



San Leandro Lodge No. 113 TRESTLE BOARD

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MARCH 2019

FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

I would like to thank you all for attending our Sweethearts and Widows Night (Masquerade Ball). I definitely felt the love in the air. Last February 9th I was excited that we will have a successful event. It turned out to be an enormous success and everyone had a fun night with lots of food and dancing. This is one of our essential fundraising events which support Our Masonic projects for this year. I truly appreciate the cooperation and participation of all that attended. My special Thanks to WB Noel Ciron, my wife Lorrie Pineda, and to all that assisted to make this event a success.



We had a 3rd Degree Conferral last Feb 27th which was headed by WB Allan Nubla. It was a well executed performance by all of the officers. Congratulations to Bro. Mark Canlas on being raised to the sublime degree. May you do well in your Masonic journey.

Our March Stated Meeting will be an important one, it is the official visit of our District Inspector, WB Tom Kavishi. There will be an important business discussion that will take place and I am urging all of you as a member to attend and show your support and participation.

Lastly, as we are reminded by our Secretary, those who have not made payments of their annual dues, please make the effort to be in good standing. For the life members who sent their per capita tax, thank you for your support, they are greatly appreciated.

Leadership is not about the next election, it is about the next generation.

Upon The Square,

Bro. Jun P. Pineda
Worshipful Master

CALENDAR

MARCH 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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EVENTS

- **Tuesday, March 5th**
officers' meeting, set-up
1st Degree Proficiency of Bro. Wuilman Moran
- **Wednesday, March 6th**
Stated Meeting | attire: business suit
Official visit of District Inspector WB Kavishi
- **Tuesday, March 12th**
DSOI at Siminoff Lodge
- **Wednesday, March 13th**
2nd Degree Conferral of Bro. Wuilman Moran
- **Wednesday, March 20th**
1st Degree Proficiency of Bro. Efren Sonza
- **Wednesday, March 27th**
2nd Degree Conferral of Bro. Efren Sonza

BIRTHDAY CORNER

MARCH
Celebrants

1 st	Carmelino M. Alvarez Alan D. Filiau	20 th	Wesley V. Legaspi
5 th	Micrexon M. Heramia	22 nd	Joselito B. Tangco
6 th	Jowett N. Legaspi	25 th	Arnedo P. Carpo
7 th	Tomas C. Mendoza	27 th	William A. Carlson Noel R. Ciron
10 th	Ernesto I. Melegrito		Harry L. Wipprecht
11 th	Vicente M. Ingalla Jr. Alexander R. Lucas	28 th	Jesse P. Reyes
15 th	Marcelino R. Gabriela Rey V. Tiopo	30 th	Joseph S. Ferrer
18 th	Eddie A. Torres	31 st	Benjamin A. Torres

Happy Birthday Brothers!

DEGREES

Entered Apprentices

Wuilman Moran*
Mario Lintag
Efren Sonza Jr.*

Fellow Crafts

Fanolex Menos
Adrian Quinones
Ryan Relova

* scheduled for conferral this month

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

In a tiled lodge, Masons are considered properly clad when an Apron is wrapped around his waist. Knowing and learning the origin and significance of this habillement will give us a better understanding and a deeper connection to our craft. Having said that, please take time to read the below literature.



APRONS

The use of the apron is extremely old. It is a protector of clothing and the body against hazard when working. But, it has also been a badge of honor. Aprons were worn by the priests of Israel, by candidates for the mysteries of Mithras in Persia and in ancient Japanese in religious worship. Ethiopia knew aprons as did Egypt. In all times and climes, it has been a badge of distinction. It is as such that a Mason wears it. The apron is said to be more ancient and more honorable than certain orders and decorations. The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1429. The Roman Eagle was Rome's symbol and ensign of power and might a hundred years before Christ. The Order of the Star was created by John II of France in the middle of the Fourteenth Century. The Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III of England in 1349 for himself and twenty-five Knights of the Garter.

The Masonic apron has a direct link to those worn by the stonemasons of the medieval period from whom contemporary Freemasonry evolved. Like most craftsmen, these stonemasons wore a protective garment while they worked. Their aprons varied. For those stonemasons who cut, moved and mounted stones in the construction process, animal hides, particularly those of a sheep or a lamb, were probably used to protect the knees and breast from injury. For those stonemasons who polished the exteriors of the constructed work, all that was required was protection from dust and therefore, perhaps, a cloth apron. The earliest Masonic aprons in England of the speculative or accepted Masons were close approximations of the protective, knee-length aprons worn by the operative stonemasons. These aprons were made from a complete animal skin with the forelegs forming the ties and the bottom edge either trimmed or rounded. The natural flap representing the head covering of the animal remaining at the top edge could either hang down or be worn above the waist by attaching it with a buttonhole or additional tie.

As Freemasonry became a separate philosophical fraternity, the form of the Masonic apron changed also. Unlike the operative stonemason's protective apron made from a large pelt to give maximum coverage, aprons of the accepted or speculative Masons were gradually reduced in size with the upper flap turned down and tied with laces wrapped around the waist.

As Freemasonry evolved into a philosophical system with the stonemason's tools and techniques employed to teach moral and ethical values, the apron acquired a symbolic meaning. Made of white lambskin, the apron symbolized innocence and purity. One of the highlights of a candidate's initiation into a Lodge of Freemasons was, and still is, his investiture with a plain white lambskin apron and an explanation of its moral and ethical significance.

