

THIS MONTH'S FLAVORS

AUGUST

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**SAN
FRANCISCO
LODGE NO.120**

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!



MEETING

**7 AUGUST
2025**

Refreshment: 6:00PM

Meeting: 7:30PM

**ATTIRE : Bright Colored Shirt and
Slack/Dress Pants**



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Oliver Mangubat



Brethren,

“Staying the Course Together”

As we enter the month of August, a time traditionally filled with transition families preparing for school, vacations drawing to a close, and the city buzzing with late- summer energy is a fitting moment for us as Masons to pause, reflect, and recommit.

Our Lodge, San Francisco 120, continues to be a sanctuary of brotherhood and a place of growth, fellowship, and service. In the ever-changing world around us, the consistency of our principles Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth remains a compass that guides us. These timeless tenets do not age; rather, they become more necessary in our fast-paced and often divided society.

August is a call to action. While many are winding down from summer, we are called to renew our zeal for Masonic labor. Let us ask ourselves: Have I reached out to a Brother lately? Is there someone I can mentor or encourage? How am I applying the working tools of Masonry in my daily life?

Let this month also be a time of gratitude. We are thankful for our officers who continue to lead with humility and commitment, and for our members, past and present who show up not just in meetings, but in service to one another and to our community.

As Freemasons, we are builders. Not only of temples made without hands, but of lives anchored in virtue, respect, and hope. May this August renew our dedication to building not just for ourselves, but for the generations of men who will walk through the doors of SF 120 in the years to come. Upcoming this month:

Entered Apprentice Degree conferrals

Regular Practices

District Joint Family Picnic

Let us remain vigilant, united, and inspired, always remembering that the strength of the Craft lies not in any single member, but in the bond, we share and the principles we uphold.

Fraternally,

Bro. Oliver S. Mangubat
Worshipful Master, San Francisco Lodge no. 120



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST SENIOR WARDEN Salvador Tandoc



Brethren,

August brings with it the enduring heat of summer, and with it, a symbolic time of reflection and refinement. As your Senior Warden, tasked with assisting the Worshipful Master and preparing to lead in the future, I also have the privilege of supporting our Lodge's Masonic education efforts. This month's message invites each of us to go beyond the form of our ritual and begin to seek more meaning from it. Why Masonic Education Matters Freemasonry is not a destination—it is a journey.

We are not simply members of a fraternity; we are builders of character and seekers of truth. Masonic education is the cornerstone of that journey. Whether you are newly Raised or a Past Master, each lesson, symbol, and allegory offers more as your understanding matures. August is the perfect month to reignite our commitment to "making good men better." The question is: How do we become better men if we stop learning? Every Lodge meeting, every degree, and every conversation among Brothers is an opportunity for instruction—sometimes formal, often subtle. Let us not take these moments for granted. Attend the District School of Instruction (DSOI) monthly for your personal growth and education. This is the best place to learn degree works, proper footsteps, protocols, announcements, and changes as presented, reviewed and with Inspector Allan Nubla, PM working closely in conjunction with our Officer's Coach Alexis Rueda. National and Civic Reflections While August does not have a prominent national Masonic observance, it is a month brimming with meaning for the thoughtful Mason: • August 26 – Women's Equality Day: A time to reflect on justice, fairness, and equity—ideals we strive for in the Lodge. Freemasonry teaches us to be fair in all our dealings, recognizing the inherent dignity of every human being. • Labor Day (Sept. 1st) Preparation: As we approach Labor Day, we are reminded of the value of work— not just physical labor, but moral and spiritual labor as Masons. The working tools remind us that life is our temple, and our actions are the stones with which we build it.

Masonic Symbolism for August: The Pillar of Strength As Senior Warden, symbolically represent Hiram, King of Tyre—a figure who provided the physical materials and labor for the building of the Temple. In Lodge, I represent the Pillar of Strength. This is not just ceremonial—it is a moral lesson. What does Strength mean in our Craft? • Strength to live according to Masonic principles in our daily lives. • Strength to uphold our obligations even when inconvenient. • Strength to speak truth with kindness and to lead with humility. In our degrees, we are taught to "so regulate our lives and actions by the plumb line of rectitude and truth." Let this August be the month where we strengthen not only our bodies and our minds—but our hearts. Masonic Education Focus: The Fellowcraft's Journey This month, I invite all Brethren to revisit the Second Degree, the Fellowcraft. It is rich with allegory that too often we overlook after our conferral. Key themes to study and reflect upon: • The Wages of a Fellowcraft: Not in silver or gold, but knowledge, integrity, and spiritual insight. • The Five Orders of Architecture: Representing balance, beauty, and proportion—not only in buildings but in conduct and decision-making. • The Middle Chamber Lecture: What does the number 15, the winding stairs, or the Letter G truly symbolize in your life? Thoughts & Considerations In the lodge, we are builders—not just of temples, but of truth, brotherhood, and character. As the sun begins to descend toward the equinox, let us use this time to work on the ashlar of the soul. There is much to learn, much to share, and much to build. Brethren, I challenge you to pick up a Masonic book this month, attend an education night, or simply talk with a Brother about what a symbol or lesson means to you. The greatest Light we will ever find in this Craft comes not from the East, but from within. A reminder that we have (8) seven candidates to initiate in August. Please support the incoming brethren.

