

Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296  
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## Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296 Free and Accepted Masons

Chartered September 1, 2000



August 2009  
Trestleboard

Romi Quinto, PM  
Worshipful Master

### August Schedule of Events:

03 Mon 6:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting	07 Fri 6:30 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
15 Sat 6:30 pm	Golf Fund Raising Tournament. Admiral Baker Field	23 Sun 0800-1600	Miramar Marine Base Annual Picnic

Dark....Dark....Dark....Dark....Dark....

Please send your donations for the fundraising or sponsor a person or group to play in our fundraiser.....



## From the East:

*Worshipful Sirs/Brethren:*

### **What induce you to become a Master Mason?**

Ans. *That I might travel in **foreign countries**, work and received master mason's wages, the better to enable me to support myself and family, aid and assist a distress worthy brother master mason his widow and orphans.*

“ **FOREIGN COUNTRIES**” are used in Freemasonry, is a symbolic place and is not meant to refer to a certain geographical location. Freemasonry itself is a foreign country to every new member. If he is to travel in it, if He is to earn Master's Masons wages, he must learn its language, understands its customs; and study its history. He must become a part of it to fully appreciate and enjoy its privileges and pleasures.

We as Speculative Masons, still desire to travel in foreign countries and some of us feel the urges strongly enough to study Masonry, so may we receive proper instructions and be permitted to travel in foreign countries in Freemasonry. All you have to do is to learn the work and keep yourself in good standing, in order to find lodges everywhere open to you. By studying the writings of Freemasonry, you will find pleasant traveling.

**I would like to thank each and everyone, members and non-members for their participations in our lodge activities. Thank you so much ... your participation is very important to the Health of the Fraternity.**

We are dark in August, but we still have to attend our *Stated Meeting* on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and we have activities on August 15<sup>th</sup> as we are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Golf Fund Raising Tournament @ *Admiral Baker South golf course*. This is a joint venture fund raising event with Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge and Black Mountain Lodge. We will be having our lodge annual picnic at Miramar Picnic Area on August 23 (Sunday).

We need you to support our Golf Fund Raising event, by donating door prizes in kind or cash or be a player. Part of the proceeds will help fund our lodge social activities, like our lodge picnic and upcoming Lodge Anniversary Dinner/Dance on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

I am reaching out to all for your help and support to the Lodge.

Sincerely/Fraternally:

Romi Quinto/ Master



## From the West:

Masonry is Friendship - friendship, first, with the great Companion, of whom our own hearts tell us, who is always nearer to us than we are to ourselves, and whose inspiration and help is the greatest fact of human experience. To be in harmony with his purposes, to be open to His suggestions, to be conscious of fellowship with Him - this is Masonry on its God-ward side. Then, turning man-ward, friendship sums it all up. To be friends with all men, however they may differ from us in creed, color, or condition; to fill every human relation with the spirit of friendship; is there anything more or better than this that the wisest and best men can hope to do? Such is the Spirit of Masonry; such is its ideal, and if to realize it all at once is denied us, surely it means much to see it, love it, and labor to make it come true.

Nor is the spirit of friendship a mere sentiment held by a sympathetic, and therefore unstable, fraternity, which would dissolve the concrete features of humanity into a vague blur of misty emotion. No; it has its roots in a profound philosophy which sees that the universe is friendly, and that men must learn to be friends if they would live as befits the world in which they live, as well as their own origin and destiny. For, since God is the life of all that was, is, and is to be; and since we are all born into the world by one high wisdom and one vast love, we are brothers to the last man of us, forever! For better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, and even after death us do part, all men are held together by ties of spiritual kinship, sons of one eternal friend. Upon this fact human fraternity rests, and it is the basis of the plea of Masonry, not only for freedom, but for friendship among men.

