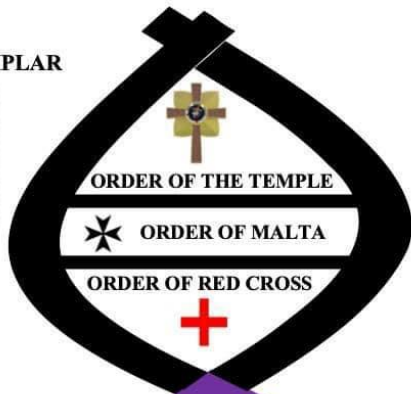
- January-Japanese,
- February-Spanish,
- March-Italian,
- April-Mexican,
- May-Philippine,
- June-French,
- July-BBQ,
- August-Japanese,
- September-Italian,
- October-Philippine,
- November-Mexican,
- December-Philippine.
- Let's hear from you, send your responses to [richard@valleylodge135.org](mailto:richard@valleylodge135.org)

**d)** Let's discuss ... to get our Valley Lodge No. 135 on everyone's radar

- Chili cookoff: The beans! The spices! The Meat! When it comes to homemade Chili, what's not to love? Any other idea

# THE TRUE LIGHT!

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



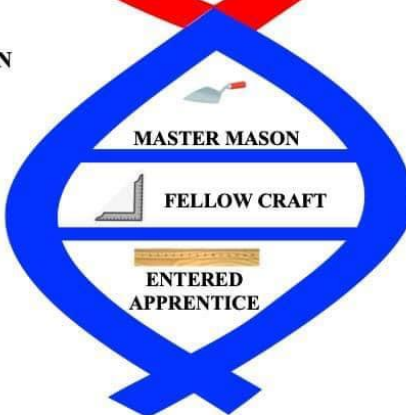
## ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



## 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".

<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
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<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















Taken at the orphanage with my nephew Father Joel Reyes





