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SAN FRANCISCO NO.120



**GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Salvador Tandoc**



Brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120,

As we enter the month of February, I am reminded that while the calendar may grant us fewer days, the obligations and opportunities of Freemasonry remain rich and abundant. This month calls us to reflect on leadership, patriotism, fidelity, and brotherly love, virtues that have long defined our Craft and our historic Lodge.

Our regular stated meeting will be held as scheduled on February 5, 2026. I strongly encourage all Master Masons to attend and to please bring your wife as we have something special to acknowledge their significance. Please make your reservations. All February birthdays will be celebrated.

We also have proficiency this evening and the brethren are encouraged to support our candidate. We will begin practicing and preparing for the 3rd Degree Master Mason to raise as many as 10+ worthy brothers this year.

Valentine's Day - Saturday, February 14, 2026

A time to recognize and appreciate our families and loved ones whose patience and support allow us to serve the Craft.

George Washington's Birthday - Sunday, February 22, 2026

We honor Most Worshipful Brother George Washington, the Father of our Country and a dedicated Freemason. His life exemplifies integrity, humility, and steadfast leadership—qualities we strive to emulate both within and beyond the Lodge.

Brethren, let February be a month of renewed commitment. Let us labor together with intention, support one another with sincerity, and continue to build San Francisco Lodge No. 120 upon the firm foundation of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and working alongside you in peace, harmony, and unity.

Fraternally yours,

Worshipful Master

San Francisco Lodge No. 120



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST SENIOR WARDEN GARRY FONTILLAS



Brethren,

February is a month that reminds us of the balance Masonry encourages in our lives; between labor and refreshment, learning and fellowship. As we continue our Masonic journey together, I encourage each Brother to take part in our ongoing Masonic education. Whether it is a short discussion in lodge, personal study, or mentoring a newer Brother, education strengthens the foundation of our Craft and deepens our understanding of the lessons we are taught.

We also look forward to one of our social events of the year, our upcoming Sweetheart Ball on February 11. This special evening allows us to honor and celebrate those who support us in our Masonic endeavors. Their patience, encouragement, and love make our service to the lodge possible, and this event is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation while enjoying fellowship outside the lodge room.

Finally, I would like to recognize the progress being made by our degree candidates. We have several Fellowcraft Brothers who are preparing to demonstrate their proficiency, as well as Entered Apprentices who are also ready to take this important step forward. Their dedication and hard work are commendable and reflect the strength and future of our lodge. Please join me in offering them encouragement and support as they continue their Masonic advancement.

Fraternaly yours,
Bro. Garry Fontillas
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH
JUNIOR WARDEN
Clarkie Balquedra



Brethren,

As a Junior Warden, I find both pleasure and fulfilling in overseeing the lodge's refreshments and fellowship. Ensuring members have good quality food and drink, fostering camaraderie, and preventing intemperance, turning social time into meaningful bonding, ensuring moderation (temperance), guiding members to build brotherhood, learning ritual work, and preparing to lead, essentially creating a welcoming environment for socializing and reinforcing Masonic bonds during breaks or festive gatherings. Their role involves managing meals (often before meetings) and after ceremonies, promoting harmony, and upholding discipline, symbolizing the plumb rule for upright conduct, making it a rewarding path to the leadership roles like Worshipful Master. For the 1st stated meeting of this year, I planned to prepare special dinner for our Worshipful Master Sal Tandoc to Welcome him to the East.

I wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year and looking forward for our journey together.

Fraternally,
Bro. Clarkie Balquedra
Junior Warden



San Francisco Lodge 120

February 2026

FROM THE TREASURER
TREASURER
Dennis R. Duey



Brethren,

February may be the shortest month of the year, yet it carries great meaning within Freemasonry. It is a month traditionally associated with Brotherly Love, reflection, and remembrance—principles that relies at the very foundation of our Craft.

As Masons, we are taught that Brotherly Love is not merely a word or sentiment, but a daily practice. It is shown in how we treat one another within the Lodge, how we support our Brothers in times of need, and how we conduct ourselves in the world outside the tiled door. February reminds us that unity, kindness, and respect are the cement that binds our Fraternity together.

This month also honors Worshipful Brother George Washington, whose birthday we observe in February. As a Mason and the first President of the United States, Washington exemplified the virtues we strive to uphold—integrity, humility, leadership, and service. His life reminds us that Freemasonry calls good men to be better, not for recognition, but for the betterment of society.

February is a fitting time for quiet reflection. The colder days encourage us to look inward and ask ourselves meaningful questions:

- Am I living the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth?
- Am I supporting my Lodge and my Brothers as I should?
- Am I setting a worthy example in my family and community?

Let this month inspire us to strengthen the bonds of fraternity, to extend a helping hand where it is needed, and to carry the Light of Masonry beyond the Lodge room. In doing so, we honor not only our ancient traditions, but also the future of the Craft.

So Mote It Be.

