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Stated Meeting Dinner—6:30 PM

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## OCTOBER 2023

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with circumspect”*



1870

2023

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# Upon The Square



Dear Brethren,

In various cultures, October holds special spiritual significance in their belief systems. It marks a transition from summer to autumn, symbolizing change and transformation, and embracing the cycles of life. It is frequently associated with days full of changing leaves, chilly weather, and holiday excitements. It is a month of contrast and integration, where the fading light coalesces with the encroaching darkness, offering a profound space for inner reflection, growth, and embracing the unknown.

Does the month of October just make you feel spooky? In Pagan traditions, it's a time to honor ancestors and communicate with the dead. In Western esoteric practices, it's associated with exploring emotions and subconscious desires. Indigenous cultures celebrate October with harvest festivals, expressing gratitude for nature's abundance. October is also known for its Halloween celebrations.

The energies of October also remind us of the interconnectedness of all beings and the importance of gratitude. By expressing appreciation for nature's abundance and connecting with our ancestors, we strengthen our spiritual bonds and deepen our understanding of our place in the world. It invites us to dive deep into ourselves and

explore our innermost thoughts, emotions, and desires. It serves as a reminder that change is inevitable and that embracing transformation can lead to personal growth and spiritual evolution.

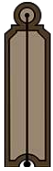
The beauty of autumn foliage in October where vibrant hues of red, orange, and gold that adorn trees create a breathtaking display of beauty. The changing colors represent the impermanence of life and remind us to embrace change willingly rather than resist it. Just as the trees gracefully let go their leaves in preparation for new growth in the spring, we too can learn to release what no longer serve us in order to make space for new opportunities, experiences, and perspectives.

The virtue of **HUMILITY** is what I present to you brothers as an opportunity to embrace. Humility is often defined as the quality of being humble or the freedom from pride and arrogance. Indeed, before you became a mason, you first asked how to be one. Such act required setting aside your pride and preparing yourself for the possibility of being rejected as not every request merited a positive answer. Even the act of asking is an admission in itself that one does not know how to become a mason, thus an acceptance of learning on the part of the applicant.

The first lessons taught in Freemasonry is humility, for it allows us to absorb the instructions as we pursue our journey. Also, the experience of the petitioner at the preparation room is a taste of humility. More so, when we were admonished to "wait" and to be "patient",

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## By The Plumb



Greetings Brethren!

In the crisp embrace of September, a month traditionally marked by the bustling start of the academic year, our activities seemed to have taken a more measured stride. The brethren, not only from within our own Lodge but across the entire expanse of the State and perhaps even the nation, found themselves ensnared in scholastic endeavors.

Yet, Crocker Lodge, true to its dedication, did not entirely recline into idleness during this period. In a memorable chapter of the prior month's narrative (August), we found ourselves partaking in the inaugural Inter Lodge 3rd degree conferral, an occasion of great significance for the California Masonic District of 151, under the discerning stewardship of Worshipful Inspector Michael G. Wilson.

Additionally, our noble efforts extended beyond the lodge's ceremonial halls. Brethren joined hands in a collective act of community service, embarking on a Cleanup event at the areas of Bepler and Hillcrest Streets. In partnership with San Mateo County, HealthWays, and Crocker Lodge 212 orchestrated a Community Health Assessment extending our benevolent reach into the broader community. The bonds of camaraderie and shared purpose were evident as our members came together in harmony.

Turning our gaze to matters of Masonic degree, we celebrated the second-degree passing of Mark Nano, while Bro Rener Umali demonstrated his dedication by achieving full-form Fellowcraft Proficiency, propelling him closer to the coveted rank of Master Mason. The brethren, especially those stepping into new leadership roles, diligently pursued their respective proficiencies, a testament to their commitment to our craft.

In the midst of what might have appeared to be a quieter month, our Lodge was in fact as vibrant and industrious as any other. Notably, we achieved a commendable reduction in expenses related to refreshments and sustenance, owing to the brethren's conscientious efforts to ease the Lodge's financial burden. This fiscal prudence, though not born of necessity, served as a testament to Crocker Lodge's resilience in the face of fiscal challenges.

As October beckons and I, as Junior Warden, offer a palate of delectable, nourishing, and exquisite fare for our members to savor, I extend a warm welcome to all brethren, inviting them to join us for our forthcoming Business meeting on the 5th of October, where we shall embark upon the next chapter of our Masonic journey.

