



## San Leandro Lodge No. 113 TRESTLE BOARD

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116 W. Joaquin Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

**NOVEMBER 2019**

### FROM THE EAST

Greeting from the East,

The Holiday season is just around the corner as it's already November. We are reminded of the importance of all the blessings that have been given to each one of us. For our lodge, it is certainly without a doubt another successful year. I would like to thank not only the officers who have supported me in completing tasks that were delegated to us, but also to all our members and especially to my wife, Lorrie and the ladies who from the beginning of my term were always around to stretch forth their helping hands in all our activities. I am wishing all of you a good health and spirit.



To our members who attended the Grand Lodge 170th Annual Communication, My warmest gratitude in representing our Lodge. Once again, San Leandro Lodge was recognized in supporting the Grand Lodge 100% giving program. For those who did not have the chance to attend, there were interesting recommendations in the legislation which you can find on the Grand Lodge website, [freemason.org](http://freemason.org) under the 2019 Grand Lodge legislation.

Our Halloween Party was another successful event with the banquet full of guests. There were lots of food, music, dancing, scary costumes and everyone enjoyed the creepy night. My sincere appreciation again to all the brothers and sisters who participated in planning and setting up the Hall.

We have another busy month ahead of us as we come close to ending another Masonic year, a new generation of leaders will soon start. On our November Stated Meeting, I am encouraging all of our Master Masons in good standing to attend and use your privilege to nominate and elect our 2020 Officers. Do not miss it as your vote is very important. Please make sure to have your current dues card in order as our Tiler will be checking them out.

This month is also very special because we will have a presentation of the highest award that can be rewarded to a Mason, the Hiram award. This year's recipient is our Past Master, Worshipful Ronnie Reyes, whose commitment and dedication to our gentle craft has earned a lasting appreciation. Please join us this November 16th in celebrating this prestigious event in San Leandro Masonic Lodge, ceremony will start at 3:00 pm and sit-down dinner after.

On behalf of my loving wife Sister Lorrie and our family, May all of you enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving and wishing you a year filled with warm and cherished moments, Happy Thanksgiving to All.

Fraternally Yours,

**Bro. Jun Pineda**  
Worshipful Master

## CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	7	8	9
10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	15	<u>16</u>
17	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	23
24	25	26	<u>27</u>	28	29	30

## EVENTS

- **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
officers' meeting, set-up
- **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Stated Meeting | attire: business suit
- **Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
DSOI Siminoff Lodge
- **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Hiram Award Night
- **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
practice/conferral
- **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
practice/conferral

## BIRTHDAY CORNER

### November Celebrants

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Severino T. Ramos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon H. Emberton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Steven L. Seagren
- 4<sup>th</sup> Patrick E. Alamillo
- 6<sup>th</sup> Manuel F. Pacis
- 7<sup>th</sup> Christopher L. Vallejo
- 8<sup>th</sup> Michael D. Tagulao
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ely G. Tiongson
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oscar E. Fuentes II
- 12<sup>th</sup> Clifford D. Allen Jr.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Steven H. Gee
- Gregorio E. Gelle

## DEGREES

### Entered Apprentices

Mario Lintag

### Fellow Crafts

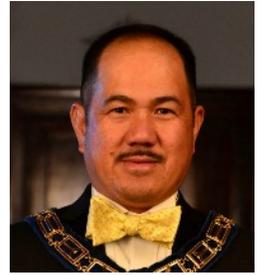
Ryan Relova

\* scheduled for conferral  
at the time of publication

## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

The constant and incontrovertible duty of every Master Mason is “to preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied.” Leading a good life is the best means of carrying through the individual Mason’s responsibility to his lodge and the Craft. The conduct of each Master Mason is his own responsibility, and he must always strive to choose that course of moral action which will bring credit to himself and honor to the fraternity.



In his actions toward his brothers, Masons must always practice Brotherly Love. If your brother in Freemasonry should stumble or slip, offer your hand to him without judgment or harsh criticism, and remember that if tempted in the same way, you yourself might have fallen.

A Master Mason is also responsible to educate, guide and mentor his Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice brothers in the ways of the Craft. In operative Masonry, the master taught and supervised his younger, less skilled guild members, teaching and guiding them to maturity as master craftsmen worthy of the name. Without a master, the student might not learn the craft correctly, and much valuable time would be wasted on trial and error. In speculative Masonry, Master Masons are expected to be exemplars to the younger brethren in both an ethical as well as a moral sense. One great benefit of teaching is that the teacher very often learns as much as or more than the student from the unique synergy of the student/teacher relationship. Master Masons are expected to provide the same moral and ethical leadership in their families and their communities.

Rights and Responsibilities of a Master Mason:

LODGE ATTENDANCE  
THE MASTER MASON AS MENTOR  
THE MASTER MASON AS MASONIC RELIEF  
MASONIC VISITATION  
EXAMINING VISITORS  
BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ENDORISING APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP  
INVESTIGATING APPLICANTS  
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Lodge Attendance: There are no mandatory attendance requirements as there were in ancient craft lodges and no specific penalty for not attending (short of ignoring a formal summons from the Master as you swore to observe in your various obligations). However, every Master Mason has a moral obligation to be loyal to, and support by active participation, a lodge, as through it Masonic Light is made available as well as the other benefits which come with his membership in the Fraternity.

You should attend lodge as often as possible and join in the fellowship that is a significant part of Freemasonry. Having a large number of Brethren present to witness and assist in the degrees of new Masons makes the experience more meaningful for them. For you, experiencing a degree over the years, from either the sidelines or as a member of the degree team, brings new insights. We take from Masonry what we need. As our needs change over time, we discover answers in the work which we may not have seen or heard before.

