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Upon The Square



Dear Brethren,

In the article I wrote last month, I have mentioned about the swift passing of time. As I further reflect on it, sometimes it seems as if life is passing us by but when we were children, time ambles by, with endless journeys and undertakings which seem to last forever. However, the theory of “time flies”, that is— **as we age, the speed in which our brains obtain and process images gradually slows, resulting in this temporal discrepancy in memories** explains why we feel such about time. Our experience of time is flexible, speeding up in some situations and slowing down in others. So maybe by understanding the psychological processes behind our different experiences of time, we might be able to slow things down a little.

Indeed, we have slowed time in the past six months by keeping ourselves busy in the Lodge and in our personal lives. Looking back, we have engaged in recalibrating the standards to improve and strengthen the Lodge and ourselves. The process or

course of action adopted to cause changes and initiatives were never easy, but with everyone in harmony, we have at least achieved the desired goal.

As we enter the second half of the Masonic Year, the month of July has a special representation among Masons as the month signifies the ambition we have will take us to the great future we desire through our will and power to do so. We have so far done good things and it is our chance to continue using our potentials and make our future more well balanced. The right direction we have started in the year is taking us to success and so, we need to take every challenge to make our brotherhood relationships become better and harmonious. Let us empower ourselves to exude generosity and charity!

In July last year, the “I’m A Mason” campaign was launched which gave every Mason to tell the world that they are Masons and talk about the fraternity to friends, family members, and other networks. Brethren, let us continue to engage with everyone by promoting our fraternity. Let them know that there is an organization in their community that they can be with.

Let us celebrate July 4! Freemasons have influenced greatly the Declaration of Independence of our country.

Vennie A. Acebedo
Worshipful Master

On The Level



Greetings.

July was named by the Roman Senate in honor of Roman general, Julius Caesar in 44 B.C., it being the month of his birth. July is the second month of astronomical summer and the hottest month in the Northern Hemisphere.

The month of July is significant to us as Masons and among Americans commemorating July 4th as a federal holiday in the US, the birth of American independence since 1776. For Masonic Lodges in California, the month of July is the black month, meaning no events in the blue lodge, except the Stated Meeting this Thursday, July 6, 2023 and the lodge inventory on July 15, 2023 Saturday, unless the Master decides to schedule other events.

Many thanks for the surprised visit last Thursday Stated Meeting on June 1, 2023 by our Inspector WB Michael Wilson and Assistant Grand Lecturer WB Gary Quintrell for their continued support and

Lastly, my big congratulations to all officers, brethren, and sisters of Crocker Lodge #212 for the successful Father's Day event last June 17, 2023. Special acknowledgment to Sister Grace Cossid who has always done a good job in preparing the foods. Also, a sincere "thank you" to the Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts for their assistance. Most of all, to the ladies and brothers who did an excellent job in preparing the Jack Palmer Hall into a truly Filipino atmosphere.

Brotherly Yours,

Ferdinand B. Quiambao, PM
Senior Warden



By The Plumb



Dear Brethren,

Freemasonry, Father's Day, and Filipino Heritage: A Unique Intersection at Crocker Lodge 212

Father's Day, a universal celebration of paternal love and devotion, carries a unique resonance within the global fraternity of Freemasonry. This is particularly evident at Crocker Lodge 212, where a significant number of Filipino members contribute to a rich tapestry of cultural and fraternal traditions. Inextricably bound to the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth, Father's Day serves as an opportunity to amplify the principles of Freemasonry and honor the spiritual fathers of the fraternity.

The month of June, named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth, serves as a fitting backdrop for the celebration of Father's Day. In Freemasonry, June is particularly significant as the month dedicated to the celebration of St. John the Baptist. Known for his humble lifestyle and dedication to his mission, John the Baptist is revered as a spiritual exemplar in Masonic circles. His commitment to truth, light, and spiritual growth aligns seamlessly with Masonic values, lending a layer of profound depth to the celebrations that occur during this month.

This year, we at Crocker Lodge chose to honor Father's Day and the Feast of St. John the Baptist with a distinctively Filipino flair. This event coincided with Philippine Independence Day on June 12, further emphasizing the strong bond between the Lodge and its Filipino

brethren. The Lodge transformed into a celebration of Filipino culture, with members donning the traditional Filipino Barong, a symbol of dignity, honor, and national pride. The resulting Filipiniana-themed atmosphere fostered unity, reinforced fraternal bonds, and highlighted the integral role of Filipino members in the Lodge.

This cultural display did not merely offer an immersive aesthetic experience but also symbolized the Lodge's commitment to acknowledging and respecting diverse cultural narratives. Father's Day, seen through the lens of Freemasonry, is a recognition of not only biological paternity but also the mentoring and guidance that the fraternity's elders provide. This intersects with Filipino culture's deep respect for elders and the patriarchal structure, further enriching the occasion's significance.

As we transitioned into July, traditionally considered a "dark month," there was no decrease in activity or camaraderie. The Worshipful Master had carefully planned the month's activities, which include a general inventory of the Lodge properties. While this may seem like a mundane task, it represents the Lodge's dedication to maintaining a harmonious, orderly environment in accordance with Masonic principles.

Moreover, the "dark month" doesn't extinguish the flame of fellowship that burns brightly in Crocker Lodge 212. Even in quieter times, the sense of community, brotherhood, and mutual support continues unabated. This enduring commitment to fellowship is a testament to the bond shared by the Lodge's members, including its vibrant Filipino community.