Brother Peter Cossid  
Junior Warden

## Community Service



**The goodness of Masonry is demonstrated by these kind-hearted brothers who devote a portion of their time in serving the community.**



## Passing Another Brother



**Brother Mark Nano was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree and Brother Renner Umali successfully passed his proficiency examination last September 30, 2023**



## CMHA Update



### President's Report

My Brothers,

Full speed ahead..."The steel beams and billboards" is a thing of the past (gone). The roof is now ready for us to repair and we have ordered an inspection to be done so we can better assess our next move.

Our ancient building is revealing more and more damages due to the years of wear and tear and needs more attention than ever. Our doors, restrooms and windows need to be replaced and maintained, some are unserviceable. We will get more information from our Building Manager WB Jabagat about the current condition of our beloved building to determine what needs to be replaced next.

Things are moving along...We are now finalizing our lease agreement (just a few details left) with our tenant the (donut shop) and will do the restaurant, roof tenant's and the Salon next. Slowly but surely we will get this done.

We also discussed about the JPH on how to get it ready for use. CMHA have delegated WB Ray Santos to draft a comprehensive plan (that will be presented to CMHA for approval) to set the rules and regulations that will allow all members of Crocker Lodge 212 and other entities of our community to use...so be safe during the holidays ahead...trick or treat and stay sweet...

Brother Jack Abuda, PM  
President, CMHA

## CROCKER LODGE MISSION

**To promote personal growth and improve the lives of others. We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We value respect kindness, and tolerance, in our differences.....religion, ethnicity, culture, generation, and education; and strive for harmony in our lives, in our lodge, and in the global community.**

### *continuation of Master's article*

we were actually taught to be humble. I can go on to pinpoint aspects of humility in our works but in our masonic degrees, we are instructed that "as Masons, our duty is not to be better than our brethren (that is pride and self-conceit), but better than ourselves (humility). The more we have, the more we owe to those who need our assistance.

Why should **humility**, along with charity, be the foundation of a true Mason? It is my humble submission that the practice of humility is the first step towards the acquisition of truth, a powerful weapon against pride, the most vicious of human passions and sins.

Overall, October invites us to embrace change, reflect on our journey, and honor those who came before us. By doing so, we can align ourselves with the rhythms of nature and embark on a path of personal transformation and spiritual enlightenment.

Peace to all!

Bro. Vennie A. Acebedo  
Worshipful Master

## Calendar of Events

October 5	Thursday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
October 11	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Past Masters Rehearsal
October 12	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers Qualifications
October 13	Friday	7:00 pm	Past Masters Rehearsal
October 14	Saturday	6:00 pm	Past Masters Night
October 19	Thursday	7:30 pm	Masonic Education and Fellowship
October 21	Saturday	9:00 am	Community Clean Up Community Health Fair
October 26	Thursday	7:30 pm	Second Degree Proficiency
October 27 to 28	Friday to Sunday	-	Annual Communication
October 31	Tuesday	7:00 pm	CMHA Meeting
November 2	Thursday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting and Election of Officers for the MY 2024
November 9	Thursday	7:00 pm	Hiram Award's Night
November 16	Thursday	7:15 pm	DSOI at Crocker Lodge
November 17	Friday	6:00 pm	Hall Preparation
November 18	Saturday	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Clean Up Annual Dinner Dance
November 28	Tuesday	7:00 pm	CMHA Meeting
November 30	Thursday	7:00 pm	Masonic Education and Fellowship

**In a world full of  
problems,  
BE A SOLUTION**

## Community Health Assessment



**Crocker Lodge 212 hosted a Community Health Assessment conducted by the San Mateo County Health Policy and Planning in partnership with HealthWays on September 24, 2023**



## Special Feature



Brother Mark Nano successfully passed his proficiency examination as an Entered Apprentice on September 21, 2023



## Entertainments and Fellowships



Brethren,

This article on Billiards may be of interest to some especially that we learn about many champions come from our Filipino race.

In 2023, the Philippines created World Cup of Pool history by claiming a record fourth title beating Germany in Spain. The Filipino players are Johann Chua and James Aranas. The World Cup of Pool is an International single-elimination tournament for doubles team in a nine-ball competition where about 35 countries around the world send their best players and was being held once a year in different countries. Cash prizes and trophies are awarded to the winners.

