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# EASTER



## APRIL TRESTLEBOARD

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



Brethren,

Kudos to all the officers and our new degree team! Last month was a testament to our dedication and brotherhood as we successfully conferred our first Third Degree as a newly formed team. Witnessing the unity, effort, and commitment each of you poured into this milestone was inspiring. Our journey is not just about perfecting our ritual work but strengthening our bond as Masons.

Congratulations to Brother Romel S. and Brother Austin C., who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason last month! A special acknowledgment to the Chinese Acacia Club for supporting Brother Austin's joint degree conferral. Your efforts remind us that Masonry thrives through collaboration and shared purpose.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for the patience and leadership of our Officers' Coach, who, under the watchful guidance of our Worshipful Inspector, has been instrumental in refining our work. Their steadfast dedication has uplifted us all and brought our Lodge to new heights.

As we move forward, we welcome back some of our officers who had to step away due to other commitments and family vacations. The road ahead remains bright, and we have much to accomplish together. On April 10, 2025, we will raise Brother Arnold R. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason—a significant moment in his Masonic journey. Later this month, during our Past Masters' Night, we will witness our esteemed Past Masters raise Brother Jesus Visperas in a ceremony rich with tradition and wisdom.

Beyond our ritual work, we are also called to serve. In alignment with the Grand Master's vision, we are proud to host our first-ever Blood Donation Drive with the National Red Cross on April 19. This event, in honor of the Grand Master's Day of Service on April 15, is a meaningful opportunity to make a real difference in our community. We hope to invite the Grand Master, should his schedule allow him to join us.

Brethren, time moves swiftly, and each moment is an opportunity to strengthen our Lodge, uplift one another, and serve with joy and sincerity. Let us continue to labor in the quarries of Freemasonry—not just for our own growth but to inspire one another, our families, our community, and the world.

May the Great Architect bless our work.

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Oliver Mangubat  
Worshipful Master



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

Brethren,

April is the beginning of the Spring Season. The flowers bloom, and the Cherry Blossom is here upon us. The etymology behind the word “April” comes from the verb “aperire,” which means “to open.” It’s commonly believed that the word refers to the season when trees and flowers begin to “open” or bloom.

Those born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, representing innocence. Their birth flowers are daisies and sweet peas.

There are two zodiac signs in April. Aries until April 19th, and Taurus, which is April 20th and onwards.

April is a great month for meteor showers. One is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. Another is the Eta Aquariids meteor shower, which can be seen from April 21st onwards.

And, of course, as we all know, “April showers bring May flowers,” so if the rain of April ever gets you down, never forget the silver lining!

The Masonic Education I can share with all of you is a personal one. I recently lost the most important person in my life. I am now truly realizing just how much more she means to me and how much I miss her. She made my life a much more meaningful one.

The wisdom and education here is to live your life to the fullest. Share your love and, most importantly, your precious time with your near and dear loved ones. Tomorrow is not promised, so enjoy the gift of life and share your blessings.

Congratulations to Brothers Rommel Sarabia and Austin Cua, who were just raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Arnold Romero will be raised on April 10, 2025, so please show your support.

On the Level,

Sal Tandoc  
Sr. Warden



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



Dear Brethren,

After much consideration and deep reflection, I have made a decision that has not come easily. It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation as Junior Warden, effective immediately. (A.F.)

As we enter the month of April, we're greeted with the playful spirit of April Fool's Day—a time when jokes, pranks, and laughter are in the air. While we certainly value humor, the day also serves as a lighthearted reminder of an important lesson in Freemasonry: the importance of not taking ourselves too seriously.

In our busy lives, it's easy to become caught up in the challenges and responsibilities we face. Whether it's work, personal matters, or Lodge duties, we can sometimes forget the importance of enjoying life and fostering camaraderie through laughter. As Junior Warden, I often think about the balance between duty and enjoyment. Just as our Lodge meetings are grounded in serious rituals and profound teachings, it's just as important that we remember the value of fellowship, shared humor, and a good laugh.

Also, let us remember the teachings of charity and service that are core to our Craft. This Month, as we see the world around us flourishing, let us look for ways to help those in need within our community. Whether it's through charitable work or offering a hand to a Brother in need, we are called to make a positive impact.

Speaking of charitable work, San Francisco 120 is holding its first Blood drive event partnering with the American Red Cross organization to honor our Grand Master proclamation month of April as "Day of Service". The event will be held at Scottish Rite Masonic Center on April 19, 2025 10am- 3pm. This is open to the public so if you know someone who is healthy and willing to donate blood, please invite them in.

As we celebrate this month, let us do so with a smile, mindful that humor, when shared among friends, is a powerful tool that fosters unity and strengthens the ties of brotherhood. As we move forward, may we always be able to laugh at ourselves, recognize the joy in our lives, and share that joy with others, may we continue to balance our responsibilities with moments of joy, ensuring that our work as Masons remains a source of both fulfillment and friendship.

