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Crocker Lodge No. 212
Free & Accepted Masons of California

JUNE 2023

*“Increase in knowledge and wisdom
with circumspect”*



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2023

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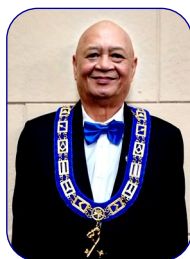
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Upon The Square



Brethren, Family, and Friends,

Time always seems to be flying by, like an arrow with no possibility of slowing down. It's difficult to shake the feeling that time is fleeting. It seems that there is either not enough time, or too much time wasted, but never is it just the right amount. It is now June and half of the year is almost gone. This free but priceless time is gone because we cannot own it, however, we have used it; and then we have lost it because we were not able to keep it, but we have wisely spent it. The time we enjoyed supporting together was not a wasted time, after all, it is not the milestones we have reached but the quality moments we have shared together as brothers. Whether it was the best or the worst of time, it was the only time we've got. Although we tried to control in different ways, the only thing we have done was to enjoy it.

We have often worked our lives to try and slow down time, whether in the form of appearances, opportunities, or relationships but the best thing we did for ourselves was to let that idea go and accept that the progression of time is inevitable and what makes life interesting. Although it feels like time was not

on our side, I am certain that the passing of time has brought about new possibilities, new understanding, and fresh starts while embracing peacefully the fleeting nature of it.

As Masons, we are given the 24 inch gauge to learn how to divide out time and make to the fullest that we could. Therefore, the activities we have undertaken were memorable events that were used to gauge time.

Recognizing that each season or month has its own vibration or a special flavor, we look forward that this month of June brings a feeling that is unique to its own transitional span of time such as happiness, joy, and excitement. June symbolism suggests that this is the moment to strive forward and become a better person by trusting your work always, letting the difficult situations make us strong by facing them courageously.

Approaching all of us is the month of June which we all know filled with abundant and fruitful occasions. At the Lodge, we look forward to opening the month with intellectual discourse during the stated meeting, to be followed by masonic education, fathers day celebration, conferrals, proficiency examinations, and outreach and engagement with the community during the celebration of the feast of Saint John the Baptist – one of our patron saints. Let us all be inspired and motivated by the light energy that the sunny June brings us! Cheers.

Brotherly,
Vennie A. Acebedo
Worshipful Master

On The Level



Greetings.

The month of June is the birth of flower of the Rose and the Honey-suckle. This month is highlighted by the colorful flowers that decorate many landscapes. As the spring ends and the arrival of the summer begins, it signals the transition of the seasons. As such everyday in June is dedicated to particular celebrations and observances including the Juneteenth, June bugs, June bride, Fathers Day, Summer Solstice, Saint John the Baptist, and many more. It also reminds us that we are already halfway through our Masonic year and be enjoying the midsummer.

Last month, we had a very busy but successful schedules of lodge activities. We started the moth with a great Stated Meeting that was well attended by the brethren. It was followed by a weekend Masters and Wardens retreat. The Mother's Day celebration was also a memorable one with tremendous success. An opportunity to promote the fraternity to the public during the remembrance of a dear friend was likewise successful.

A big congratulations to our newly obligated brothers; Edgar De la Cruz, Rener Umali, Mark Nano and Wilson Ibarra for being conferred to the Entered Apprentice Degree. Also, Brother Ray Romero for his Second Degree Proficiency and Bernardo David for his Third Degree Proficiency which were all delivered under long form. With this kind of Proficiencies, we can instantly tell who is qualified to become officers to be chosen to line up on the ensuing Masonic year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in during our June Stated Meeting and fellowship dinner.

