

San Leandro Lodge No. 113 Trestle Board



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January 2020

From the East



Brethren,

As we start the new year, it is my high hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday.

Again, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me and the rest of the Lodge Officers. The trust and confidence that have been imposed on me to lead San Leandro Lodge #113 for the next 12 months is a golden opportunity that I am committed to. Rest assured that I will discharge my duties and responsibilities with the highest regards to maintaining harmony, peace, and brotherly love amongst our ranks.

The highest standard of professionalism is what I aim to deliver as I serve our Lodge. However, this cannot be done without everyone's cooperation and support. I humbly request each and every member of our dear SLL #113 to equally commit your support to the Corps of Officers in accomplishing our respective duties and responsibilities while keeping our sworn obligations to each other as Brothers. As I committed to fulfilling my 2020 visions for the Masonic Year 2020, here is what will be happening for the month of January:

- Committees - officially published in our TB
- Our beloved Past Masters are given the opportunity to share their thoughts and wisdom in a dedicated section of our TB. Keep an eye out for their respective articles that will be featured in our publication.
 - For the month of January, Worshipful Tony Cimarra is sharing his Oration, delivered at the York Rite Annual Communication held in Visalia in May 2019.
- WBro. Norman Mallillin, who served as Installing Chaplain in our 163rd Open Installation of Officers, will be installed as Assistant Secretary at our January Stated Meeting on January 8, 2020.
- I am proud to appoint Bro. Fanolex James Menos and Bro. Dino Ignacio as the Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, for our School Supply Donation and our Food and Toy Drive. They will be approaching you all to participate in these campaigns, so please participate in any way you can.
 - We will begin collecting school supply donations for our Public School Observance Month (April) as mandated by the Grand Lodge of California to the Blue Lodges in California like us.
 - We will begin collecting items for our Food and Toy Drive.
- I am also considering revisiting the membership application fees. As of right now, the membership fee is \$750.00, which I believe is too costly to bear by a prospective applicant.
- The Lodge's Officers will start practicing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees. There will be scheduled practices for the officers with WBro. Mike Tagulao, our Officer's Coach, coaching the officers to ensure that we meet our ritual standard.
- I have received some feedback about the plans to start a scholarship for a graduating Senior at San Leandro High School. As this is the first time our Lodge will engage in this type of community involvement, there are lots of details that still need to be ironed out. I would like to create a committee that will oversee the implementation of this scholarship. If you have any expertise in this area, please let me know.

My confidence is high that our Lodge will thrive and will be known in our local community as one of the many organizations whose existence is to provide services to our community. I have no doubt that, with the active participation and involvement of each and everyone of us, we will thrive and prosper.

Always at your service,

Eric M. Simsuangco

Worshipful Master 2020

Calendar

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Events

- January 8 - Stated Meeting*
- January 14 - DSOI @ Siminoff Daylight Lodge #850
- January 15 - 1st Degree Practice
- January 22 - 2nd Degree Practice
- January 29 - 2nd Degree Practice

*Please note that the attire for Stated Meetings will be Coat and Tie, unless otherwise specified.

Birthdays

- 1st William E. Crothers
David Sparks
- 2nd Jon V. Adams
- 3rd Wuilman Moran
- 4th Will S. Rivera
- 5th Norman J. Mallillin
- 7th Dennis G. Rankin
- 9th Raymond Luciano
Efren Sonza Jr.
- 10th Jose R. Montoya
- 11th Mohammad H. Majid
- 13th Dominick Piegaro
- 16th Tranquilino T. Del Rosario Jr.

- 18th Kenneth W. Alexander
- 21st William S. Walters
- 24th George W. Crapo
James T. Treposkoufes
- 25th Ananias G. Gasacao
- 27th Crisostomo F. Salamanca
- 28th Sonny P. Bautista
- 30th Walter J. Caluza
Michael M. Heramia

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Degrees

None



I am humbled to be the Senior Warden of this lodge. Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me.

Worshipful Eric has set forth a powerful agenda for this Masonic year. More will be needed than the Line Officers. The Lodge will need to come together to meet these goals and challenges.

We have a strong new line of officers this year. Wish them all well, help and encourage them as much as you can.