Thus friendship, so far from being a mush of concessions, is in fact the constructive genius of the universe. Love is ever the Builder, and those who have done most to establish the City of God on earth have been the men who loved their fellow men. Once you let this spirit prevail, the wrangling sects will be lost in the great league of those who love in the service of those who suffer. No man will then revile the faith in which his neighbor finds help for today and hope for the morrow; pity will smite him mute, and love will teach him that God is found in many ways, by those who seek him with honest hearts. Once you let this spirit rule in the realm of trade the law of the jungle will cease, and men will strive to build a social order in which all men may have the opportunity "To Live, and to Live Well," as Aristotle defined the purpose of society. Here is the basis of that magical stability aimed at by the earliest artists when they sought to build for eternity, by imitating on earth the House of God. (By: Unknown writer)

Fraternally,  
Arnel A. Paynita, PM  
Senior Warden





## From the South:

### Brethren:

1). **MASONIC HALL ASSOCIATION:** The next monthly meeting for the Hall Association will be held on August 3, 2009 at 6:00PM. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting. As a member of Silvergate-Three Stars #296 you are invited to attend.

2). **August Stated Meeting Dinner:** Our next stated meeting will be held on August 7, 2009. This will be a "Pot Luck" dinner. I encourage each and all of the brothers to bring your favorite dish or dessert to the lodge for the brethren to taste and enjoy.

3). **From the South:** *"Continuing the learning journey"* I have found this statement to be very true both in my personal and professional life as well as in my Masonic journey. Education can be habit forming and once we learn about a subject, the more we desire to learn and understand about the topic as well as the related subject materials. This is especially true in Masonry.

Our Grand Lodge has developed several Masonic Development Courses designed to improve knowledge relating to Lodge Management, Lodge Finance, Membership Development and Retention as well as Hall Association. These Masonic education courses can be taken through the internet and are a self-paced curriculum designed without leaving your home. Many of the brethren who have taken these courses have learned a great deal regarding Masonic information that they were not aware of, or misinformed.

These courses are not only intended for line officers, but the Craft as well. Masonic education is not mandated, but is highly recommended. It is perhaps the one key factor that assists the Brethren interested in the craft, coming to our meetings and a better understanding of their lodge. Now that you heard my exhortations about taking advantage of the many Masonic leadership and lodge management opportunities offered by our Grand Lodge-think about it and speak to the Brothers that have taken these courses and find out for yourself how meaningful this material can be to you as a member of Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge # 296.

To find out more, go to [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) or ask our secretary, WB Mario Rante to guide you along the path. Remember, "the more you learn, the more you will want to learn".

See you in the lodge,  
Brother George, JW

### August Birthday Celebrants

01 Fred Zara	17 William Edmund Mangum
06 Aaron G. Todd, Jr., PM	19 Bregmani Dano, PM
06 Florentino Aguilar	19 Oscar Castillo
08 Wilfredo D. Dominguez	21 David Kurtz
09 Bon San Roque	22 David Kurtz
09 Scott T. Meyer	22 Antonio Decena
09 Romeo Quinto, PM	25 Arden Bryant
09 Yolando San Jose	25 Crisanto Santos, PM
11 Rudolfo Bayle, PM	26 Weldon Arcega, Jr.
12 Dana Levy	27 Armando Arroyo
14 Mithi Acierto	27 Diogenes Bermudo, Jr.
14 Augustus Devera	28 John Koufoudakis
14 Ernesson R. Soriano	28 Mac Arthur Batoyon, PM
17 Augusto Sadile	30 Pabbie Perez
17 Emmanuel De Jesus	31 Zaldy Garcia

### Trestleboard distribution change...

The Lodge is moving forward in Trestleboard mailings. The new change in bulk rate mailing increased the processing time by approx 60 % and when a Trestleboard is returned for any reason, there is a penalty attached to it. The change entails each one of us using our new Website, [silvergatethreestars.org](http://silvergatethreestars.org). Follow the prompts and you'll be fine. Change will take effect in the next two months.

### Proficiencies:

Congratulations to our brothers who have delivered their proficiencies in the "long form"

Bro. Brad McCall: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Bro. Mark Dela Cruz: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree



### Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge List of Officers

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### Masonic Education

*King David and some of the Minor Prophets...*

