



Friendship Lodge No. 210 Trestleboard

2500 Masonic Drive – San Jose, CA 95125
Stated Meeting – First Thursday of Every Month

AUGUST - 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		<i>Stated meetings Mt View De Anza 194 Palo Alto 346 Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	<i>Stated meeting Willow Glen Fraternity 399 Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	FRIENDSHIP <i>Scholarship Presentations Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM</i>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<i>Stated meetings Golden Rule 479 San Jose 10 Los Altos 712 Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	<i>Santa Clara DeMolay 7:00 PM</i>		FRIENDSHIP <i>3rd Degree Practice Casual dress 7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bethel 129 7:00 PM</i>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				<i>SCVMOA 6:30 PM Friendship 210 2500 Masonic Dr San Jose Objections and Balloting</i>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				FRIENDSHIP <i>3rd Degree Practice Casual dress 7:00 PM</i>	SCIOTS <i>Cornerstone Award Presentation SJMC Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	FRIENDSHIP <i>Master's Trip to Monterey Meet at the Aquarium 11:00 AM</i>
27	28	29	30	31		
		<i>Santa Clara DeMolay 7 PM</i>		FRIENDSHIP <i>3rd Degree Proficiency Casual dress 7:00 PM</i>		Also on the 26th: Bethel 129 <i>Stated Meeting 10:00 AM</i>

From the East



We extend a hearty welcome to our newest affiliated member, Bro. Ronald Rebong, who comes to us from Pyramid Lodge No. 490, F.&A.M. of New York. He has also accepted the challenge of joining the officer line and has begun training to become our Junior Warden next year.

Before our Stated Meeting on August 3, Friendship Lodge will award scholarships to seven children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of Friendship Lodge members.

Friendship Lodge hosted the Division III Masonic Outreach Meeting on July 8. Thanks to Brothers Hristo Kolev, Brandon Dueñas, and Mike Smith, the attendees enjoyed a meal far beyond their expectations. The buffet spread looked like a breakfast at a five-star hotel. Kudos to my orange tree for producing, as one attendee said, the best orange juice she had ever tasted. You can't beat home-grown and freshly-picked. And the leftovers quickly disappeared. We won a few points with the Masonic Outreach Team, as well as our Inspector and Assistant Grand Lecturer.

The annual Sciots Cornerstone Award ceremony will happen on Friday, August 25 at the San Jose Masonic Center. Our nominee this year is Bro. Jim North, who voluntarily began our Lodge outreach program and has made contact with each of our members over the past few months.

This event is open to family and friends. If you would like to attend Jim's award dinner, it costs \$25.00 per plate. Make your reservation with Wayne Heimsoth at 408-806-1804 or wheimsoth@aol.com.

At this moment, we have no candidates prepared to receive their next degrees in August. But we do have proficiencies to complete, so our officers can qualify for installation next year. We will practice the 3rd Degree on Thursdays the 10th and 24th, with a tentative proficiency before the Inspector on the 31st.

Thursday, August 17 is the Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officer Association meeting and Friendship Lodge is hosting. Junior Warden Andrew Litfin has made arrangements with the Ladies Oriental Shrine to cater the dinner again this year. The topic will be objections and balloting. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM, the school of instruction begins at 7:30 PM.

Everybody has been bugging me about a Master's Trip. In the past years, the traditional 3-day, 2-night adventures have become increasingly expensive and difficult to arrange. And impossible during Covid. This year, we will try something different.

On Saturday, August 26, we will take a day trip to Monterey, visit the Aquarium, browse along Cannery Row, and gather for a nice dinner. The Lodge will help with the cost of dinner and non-alcoholic beverages.

After dinner, most of us will head for home. If you wish to stay in Monterey overnight, you are free to make your own arrangements.

If you are a member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, entrance is free. If you are NOT a member, you have to buy tickets ahead of time. Unfortunately, the Aquarium does not offer group discounts. Adult admission is \$59.95. Seniors 70 and up pay \$49.95. See the August Events on page 6 for more information.

I hope you can join us!

