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MEMORIAL
DAY

SAN FRANCISCO LODGE 120

May 2025

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Oliver Mangubat



Brethren,

As another month gracefully fades into memory, we stand at the threshold of May, filled with anticipation and resolve. This month, let us strive to create moments that will be cherished and celebrated within our craft. But first, it is with great pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our newly raised brothers. Having ascended to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bros. Rommel Sarabia, Austin Cua, Arnold Romero, and Jesus Visperas now embrace the full benefits and privileges of this esteemed fraternity. Their journey is not just a personal triumph but a testament to the enduring spirit and dedication of our San Francisco Lodge no. 120. Well, done, brethren!

To the Degree Team, Officers Coach, District Inspector, Sideliners, Chinese Acacia Club, and all our Past Masters who devoted their time and unyielding effort, I offer my deepest gratitude. Your commitment has bestowed upon our brethren an unforgettable and profound experience during the degree ceremonies of March and April 2025. You exemplify what it means to be a beacon of light and wisdom in our community.

As we approach the midpoint of this remarkable year, I am elated to celebrate yet another milestone: our inaugural Blood Donation Drive. With the invaluable support of the American National Red Cross, San Francisco Lodge #120 proudly hosted the “Save A Life” advocacy. This initiative, in collaboration with MW Arthur Salazar, Jr.’s “Day of Service” program, is a shining example of our lodge’s dedication to humanitarian service and the noble principles we uphold.

The horizon holds great promise as we prepare to welcome a new cohort of Entered Apprentice Masons. These aspiring individuals are poised to embark on their transformative journey within our sacred Lodge room. During our Regular Monthly Stated Meeting and beyond, they will unveil the mysteries of Freemasonry and deepen their understanding of our ancient and honorable traditions.

Let us continue to pursue excellence with unwavering determination and foster a spirit of unity and brotherhood that defines us. Together, we have the power to make this month—and indeed, this year—a period of extraordinary significance and joyful accomplishments for all.

Fraternally yours

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



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST
SENIOR WARDEN
Salvador Tandoc

Brethren,

The month of May is known for spring beauty, perfect weather, and numerous celebrations and observances, including Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Cinco de Mayo.

Special Day & Events:

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo. The significance of this day as history reminds us that the French army of 6,500–8,000 attacked the poorly equipped Mexican army of 4,000. On May 5, 1862, the Mexicans decisively defeated the French army. The victory represented a significant morale boost to the Mexican army and the Mexican people at large and helped to establish a sense of national unity and patriotism.

May 11th is Mother's Day. A meaningful Mother's Day message should express sincere gratitude and appreciation for the mother's love, guidance, and sacrifices. It's about acknowledging the impact she's had on your life and expressing how much she means to you. It's normally falls on the 2nd Sunday on May.

May 26th is Memorial Day. While its origins were rooted in honoring those who died in the Civil War and later expanded to include all military personnel who died in service, Memorial Day now encompasses all those who have died in service to the nation, both during wartime and peacetime. It's a day to reflect on the sacrifices made by all military personnel who have died while serving the country. This observation normally falls on the last Monday of May. This is also a legal holiday.

Congratulations to brother Jesus Visperas was just raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Past Masters.

As stated, I look forward to coming back to the Lodge and looking forward to the opportunities in our last discussion to enhance Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We have the 2nd Annual Division 1, 141st District Lodge picnic that we need to start working on under our District Inspector Allan Nubla.

I suggest very highly that a rose be provided to all moms to celebrate and commemorate the significance of Mother's Day on our stated meeting on May 1, 2025. We look forward to delicious Mexican food being prepared by our Junior Warden, Garry Fontillas and company.

On the Level,

Sal Tandoc
Sr. Warden



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



Dear Brethren,

As we transition into the warm embrace of spring and early summer, I feel both honored and humbled to reflect on the progress we've achieved together as a lodge over the past month. The contributions of each member continue to fortify the connections we share and the values we uphold.

In the last couple of months, we successfully raised four Worthy Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all members who have consistently supported our degrees. The atmosphere in the room has been vibrant, and I encourage everyone to remain actively engaged. We thrive when we unite, sharing our knowledge and fellowship.

For this month of May, we have more exciting events ahead. Firstly, our Stated Meeting will feature a Cinco de Mayo theme, celebrating the courage and resilience of the Mexican people during the Battle of Puebla in 1862. As Masons, we are reminded of the significance of standing firm for justice and liberty, principles that are sacred to our fraternity.

