

# TRESTLEBOARD

JULY 2025

ISSUE #8



## Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296

### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

As we enter the month of July, the warmth of summer is upon us—and with it, an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect. July is often a busy month for us in lodge conferrals, which typically brings meaningful time and essentially strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood, both within the lodge and beyond its walls.

This month we celebrate **Independence Day**, a time to honor the freedoms we hold dear and the sacrifices made to secure them. Many of our founding fathers were Freemasons, and their vision of liberty, equality, and fraternity remains at the heart of our Craft. Let us take time this July to reflect not only on our country's heritage but also on the values that unite us as Masons.

Though summer schedules may take many of us in different directions, let us not grow idle in our Masonic journey. Whether attending lodge, mentoring a Brother, or practicing the virtues of our Craft in daily life, we each carry the tools of Freemasonry with us wherever we go.

We have much to look forward to in the months ahead, and I encourage every Brother to remain engaged, whether through degree work, lodge events, or simply reaching out to a fellow Mason. Your presence and participation are what keep our lodge strong and vibrant.

May this season bring rest, reflection, and renewed purpose to all.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Marvin Marfa and Brother Angelo Biares on having a very well attended and successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral during the month of June 2025. Brother Marvin was raised on June 13th to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during Past Masters Night. Brother Angelo was raised the following week and made the night very special with plenty of special numbers from the Biares Team. Congratulations as well to Bro Eric Diaz & Bro Andres Covarrubias for being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft last June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that our July Stated Meeting would be a very special meeting as we will be voting upon an amendment to our bylaws - to increase our annual dues to a \$130.00 plus Per Capita set and approved by the Grand Lodge of California. I encourage you to attend and participate in this voting process.

In closing, let us remain steadfast in our attendance, active in our participation, and generous in our support of one another. Whether through degree work, lodge education, or fellowship, there is a place for every brother to contribute meaningfully.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to guide our thoughts, words, and actions as we remain engaged and committed to the Craft.

Fraternally yours.,

Brother John Trias  
Worshipful Master 2025

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,  
As we welcome the warmth and energy of July, I am proud to reflect on the

remarkable progress our brothers have made on their Masonic journey. This past month was filled with significant milestones that strengthen the bond and future of our lodge.

First and foremost, congratulations to Bro. Marvin Marfa and Bro. Angelo Biares, who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Their journey has been marked by dedication, humility, and a sincere desire to grow in light and service. May they continue to embody the values of our ancient craft as they now stand as full Master Masons.

We also celebrate the advancement of Bro. Ericson Diaz and Bro. Andres Covarrubias, who passed the Degree of Fellowcraft. Their continued progress reflects their commitment to learning and living the principles of Freemasonry.

As we gather this July, let us be reminded that each degree conferred is not just a ceremony but a renewal of purpose—for the candidate and for each of us as mentors, brothers, and stewards of the craft. Let us stay active, united, and ever striving toward Masonic excellence.

On the Level

Brother Reggie Corpuz  
Senior Warden 2025



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

This month we are observing Fourth of July or Independence Day, so as we celebrate with festivities and fireworks let us put to mind those safety precautions to keep us away from any danger. We should always remember that our freedom and democracy were forged by our founding fathers, some of whom are Masons.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our brothers and petitioners who are always willing to go out of their way to support and assist in various roles: from setting up the hall, for preparing, cooking and serving foods for our events, and cleaning and putting away the chairs and tables. This physical act of charity kindles that light that glows fervently in our hearts which keeps us dwell in unity and harmony. We also have several degree conferrals lined up for this month so check your emails for the weekly schedule sent out by our WB Secretary. Hope to see you all at our stated meeting on July 11, 2025.

By the Plumb  
Brother Tomas Lustina  
Junior Warden 2025

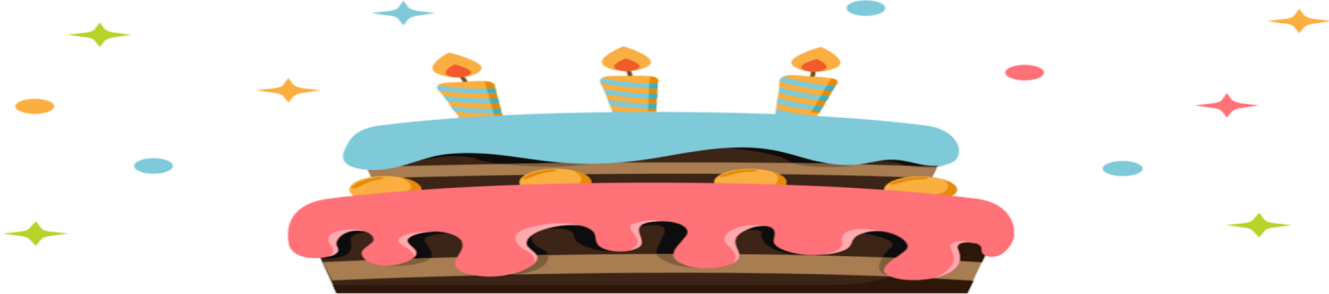
STATED MEETING MENU

JULY DINNER

Pork ribs and Chicken BBQ, Garlic Green beans, Mashed potatoes  
Clam chowder soup, Spring Salad and Dressing, Cake and drinks