January brings a new year, Mother Earth provides the snow and rain to start growth anew. So should we as Masons renew ourselves. What came you here to do? One of the first questions we are asked as Masons. How can we become better Men and Masons? We give freely and generously when financial assistance is needed as we saw last year when several of our Brethren became ill or dropped their working tools. There are many other ways of showing charity without opening our wallet. Help someone with a heavy burden; strength is often not what is required. The attentive ear often will let them lift a heavy burden. Hold open a door, let someone with 1 or 2 items pass you in line, reach to the top shelf to assist someone. Sometimes all someone needs is a simple "hello" with a cheery smile to change the mood of their whole day. Simple gestures can often be the best gifts we can give.

William G. Eadus

Senior Warden

From the South

I would like to thank all my fellow brethren for your trust and I am very humbled.
With that said, here comes 2020!



This year, my theme will be "Flavors of the World," and for the January Stated Meeting we will go to England with:

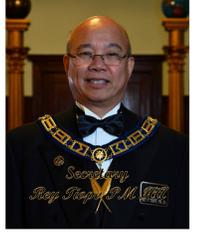
English-style Bangers and Mash (chicken sausage with brown gravy, onions, and mashed potatoes) with peas, a side salad, and dessert of Berries and Cream.

For the February Stated Meeting, dinner will be:

French-style Roasted Loin of Pork with roasted Brussel Sprouts and rice, a side salad, and dessert of Lovers Ice Cream.

Bon Appetit,
Bill Warner Sr.
Junior Warden

From the Secretary



Dear Brethren,

I hope you had a merrier than ever Christmas and may you have a wonderful 2020.

Let me take this opportunity as well to remind everyone that our 2020 dues, including Grand Lodge per capita, is at **\$151.75**.

There are two ways to pay: either by check (payable to San Leandro Lodge #113) or via PayPal (which will include a transaction fee) - just visit sanleandromasoniclodge.org and look for the Dues and Donations tab.

If you missed to remit 2019 dues, then after clicking **Add to Cart**, make sure there are **two Items** in your cart. Thank you,

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."
- Albert Pike

Warm Fraternal Regards,

Rey V. Tiopo, PM, HA

Secretary

From a Past Master

MW Stu Wright, MEHP Tony Yuson, MIL Bill Dunn, MEC Gregg Hall, Illustrious Sirs, RWSirs, VWSirs, WSirs, Companions, Brethren, Ladies and Friends, Good morning and Happy Monday!
Before I start, allow me to share with you all of what occurred while on our way here from the Bay Area last Saturday.

We decided to have a quick breakfast in Wesley. Afterwards, we continued our travel on highway 5 South, and approximately 10 miles away from the restaurant, my lovely and only wife asked me to return to the restaurant as she forgot her glasses. To make the matter more awful, the nearest on ramp where I could make a turn to highway 5 north was approximately another 10 miles. I stayed quiet during the turn trip but I guess after being together for 38 years, she could read my facial expression of being grumpy. She told me then not to be grumpy "for you are a Mason." Once we got to the restaurant, she was able to recover quickly not only her glasses but also my jacket and credit card that I didn't realize that I, too, forgot at the restaurant.

As we resumed our travel on our way back to God's country called Visalia, I could see in the corner of my eyes, she was biting her tongue not to say something to me. I then said to her, "don't be grumpy, you are a wife of a Mason."

Companions, as I stand before you on this early Monday morning, I humbly ask each of you not to be grumpy but rather give me that beautiful smile as you listen to my one-hour Oration for you are either a York Rite Mason, a wife of a Companion or a friend of a mason!

Though no one may certainly and exactly know as to when the Masonic fraternity may have started, scholars greatly believed that our Craft was originally formed by a brotherhood of stonemasons; more known to us, as operative masons during the middle ages. The working tools which we present in our rituals, symbolically representing various teachings, were the very same tools used by those medieval stonemasons in the performance of their strenuous tasks. It is through these stonemasons that we've learned to appreciate how life should be rightfully lived and how our values should be shaped and upheld. It is through them that we owe our belief and understanding for the tenets and virtues taught to us, by Masonry.

As we go on to continue and propagate what has been passed to us by our stonemason brothers, we find ourselves confronted by the challenges and difficulties of the present time. And as time gets tougher, our life gets tougher as well. Our present Chapters continually face challenges of declining membership, poor attendance in our assembly, less or non-committal of our members in participating in their Chapter's activities, and the most significant of all, the low level of support in the charity programs we champion that allow us to radiate our beliefs and values within the four corners of the world.