Fraternally,

Bro. Garry Fontillas  
Junior Warden



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



Brethren,

It's full on Spring! The weather is looking good and everything is in bloom. Spring has some of the best colors of the year. Unfortunately, if you're like me and thousands of people, it's also allergy season and I'll have to suffer for the next couple of months.

I want to take this time to congratulate our newly raised brethren, Romel Sarabia and Austin Cua. We have a couple more brethren being raised this month. If everything goes as scheduled, we'll have a 3rd Degree conferral on April 10th and April 24th. Let's support these brethren as they are raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Our retention committee has done a good job in contacting those members who were late in paying their dues. There are quite a few who still haven't paid. I want to remind those who haven't paid, that you still have time and that all you have to do is let us know if you're experiencing any financial hardships. We are here to help you, but if you don't contact us, we won't know how to help you. If you know a brother that hasn't paid yet, please let them know that they can call or email me.

With Spring on hand, it's a time when mother nature reminds us that this is a time of new beginnings and that we too can take a look at our own lives and see how we can restart and renew. There are many brethren, friends, and family members that are in need. The Grand Master's Proclamation, April 17, 2025 is the Day of Service. We will have a blood drive on April 19th in our fellowship hall as our Day of Service activity. Please donate blood as there is a shortage. Your donation will be saving a life.

On May 3rd, our DRAMA Events team is having a benefit dinner and dance, titled Grease Lightning for a Cause, benefitting Diabetes Research and Education. This will be a fun event, so RSVP and let's support them.

Thank you and see you all soon!

Fraternally,

Donnie Lara  
Secretary



# MASONIC EDUCATION

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



Brethren,

This excerpt from the Grand Lodge proceeding pre-dates the current amalgamation of San Francisco #120 but I hope to find a connection through the various lodges of which we are composed.

**May 10, 1859**

In consequence of a want of Harmony among the members of *San Francisco Lodge, No.7,*

It became my painful duty to order the arrest of the charter of that Lodge on the eighteenth day of March last. (1859)

From the representations made to me by all of its officers and a large portion of its members, I am satisfied that any further effort to restore peace and harmony among those composing that body will prove entirely un-availing; yet I earnestly recommend a thorough investigation into the causes producing the unhappy estrangement which has there existed for a period of nearly three year, and which is calculated to produce consequences most detrimental to the best of the interest of the Craft in that portion of our jurisdiction; and invite such action as may perhaps remedy like evils in the future. **N. Greene Curtis, Grand Master**

**May 10, 1859**

By an order of the Grand Master, dated the eighteenth day of March 1859, the charter of San Francisco Lodge No. 7, was arrested and that instrument, together with its seal and books, have been taken charge of by the undersigned, and are now submitted. The funds of the Lodge, amounting to nearly \$700, have been left in the hands of its treasurer, being deemed perfectly secure; and it has not been considered expedient to remove its jewels, and other valuable property from the hall where they are kept, until final action in regard to the return or revocation of its charter shall have been had by the Grand Lodge. A list of the names of all those who upon the books of each of the Lodges above named, are delinquent for dues, is herewith presented.

Respectfully Submitting,

Larry Laidlaw, PM

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Albert Cua, P.M.	Chairman	2nd	2029





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 3, 2025**

Stated Meeting

**April 10, 2025**

Joint Conferral with CBL

**April 17, 2025**

Practice/Proficiency

**April 19, 2025**

Day of Service (Blood Drive)

**April 24, 2024**

Past Masters Night

**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](mailto:sfl120.secretary@outlook.com). There are payment options available.



# HELP FILL THE NEED

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## San Francisco Lodge No.120



**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10am -3pm**

**San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

**2850 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

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# MARCH PICTURES

## STATED MEETING



1st and 3rd Degree Proficiencies



Masonic Outreach Services Seminar





3rd Degree Conferral of Austin Cua



# 3RD DEGREE CONFERRAL - AUSTIN CUA





**San Francisco Lodge No. 120**  
*Inviting you to the Raising to the*

**Sublime  
3rd  
Degree of  
Masonry**

*April 10th, 2025  
6pm - Social  
7pm - Conferral*

*San Francisco Scottish  
Rite Masonic Center*

**Bro Arnold C. Romero**



**HAPPY**



**BIRTHDAY**

GEORGE SARDONIS	4-2
LORENZO LOPEZ	4-4
DANIEL MC CAW	4-5
CHRIS BECKMAN	4-6
LEWIS WENTWORTH	4-8
KENNETH HAUKAAS	4-8
GEORGE FAULKNER	4-11
RICK CAPELLINO	4-13
JULIUS FERNANDEZ	4-13
MICHAEL FENO	4-16
CHARLES DAVIS	4-18
RICHARD GENTSCHER	4-19
RUFO MACARAEG JR	4-20
ERIC LYNN	4-21
JOSE DEFONTUROM	4-24
SHAWN RIVERA	4-24
KENNETH JACOBS	4-26
DAVID GONZALEZ	4-26
THOMAS ROY	4-30
HELTON LIM	4-30
ALAN SORIANO	4-30

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**





San Francisco Lodge 120

April 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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