

San Leandro Lodge No. 113 Trestle Board



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From the East

Brethren,

I hope everyone in our San Leandro Lodge #113 Community is safe and healthy. Though I'm certain that most of us are greatly affected by COVID-19 in one way or another, my prayer is that we will stay safe until this is over.

As of now, Grand Lodge of California has initiated programs to help us overcome this present crisis. Whether you are emotionally or financially affected, GLC is offering programs to ease the hardships you may be experiencing. *Please click on the following GLC sites for more information:*

- **Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund:** californiafreemason.org/dwbreief
- **Masonic Center for Youth and Families:** mcyaf.org
- **COVID-19 Resource Guide:** masonichome.org
- **COVID-19 Updates from the Masons of CA:** californiafreemason.org/covid19
- **Best Practices During COVID-19:** masonichome.org

These links will also be accessible on our website sanleandromasoniclodge.org under the 'Resources' Tab.

As of this writing, California is still under Shelter-In-Place Order by the Governor. Likewise, GLC has not lifted the suspension of all Lodge's events and meetings in order to help flatten the curve. There are many guidelines and recommendations given by the authorities for us to follow and I do hope that we religiously abide to them for our own good and benefit. Below is a link to the Center for Disease Control's Recommendations for prevention and protection.

- **CDC Recommendations:** cdc.gov

I am pleased to report that despite the suspension of classes, our San Leandro Lodge #113 High School Scholarship is close to completion. The Scholarship Committee led by Bro Chris Pacis, Co-Chaired by yours truly with WBro Nel Pacis and Bro William Eadus as Members, has finalized the Criteria of the Scholarship and it is now properly communicated to San Leandro High School so interested students may apply. San Leandro Unified School District is continuing their academic programs online for the remainder of the school year, making sure that their academic schedules are properly met and fulfilled. Our Scholarship Program will soon be awarded to a deserving San Leandro High School Graduating Student determined and recommended by the Committee.

Most Worshipful John A. Trauner, Grand Master of the State of California, together with GLC Officers and Past Grand Masters, launched the Distressed Worthy Brothers Relief Program calling all California Masons to extend their helping hands for the relief of our Brothers who are financially or emotionally impacted by COVID-19. Our Lodge, in particular, was able to raise money to donate to the cause. Thank you to all who generously donated. We have proven once again that relieving the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection.

Let us all remain pro-active and abide with the current guidelines set forth by our Local, State and Federal Authorities and continue to keep ourselves protected against COVID-19. I'm sure that you can't wait until things are back to normal so that we can enjoy the Lodge's functions and fellowship once again. But until then, please stay at home and shelter-in-place.

May God bless us all!

Always at your service,

Eric M. Simsuangco

Worshipful Master 2020



Calendar

May						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Events

None

Birthdays

1st Robert R. Thornton
 2nd Robert L. Kowolchuk
 Edwin C. Roulette
 8th Philip J. Bugayong
 Danilo F. Nejal
 10th Vivencio R. Millado
 20th Dennis C. Molina
 23rd George S. Speights
 Donald A. Strey
 26th Eduardo R. Cruz

26th Eric M. Simsuangco
 28th German C. Linis
 Robert C. McCarty
 30th Rolando M. Gabriela
 George P. Steiner Jr.
 31st Ernest C. Leal
 Christopher F. Pacis
 Myron E. Temple

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Degrees

None

The Acacia Tree



The Acacia tree is an important part of Masonic Lore. It is important to understand that in any conversation about the "sprig of acacia", the term "acacia tree" is actually a generic term. Acacia tree actually refers to a genus of trees. There are a wide variety of acacia trees in the world. Most grow in tropical and sub-tropical regions. There are more than 800 species and sub-species of acacia tree around the world.