In 2006, the first title was won by Filipino champions Efren “Bata” Reyes and Francisco “Busti” Bustamante and the second title was won in 2009 in Manila again by Reyes and Bustamante. In 2013, Dennis Orcollo and Lee Van Corteza won the third title in London.

Efren “Bata” Reyes was the first Filipino to win the US Open in 9 balls and 8 Balls. For more than 15 years, Reyes was unbeatable in One Pocket billiards in the US. Efren is a member of the US Hall of Fame. In 2022, Carlo Biado was the second Filipino to win the US Open Title. What a great achievements by the Pinoys. Although Amang Parica did not win the US Open, he came close as runner-up. He was the first Pinoy player to invade the US billiards and that was the time when the Americans recognized the Pinoys as players to watch especially when Efren “Bata” Reyes came after him. I salute Mr. Puyat for promoting, financing and sending the Pinoy players not only in the US but also in different countries where there are tournaments.

Recently, in August another pinoy Anton Raga was runner-up in the European Championship bowing only to David Alcaide of Spain. What was amazing was that he is young and unknown in the world championship level but he beat a score of former world champions and the veterans in the elimination.

The Philippines is a powder keg of brilliant pool players in Asia having dominated the championships for many years up to this time. No wonder, in every barrios and towns in the Philippines, there are pool tables and aficionados.

Brethren, let us play on our pool tables. Let us be proud of our kababayans who are showing their prowess in the world.

Bro. Manny Paje

## October Birthday Celebrants

Name	Birthdate
Angelito P. San Pedro	1
Gerardo H. Barinque	2
Froilan M. Panlilio	5
Reynaldo C. San Miguel	7
David J. Osuna, Jr.	9
Paul Jun Cusing	11
Francis N. Sanchez	16
Ernesto C. Perez	23
Rafael A. Llemos	24
Ernesto S. Elefante	25
Francis D. Macahilas	30



*Happy Birthday*

## Reminder!!!

**Master Masons Re-Obligation**

**Call the Master, Senior or Junior Warden for Schedule**

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."*

*Albert Pike*

## Obituary

*In Memoriam*

**Pedro R. Caturay, Sr.**  
Past Master -1988

**Born: 03/01/1923**

**Raised: 11/09/1963**



**Almighty Father, Into Thy Hands We Commend  
The Soul of Our Beloved Brother.**

**AMEN.**

**Turn To Me**  
by: John Foley

Turn to me, O turn, and be saved,  
says the Lord, for I am God  
there is no other, none beside me.  
I call your name.

I am God, who comforts you  
who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades,  
is made like the grass of the field,  
soon to wither.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth down below.  
The heavens will vanish like smoke,  
and the earth will wear out like a garment.



## Community Event



# Health Fair



**Place:** Crocker Masonic Lodge #212  
17 Hillcrest Drive, Daly City CA 94014  
**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 am — 1:00 pm



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## October Masonic Birthdays

Name	Years	Masonic Birthday
Narby M. Sabiniano	1	10/15/2022
Ronald M. Magtalas	4	10/26/2019
Michael H. Tan	9	10/09/2014
Paul Mark Esguerra	9	10/25/2014
Ramil F. Garcia	10	10/26/2013
Renato N. Santos, PM	12	10/20/2011
Jesus C. Antonio	13	10/14/2010
William G. Suguitan	13	10/22/2010
Elmer R. Cuares	14	10/08/2009
Ramir R. Milay	14	10/29/2009
Wisly G. Miguel, PM	16	10/25/2007
Aaron B. Buno	18	10/20/2005
Paul Jun Cusing	19	10/14/2004
Danilo C. Pablico	19	10/21/2004
Roderick J. Medina	19	10/24/2004
Ralph W. Kania	20	10/23/2003
Tony Lee Wong	21	10/02/2002
Marcelino V. Gamboa	24	10/29/2009
Charlie Sonny de Guzman	26	10/30/1997
Froilan A. Ancheta, PM	29	10/13/1994
Rolando E. Ramos	29	10/20/1994
Robleto T. Bugawan	32	10/10/1991
Mabelito Y. Postadan	32	10/24/1991
Manuel D. Castillo, PM	37	10/25/1986
Gregorio F. Zapata, Jr.	37	10/16/1986
Emmanuel V. Bernal	44	10/11/1979
Gene B. Leano, PM	52	10/21/1971
Lou Aronian, PM	73	10/31/1950

# September 7, 2023 Monthly Stated Meeting

