

Monterey Masonic Lodge #217

Free and Accepted Masons of California

October 2013 Trestleboard

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Message from the East



Brethren,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Brothers Aaron Arnold and Alex Ribeiro for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason last month.

We will be attending the 164th Annual Communications of Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco on the first weekend of this month. Along with other officers from our district. A number of resolutions and new legislation will be presented and we, as representatives of our Lodge, will be casting our votes. The results can be found the following week on the Grand Lodge website, www.Freemason.org.

We are almost at the end of the 2014 Masonic year and I encourage all advancing officers to start reviewing for their proficiencies, and be proficient by December. If you need assistance, please inform our Officer's Coach, Ethan Meyer PM, and he will be more than glad to assist you. We only have three months left so make your appointments with our Inspector Herschel Amos PM.

During our stated meeting this month, there are a number of things that will be discussed and I encourage all Masons to attend. We will go over the officer's line, nominations and elections, and come up with the date for our Officer's Installation. It will help a lot if we can hear your input.

And finally, October 14th, will mark 142 years of Masonry in Monterey when Monterey Lodge #217 its Charter.

Fraternally,
Frank S. Cruz, Jr.
Worshipful Master

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 7th – 7:30p.m. – 1st Degree

October 9th – 7:30p.m. – Hall Association Meeting

October 12th – 10a.m.-12 Noon – Lodge Clean Up

October 14th – 7:30p.m. – Stated Meeting

October 21st – 7:30p.m. – SOI- Monterey Lodge

October 28th – 6p.m. – Social Dinner

Keep checking your e-mail for event updates and more information!

Message from the West



Brethren,

When I think of my time in Masonry I have to reflect on changes that have occurred over the past 10 years in particular. Like everything in life there is old school and new school. In most instances the old school was abandoned because there was a better idea or product. Most often the new version is

to save time; but that comes with a cost.

If we were to look at the old school of razors we would see straight razors as a common item. As time has passed the price of the replacement for them (safety razors) has steadily gone up. Soon they will be so over priced that men will start to return to the old school in greater numbers. I can teach you how to use straight razors when you are tired of spending too much for getting less. One old school razor, properly taken care of, lasts more than one generation.

The same applies to our Masonic work. Our Grand Lodge has made it easier to be a proficient Mason in the 1st and second degree which makes it harder to be proficient in the 3rd degree work. Reason being, that proficiency must be done in standard form; there is no short form. Now if I really wanted to go old school on you I would relate to you how I had to learn our work.

There were no ciphers to be used. Our traditional proficiencies were learned from the coach by word of mouth. I met with my coach 3 days per week; lodge not included. In these meetings we would go through the questions and answers verbatim until I had reached the end of the work and then we would practice the entire piece for a while before the coach would inform the master that I was ready. We did use ciphers for learning lectures. Interestingly, even those lectures used to be passed down by word of mouth to the wardens and masters of lodges. Our monitors used to contain more as well. I do my degree information nights based on those old school monitor passages. I do teach old school if anyone is interested.

The cost of easy has been a severe lack of Masonic education; and the dedication that went with that education. Let's bring Masonry back to a point where it lasts more than one generation.

Fraternally.

Martin Maxey, PM
Senior Warden

Interested in California's Masonic History?



Visit the Henry W. Coil Library at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco, or go online and view the collection at:

<http://masonicheritage.org/index.htm>

Congratulations to Bro. Arnold and Bro. Alex on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason!



Message from the South



Brethren,
I would like to extend my congratulations to Bro Aaron Arnold and Bro Alex Ribeiro for being raised in the degree of Master Mason last month.

Last month's beach clean-up was another success. For the month of October, the Lodge has decided to utilize the second Saturday of this month to clean our Lodge instead. It will be on October 12, at the Lodge between 10am to noon. We will concentrate in cleaning our Lodge's grounds and possibly power wash some walls. So please come and help and bring your favorite cleaning tools. We will provide light refreshments afterward.

I would also like to thank Bro Aaron Arnold for hosting last month's social dinner. The food was great and delicious. For this month's dinner, Bro Jason Kakimoto will be hosting. Please see menu in the following page. And also, please (with sugar on top) RSVP with our Bro Secretary Jason Kakimoto by calling [\(831\)375-6662](tel:8313756662) or e-mailing him at secretary@monterelodge217.org. It is very important we get a head count of who will be attending.

Last but not the least, we will have a first degree conferral for Mr. Steven Ruggiero on October 7th at 7:30pm in our Lodge. All Masons are invited.

Have a wonderful month of October!!!

Fraternally,

Virgil Quina Jr., PM
Junior Warden



October Social Dinner Menu

Dinner will be hosted by Bro. Jason kakimoto.

Spaghetti and meatballs

Dessert will be California style Cheese cake

Please make your reservations with our Brother Secretary, Jason Kakimoto at (831)375-6662 or via e-mail at secretary@montereylodge217.org.

