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Crocker Lodge No. 212
Free & Accepted Masons of California
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*“Increase in knowledge and wisdom
with circumspect”*



1870



2023

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Upon The Square



Dear Brethren,

The month of October went by so swiftly and noticeably, the unusual warm weather in our area has not cause the leaves to turn into colorful ones. Although the warm weather has extended the opportunity to spend time outdoor, I must say that our Lodge members have undertaken many activities. Looking back, the highlights of what we have accomplished include the hosting of a community focus group discussion on energy savings and environmental stewardship which was participated by selected community members from Northern San Mateo County. Also, the Past Masters Night was well celebrated where more than a dozen Past Masters endeavored themselves in demonstrating once again their skills and talents in raising a brother candidate. The harmonious fellowship and socialization was quite an evidence of and demonstration of a well established foundation of brotherly love and friendship. A week after the celebration was followed by an interactive masonic education where the brethren focused on the topic of humility as a very foundation in Masonry. All the brethren present claimed that it was their first time to attend a session like that where they reflected and discussed

aspects of humility in the masonic journey as taught in our rituals.

To culminate the month was the annual communication hosted by the Grand Lodge where some of the brethren attended. I would like to point out two things which make Crocker Lodge 212 honored: the recognition of WB Rufo Macaraeg as an outstanding Mason of the year including WB Hercules Valdez and WB Joshua Cusing as Inspectors. These brothers are worthy of imitation!

Well, switching gear, let us welcome November with full hopes of continuing the unity and harmony that we have crafted and enjoyed so far. As November seeks to remind us not to fear the winter season, for spring will follow it, so should we brothers be ready to transition ourselves as life is constantly changing. Let us aspire to change for the better to have a more fruitful life. Indeed, change is just a part of life that we need to anticipate, accommodate, and adapt when it finally arrives to reduce any adverse results. Again, do not watch as things happen but get involved and become the change initiator. Let us be wise to boost our emotional intelligence during a moment of transition not to allow emotions to cloud our mind but to relax and think more objectively. So whatever situation is unsettling, we must try to manage our reactions.

Peace to all!

Brother Vennie Acebedo
Master 2023

By The Plumb



Greetings Brethren!



As November ushers in the Christmas month, our cherished Crocker Lodge 212 is gearing up for a season of vibrant events, fellowships, and social gatherings. Brethren and their families will once again convene at the Lodge, united in the spirit of togetherness, to celebrate the Yuletide season.

Amidst the excitement of planning activities to enhance the festive season, I, as the Junior Warden, am diligently preparing for the recognition of the Hiram Awardee for the year 2023. I knew the Worshipful Master found himself in a dilemma, tasked with identifying the awardee from a pool of dedicated brethren, officers, and individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of service. It's important to note that these individuals rendered their service without any expectation of compensation. We acknowledge historical misconceptions surrounding such matters, but we are committed to moving past them and focusing on our shared Masonic journey.

With the address of the Grand Orator, Worshipful David G. Rathgeber during the recent Annual Communication, I was captivated by his oratorical prowess and the thematic essence of his message. For those who were unable to attend, I am pleased to share the core of his oration with you: "Fulfillment of our Obligation." Worshipful Rathgeber's message served as a poignant reminder of our moral duty as Masons. He emphasized that from the Perambulation

to the Obligation, the Lecture, and the charges, we are obligated to embody the principles we profess.

He urged us to continue our Masonic education, underscoring the importance of not only listening to the lectures but also practicing their teachings. The same applies to the Charges. We are called to be Masons not merely in name but in action, with the aim of allowing every moral and social virtue to bind us together.

It is imperative that we do not stray from our Masonic path by neglecting the cardinal virtues we vowed to uphold. Masonry is not just a title or a membership; it is a way of life. It is about fostering unity rather than forming divisive cliques or falling prey to false solidarity. False solidarity can be detrimental, eroding the very fabric of not just our fraternal brotherhood but even our families. It is elitist, gangsterism, and condescending. True Masons are better than that!