Brotherly Yours,

Ferdinand B. Quiambao, PM
Senior Warden



By The Plumb



Dear Brethren

Like a diligent and nurturing mother, Crocker Lodge 212 embraced the swift passage of May, a month filled with eventful activities. The brethren, exemplifying the true essence of brotherhood, offered their unwavering support to the lodge's endeavors. Imperfection may dwell within us, but in the grand scheme of things, who truly attains perfection? Emerging from the shadows of a challenging hiatus caused by the pandemic and other obstacles, the lodge has once again risen as a paragon of change. The metaphor of birth pain aptly describes this transformation, akin to a mother on the cusp of delivering new life, facing the inevitable embrace of both death and life. Our beloved Lodge, a mother to all brethren, has given birth to each one of us, subjecting herself to the universal uncertainties. Every child raised is a testament to a mother's labor, and so we label our journey within the lodge as such. As we celebrate May, the month dedicated to our mothers, let us not forget that our Lodge is a Mother. Just as we pondered our presence when our mothers needed us on their special day, we ought to spare a moment to acknowledge Mother Lodge. Officially celebrated on the 14th, we adjusted our 24-inch gauge to honor her on the 13th. A simple "Happy Mother's Day" to Mother Lodge will suffice to remind her that she resides within our thoughts.

My brethren, the month of May has kept the lodge occupied. The Mother's Day celebration on the 13th, proved a resounding success, with visitors, and the

culinary delights unparalleled. Also, collaborating with Peninsula Clean Energy, we initiated a community awareness drive to disseminate information about obtaining more efficient electrical energy solutions. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Lions Club SF Host, we organized a community service initiative in Teglia. We also took the opportunity to commemorate the FC Proficiency of Brother Ray Romero and held a Celebration of Life Service for our dear friend, Mr. Joe Maristela, an exemplary person and a remarkable individual worthy of emulation. Moving ahead, on the 25th of this month, we scheduled Bro Bernard David's MM proficiency.

As we venture into the month of June, a myriad of activities awaits us. The upcoming Father's Day celebration, intertwined with the commemoration of Philippine Independence Day, promises to be a notable event. We shall continue our journey of Masonic education and fellowship, fostering collaborations with various community groups to further charitable causes and enhance our outreach. Additionally, we extend an open invitation to all individuals interested in learning more about our fraternity to join our On-the-Level Meetups. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding the venues for these enriching activities.

Lastly, as the overseer of the allegorical northeast, our esteemed kitchen, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Kitchen Crew, comprised of the dedicated EA's, FC's, and officers. Their invaluable assistance in preparing the Hall is deeply appreciated. Special thanks go to the Sisters and, most notably, my wife Grace Cossid. In the spirit of Mother's Month, it is their unwavering support that renders this arduous task and duty possible, and without them, it would be utterly preposterous.

Fraternally,

Peter Cossid - Junior Warden

June Birthday Celebrants

| Name | Birthdate |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Marty M. Cusing | 2 |
| Rolando E. Ramos | 4 |
| Andres B. Parangan, Jr. | 7 |
| Samuel C. de la Pena | 8 |
| Lou Aronian | 9 |
| Romeo S. Espinosa | 11 |
| Rommel Q. Valenzuela | 11 |
| Allan R. del Rosario | 11 |
| Alfonso P. Calalang | 12 |
| Nicanor F. Cruzata | 12 |
| Arthur E. Juhl | 17 |
| Abdun V. Santiago, Jr. | 18 |
| John Fox | 25 |



"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ...For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

June Masonic Birthdays

| Name | Years | Masonic Birthday |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Emiliano M. Miranda | 9 | 06/12/2014 |
| Marty M. Cusing | 11 | 06/28/2012 |
| Abraham N. Angeles | 12 | 06/04/2011 |
| Jose K. Reyes | 13 | 06/17/2010 |
| Gil M. Lintag | 14 | 06/18/2009 |
| Jing M. Muya | 15 | 06/12/2008 |
| Nestor V. Carlos | 16 | 06/21/2007 |
| Samson E. Duque | 16 | 06/14/2007 |
| Rafael A. Llemos | 22 | 06/14/2001 |
| Wdcardo M. Vergara | 24 | 06/25/1999 |
| Benjamin P. Cabie, Jr. | 25 | 06/18/1998 |
| Gerardo H. Barinque | 30 | 06/17/1993 |
| Renato S. Mastrile (PM) | 32 | 06/27/1991 |
| Rommy M. Vinson, Jr. | 46 | 06/08/1977 |
| Arnold H. Gazarian | 68 | 06/08/1955 |

