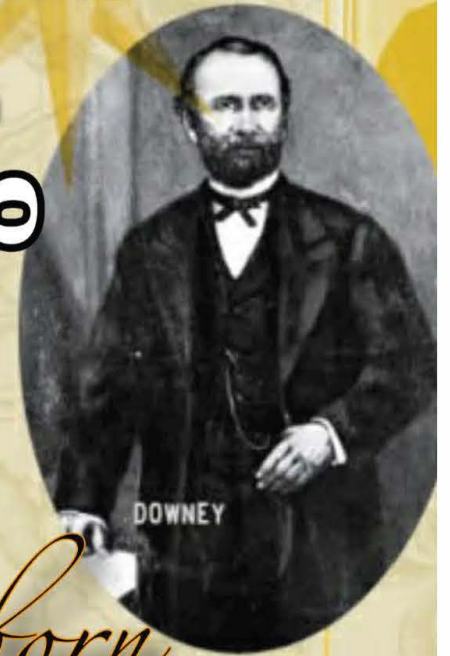




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April 10th 1850



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April Trestle Board



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST WORSHIPFUL MASTER Salvador Tandoc



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

April is now upon us; we step into a season of renewal and growth much like the symbolic spring that awakens the Craft each year. In Freemasonry, April reminds us that our work is never finished; it is continually perfected in the quarries of life. Just as the earth renews itself, so too must we recommit to the moral and fraternal principles that bind us as Brothers under the Great Architect of the Universe.

This month offers rich opportunities for Masonic education. Building on our March focus on the Working Tools, let us reflect on the Trestle Board itself—the very symbol of this newsletter. In operative Masonry, the Trestle Board held the architect's plans; in speculative Masonry, it represents the moral blueprint we each draw for our lives. As Albert Mackey taught, it is upon this "board" that we lay out the designs of virtue, using the Square of morality, the Level of equality, and the Plumb of uprightness. Our monthly Trestle Board is more than a calendar—it is a living reminder to align our actions with the timeless lessons of our degrees. I encourage every brother to study a portion of our ritual or history this month; true proficiency begins with personal reflection.

I am proud of the progress our candidates and Degree Team continue to make. Our proficiencies remain strong, with Brothers demonstrating dedication to memorization and understanding of the lectures. To all who have recently been raised or who are preparing for advancement, your efforts strengthen the entire Lodge. Keep practicing; the beauty of our ritual shines brightly when delivered from the heart. Special thanks to our Officers' Coach and Degree Team for their tireless work in keeping our conferrals exemplary.

April also brings several holidays, special events, and opportunities for fellowship and service:

Our Stated Meeting on the first Thursday (April 2) will feature degree work updates from the East and the Senior Warden.

Easter Sunday, April 5th.

The Master's Trip to Hawaii (April 16–19) promises both relaxation and possible joint Degree opportunities—watch for details and join us if you can!

We continue our commitment to the Grand Master's vision of service; look for a Day of Service activity (potentially including a Blood Drive) aligned with community needs.

Past Masters' Night and other degree conferrals will highlight the wisdom of our experienced Brethren guiding the next generation.

Your presence at these events, on the sidelines supporting, or at the festive board builds the harmony and brotherly love that define San Francisco Lodge No. 120.

Brethren, as Benjamin Franklin reminded us, "Well done is better than well said." Let April be a month of action: attend, mentor, serve, and grow. Together we continue the great work of making good men better and leaving our community stronger.

May the Great Architect continue to bless our labors, our families, and our Lodge.

Worshipful Master

San Francisco Lodge No. 120



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST SENIOR WARDEN GARRY FONTILLAS



Brethren,

This month of April, we are reminded of the solemn and reflective season of Holy Week. This sacred time invites us to pause, reflect, and renew our commitment to the principles that guide our lives. It is a period marked by humility, sacrifice, and the triumph of light over darkness; lessons that resonate deeply with our Masonic journey.

In our Craft, we are taught that personal growth is not achieved in haste, but through patience, perseverance, and faithful labor. Much like the observances of Holy Week, our journey in Masonry calls us to examine ourselves, to improve where we can, and to remain steadfast in our pursuit of Light.