On the Level,

Salvador Tandoc
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH
JUNIOR WARDEN
Garry Fontillas



Dear Brethren,

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable July during our time “in the dark.” Whether you traveled, took on projects at home, or simply enjoyed a slower pace, I trust it gave you a chance to recharge.

Now that August is here, it's time to bring that refreshed energy back to lodge. There's something special about returning after a break, it reminds us not to take the light of our brotherhood for granted.

Speaking of light and refreshment, mark your calendars: Our 2nd Annual Inter Lodge Picnic is happening on Friday, August 30th, hosted by Columbia Lodge #370. It's always one of the highlight of the year, an easygoing way to reconnect not only with the brothers of our own lodge but with those from across the division. Families are welcome, and there's always plenty to enjoy.

Let's make the most of this opportunity to catch up, share stories from the summer, and remind ourselves of the strength and unity that comes from fellowship.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Stated Meeting, having dinner together, and continuing the work that makes our Fraternity strong and enduring as we head into the second half of the year together.

Fraternally,
Garry Fontillas
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY

SECRETARY

Donato T. Lara



I hope you had a wonderful July! August is here and we're off and running again. We will be having our 1st Degree conferrals for seven of our candidates for pretty much the whole month depending on the approval of our Officer's Coach and District Inspector. We will update you on our Viber Thread. Please join us in support of these brethren to be.

American Masonic Milestones

August holds particular significance in American Masonic history. Many of the Founding Fathers were Freemasons, and several important events occurred during August months throughout the colonial and early national periods. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and numerous other prominent Americans used Masonic principles of brotherhood and moral conduct in shaping the new nation. The cornerstone ceremonies for various important American buildings often took place during summer months, including August, when weather conditions were favorable for large public gatherings. These ceremonies typically followed Masonic ritual and symbolism, reflecting the organization's influence on American civic life.

Modern August Observances

Today, many Masonic lodges observe August as a time for reflection on the craft's building traditions and architectural symbolism. Summer months often see increased lodge activities, including cornerstone ceremonies, educational programs about operative masonry, and community service projects that echo the organization's emphasis on building both literal and metaphorical structures for society's benefit.

The month also provides opportunities for lodges to engage in charitable work, continuing Freemasonry's long tradition of supporting communities through various philanthropic endeavors. Many Masonic organizations use August to organize fundraising events and community outreach programs.

Continuing Legacy

Freemasonry's connection to August events highlights the organization's enduring relationship with construction, rebuilding, and community development. From the literal rebuilding of London after the Great Fire to the metaphorical building of character and society that continues today, these August connections remind members of their craft's fundamental purpose: to take good men and make them better while contributing positively to their communities.

See you all at the August Stated Meeting!

Donnie Lara
Secretary



San Francisco Lodge 120

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 Barruente, 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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Becker Cheng, P.M.	Member	1st	2026
Fady Zoubi, P.M.	Member	2nd	2027
Ed Del Rosario, P.M., H.A.	Member	2nd	2028
Albert Cua, P.M.	Chairman	2nd	2029

**Audit:**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stated Meeting - August 7
- SF120 & SFSR Annual Picnic - TBA
- Degree Conferral 1st & 2nd - TBD
- Master's Mystery Trip

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 sf120.secretary@outlook.com. There are payment options available.



**CELEBRATE
INDEPENDENCE
★ ★ DAY ★ ★**

★ ★ **STATED MEETING** ★ ★

JULY 3RD

San Francisco Lodge No.120

Social: 6pm / Meeting : 7:30pm

Pls come and Join Us!!

JULY PICTURES





August Birthdays

FRANK LOUI - 8/3

MARVIN GREENWALL - 8/4

LAMBERT YIM - 8/5

MIKE MAHONEY - 8/6

MICHAEL STETKA - 8/6

ROEL VILLARO - 8/14

GARABED TATARIA - 8/15

JOSE ZAMORA - 8/15

SAMUEL ALLEN - 8/16

SAMUEL YEE - 8/16

LOREN FROOMIN - 8/17

ANTHONY RAMOS - 8/19

EDGAR SILVA - 8/19

MAGTANGOL MANSILUNGAN - 8/20

ADRIAN ERICKSEN - 8/20

FAAUUGA PULETASI - 8/21

RALPH FERNANDEZ - 8/24

AUGUSTUS GAURANO - 8/25

EDDIE FERNANDEZ - 8/27

EMIL PERONI - 8/28





San Francisco Lodge 120

May 2025

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 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 intention, 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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