Daniel Doornbos, PM
Master

From the West



Greetings. I can't believe half of the year is gone. I'm happy to report that we are on course for improving our membership. Congratulation again for Bro Randy Shelton PM being the recipient of Hiram Award. Thanks for all the help you did for our Lodge.

Let's also congratulate Bro Ronald Rebono our newly affiliated member from Pyramid Lodge 490 of New York. Another application for Affiliation and Degree was accepted during our Stated Meeting. Let's continue to be busy hope that members during our business meeting have a healthy turnout.

Here's the update on our iMember 2.0 We now have 15 Inquiries; 3 Applicants; 8 Entered Apprentices; 2 Fellowcrafts and 112 Master Masons. For the brothers who are working on for their proficiency please continue to work and make appointment with your coach. I hope we can advance you to the next degree soon!

Please continue to invite you friends, relatives, co-worker to inform them about Masonry and invite them to join us on our Stated Dinner.

Are you in search of caregiver, senior care for a love one or searching for services and resources in your community. The Masonic Value Network is something as a member you can explore. Please contact them for information. The number is (888) 446-3642. This is one great benefit of being a Masonic member of our fraternal organization. The Masonic Home of the Grand Lodge of California is the envy of other Grand Lodge Jurisdiction.

Hope to see everyone on our Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,
Gilbert Cruz, Senior Warden

From the South



Fraternal Greetings from the South,

I hope everyone is staying cool these summer months! Now is the perfect time for us as family, friends, and brothers, to come together and enjoy the warmth of the sun and take some time to relax together. Seriously, relax. When it gets too hot you cannot overwork yourself or you risk heat-related illness. Instead, stay hydrated and in the shade.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the dinner for Wor. Randy Shelton's Hiram Award! Much fun was had by all, sharing stories and enjoying each other's company as we celebrated a wonderful Mason. To the Hoodwinked Horde, as always for delicious food. To Lori Shelton and family for the wonderful decorations and help with setup. To everyone who helped with every little thing, known and unknown to me. And to everyone who helped me clean up, without whom I might still be cleaning out those pots and pans.

At the time of writing, the Lodge Picnic at Vasona Park has not yet happened, and we are very much looking forward to it. See the flier for full details, but the most important information is that it is July 29th, starts at 11:30 with lunch at 12:30, and while the Lodge is not charging, it is \$6 to park your car. Please make a reservation to me as soon as you can so we know how much food to acquire! In addition, if you have any field games that you think would be fun (croquet, oversized jenga, etc) please bring them!

I look forward to seeing you all at the picnic, and then again in August for the stated dinner and scholarship presentation!

Fraternally,
Andrew Litfin, Junior Warden

Training Camp



Planning to serve as Master of Friendship Lodge next year, Bro. Gilbert Cruz has been studying the Third degree ritual and Master's lecture for over a year. Of all the degrees, the Master Mason degree is all about teamwork. So let's get behind Bro. Gilbert as he prepares for next year.

Bro. Andrew Litfin is busy preparing to take the Master's part in the Fellowcraft degree. We hope to see him Passing a few of our Entered Apprentices in the coming months. The other major part in the Fellowcraft degree is the Middle Chamber Lecture. Bro. Sean O'Hara has taken on that job, and we look forward to seeing his work later this year.

Bro. Ronald Rebong, our new member by affiliation, has committed to taking on the Master's part in the First degree. That is part of his qualification to become our Junior Warden in 2024, which challenge Bro. Rebong has courageously accepted.

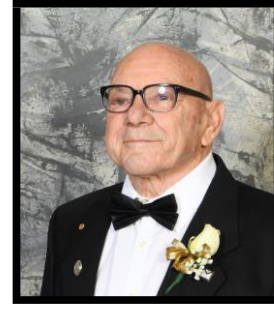
All degree practices happen on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you cannot attend the practice, kindly let me know so we don't wait for you. Even if you miss a practice, you are still expected to learn your work.

We have an Officers Association Meeting (OAM) on Thursday, August 17. Friendship Lodge No. 210 is hosting the event at the San Jose Masonic Center. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Friendship Lodge covers the cost of our Officers' meals.