Also I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to actively participate in our Candidate Coaching sessions held every Thursday at 5:30 pm (subject to change). These gatherings are not only essential for proficiency, but also serve as a time of fellowship, mentorship, and deeper understanding of the work we have undertaken. Your dedication and consistency will pave the way for your advancement and strengthen the foundation of our Lodge.

We are also pleased to announce that at our upcoming Stated Meeting, we will witness an important milestone in the journey of two of our Brothers; Bro. Jonathan Galvez and Bro. Romel Serabia, as they present their proficiency in the Third Degree. Let us come together in support of their hard work and commitment, as their progress reflects the vitality and strength of our Lodge.

Brethren, as we observe this meaningful season, may we carry forward its lessons into our daily lives and Masonic labors. Let us continue to support one another, seek further Light, and remain true to the obligations we have taken.

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Garry Fontillas
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH JUNIOR WARDEN Clarkie Balquedra



Brethren,

As Junior Warden I should focus on balancing labor with refreshment, upright conduct, and spring renewal. As the officer overseeing the South, emphasize using the plumb rule to ensure moral alignment and taking time for fellowship. Encourage Brothers to apply the lessons of spring to "refresh" their commitment to the craft.

Invite Brothers to enjoy the social aspect of the lodge, perhaps planning a post-meeting refreshment to strengthen fraternal bonds.

Spring is a time for renewal. Encourage Brothers to reach out to elderly members, widows, or the distressed, ensuring the bond of charity remains strong.

Brethren, as we move into April, let us remember to take time to stand upright, examine our work by the plumb, and truly enjoy the warmth of fellowship. Together, let us ensure that our time at refreshment is filled with strengthening our bonds of Brotherly love."

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Clarkie Balquedra
Junior Warden



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**FROM THE TREASURER
TREASURER
Dennis R. Duey**



Brethren,

As April arrives, we welcome the spirit of renewal that accompanies the spring season. Just as the earth awakens with new life, this time of year reminds us of the continual growth that Freemasonry encourages within each of us. In our journey through the Craft, we are constantly reminded that improvement—both moral and spiritual—is a lifelong pursuit.

For the Brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120, April is an opportunity to reflect on our responsibilities as Masons and as members of this historic lodge. Each meeting, degree, and moment of fellowship strengthens the bond that unites us. The strength of our lodge lies not only in its traditions, but in the active participation, dedication, and brotherly spirit of its members.

Freemasonry teaches us the enduring principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These guiding virtues encourage us to care for one another, extend charity to those in need, and seek truth in our actions and intentions. When practiced sincerely, these principles extend beyond the lodge room and into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

April is also a good time to renew our commitment to the work of the lodge. Whether by attending meetings, assisting with degree work, mentoring new brothers, or simply reaching out to a brother who has not been present recently, every effort contributes to the vitality and harmony of our lodge.

As members of San Francisco Lodge No. 120, we carry forward a proud legacy of Freemasonry in this great city by the Bay. Let us continue to uphold the values of the Craft, support one another in brotherhood, and strive each day to become better men and better Masons.

May the light of Freemasonry continue to guide us, and may this month bring renewed inspiration to you, your families, and all the Brethren of our lodge.

So Mote It Be.

Fraternally,

**Bro. Dennis "Denz" Duey
Treasurer**



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FROM THE SECRETARY SECRETARY Donato T. Lara



April is a month rich with meaning for Freemasons around the world. From the founding of landmark Grand Lodges to the birthdays of celebrated Masonic figures, the month invites us to reflect on the enduring traditions, values, and brotherhood that unite us across centuries. Below is a look at some of the most noteworthy dates in April for our Craft, along with important lodge announcements.

Significant Dates in April

April 1 — Birth of Thomas Dunckerley (1724)

Thomas Dunckerley, born on this date in 1724, was one of the most influential Freemasons of the 18th century in England. A natural son of King George II, Dunckerley became a powerful promoter of Masonic appendant bodies, including Royal Arch Masonry and the Knights Templar. His tireless dedication helped shape the modern structure of English Freemasonry and its allied degrees.