But how we view them defines us! Do we choose to see the challenges as stepping-stones or as obstacles? If we choose to see them as obstacles, then the challenges we face will be viewed as problems - problems that need to be overcome along with all the negative mindset associated with negative connotations of "I can't", "I won't", "I don't want to" or "I shouldn't have to," and thus results only of spending a great deal of wasted energy that only focuses on the negatives. We need to see these challenges as opportunities, a chance to recommit ourselves to our Chapters, an opening to step up and achieve more. By focusing on the strength of each companion and collectively using those strengths, will ultimately enhance our vision of a Chapter synonymous with outstanding quality Ritual, a Chapter synonymous with great fellowship, a Chapter synonymous in making this world a better place to live, and, a Chapter synonymous with excellence, honor and integrity.

We should return to our roots, enjoying and participating in our degrees and jointly exploring the richness of the Royal Arch Degrees. As we are all aware, the Royal Arch Degrees were considered one of the most beautiful and spectacular degrees in all of Freemasonry as it depicts the destruction of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple.

From a Past Master (continued)

Let us all step up to the plate of leadership and emphasize the value of working together as a team. Team work is not a new business concept. The oldest reference of team development dates back to the Old Testament during the time when Nehemiah was rebuilding the wall around the Temple, it was said on Chapter 4 on the Book of Nehemiah that when the Israelites were rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem, the work got tough and they got discouraged. Finally, they just gave up. So Nehemiah reorganized the work into teams. Half would stand guard with their spears and swords and protect everyone. The other half would work. Then they'd alternate their positions. He posted everyone by groups and families, so they could encourage and support each other.

Our Chapter should be an assembly that catalyzes connections with one another, one who strides in fulfilling the hunger of knowledge of its members, one that executes an enjoyable fellowship with each other, and one who continually makes a positive impact on the community. Also, one of the many challenges of today's society is the wide and rich variant of electronic tools at our disposal. We spend an ungodly amount of time with social media, those little screens to which we are glued, absolutely changes the way we think, the way we interact with the world and ultimately becomes a part of our daily journey. We should however, not change every fiber of who we are: a mind instilled with discipline and a heart governed by justice. We should use today's technology to our advantage. A successful organization understands the importance of communication. We should use these tools to share the Chapter's ideas, mission and vision. We should embrace the use of the new technology in improving our communications and propagating among its members of who we are and of what we do, which therefore brings our chapter's purpose to new heights of achievement and success.

My companions, reclaiming our roots, building a functioning Royal Arch team, using today's technology in marketing our brand and improving communication among its members can and will lead to successful degrees, fruitful membership growth, and a fellowship experience that brings each member a sense of acceptance and belonging, and subsequently results in every member having the desire to participate and be a part of all activities of their Chapter. As Royal Arch Leaders, let us altogether challenge ourselves to new goals and new direction that leads us back to that common ground we remember and identify with, a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch, whose members are committed, motivated and dedicated to the foundation built by our forefathers. Let us all be challenged today to grasp our rich history, to carry it forward in such a positive way that future Companions will look at the 2019 Grand Sessions as the time California Royal Arch Members decided to attribute to that potential of what best we can offer.

My companions, we have 222 years of tradition to build on. Let us together move our Chapter in a new and positive era; an era where we look at the challenges in the moment in a new way, a Chapter who acts anew, a Chapter who inspires its members to step out of that gray twilight into a bright new dawn, and a Grand Chapter who are in agreement that we should not and must not consider nor allow another year of diminishing membership but rather celebrate a positive gain of returning participants, rejoicing together in receiving new companions, and creating a new and effective Chapter that all generations should be proud of. Companions, coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success. Let us take that tradition and proclaim in a loud voice that California's Royal Arch Time is Today, the Royal Arch Time is Now!

Lastly, my companions and dear sisters, thank you for the beautiful smile you rendered me while I speak before you on an early morning like this, Happy Monday!

Tony Cimarra, PM, HA

Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division 3

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please contact our Hall Association CFO

Any Masonic Function must be cleared with the Master and the Junior Warden.

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Job's Daughter Bethel No. 175

Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 pm

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Meets every month
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Bill Warner Sr.

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Bill Eadus
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Dennis Wallace, PM
Wuilman Moran

Funeral

Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

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