



San Francisco
Lodge No. 120

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25th May 2026

May Trestle Board



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Salvador Tandoc



Brethren,

In the month of May, we are reminded that this season symbolizes renewal, growth, and reflection. It is a time when the labors of the Craft take on renewed meaning, and we are called to continue building, not only our fraternity, but also our character as Masons and as individuals.

May present us with meaningful opportunities to honor both family and country. On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10), we pause to recognize the love, sacrifice, and guidance of the women who have shaped our lives. Let us express our gratitude and appreciation in both word and deed.

Later in the month, we observe Memorial Day (Monday, May 25), a solemn occasion in which we honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. As Masons, we are reminded of our duties to country, community, and each other. Let us reflect on the principles of liberty, sacrifice, and patriotism that align so closely with our teachings.

Cinco de Mayo (Spanish for "Fifth of May") is a holiday commemorating the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. While a minor holiday in Mexico, it has evolved in the U.S. into a widespread celebration of Mexican-American culture, heritage, and regional pride, often featuring parades, mariachi music, and traditional food.

Masonic Education & Proficiency – Fellow Craft Degree

As we continue our journey in Masonic education, I encourage all Fellow Crafts to dedicate time to proficiency in their degree work. The Fellow Craft Degree represents advancement in knowledge and the cultivation of the mind. It is here that we are called to deepen our understanding of the liberal arts and sciences and to apply reason and intellect in our daily lives.

Proficiency is not merely memorization, it is internalization. It is through this work that we transform knowledge into wisdom.

I encourage our officers and mentors to continue guiding our brethren with patience and diligence. Let us ensure that every Brother advances with confidence and understanding.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to guide and bless our labors.

Worshipful Master

San Francisco Lodge No. 120



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST SENIOR WARDEN GARRY FONTILLAS



Brethren,

The month of May calls us once again to our duties as Masons, to labor with purpose, to support one another, and to continue our journey toward self-improvement.

This month, we have the distinct honor of receiving our 141st District Inspector, Worshipful Allan Nubla, during our Stated Meeting on May 7. This will mark his first official visit to our Lodge, and we look forward to extending him a warm and fraternal welcome. In the spirit of fellowship, the evening will carry a Cinco de Mayo theme, offering us a festive opportunity to celebrate together while upholding the dignity and traditions of our Craft. Your presence will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this special occasion.

May also brings us a time to honor the women who have shaped our lives. To all the mothers of San Francisco Lodge No. 120, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest greetings on Mother's Day. Your love, sacrifices, and unwavering support are the foundation upon which strong families; and in turn, strong Masons are built.

As we approach Memorial Day, let us take a moment to reflect upon and honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice reminds us of the true meaning of duty, honor, and commitment, values that resonate deeply within our Masonic teachings.

I am also pleased to report the continued progress of our brethren in their Masonic journey. The following brothers have completed their required work and are now prepared to demonstrate their proficiency, pending the scheduling by the Worshipful Master:

Fellow Craft Degree:
Bro. Guillermo Gonzalez
Bro. Ed Enriques
Bro. Jonh Caberto
Bro. Brandon McLure
Bro. Delevan Hill
Bro. Edgar Sylva
Master Mason Degree:
Bro. Romel Serabia

Let us commend these brethren for their dedication and encourage them as they take the next important steps in their Masonic advancement.

Finally, I would like to encourage all brethren to attend our Stated Meetings as regularly as your cable-tow permits. Attendance is more than a formality, it is a reflection of our commitment to the Lodge and to one another. Each of us has a responsibility not only to be present, but to be engaged, to contribute, and to grow into better men through the teachings of our fraternity.

Let us continue to labor together in harmony, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and advancing in the Light.

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Garry Fontillas
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH JUNIOR WARDEN Clarkie Balquedra



Brethren,

As the sun rises higher and the days grow longer, we find ourselves moving from the intensive labors of the winter months into a season of refreshment. As your Junior Warden, I am excited for the upcoming social events and the opportunities we have to cultivate true brotherly love outside the formal business of the Lodge. I encourage all of you to join us at our next festive board. Our fraternity is strengthened not only by our ritual but by our companionship. Let us use this time to strengthen the bonds between us, to support the widows of our lodge, and to reach out to those who may not have been able to join us lately.

Let us remember that in the South, we practice moderation and joy, sharing the fruits of our labor. I look forward to seeing you all at the table.

We also celebrate Cinco de Mayo to honor the 1862 Battle of Puebla, highlighting the involvement of Mexican Freemasons like President Benito Juárez and Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza as well as our Mexican brethren in masonry. Celebrations often include dinners, Mexican food and fellowships.

Also celebration for Mother's Day by honoring the love, strength, and guidance of mothers as fundamental pillars of society, often incorporating special tributes, dinners, or specific rituals in Masonic lodges. These celebrations highlight the respect for women within Masonic values and frequently include the recognition of mothers, wives, and families during May.

**Fraternally yours,
Bro. Clarkie Balquedra
Junior Warden**



San Francisco Lodge 120

May 2026

FROM THE TREASURER
TREASURER
Dennis R. Duey



Brethren,

As we enter the month of May, we are reminded that Freemasonry is, at its core, a Craft of action. This is a season that calls each of us not only to reflect, but to labor—to apply the lessons we have been taught and continue the work of shaping ourselves into better men.

