

## **SAN FRANCISCCO LODGE 120**

**JUNE 2025** 

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE EAST WORSHIPFUL MASTER** Oliver Mangubat



Brethren,

As we embark on June, I extend warm fraternal greetings to all brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120. This month promises to be one of camaraderie, growth, and reflection as we continue to uphold the principles that bind us as Masons. Let us take this opportunity to strengthen our bonds, deepen our understanding, and contribute positively to our community through our shared values of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

In light of my expected leave of absence due to family medical reasons, I would like to express my appreciation and acknowledge the overwhelming and heartfelt support of the brethren in the leadership, Bro. Sal Tandoc, our Senior Warden, accepted the challenge of leading our June Stated Meeting as well as taking care of the Lodge in my absence—likewise, Junior Warden Bro. Garry Fontillas, whom I am confident will make this event memorable for all the officers, especially for our Entered Apprentice brothers. I cannot mention everyone who contributed and sent their support during this difficult time. Brethren of San Francisco Lodge # 120, Past Masters and Executive Officers, thank you very much. Lastly, to our Worshipful Inspector, Bro. Allan Nubla, who also gives his Solomonic advice and brotherly love, thank you very much, Worshipful Sir.

Currently, I am here in the Philippines and making sure that whatever is the Will of our heavenly Father, we surrender to His grace the life of my beloved Father.

To end, as I said in my email last time, please and kindly support our Officer in Charge, Bro. Sal Tandoc, and let us make the 1st-degree conferral a memorable one for all our candidates. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide and bless our endeavors this month.

Fraternally Yours,

Bro. Oliver S. Mangubat Worshipful Master San Francisco Lodge No. 120

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE WEST SENIOR WARDEN** Salvador Tandoc



Brethren,

It's June and we are mid-way through the year. It's been a turbulent year for some of the Officers and members alike. Our Worshipful Master Oliver Mangubat will be temporarily in disposed for the month of June to take care of his father in Philippines. We wish the family our prayers, love and support. We look forward to his return in July.

In Masonic education, the month of June is traditionally associated with the celebration of St. John the Baptist, one of the two patron saints of Freemasonry. His feast day is on June 24th, and this date is especially significant in Masonic tradition.

#### Key Points:

- St. John the Baptist's Day (June 24th) is often observed by Masonic lodges with special meetings, educational programs, or commemorative events.
- Freemasonry historically honors two patron saints: St. John the Baptist (June) and St. John the Evangelist (December).
- A prophet known for moral integrity, humility, and preparing the way for truth. He embodied traits Masons are encouraged to emulate: righteousness, humility, and truth.
- The Holy Saints John symbolizes moral grounding. Represents the pillar of uprightness and personal responsibility.
- St. John's Day aligns with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year and symbolizeslight, enlightenment, and spiritual fullness.
- Encourages the reflection and rededication to Masonic principles.
  - Integrity: Stand for truth and live with moral courage.
  - Renewal: Use this midpoint of the year for personal and Lodge reflection.
  - Light: Seek and spread Masonic light and brotherly love.
  - Public Example: Live Masonry visibly through service and leadership.
  - Many Grand Lodges and local lodges use this time to reflect on the moral teachings and symbolism associated with St. John the Baptist, who is seen as a symbol of uprightness, moral strength, and integrity.
  - It also marks a symbolic midpoint in the Masonic year in some traditions, providing an opportunity for lodges to assess progress and renew commitments.

We have been training and practicing the 1st Degree Conferral and our Junior Warder, Garry Fontillas will be taking the helm in the East for the initiation of our prospective brothers. We look forward to this exciting events and we are planning to do 2, 2, 3 under the guidance of our Officer's Coach of the Lodge, Alexis Rueda. Attend the special days and support of our new candidates.

On the Level,

Sal Tandoc Sr. Warden



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### **GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH JUNIOR WARDEN** Garry Fontillas



Brethren,

As we step into the month of June, we are reminded of two important occasions—one symbolic, the other historical. In our Masonic journey, June is a time of increased light and reflection. Nationally, it is a time to remember the birth of our nation's freedom on June 12, Philippine Independence Day.

In both respects, it is an ideal moment to reflect on the Masonic virtue of Temperance.

As Junior Warden, I am charged with overseeing the Craft during the hours of refreshment. This duty, while symbolic, represents a deeper responsibility—to help maintain balance and harmony within the lodge. It also calls to mind the importance of inner discipline in our personal conduct.

Temperance, one of the Four Cardinal Virtues, teaches us moderation—not just with food or drink, but with emotions, desires, speech, and judgment. In our lives as Masons and citizens, this virtue becomes a compass. It reminds us to act with control, speak with kindness, and think with clarity.