The Blue Lodge has already united us under common tenets, virtues, and obligations. While we all meet on the same level, the plumb line ensures our uprightness, and the square integrates us into the circle. We should not venture beyond these boundaries, as darkness lies outside the circle.

In this Christmas season, let us reflect on these Masonic principles, renew our commitment to one another, our obligations, and our covenant, and embrace the unity and values that define our Fraternity.

Brother Peter Cossid
Junior Warden

CROCKER LODGE 212 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.

KNOW THYSELF

THE FREEMASONS



**You Wear Aprons - Good.
You Wear Lapel Pins - Nice.
You Wear Masonic Hats - Fine.
You Wear Masonic Rings - Nice.
All These Are No Proofs Of You
Being A Freemason.
The Truth Is That It's Only When
You Live The Tenets And The
Principles Of Freemasonry On
Which It Was Founded, You Can
Be Known As A Freemason.**

Brother Adeshina Bada

Calendar of Events

November 2	Thursday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting and Election of Officers for the MY 2024
November 16	Thursday	7:15 pm	DSOI at Crocker Lodge
November 17	Friday	6:00 pm	Hall Preparation
November 18	Saturday	9:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Clean Up HIRAM Awards Ceremony Annual Dinner Dance and Celebration
November 28	Tuesday	7:00 pm	CMHA Meeting
November 30	Thursday	7:00 pm	Masonic Education and Fellowship
December 2	Saturday	4:00 pm	Installation of Officers
December 7	Thursday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
December 14	Thursday	6:00 pm	Reflection Meeting and Planning
December 21	Thursday	6:00 pm	Officers Meeting and Consultation with Past Masters

It Is The Desire
To Serve
That Makes a Great
Leader,
Not the Desire To Rule

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

Entertainments and Fellowships



Brethren,

Crocker Lodge recently purchased a pingpong table. It is intended for all our brethren to use not to sit there to collect dust. We have enough paddles (or bats) and balls. It needs only a minimum of two players to keep going, or as they say, "it needs two to tango."

Our WM Vennie Acebedo and PM Ray Santos demonstrated their pingpong skills when they played for the first time. What a wonderful sport to see. But I do not know anyone from the lodge who can beat Bro. Peter Cossid considering that he has tournament prowess. We will appreciate it if any challenger will come out. Bro Bernie Gayagoy told me that he hones his skill by practicing ball return against the wall. That is a good tip to be shown in youtube. WM Ferdie Quiambao and Bro. Rollie Ramos are happy they could now hit and return the balls with ease. It only needs practice and willingness to learn. By the way, it was PM Ray Santos who strongly suggested to the CMHA to purchase the pingpong table.

The history of Table Tennis (or pingpong) is a long and interesting sequence of events. Some books say that it probably descended from the game of "Royal Tennis" (also known as Real Tennis or Court Tennis) which was played in the 12th Century AD. Some claim the British played it in the 1880s in India and South Africa. The game become popular among the upper class in England. In 1890, the earliest existing evidence of table tennis is a set by Davis Foster, patented in England.

According to survey, Pingpong is the most practiced sport not only in Asia but in the whole world. Table tennis has been an Olympic sport since 1988 in Seoul, Korea. The first female gold medalist was Chinese player Chen Jing and the male Korean player was Yoo Nam Kyu. Since 1950's Pingpong is the most popular indoor sport in Asia, especially in Japan, China and Korea. European champions were Belgian player Jean-Michel Saive, German Timo Boll and Dane Michael Maze. In 2005, the estimated players in the world is 260 million in more than 200 countries. Recently, the Chinese dominated pingpong led by world champion Ma Long whose competitors are also Chinese.

Even if pingpong is not as popular as basketball in the Philippines, the Pinoys produced a prodigy named Aljay Villena from Nueva Ecija who at the age of 11, played in the international tournament and beat some world class players. At age 16, he won the US Open in 2023 in California. The Philippines also garnered trophies in Asean Games.