JULY BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ladd Badol        | Ernie Bautista   | Percival Bautista | Vistacion Bergado | Vincent Cabalnab    |
| Jack Canavan      | Jaime Cate       | Jerome Chavez     | Paul Clark        | Norberto Crisostomo |
| Reynaldo Cruz     | Reynaldo Delgado | Jerry Fabula      | Marcus Ford       | Pete Florendo       |
| Dennis Jose       | Alfredo Marty    | Salvador Magluyan | Eward Mahoney     | Steven Morehead     |
| Reynaldo Manalili | Antonio Noza     | Julius Otbo       | Mariano Prades    | Lauro San Jose      |
| Nelson Vinas      |                  |                   |                   |                     |

July 2025						
◀ Jun 2025						Aug 2025 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Degree Conferral Practice	2 Degree Conferral	3	4 Holiday – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Stated Meeting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 DOSI	19
20	21	22	23 Proficiency and Degree Conferral Practice	24	25 Degree Conferral	26
27	28 Temple Board Meeting	29	30	31		



Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge List of Officers Masonic Year 2025		
Officers	Name	Spouse
Master	John Trias	Rachelle
Senior Warden	Reginald Corpuz	Kristine
Junior Warden	Tomas Lustina Jr.	Beth
Treasurer	Alfonso Farinas, PM	Rowena
Secretary	Jeff Tan, PM	Susana
Assistant Secretary	Phillip Lastrella	Alma
Chaplain	Val Bautista, PM	Tess
Senior Deacon	Robelle Manipon	Angelyn
Junior Deacon	Anthony Katimbang	Catherine
Marshall	Chito Biales	Marife
Senior Steward	Jan Paolo Bacolod	N/A
Junior Steward	Jonathan Lastrella	N/A
Tiler	Jose Quintua	Juliana
Organist	Rey Toledo, PM	Elsie
Officer's Coach	Arthur Coloma, PM	Annabelle
Officer's Coach	Mamerto Eclarinal, PM	Encar
Officer's Coach	Patrick Carreon, PM	Cathrine
925th Masonic District Inspector	Rod Cuevas, PM	Maria

Silver Gate Three Stars Masonic Hall Association	
Officers	Name
President	Val Bautista, PM
Vice Preseident	Danny Salcedo, PM
Treasurer	Fidel Soriano, PM
Secretary	Robelle Manipon
Ex-Officio	John Trias
Ex-Officio	Reggie Corpuz
Member	Mario Soriano
Member	Amy Sulog
Member	Anthony Katimbang
Member	Jonathan Lastrella
Member	Jan Paolo Bacolod
Facility Coordinator	Tony Bersamera
Custodian	

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**New Application Fees:**

Application fee for degree: \$354.00 includes other fees to Grand Lodge.

Application fee for Affiliation: Out of State: \$94.00

From the Secretary’s Table

**2025 Dues Fee is \$147.00.**

Kindly attend to your Dues as soon as you are able. You can pay online (processing fee applies) when you register on [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org), you will need to contact the Secretary for your member number. Once registered and dues paid you will be able to print your 2025 Dues Card.

**MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES**

**Masonic Senior Outreach**

**Services Provided**

**Information & Referrals**

- Community Contact Information
- Offer Professional Guidance
- Eligibility
- No Masonic affiliation required.
- Simply call Masonic Assistance Line:

**1-(888) 466-3642** (social worker conducts interview)

**Case Management**

- Help securing community resources.
- Need based, no time limits.
- Offer guidance & hands on assistance.

Eligibility Must be:

- California Mason in good standing, his wife, widowerminor children.

**Financial Case Management**

- Provide a care manager.
- Must meet financial criteria.

**Eligibility Must be:**

- California Mason of five (5) or more years in good standing, his wife, widow, or minor children.
- Demonstrate financial need (no minimum or maximum established). Have no more than \$2,000 (single) or \$3,500 (couple) in liquid assets.
- Not used to off debt.
- Last resort. Client already receiving all community, state, federal, and family support first.
- Does not require skilled nursing or 24 hr. home care. Repayment expected, if clients attain assets.