This resonates powerfully with the spirit of our national heroes. The men and women who stood for independence did so with great courage—but also with restraint, vision, and discipline. Their example teaches us that true liberty is not unbounded freedom, but freedom exercised with responsibility.

Let us, therefore, consider:

Are we temperate in our dealings with others?

Do we moderate our passions, our opinions, and our actions for the good of the whole?

Do we lead by example, showing self-restraint in times when emotion runs high?

As we celebrate both our national independence and our Masonic progress, may we each strive to be a living example of Temperance—a builder of peace, a keeper of balance, and a brother to all.

Mabuhay ang Masonerya. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas.

Fraternally,

Bro. Garry Fontillas Junior Warden



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## **SECRETARY** Donato T. Lara



Brethren,

Happy Father's Day and Philippine Independence Day!

June is here and lot's of events are happening. Before I mention those events, I want to congratulate our Grand Junior Deacon, Albert Cua, and all the people that were involved in making our Grand Master's Reception a huge success. I'm not going to mention any individual because this was truly a team effort, from the DRAMA Events to the brethren of SF120 and more, that put it all together. I was approached by many of the Grand Lodge Officers who complimented us on our efforts. We truly deserve a huge pat on the back!

This month we will be celebrating Flag Day, Father's Day, Philippine Independence Day, Juneteenth Day, and St. John the Baptist Day. Many of us have children that have graduated from elementary, junior high, high school and college. Congratulations to all the graduates!

On the lodge side of things, we hope to initiate some new entered apprentices. Our degree team is continually practicing so that we can perform a memorable degree for our candidates. Hopefully, we'll have initiated a couple of them before the end of the month. Stay tuned to support these brethren to be.

Lastly, we still have a few brethren that have not paid their dues. I will be reaching out to those brethren. If you have received this Trestle Board and are having difficulty paying, please reach out to me as soon as possible to get your membership in good standing.

Wear your Barong to our stated meeting. See y'all soon!

Salamat po! In other words, Thank you!

Fraternally,

Brother Donnie Lara Secretary



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## **MASONIC EDUCATION** Larry Laidlaw, P.M., H.A.



Brethren of San Francisco Lodge 120,

While researching Past Grand Master of California and the connection with our lodge 120 (*I currently have four names. Our current Grand Master, MW Arthur Salazar, PGM, WM Frank Loui, PGM, MW Donald B. McCaw and PGM, MW Arthur William Brouillet (1945-1946)*)

I found this information contained inside the 1937 Grand Lodge proceedings.

I hope you find it interesting! There will be more to come on our very own Grand Masters later this year.

Respectfully, Larry Laidlaw, PM, HA

#### Part of the preceding of California Grand Lodge from 1937

#### Report of Committee on the Clandestine Masonry

#### Grand Lodge of the Philippine Archipelago

This Grand Lodge has become very active in the past year. We are able to report the organization of a number of new lodges under its jurisdiction. The subordinate Lodge Jerusalem No. 38 was constituted December 3, 1937; is located at Berkeley, with Aveline R. Villanueva as Master, residing at 1522 Russell Street, Berkeley. A lodge named Neptune No. 32 at San Pedro was organized recently and has considerable activity. Golden Gate Lodge No.39, with the address of its secretary as PO Box 73, Oakland.

This Grand Lodge recently had a representative organizer in San Diego and Imperial Counties and we believe there is a loose organization across the border in Tijuana, Mexico, which has some sort of connection with a Los Angeles Lodge. We have vague information of a group of Filipino Masons operating in Santa Maria Valley. S. Dakita of Olso Hotel, Pismo, is Master and S.N. Maza, 5270 Ocean View Avenue, Pismo, is the Secretary. We heard that they meet regularly in a bank building at Pismo.

Some information comes to us of an International Association of Masonic Bodies located at Manila, P.I.

#### **Gran Oriente Filipino**

Information comes to us of the existence of Makeling Lodge No. 24 at Los Angeles. Acquilino Monsod is Master and P.S. Clementi is Secretary. Mr. Monsod lives at 240 East Green Street, Pasadena and Clementi at 299 N. Marengo Avenue, Pasadena.

A subordinate Lodge of this Rite is located in El Centro with thirty members. We contacted some of these men and found them to be fairly respectful lot, mostly better class workman and professional men. The present Master is Geronimo Barruentes, who is employed by a construction concern in Yuma Arizona. This body is doing purely Masonic work with it's membership devoted to Masonry. They inform us that their Grand Lodge is a California Institution solely and is independent of any connection with the Philippines Islands.