Birthdays in October

- October 06 - Roy W. Prowell, Jr.
- October 10 - Dustin D. Smith
- October 11 - Shawn M. Jordan
- October 14 – Romeo D. Poquiz
- October 14 – Lewis W. Shutt
- October 14 – Robert C. Sketchley, Jr.
- October 17 – Jeffrey M. Goldsmith
- October 17 – Jack R. Harris
- October 17 – Aaron M. Self
- October 18 – Nathan W. Meyer
- October 23 – Sherick B. Sacgayana
- October 26 – Andrew T. Shaw
- October 29 – Marcelus P. Quina

Inspector's Message

Brethren,

There will be a School of Instruction at Monterey Lodge No. 217 on October 21, 2013 at 7:30PM. We will go over any changes in the ritual and legislation that were approved at the 164th Grand Lodge Communication.

Advancing Officer should be prepared to meet the requirements of their respective stations/positions in the line. We will need to set dates for the upcoming installations. I am available to each and every one of you and look forward to a great year working together.

I find the dedication and participation of the Master's and Secretaries in this district to be very inspiring and this speaks well for our fraternity.

Fraternally,

Herschel R. Amos, PM

Inspector 357th Masonic District

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From the Secretary's Desk...

Brethren,

I want to thank all the Brothers who have already paid their dues for 2013 and give a friendly reminder to the Brothers who have yet to do so.

In an increasingly mobile world where life, work, and fate move us about far more frequently than in the past, it is more important than ever to keep your contact information current with the lodge. If you have moved locations, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please send me an email with the updated mailing address so I can input it into our Lodge and Grand Lodge system. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: Secretary@montereylodge217.org

Fraternally,

Jason Kakimoto
Secretary

SEPTEMBER ANNUAL COASTAL BEACH CLEAN-UP



Monterey Masonic Hall Association Information

The Fellowship Hall is ready for rentals! If you know anyone who is interested in renting event space, please give them the contact information listed below. Fellowship Hall rentals account for a significant portion of our income, so the more we rent the more improvements we can make to the Lodge! Please help spread the word about Fellowship Hall rentals!!!

Contact Information

Phone (Google Voice): (831) 288-2217

Email: HallAssnInfo@montereylodge217.org

Hall Rental Details and Pricing

For info, go to the Hall Association page on the Monterey Lodge website at: www.montereylodge217.org

2013 Hall Association Board of Directors

Martin Maxey, PM - President

Frank S. Cruz Jr. – Ex Officio – Vice President

Christopher Kiner

Joel Vitug

Marvin Ganaden

Kurt Ferguson, PM

Jamcy Casto

John Williams, PM

The Fellowship Hall can be rented for a variety of occasions and events:

- **Weddings**
- **Conferences**
- **Group Meetings**
- **Dances**
- **Dinners**
- **Birthday Parties**

The Hall Association also owns the Masonic Section of the Monterey City Cemetery. If you, or your family, are interested in purchasing a plot in the City Cemetery, give the Hall Association a call to see what the Masonic Section has to offer.

2013 Monterey Lodge Officer Info

Master – Frank S Cruz, Jr.

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Senior Warden – Martin W. Maxey, PM

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Junior Warden – Virgil Quina, Jr., PM

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Treasurer – Ethan B. Meyer, PM

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Secretary – Jason Kakimoto

Secretary@montereylodge217.org

Chaplain – Herschel Amos, PM

Senior Deacon – TBA

Junior Deacon – Christopher Kiner

Marshal – Virgil C. Quina, Sr., PM

Senior Steward – Dana Oholorogg

Junior Steward – Marvin Ganaden

Tiler – John A. Williams, PM

Officers' Coach – Ethan B. Meyer, PM

2013 Monterey Lodge Committees

Member Retention Committee

Auditing Committee

Community Service Committee

Fundraising Committee

Scholarship Award Committee

Hiram Award Committee

Investment Committee

Other Masonic Information

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Stated Meeting: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30p.m.

Santa Lucia Lodge #302

P.O. Box 2309 (Mail)

421 Broadway Ave.

King City, CA 93930

Phone: (831) 385-3367

Stated Meeting: 2nd Thursday @ 8:00p.m.

Pacific Grove Lodge #331

P.O. Box 331 (Mail)

130 Congress Ave.

Pacific Grove, CA

Phone: (831) 649-1834

Stated Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 8:00p.m.

Carmel Lodge #680

P.O. Box 221543 (Mail)

Lincoln between 7th and 8th

Carmel, CA 93921

Phone: (831) 624-7140

Email: carmel680@gmail.com

Website: www.calodges.org/no680

Stated Meeting: 1st Tuesday @ 8:00p.m.

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Order of the Eastern Star – Reveille Chapter #47

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