Fraternally,
Peter Cossid - Junior Warden

July Birthday Celebrants

Name	Birthdate
Santiago. S, Serrano	4
Juancho R. Gella	4
Adelmo T. Plaza, Jr.	5
Renato N. Santos, PM	11
Ermel E. Manzano	16
Gene B. Leano, PM	17
David V. Dionida, PM	19
Tony L. Wong	19
Norbert D. Baraoidan, PM	19
Douglas M. Libal	22
Reynerio R. Morales	22
Ryan D. Mote	22
Fernando T. David	26
Emiliano M. Miranda	30



Happy Birthday



“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
Samuel C. de la Pena	48	07/11/1970

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

CMHA Update



CMHA is happy to report that the advertisement board at the rooftop of Crocker Lodge 212 will soon be removed as the contract with Outfront has been terminated. After 22 years of tenant occupancy, the removal of the structures will soon start. We have signed the Application for a Permit from the Daly City Building Department to start the demolition to be done by Arrow Sign (a company hired by Outfront). We have also added our name (Crocker Masonic Hall Association) as additional insured to the Liability Insurance with Outfront for additional coverages. CMHA would like to extend our gratitude to Ms. Ruby Gill (Grand Lodge R.E. Representative) for her advice and support with our project.

Also, the ongoing repair of the drainage or sewage system of the two restaurants (Donut Shop/Yangoon) is now at its final phase and is about 85% complete. The pipes have now been replaced by a more modern, updated and better designed materials. I would like to thank WB VP Hercules and WB Building Manager Miguel Habagat for their ongoing supervision and management with these (not so easy) projects.

Jack Abuda, PM
CMHA President

Special Feature



Special Visit of AGL Wor. Gary Quintrel and District 151 Inspector Wor. Michael Gerard Wilson on June 1, 2023 Monthly Stated Meeting



Special Feature



The brethren proudly showcased the Filipino Attire (Barong Tagalog) during the recently held Fathers Day Celebration at Crocker Lodge 212 on June 17, 2023.

June 1, 2023 Monthly Stated Meeting



Special Feature



More Features - Lodge Event



Community Service



Update on the Community Activities

Currently, there are two community activities that the brethren continue to render:

- A) the food distribution at the Teglia Community Center in Daly City every third Wednesday of every month in a partnership with the San Francisco Lions Host and a faith group;
- B) The neighborhood cleanup every third Saturday of every month in partnership with the Daly City Government. Although it officially kicked off last month, the brethren are diligently preparing to embark the more important tasks of beautifying the surrounding of Crocker Lodge.
- C) Another project in the drawing board is a partnership of multiple organizations (Knights of Columbus, Lions International, Crocker Lodge 212) to provide various health, human, education, and wellness services to the underserved residents of Daly City.

We are inviting brethren to join us in these activities to demonstrate that we care for our community!



Food distribution at Teglia Community Center

Fellow Craft Corner



A Mason helping another Mason, especially in time of distress is one great benefits in this fraternity. One inspiration of me to join the fraternity was a testimony of my brother in-law, a US navy retiree stationed in Subic Bay, Olongapo, who is a Mason. One day, his car got two flat tires while driving and so he had to park on the road shoulder and passerby stopped and approached him to offer assistance. While working on the car, they got to

know each other and found that that both were Masons.

Entered Apprentice Mason is the epitome of my journey as a Mason, because this was the start and the foundation of a very long and tireless effort towards achieving the ultimate goal of one's improvement and betterment as a person of society.

My journey continues as a Fellow Craft Mason reaching manhood, laboring in the pursuit of truth. The winding stairs inspire me to climb, to learn, to know and to reach the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple, a pathway to the coveted "Master Mason".

As a Mason, one of my dreams is to meet a fellow mason by certain signs, token or word from a distant country by land or by sea in continuance of friendship and brotherly love.

Brother Rodolfo Garcia
Fellow Craft

"We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries." – George E. Burow

The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection. – [William Howard Taft](#)

Schedule of Events

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 20	Thursday	7:30 pm	Fellow Craft Degree Proficiency of Bros. Rodolfo Garcia and Joshua Plosser
July 22	Saturday	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Neighborhood Cleanup
July 25	Tuesday	7:30 pm	CMHA Meeting
July 27	Thursday	7:30 pm	Entered Apprentice Degree Proficiency of Bros. Edgar de la Cruz and Rener Umali
August 3	Thursday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
August 6	Saturday	9:00 am	Family Picnic at Coyote Point
August 10	Thursday	7:30 pm	Second Degree Conferral upon Bros Edgar de la Cruz and Rener Umali
August 16	Wednesday	9:00 am	Community Service at Teglia Community Center
August 17	Thursday	7:15 pm	DSOI
August 19	Saturday	9:00 am	Neighborhood Cleanup
August 24	Thursday	7:30 pm	First Degree Proficiency
August 29	Tuesday	7:00 pm	CMHA Meeting
August 31	Thursday	7:30 pm	Second Degree Conferral

More Happy Moments on Fathers Day



Entertainments and Fellowships



Brethren,

You are invited to join other brothers and guests to participate in the Recreation Room every Wednesday night starting in June 7, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm. You can choose to play from the following:



Some brethren have already started playing and we are encouraging those who have not signed-up yet, to contact Bro. Emmanuel Paje thru email: epaje@farmersagent.com or by text at 650-438-4516. You do not have to be skilled in the game of your choice as we will teach the rules and techniques. As we go along, and depending on the number of participating players, we will schedule tournaments for each line of game and provide prizes.

Let us enjoy these amenities and take the opportunity of using Crocker Lodge's Recreation Room. It has 2 tournament size pool tables, new ping pong table and racquets and balls, and a tournament class dart board.

Brother Manny Paje
Chairman

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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