Reminder!!!
Master Masons Re-Obligation
Call the
Master, Senior or Junior Warden

Keep calm and remember your obligation

Fellow Craft Corner



I have, for as long as I can remember, always done things in a very solitary fashion. I was a long-distance runner for much of my life and would love the meditative state that long runs by myself would afford me. Later, I was drawn to motorcycles and was with the running, would love nothing more than getting my leathers on, getting my phone and my wallet and going off for an exploration of California roads that I didn't know so well – just riding off and discovering new places. Reading, painting, and playing my guitar all appealed to me for the same reason – all are solo, meditative-type activities that build me from within

and allow personal growth.

It is funny to me though that I'm so fond of solitary activities when, in fact, I'm a terribly social person, one who loves social interaction, good discourse and debate, and as I grow older, not only a fondness for, but a need for camaraderie. I can count on one hand the number of truly close personal friends I have. I know now for certain that it was this junction – this meeting place where my growing desire for a sense of community and support system intersects with my love of genuine friendship and eclipses the draw toward solo activities. But it had to be the right draw and it wasn't until my 50's that I found it.

I am often asked why I chose Crocker Lodge as my mother lodge and why still I continue to come, when in fact there are several lodges much closer to where I live and this is as easy an answer to provide those posing the question as any I've ever answered – and with clarity that it is the *right* answer. It's very simple. When I was knocking, and even before that, when I was taking my first few steps into this pond, every single brother encouraged me to come back every time and graciously welcomed me back when I did so. As I have gone through my first stages of the Work, learning what our world of Masonry is all about, those very same brothers have become just that – that which I sought; brothers, true brothers, who call me the same and look upon me as one of them.

I'm not going to be leaving Crocker Lodge for a lodge closer to my house. I feel at home at the 212 and experience a sense of belonging to something much greater than myself, with a much greater sense of purpose within its walls. I take great pride in being a member of Crocker Lodge and along the way, now as I pass through each step of the process, I not only feel myself growing more and more excited about the process, but more and more embedded in the lodge, and more and more certain that I have made the right choice.

The men of the Crocker Lodge are my brothers and I am their brother. Where did this happen? Where did this truth become known to me, so that now I do not have a shred of doubt about my decision to go down this path? Where is the one and only place such a clear and pure understanding could come from?

It is, without a doubt, *in my heart*. I am a Mason and I am man of the Crocker Lodge #212. This is where my heart is.

Brother Joshua Plosser

Fellow Craft

Fellow Craft Corner



What a beautiful journey it has been thus far, up the winding stairs. It is a blessing that we have been bestowed the privilege of calling ourselves Masons. Though being a Mason does not make us better than anyone other than who we were yesterday. A primary lesson of the Entered Apprentice Degree, is that of self improvement. Prior to meeting Bro. Roy, I felt like the state of my life needed major improvement, I felt lost. I had no sense of emotional regulation, was causing pain in my marriage and held myself in a negative light. The EA Degree taught me to strongly reflect on my weaknesses and shortcomings, and to strive to become a better person in all aspects of my life - improving my moral character, my relationships with others and my professional and personal endeavors. As a Fellow of the Craft, having balance and harmony in all aspects of life is crucial to achieve true happiness and success. Personal growth is important in this degree, as we are encouraged to continue education and intellectual pursuits, as well as to set goals for ourselves and to work tirelessly towards achieving them, even in the face of adversity or obstacles. The application of self reflection and personal growth has helped me to improve regulation of my emotions, my sense of self, my marriage and have a strong sense of what I truly want to put my focus and energy into creating for the future. The first two degrees are rich with lessons and experiences that are designed to help us become better men and better members of society. Through the teachings of self-improvement, brotherhood, education, balance, and perseverance, you are encouraged to become well-rounded individuals who strive to make a positive impact on the world around you. These lessons are not only relevant to Freemasonry, but to life in general, and can be applied to all aspects of one's personal and professional endeavors.