Fraternally,

Bro. Dennis "Denz" Duey
Treasurer



San Francisco Lodge 120

February 2026

FROM THE SECRETARY
SECRETARY
Donato T. Lara



Brethren,

As we move into the month of February, we find ourselves at a beautiful intersection of Masonic history and our own Lodge's growth. February has long been a significant month for the Craft. Most notably, we celebrate the birth of Brother George Washington (born February 22, 1732), the Father of our Country and a man who remained a devoted Mason from his initiation in 1752 until his passing. Locally, February holds historical weight as well; it was on February 22, 1872, that Grand Master Leonidas Pratt laid the cornerstone for the original San Francisco City Hall—a testament to the enduring presence of Freemasonry in the fabric of our city.

It is with great pride that I ask you all to join me in congratulating our four newest Fellow Craft brethren, Sid Avila, Arnel Malano, Brandon McClune, and Deleven Hill. These brothers have shown diligent application to their labors as Entered Apprentices and have now successfully passed to the Second Degree. This transition from the "rough ashlar" toward the "perfect ashlar" is a pivotal step in any Mason's journey, representing the cultivation of the mind and the study of the liberal arts and sciences. Please make a point to greet them at our next stated meeting and offer your support as they continue their progress toward the Sublime Degree. I want to also congratulate the degree team on their excellent ritual performance.

Beyond our ritual work, February is a time for us to honor those who support us in our Masonic lives. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 11th, for our annual Sweetheart Ball and Widows Dinner. Please use this link to RSVP: <https://2026jointsweetheartsball.rsvpify.com>

This evening is one of our most cherished traditions. It is our opportunity to show our deep appreciation for our wives and partners, whose support allows us to do the work of the Craft. Equally important, it is a night to honor the widows of our departed brethren, ensuring they know they remain a vital and beloved part of the San Francisco 120 family.

Date: Wednesday, February 11th

Location: San Francisco Scottish Rite Center, 2850 19th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132

Time: 5:00pm

I look forward to seeing a full house as we celebrate brotherhood, family, and the legacy of those who came before us.

On another note, your Membership Dues were due on December 31, 2025. It's not too late to pay. You should have already received notice via email and regular mail. If you are having financial challenges, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brother Donnie Lara, Secretary



MASONIC EDUCATION

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



Dear Brethren of San Francisco Lodge 120,

I came across this article which has become a common subject for discussion lately and worthy of sharing with my brothers.

What does it mean to be a US Citizen?

You may hear the phrase in the US that “It’s a free country” and to an extent this is true. As a US citizen, you have many rights clearly defined in the BILL OF RIGHTS, which has been amended to promote greater inclusiveness of what defines a citizen. If you look at the early versions of the Bill of Rights, you will see many exclusions to citizenship defined by the early United States and it’s founding fathers. Those not counted as citizens in early days included Native Americans, Most African Americans, and Most women.

Today a US citizen is defined as a person born in this country or a person who has gone through the full immigration process to become a citizen. In many cases, becoming a citizen in the United States means you forswear allegiance to other countries, though in certain cases, people can process dual citizenship. But first and foremost, the highest allegiance you have as a US citizen is to your country.

So what are the rights of a US citizen? As defined by the Bill of Rights, anyone classed as a citizen has the right to practice any religion of their choosing, to freely assemble, and to speak or write their opinion, even if that opinion criticizes the government. Citizens also are allowed, under most circumstances, to possess weapons, and to be treated equally by businesses, education systems, and government institutions.

Other protections include your right to be free from search and seizure of your property without warrant, your right to privacy, and the right to trial before you’re a jury of your peers in you are accused of crimes. Citizenship always means that if you are accused of a crime, the burden of proof is on the accuser, and you are always presumed innocent of a crime until a jury or judge decides otherwise.

As a US citizen, you also have certain responsibilities. You must remain lawful, obey laws of both the country and the state in which you live. You cannot commit acts of treason against your government. Male Citizens at the age of 18 must register with the Selective Service, and if a draft is in place, male citizens drafted must not refuse to serve their country.

Another responsibility is your willingness to respond to summons to juries when called. Since all citizens, are accorded the right to trial by jury, regular citizens must staff juries. Normally a US citizen can’t refuse to serve jury duty. You do have to show up, though you may be granted an exception of being part of a jury under certain circumstances.

There is some dispute on whether voting is a right or a responsibility. As a citizen you don’t have to vote, but many believe that full citizenship is realized as a result of participatory electorate, or where all citizens exercise their right to vote. Nevertheless, voting is not a requirement of citizenship, but rather a right.

For many, citizenship in the US is very special, and other bemoans the fact that people don’t realize how lucky they are. It’s easy to take for granted the rights that were hard won by early founders of this country, especially if you were born a citizen of the US. It’s interesting to note when people immigrate to the US, how many of them are very anxious to exercise the rights that many of us do take for granted. Immigrants often can’t wait to vote and eagerly anticipate their ability to take full part in the democratic process.

Source; Tricia Christensen (5/17/24)

Respectfully, Larry Laidlaw, PM, HA, Committee of history and knowledge



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stated Meeting – Feb 5th
- Sweethearts and Widows
Night Ball - SFSR - Feb 11th
- Degree Conferral - TBD

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.



San Francisco Lodge No. 120



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San Francisco Lodge No. 120

cordially invites you to our

Quadruple 2nd degree conferral

January 22nd, 2026

Social at 5:30PM

Bro Brandon McLune



Senior Deacon



Bro Arnel Malano



Bro Delevan Hill



Bro Emmanuel Avila





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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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