We will also honor Mother's Day, a moment to recognize and appreciate the women who have nurtured, supported, and guided us throughout our lives. Whether they are our biological mothers, spiritual mentors, or strong women who have influenced our journeys, we owe much of our identity to their unwavering love. Let us take this opportunity to express our gratitude, not just with words but through actions that reflect their lasting impact on our character.

Next, we have our Leadership Retreat, which will prepare the officers for their upcoming roles in the lodge as they step into their positions next year. This will enhance their understanding of how to manage various situations or issues that require careful consideration within our lodge, fostering harmony and love among our brothers. It will also provide guidance on how to make our lodge more productive and welcoming for those interested in joining our brotherhood.

Lastly, the Grand Lodge Reception will allow us to meet and greet our Grand Master and the other Grand officers of California, featuring our very own members of San Francisco Lodge 120, Grand Master Art Salazar and Grand Junior Deacon Albert Cua.

As May draws to a close, we will observe Memorial Day, a solemn occasion dedicated to remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their bravery and commitment to duty embody the Masonic principles of service, sacrifice, and brotherly love. Let us take a moment of silence, not only in remembrance but also to renew our dedication to uphold the freedoms for which they gave their lives.

As your Junior Warden, I am privileged to serve this lodge, and I take great pride in the progress we've made as brothers united by our shared values. I look forward to our future accomplishments together in the coming months. Remember, our strength lies in our unity and our commitment to upholding the principles of Freemasonry.

Let us continue to walk in the light of wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Fraternally,
Garry Fontillas
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY
SECRETARY
Donato T. Lara



Freemasonry and the Month of May: Ancient Traditions & Modern Observances

May holds special significance for Freemasons worldwide, connecting the ancient craft to seasonal traditions and important observances. As spring fully blossoms in the Northern Hemisphere, the month carries symbolic importance for this centuries-old fraternal organization.

Historical Significance

Historically, May represents renewal and growth in many cultures—themes deeply embedded in Masonic symbolism. The month's connection to building trades is particularly relevant, as medieval stonemasons (from whom modern Freemasonry draws its symbols) would resume their fullest activities after winter's restrictions.

Key Masonic Observances in May

Several Masonic traditions occur during May:

May Day & Labor Recognition: Many lodges acknowledge the historical connection between operative masonry and the building trades, honoring the dignity of skilled labor.

Memorial Observances: In countries like the United States, late May brings Memorial Day, when many Masonic lodges participate in ceremonies honoring fallen military members, many of whom were Freemasons.

Grand Lodge Communications: Numerous Grand Lodges schedule their annual meetings during May, when travel conditions are favorable.

Symbolic Connections

The blooming flowers and growing vegetation of May resonate with Masonic teachings about personal growth and enlightenment. Just as nature experiences renewal, Freemasons are encouraged to continuously improve themselves through knowledge and virtuous living.

In Masonic philosophy, May represents an ideal time for reflection on the organization's core principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth—reminding members to apply these values with renewed vigor as the world around them flourishes.

Donnie Lara
Secretary



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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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 - Stated Meeting
May 3 – Grease Lightnin’ with a Cause
May 8 – Practice Entered Apprentice
May 9-11 Masters Leadership Retreat (Lake Tahoe)
May 15 – Mother’s Day Celebration
May 22 -Practice Entered Apprentice
May 24- GM and GJD Reception
May 29 -If ready (1st Degree Conferral/ Practice)

June 5 - Stated Meeting (Attire Barong)
June 12- 1st Degree Conferral/Practice
June 14 – Sabado Pistang Pinoy
(Post-Philippine Independence Day)
June 19 - 1st Degree Conferral/Practice/
Proficiency
June 26 - Continuing Education (Mason’s
Etiquettes) Suggested speaker: WB Antonio G.

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.



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MATTHEW CRAWFORD

5-1

FADY ZOUBI

5-22

GARY BADER

5-4

MARVIN STEINBERG

5-23

JEFFREY KARP

5-12

RAYMOND LIM

5-25

MARTIN FROOMIN

5-14

ARTHUR TYDE

5-25

PETER TU

5-15

HARRY SNOEK

5-26

WESLEY CHENG

5-18

JONATHAN MASULIT

5-26

JOSELITO VELASCO

5-19

JAMES SANFORD

5-30

SCOTT RICHARDSON

5-20

ROBERT SAND

5-31

BENJAMIN WINDSLOW

5-22





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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