For the Brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120, May presents an opportunity to recommit to the strength and vitality of our lodge. Every stated meeting attended, every degree supported, and every moment of fellowship shared contributes to the foundation upon which our lodge stands. The work we do—both within the lodge and beyond it—defines who we are as Masons.

The principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth remain our guide. In a city as vibrant and diverse as San Francisco, we are uniquely positioned to live out these values in meaningful ways. Through acts of charity, mentorship, and simple kindness, we extend the light of Freemasonry into our community.

This month also brings reflection through the observance of Memorial Day, a time to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their example of sacrifice and dedication reminds us that true character is revealed through service to others. As Masons, we are called to carry that same spirit—standing ready to support our brothers, our families, and our community.

Let May also be a time to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood. Reach out to a brother you haven't seen in lodge, offer guidance to those progressing through their degrees, and take pride in the shared journey we all walk. The strength of our lodge is not measured by numbers alone, but by the unity and commitment of its members.

As we continue our labors, let us do so with purpose, humility, and dedication—remembering always that the work of a Mason is never complete, but always meaningful.

May the Brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120 find strength in their labors, pride in their Craft, and unity in their Brotherhood.

So Mote It Be.

Fraternally,

Bro. Dennis "Denz" Duey
Treasurer



San Francisco Lodge 120

May 2026

**FROM THE SECRETARY
SECRETARY
Donato T. Lara**



Brethren,

We hope this message finds you well. We have several important updates to share as we head into May.

Reflecting on the Month of May

May is a meaningful month for Masons and citizens alike. As we approach Memorial Day on May 25th, let us pause to honor the memory of our fallen brothers and fellow Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. The movement to recognize Memorial Day as an official holiday was championed by a Brother Mason — General John A. Logan — a reminder that the values of duty, service, and brotherhood have long been intertwined in our Craft. May is also a time of renewal and growth, as we move toward the summer season and the approaching Feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24th — one of the most historically significant dates in the Masonic calendar, marking the founding of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Let this season inspire us to reflect on our obligations and rededicate ourselves to the principles of the Craft.

District Inspector Reception — May 7, 2026

Please join us at our Stated Meeting on May 7th, where we will be hosting a reception in honor of our District Inspector, Worshipful Brother Allan Nubla. We look forward to a memorable evening and encourage all brethren to attend and show their support.

Officer Retreat Recap

Several of our lodge officers recently attended a retreat in San Ramon, CA. It was a productive and enriching experience, providing valuable insights and tools to strengthen lodge operations, re-energize our programming, and better engage members who have been away. We are excited to put what was learned into action in the months ahead.

Annual Dues Reminder

Brethren who have not yet paid their annual dues are urged to do so at their earliest convenience. Please be advised that membership may be placed in jeopardy if dues remain unpaid. We are also in the process of finalizing dues remissions for members experiencing financial hardship or personal challenges. Additionally, a small number of members remain unresponsive to lodge communications and risk suspension of membership if contact is not made soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Secretary.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stated Meeting – May 7th
- Degree Conferral - TBD
- Degree Practice - TBD
- Mother's Day Celebration - 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



CINCO DE MAYO STATED MEETING

Come party with us and
celebrate Mexican culture!

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BRO CHRISTOPHER SCOTT 5/9

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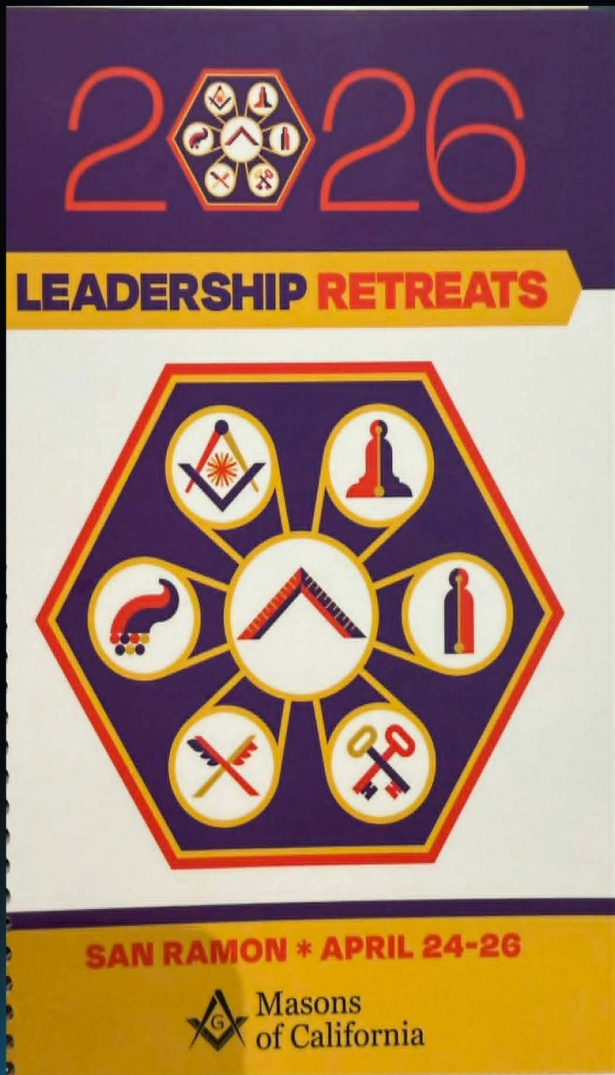
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HAWAII MASTER'S TRIP





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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