Balloting on Applications for Membership:

Only Master Masons in good standing have a right to vote. No member present can be excused from balloting on any applicant before the lodge. No member will be permitted to retire from the lodge to avoid casting his ballot, and the lodge room will be sealed from the start of the balloting until the ballot box is cleared by the Master and the decision announced. In California, the white ball indicates an affirmative, or favorable, ballot, and the black cube indicates a negative, or unfavorable, ballot. If there is no reason to believe otherwise, the report of the investigating committee is usually accepted, and a favorable ballot is cast on an application for membership.

If there is an objection to an applicant, it should be raised before the ballot is taken. Every Mason has the right to speak to the Master privately and express any concerns or objections he may have about an applicant. If there is some legitimate reason to indicate that the applicant is unworthy, for strictly Masonic—not personal—reasons, a black cube may be cast to protect the lodge from an undesirable member. As you approach the ballot box, examine your motives and be sure that the ballot you are about to cast will do justice to both the candidate and to Freemasonry. The right to secrecy of the ballot is guaranteed by Masonic law, and custom allows each member full freedom in balloting on applicants without undue influence or prejudice. No brother should disclose how he voted, and no brother should inquire into how another brother voted on a particular candidate. Balloting occurs at Stated Meetings.

#### Financial Responsibilities:

Your financial responsibilities as a Mason are twofold. First is the mandatory payment of annual dues. Second are voluntary but very vital support contributions to certain charities, distressed worthy brothers, and other Masonic organizations, as you desire. By paying dues, each brother carries his share of the expenses to run the lodge and pays a portion of the expenses of Grand Lodge. Regarding voluntary financial support, you must determine the extent of your participation, measuring the need against your financial ability. However, it is the contributions of California Masons which support our various Masonic charities, including our Masonic Homes. Remember the lecture on Faith, Hope and Charity – “and the greatest of these is charity.” A Mason who fails to pay his dues for a period of more than twelve months is subject to suspension after appropriate notification by the lodge secretary. There is no reason, however, that a brother should be suspended for nonpayment of dues. Not being able to pay one’s dues can be handled easily and without embarrassment. No lodge should suspend a brother who is financially unable to continue payment of dues. A distressed brother should privately inform the Master or the Secretary of his situation. One of these officers will take care of the situation so no record is shown on the books and no debt is accumulated. This is not Masonic charity, but, rather, Brotherly Love. In all cases, the other Brethren in the lodge will know nothing about the situation.

#### Source: THE CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

California Masonic law is codified in the California Masonic Code (CMC). Every member of a lodge and every Masonic organization in this jurisdiction must adhere to the rules and regulations of the CMC. Failure to do so may be grounds for disciplinary action ranging from censure to expulsion. Every California Freemason is encouraged to become familiar with this document. The CMC is available on line from the Grand Lodge Web Site at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org).

Fraternally,

**Bro Eric Simsuangco**

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

November is Thanksgiving. We all have many blessings we are to be thankful for.

Dinner consists of:

Roasted Turkey with Giblet Gravy  
Corn Bread Stuffing  
Mashed potatoes  
Whole Cranberry Sauce  
Baked rolls with butter  
Coffee and dessert

Fraternally,

**Bro. Bill Eadus**  
Junior Warden



## FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

Quick reminder to bring your current dues cards at our upcoming elections at the November stated meeting.

This month we honor all those who have served our country reminding us of the value of our freedom. Thank you to all of our veterans for your sacrifices. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Happy Veterans Day to all our brothers and sisters who served in the armed forces.



This Thanksgiving, before we plan on lining up for those retail deals I hope that you get to spend quality time and a hearty meal with your loved ones. Remember that it is a time to be thankful and appreciate all the blessings you have. As we welcome the holiday season, may we all find it in our hearts to help the less fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours.

Fraternally,

**WB Rey V. Tiopo, HA**

Secretary

# HALL ASSOCIATION

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## HALL/BUILDING ASSOCIATION

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Emmanuel Figueroa - 2020  
Jesse Dela Cruz, PM - 2020  
Odin Madlambayan - 2020

## For Banquet Hall Reservations

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month 5:00 pm

### **Eden Assembly Rainbow No. 11**

Meets every month  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10:00 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm

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**Candidates' Committee:** Head - Eric Simsuangco, 1<sup>st</sup> deg: Bill Eadus, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg: Noel Ciron, PM,HA, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg: Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

**Audit:** Dante Ypil, PM, Vic Ingalla, Victor Cayabyab

**Charity:** WM Jun Pineda, Eric Simsuangco, Bill Eadus

**Delinquent Dues:** Rey V. Tiopo, PM, HA, Randy Gabriela, Eric Simsuangco

**Membership Retention:** Mike Tagulao, PM, Rey V. Tiopo, PM, HA, Norman Mallillin, PM, Eric Simsuangco

**Telephone:** Victor Cayabyab, Warren Legaspi, Wesley Legaspi

**Public Relations:** Bill Warner, Sr, Bill Eadus

**Hiram Award:** Chairman - Eric Simsuangco, Observer - Bill Eadus

**Masonic Education:** Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA, Tony Cimarra, PM, HA

**Youth Order:** Noel Ciron, PM, HA, Charles Bullard, PM

**Sunshine:** Nel Pacis, PM, HA, Jesse Dela Cruz, PM, Edwin Dimarucut, PM

**Funeral:** Del Endrina, PM, HA, Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

**Widows:** Dowel Juan, Ferdinand Pacis II, Norman Mallillin, PM