The head quarters of the Grand Lodge is at 106 S. Park Street, San Francisco. We are informed that this Grand Lodge expects to hold it's annual communication in El Centro this year. A list of the number and location of their subordinates Lodges is attached hereto..

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Member	1st	2026
Member	2nd	2027
Member	2nd	2028
Chairman	2nd	2029



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### COMMITTEES

June 2025

#### Audit:

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Albert Cua, P.M. – Chairman Edwin Del Rosario, P.M. Tom Chavez, P.M., H.A. Edmond Lim, P.M., H.A. Salvador Tandoc

#### Candidate's Coach:

Salvador Tandoc – Chairman Clark Balquedra – Head Coach All masons assigned by Head Coach

#### Sunshine:

Jerry Verzosa, P.M., H.A. Chairman Donnie Lara- Chairman Ed Lim Ricky Hermoso Donnie Lara

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Ernest Batara Bob Gonzalez Dennis Silva James Meads **Ricky Hermoso** Carlo Gonzaga

#### **Communication:**

Dennis Duey Jonathan Galvez Arvin Menchavez Austin Cua Raymund De Luna

#### **Masonic Education:**

Larry Laidlaw, P.M., H.A.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 5 - Stated Meeting (Attire Barong) June 12- 1st Degree Conferral/Practice June 14 – Sabado Pistang Pinoy (Post-Philippine Independence Day) June 19 - 1st Degree Conferral/Practice/ Proficiency June 26 - Continuing Education (Mason's Etiquettes) Suggested speaker: WB Antonio G. Cimarra, Jr. (AGL Div. III) July 3 - Stated Meeting July 4 - Independence Day July is DARK

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES!!!**

For those who haven't paid their dues, please send in your payment in as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties or personal issues, please contact the Secretary, Donnie Lara, at sfl120.secretary@outlook.com. There are payment options available.





#### RITECARE CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO

June 5, 2025

Dear Donors,

We hope this letter finds you well and want to begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of the Scottish Rite Foundation Childhood Language Center in [previous year]. Your contribution made a meaningful difference in the lives of children with speech and language disorders, helping us provide essential services and programs to families in our community.

As we continue our mission to serve children with communication challenges, we are writing to inform you of an important update regarding our donor recognition program. To maintain current and accurate recognition displays, we periodically update our donor plaques to reflect active supporters.

**Your current recognition status:** Based on your 2024 contribution your name was displayed on one of the following categories, Bronze (\$1,000.00) and Silver (\$2,500.00).

**Maintaining your recognition:** To continue your recognition on our donor plaques, we invite you to renew your support with an equal contribution or more by **July 1, 2025**. If we do not receive your renewed contribution by this date, your name will be respectfully removed from the donor recognition displays to make space for our current active supporters.

We understand that philanthropic priorities can change, and we deeply appreciate any level of support you are able to provide. Whether you choose to maintain your current recognition level, adjust your contribution, or take a break from giving, we remain grateful for your past support and the impact you have made.

#### How to renew your support:

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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

Clarito Balquedra	6/2
Poom Choothakan	6/5
Alec Obst	6/6
Barrie Copp	6/8
Haig Tatarian	6/8
Andreas Guralas	6/9
Hugh Crandall	6/11
William Messer	6/11
Matthew Mintz	6/12
David Cohen	6/17

Arnulfo Palma	6/17
Donald Hudson	6/18
<b>Richard Modolo</b>	6/23
F. Allan Weinstein	6/23
Paul Abramovitz	6/25
Lyle Dodson	6/25
Alfredo Galimba	6/26
Ronald Mader	6/27
Garry Rayant	6/29



#### MAKING TRUE FRIENDS, IMPROVING OURSELVES, HAVING AN IMPACT

## **OUR MISSION AND OUR LODGE**

Welcome to San Francisco Lodge 120. One of the most diverse, friendly, and celebrated lodges in the Bay Area. Here we welcome all looking for friendship and brotherly love and to those who are interested in our vast history and tenants that have survived for time immemorial.
We meet meet every Thursday at 7:30pm at 2850 19th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132. Our Stated Meeting Dinner is held every first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

#### Join Us

San Francisco Lodge membership is open to men 18 and older who meet the qualifications and standards of character and inten-tion, and who believe in a Supreme Being. Men of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome. One of Freemasonry's customs is not to solicit members – men must seek membership on their own initiative. Anyone is welcome to request information about the fraternity. If you are interested in applying for membership to our lodge, now is a good time to start. Please contact us to schedule a visit during an event, or request more information.

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