Let's go brethren. Play pingpong!

Bro. Manny Paje

Raising A Brother



Congratulations to Brother Rener Umali who was raised into the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Past Masters on October 14, 2023.



Masonic Experience



My journey to Masonry has been an eye opening experience. It has enabled me to see the true meaning of brotherhood. I have met many unique individuals and characters who each have their own way of showing brotherly love. No matter how they show it, one thing has remained consistent among the brothers: It is that they all truly care and love each other and the lodge.

The brothers always strive to improve themselves, their fellow brothers, and their home, the great lodge 212. This is what I most admire with this fraternity which I am so proud to be a part of. With this admiration comes inspiration. The brothers have inspired me to better myself. I learned to effectively divide my time for the service of the brothers, the community, and family. I've seen the tremendous generosity each brothers give to the lodge and the brotherhood. There is no shortage of support from anyone whenever I am in need of advice or help. The vast combined wisdom and knowledge of the brothers makes me a little wiser and better when ever we have a gathering. Everyone had a part in helping me get through my Entered Apprenticeship and into Fellow Craft. The brotherhood made me a better man. I am looking forward to the bright future that awaits me among the brothers.

Brother Mark Nano
Fellow Craft

You have the opportunity
to achieve your greatest
self ...

to live out your purpose -
do it courageously

Past Masters Night Fellowship



October 5, 2023 Monthly Stated Meeting



November Masonic Birthdays

Member	Date	Years
Boitano, Edward R.	11/29/1955	68
Catig, Eliseo E., PM	11/20/1986	37
Patalot, Danilo C.	11/02/1989	33
Valdez, Hercules H. (PM)	11/29/2007	16
Guevarra, Lauro V. Jr.	01/12/2012	11
Estiva, Ray M.	11/17/2011	12
Catig, Leonard A.	11/07/2013	10
Perez, Edres C.	11/29/2018	5

Reminder!!!

During the November Stated Meeting, election of officers will be conducted. Only Master Masons in good standing and in good moral status with the Lodge and its members can vote. Brothers, claim your rights and benefits by participating in this very important activity of Crocker Lodge 212.

Invitation!!!

Master Masons who would like to re-obligate before the stated meeting are all welcomed. Come to the Lodge at 5:30 for the ceremony!

November Birthday Celebrants

Name	Birthdate
Lauro V. Guevarra, Jr.	2
Mabelito Y. Postadan	3
William Balza	6
Ernesto J. Parrish	6
Glenn A, De Dios	8
Roger A. Presa	10
Marcelo H. Sunga	11
Patrocinio D. Ancheta, PM	12
Jing M. Muya	12
Dionisio J. Tabaloc	12
Gregorio F. Zapata, Jr.	14
Jerome P. Encabo	17
Michael H. Tan	19
Gil M. Lintag	20
Albert B. Balayan, PM	21
Napoleon M. Pena	21
Randy A. Caturay	21
Michael G. Taylor	22
William B. Ritter	23
Thomas C. Chavez, PM	26
Catalino I. Caba, Jr., PM	26
	30



Happy Birthday

A Celebration to Remember—PMs Night



Special Feature



Masonic Education



In addition to the discussion on humility as a masonic virtue, learning on healthy eating was also included. Traditional Philippine regional recipes were prepared for



More Snapshots



Community Service



Crocker Masonic Hall Association

Directors:

Pablito A. Abuda, PM - President (2023)
Hercules H. Valdez, PM—Vice President (2023)
Renato Santos, PM—Secretary (2024)
Edwin Duenas — Chief Financial Officer (2025)
Peter Cossid (2023)
Emmanuel Paje (2025)
Mario Arbis (2024)
Bernardo Gayagoy (2025)
Bernard David (2024)

Ex-Officio Members:

WM Venancio A. Acebedo
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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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