April 6 — Masonic Brotherhood in the American Revolution

April marks a time to honor the many Freemasons who played pivotal roles in the American Revolution. Numerous founding fathers, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere, were active members of the Craft. Their commitment to liberty, equality, and fraternity was deeply intertwined with Masonic principles, and their legacy continues to inspire lodges across the nation.

April 17 — Passing of Brother Benjamin Franklin (1790)

On April 17, 1790, the world lost one of Freemasonry's most celebrated members, Brother Benjamin Franklin. Initiated into St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731, Franklin rose to become Grand Master of Pennsylvania and served as a Masonic ambassador of goodwill during his years in France. His scientific genius, civic virtue, and philosophical curiosity embodied the highest ideals of the fraternity.

April 23 — Feast of St. George

April 23 is the Feast Day of St. George, patron saint of England and a figure of significance in Masonic appendant orders, particularly the Knights Templar and the Order of St. George. In many jurisdictions, this date is observed with special ceremonies and reflections on chivalric virtue, courage, and service to others — ideals at the heart of Freemasonry's moral teachings.

Late April — Grand Lodge of Ireland Anniversary

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, one of the oldest in the world, traces key elements of its organization to activities in the late April and spring season of the early 18th century. Founded in 1725, it remains one of the three oldest Grand Lodges globally alongside England and Scotland. April is a fitting time to honor the Irish Masonic tradition and its enduring contributions to the Craft worldwide.

Worshipful Master's Trip — Hawaii Annual Communications

Dates: April 16 – 19

We are pleased to announce that our Worshipful Master and a few members will be traveling to Hawaii to attend the Annual Communications from April 16th through April 19th. We wish our Worshipful Master and those accompanying him safe travels and look forward to hearing his report upon his return.

A friendly reminder to all members who have not yet paid their annual dues: please do so as soon as possible. Keeping your dues current ensures the smooth operation of our lodge, supports our charitable endeavors, and maintains your standing in good order within the fraternity. If you have any questions or require assistance, please reach out to the lodge Secretary at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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 its 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 – April 2nd
- Degree Conferral - TBD
- Degree Practice - TBD
- Master's Trip - Hawaii Apr

16-19, 2026

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




Stated

April


Meeting

Social: 6:00PM
Meeting: 7:30PM
Attire: Dark Suit





WB George Sardonis 4/2
Julius Fernandez 4/13
Brandon McClune 4/15
Alan Soriano 4/30





March Stated Meeting



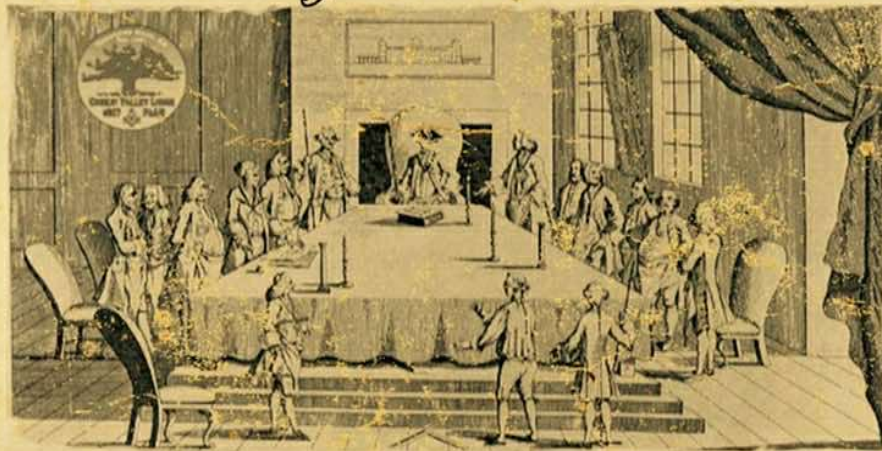
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Saturday, March 21, 2026



Featuring Traditional Table Lodge Ritual

855 Brotherhood Way, SF

5:00 PM seating

Celebrate with toast and great evening of fellowship and rivalry

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RSVP by March 15th

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January 2026

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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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