The SOI begins at 7:30 PM. This month's topic is Objections and Balloting. All Officers are expected to attend all SOIs. If you cannot make it for any reason, please contact our Inspector Wor. Dinesh Chhabra.

Daniel Doornbos, PM
Officers Coach

The Reverend's Corner



Dear Brethren, (Guidance)

When we were young, we sought guidance from others, like, our parents, grandparents, other relatives, teachers or perhaps our clergy. But as we grew up, then where did we seek guidance? Let's look at it closer.

What does seeking guidance mean? Well, if seeking divine guidance we turn to our creator, God.

Seeking divine guidance means tuning out information and opinions and turning inward. Then, with an open heart and quiet mind, we can better feel the nudge of our intuition, our inner voice.

We receive divine guidance like a flower in a field soaks up sunshine. Just as following the sun is innate for them, we must trust our inner knowing. It may surprise us; we trust it to lead us on the path to our highest good.

We follow where we feel called to go. We heed the still, small voice within and pay attention to the circumstances we find along the way.

We seek, trust, and follow our guidance. As we do, we deepen our relationship with God, knowing wherever we go, we do not travel alone. Remember when we let go and let God, that is true guidance.

AFFIRMATION:
I seek, trust, and follow my guidance.

FROM SACRED WRITINGS:
Isaiah 58:11 – The Lord will guide you continually.

God bless,
Reverend Gene

Secretary's Table



Bro. Jim Greer, our perennial Secretary, is not doing well at this moment. Your thoughts and prayers are requested. At this moment, phone calls and text messages are NOT requested. And if you know how to send healing energy, please do.

August Events:

August 3rd – Stated Meeting dinner, cost is \$10.00.

After dinner, we have our **Annual Scholarship Presentations**. This year we have seven recipients.

Friendship Lodge No. 210 offers scholarships to the natural, step, and adopted children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of all members who are Master Masons in good standing.

Dress: Summer casual, collared shirt, slacks, close-toe shoes. Please no T shirts, shorts, or sandals for the Brethren.

August 25th – Annual **Sciots Cornerstone Award** ceremony at the San Jose Masonic Center. Bro. Jim North is this year's recipient from Friendship Lodge.

This event is open to family and friends. If you would like to attend the award dinner, it costs \$25.00 per plate. Make your reservation with Wayne Heimsoth at 408-806-1804 or wheimsoth@aol.com.

Please come and support Bro. Jim as we acknowledge his valuable contribution reaching out to the members of our Lodge.

Dress: Business suit or sports coat and tie.

August 26th – Master's Trip to Monterey, CA

We will meet Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Monterey Aquarium, 866 Cannery Row.

If you are NOT a member of the Aquarium, you MUST buy tickets ahead of time. Each ticket has the owners name and is only valid on the specific date. Adult admission is \$59.95. Seniors 70 and up pay \$49.95. To buy tickets, go to <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/visit/admission-tickets>.

When you're done at the Aquarium, you are free to roam Cannery Row or the rest of Monterey at your leisure.

At 6:30 PM, we will meet for dinner at the Fish Hopper restaurant at 700 Cannery Row. The Lodge and the Master are hosting the dinner. However, we need an accurate headcount so we can reserve a suitable table for our group.

Please place your dinner reservation with WM Daniel Doornbos at 408-802-7480 or daniel.doornbos@icloud.com.

Recommended dress includes a light jacket, hat, dress shirt, slacks, and comfortable walking shoes. Monterey is windy, even on sunny summer days.

Recommended parking is at the large public lot at 601 Foam Street and Prescott Ave. Carpools increase sociality, and save money on fuel and parking.

This is a day trip only. There is no overnight stay unless you wish to make your own arrangements.

August Birthdays

2 – David Lemus	20 - Albert Steele, III
5 - Augusto Atienza	20 – Jonathan Cruz
6 – Brian Grove	21 – Steven Hua
7 – Alvin DeLa Cruz	23 - Noel Baybayan
8 – John Rouchanian	28 – Chase Traficanti
14 – Erik Reyes	31 – Mel Fauvor
16 – Dennis Anastole, PM	31 – Kevin Hall, PM



2023 Officers

Officers

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