When talking about the acacia tree's relationship with Freemasonry, we are most likely talking about the *Acacia Raddiana*, which is the sub-species of the *Acacia Tortilis*. The *Acacia Raddiana* grows in Israel and is believed to be the wood used to build a variety of sacred items for the tabernacle. At least one of these items is believed to be the Arc of the Covenant. The *Acacia Raddiana*, because of the arid environment it grows in, grows very slowly and tends to be very dense wood. The tree also produces small white flowers that are very aromatic. The "tree" can also grow as a small shrub, particularly in rocky terrains.

It is believed that the Acacia Tree became associated with immortality due to an Egyptian myth about Osiris. In the legend of Osiris, Osiris is tricked into a box that is thrown in to the Nile River. It eventually washed ashore near an acacia tree which rapidly grew around the box. The tree was turned into a column by a local King, which Isis was eventually given.

William G. Eadus

Senior Warden

From the South

Hello My Brothers and Sisters!

I hope all is well with your families.

If I don't get a chance to see you in May, Keep yourself and family safe. This will be over soon.

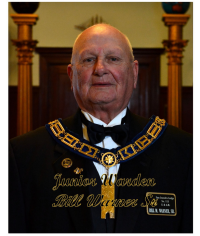
With that said, here is the (tentative) menu for May (Cinco de Mayo), should a Stated Meeting occur:

Chicken Enchiladas with Rice and Beans, Guacamole and Cherry Tomato Salad.

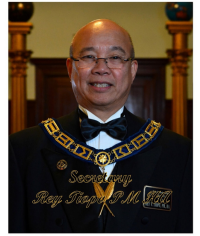
My prayers are always with you and your family. Please keep well and safe.

Bill Warner Sr.

Junior Warden



From the Secretary



Fraternal Greetings Brethren.

I do not have much to say aside from being extra careful and always be safe. Let me share the advice from our retired Worshipful Brother MD-Stephen Gee regarding COVID-19.

He said, and I quote, "There's not much we can do, but three things: take Zinc, a lot of Vitamin C, and Elder Berry. This is to boost the immune system."

Best,

Rey V. Tiopo, PM, HA

Secretary

From a Past Master

Brethren,

I would like to thank Wor. Eric and his core of Officers for giving me the opportunity to write this column.

We may be in a period of time when physical distancing and wearing a mask may be the new normal for the moment, but with the availability of social networking and cell phones let us continue to be connected and practice Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, the beliefs that bring us together, the beliefs that make Freemasonry a unique fraternity.

In our unprecedented situation, let us all practice Brotherly Love, the tenet that teaches us the lesson of caring for each other, our neighborhood, and our community. We are taught that Masons regard the human species as one family, and as members of that family we should act with respect and understanding toward each other to aid and support those who are in need.

Let us stay in touch with our Brethren. I encourage all to reach out at least once a day by calling a Brother or a Sister whom you had not heard from to see how they are doing in these trying times. Remember that sometimes you can give warm things, kind things, comfort, and laughter and it is that kind of laughter that is the best help of all.

In case we have any members or widows in need of help, together we can help. Our lodge has a Charity Committee and most of all the Grand Lodge of California has a Masonic Outreach Service hotline that can be reached at **(888) 466-3642** to help members in distress.

On the other hand, if you are blessed and in a position to help, our Grand Master Most Worshipful, John E. Trauner, established the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund and would like to encourage each one of us to extend our helping hand to help our Brothers and their families who are struggling to pay rent, buy groceries and medications, and those who are facing longer-term income instability and significant hardship as a result of this pandemic. If you would like to make a donation, you may call the same toll free number above or mail your donation directly to the Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

With that, I pray that everyone stays safe and healthy and I look forward to our next fellowship soon.

Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

Past Master 2011

Inspector of the 143rd Masonic District, Grand Lodge of California

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please contact our Hall Association CFO

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

MASONIC FAMILIES

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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Jett Carrasco
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Sunshine

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Dennis Wallace, PM
Wuilman Moran

Funeral

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