Brother Ray Romero
Fellow Craft

May 4, 2023 Monthly Stated Meeting



Special Feature – Crocker Lodge 212 Officers



Schedule of Events

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|---------|-----------|---------------------|---|
| June 1 | Thursday | 7:30 pm | Stated Meeting |
| June 8 | Thursday | 7:00 pm | Fellow Craft Proficiency and Second Degree Rehearsal |
| June 15 | Thursday | 7:00 pm | Entered Apprentice Proficiency Exam/Fellowship/Second Degree Rehearsal |
| June 17 | Saturday | 5:00 pm | Fathers Day Celebration (Filipiniana Attire) |
| June 21 | Wednesday | 9:00 am | Food distribution at Teglia Community Center |
| June 22 | Thursday | 7:00 pm | Second Degree Conferral Upon Bro. Francisco Crisostomo |
| June 24 | Saturday | 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Neighborhood Cleanup Meet up with the Masons and Celebration of Saint John The Baptist |
| June 29 | Thursday | 7:00 pm | Proficiency Examination Upon Bros. Edgar de la Cruz and Rener Umali |
| July 06 | Thursday | 7:30 pm | Stated Meeting |
| July 15 | Saturday | 10:00 am | Lodge Inventory and Cleanup |
| July 19 | Wednesday | 9:00 am | Food Distribution at Teglia Community Center |
| July 22 | Saturday | 10:00 am | Neighborhood Cleanup |
| July 25 | Tuesday | 7:30 pm | CMHA Meeting |

Grant us brotherhood, not only for this day but for all the years, a brother not of words but of acts and deeds.

Degree Conferral and Proficiency Examinations



**Initiation of Brothers Edgar de la Cruz, Mark Nano,
and Wilson Ibarra on May 11, 2023**



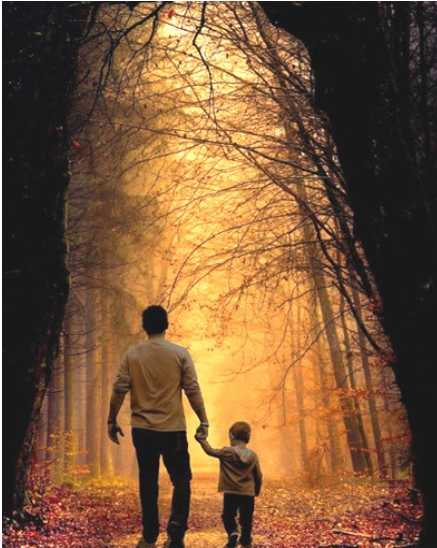
**Fellow Craft Proficiency Examination of Brother Raymond Romero on
May 18, 2023**



Master Mason Proficiency of Br. Bernardo David on May 25, 2023

Celebration

*Crocker Lodge 212
Invites You To A
Fathers Day Dinner and Dance*



Come in your Barong Tagalog and Filipiniana Dress

Theme: Fathersthe protector, provider, and disciplinarian who illuminate the family and in creating momentum.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

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Community Recognition



Daly City Chief of Police Captain Cameron Christensen was given a recognition by Crocker Lodge 212 for his leadership and contribution to the safety of Daly City.

Mothers Day Celebration 2023



Special Feature — A Tribute To A Dear Friend



Crocker Lodge 212 honored the family of the late Jose Maristela, Jr, who was elected to become a member of the fraternity but passed away prior to his initiation into the Entered Apprentice

Crocker Masonic Hall Association

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Stated Meeting

1st Thursday of the Month

Stated Meeting Dinner—6:30 PM

(Jack Palmer Hall)

Making a reservation is encouraged

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