The color of a Mason's apron should be pure, unspotted white. This color has, in all ages and countries, been an emblem of innocence and purity. It was with this reference that a portion of the vestments of the Jewish priesthood was directed to be white. In the ancient Persian mysteries, the candidate was always clothed in white as were the intended sacrifices in ancient Rome. In the Scandinavian rituals of the Vikings, the shield presented to the candidate was white. The Druids in ancient England changed the color of the vestment presented to their initiates with each degree. White was the color appropriate to the last, or degree of perfection. It was, according to their ritual, intended to teach the aspirant that none were admitted to that honor but such as were cleansed from all impurities, both of body and mind. In the early ages of the Christian Church, white garments was placed upon those who had been newly baptized, to denote that they had been cleansed from prior sins and were thenceforth to lead a life of purity. From all these instances, we learn that white apparel was anciently used as an emblem of purity, and for this reason the color has been preserved in the apron of the Freemason.

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A Freemason's apron should be made of lambskin. This material constitutes one of the most important symbols of a Freemason's profession. The lamb, in all ages, has been deemed an emblem of innocence. He, therefore, who wears the lambskin, as the badge of a Mason, is continually reminded of that purity of life and conduct so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into heaven, symbolically represented as the celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. The apron of a Freemason should, then, be of unspotted lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, from twelve to fourteen deep, with a fold about three to four inches deep, square at the bottom, and without device or ornament of any kind. While some are permitted to wear aprons of different colors and with ornamentation, each is entitled to wear, and can receive no greater honor than wearing as a Freemason, the simple, white apron.

As a symbol of innocence and purity, the white apron might seem to imply that the wearer is free from sin, evil or guilt. However, Masonry does not claim itself to be in possession of any secrets by the exercise of which one becomes pure and innocent nor does it claim that its members are pure and innocent. Perfection in this life is not possible, but betterment is. Through the symbolism of the tools of the old operative Masons, Masonry teaches goodness of heart, purity of intention and love of virtue. It is from the exercise of these qualities that each member is asked to teach himself, rather than be taught, to be a better man.

By continually striving for that goodness of heart, that purity of intention and that love of virtue, Masons are taught to seek that clean thinking and clean living, loyal obedience to the laws under whose protection we reside and the sincere goodwill to our fellow man that we will, each one of us, be a worker and a builder, just as were our spiritual forbearers, the operative stonemasons of the Middle Ages. It is for these reasons that the white apron should be considered more honorable than the star or garter or any distinction that could be conferred by king, prince or any other person. The distinctions of men are inferior because they are subject to the human caprice. However, innocence is innate and learned based upon precept and example and cannot be imposed nor withdrawn by another.

One of the life missions of every human is to regain that innocence which Great Architect of the Universe allegorically granted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden but which man, through his own destruction, lost. Masonry does not teach the means to regain that innocence. Only religion does. But, Masonry does teach the importance of faith and ethical conduct as religion's requisites to obtain that goal. Because that goal is so important to the reason why one becomes and remains a Mason, it is symbolically represented by the white apron which is a Mason's most important symbol of his membership in our order. It is a symbol of our fraternal vocation: our personal quest to seek purity and innocence.

The white aprons should remind all of us that our continual goal should be the recapture of that lost purity and innocence through our own individual religious beliefs. And, although, we cannot achieve absolute purity and innocence in this life, the impossibility of attainment should not deter any of us from the search. While we may each seek it in our own way, let the white aprons, whenever and wherever we might see them, remind us that this quest for purity and innocence, in whatever form it may take, was intended by Great Architect of the Universe and should always be our life's work.

Source: "Aprons" An Article published in Masons of California (Freemason.org)

Your Warden in the West,

Bro. Eric Simsuangco
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

March is here and the planet has come alive from all the rain we have been blessed with.

Our Valentine's party was a smashing success! Over 95 dinners were served along with Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Chicken nuggets for the kids. A great time was had by all who attended.



Once again Worshipful Dennis has another great meal planned for us.

Cabbage with mustard sauce
Corned Beef Brisket with glaze
Potato and Carrots medley
Irish Soda Bread and Butter
Green Desert

All Irish guests with papers FREE, all others pay \$10 bucks.

As a side note: Our Lodge has 260 members in good standing! We normally see the same 20 to 30 members. Who are these other members? Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) is a program to find out why these members are not attending lodge events and how we can assist them as necessary. This program has been around several years. Our lodge is going to launch this valuable program to reach out to our other brothers. We all took the same pledge to aid and assist ALL distressed worthy Brothers there Widows and Orphans.

Worshipful Nel Pacis has volunteered to be one of the Leaders to get this program started. Brothers we need more volunteers to make this program work, please step forward and help to extend a hand to our worthy Brothers. Who are the 220 Brethren we don't see? Interested in helping please contact The 3 pillars, the Sectary and Worshipful Nel Pacis.

For reservations contact Brothers:
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Fraternally,

Bro. Bill Eadus
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY



Brethren,

This year's topic of the California Masonic Symposium is all about the DeMolays. In celebration of the organization's 100th year they will be presenting "DeMolay: A History, Journey, and Legacy" the Northern California (San Francisco) symposium will be held on June 1st. This will be an insightful day wherein you can "explore the youth order's fascinating history, learn the history of the ritual, and witness the DeMolay Degree as conferred in 1919." You may register now at freemason.org/symposium.

Fraternally,

WB Rey V. Tiopo, HA
Secretary

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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 5:00 pm

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