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Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

The month of July was a busy month for us particularly with many degree conferrals. I would like to congratulate the following brothers: Bro Melvin Garcia, Bro Bruno Paoletti, & Bro Romanram Biales for being Initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason. These brothers respectively received an outstanding conferral from the brethren. Big KUDOS to Brother Robelle Manipon for delivering an outstanding 1st Degree Lecture & Brother Jonathan Lastrella for a spectacular delivery of 1st Degree Charge. I also would like to congratulate Bro Marvin Marfa for passing his 3rd Degree Proficiency last week.

As the summer progresses, I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. August brings with it a time of reflection and renewed focus. While some of us may take time away for rest and travel, let us also remember that the work of the Craft never ceases—it merely adapts to the season.

This month, I encourage each of us to pause and consider the principles that first drew us to Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief, and truth. Whether in lodge or in our daily lives, we have countless opportunities to embody these virtues and share them with the world.

Freemasonry teaches us to improve ourselves and our communities through light, labor, and love. Whether in lodge or in daily life, we are all builders—working to shape our own character, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and to offer

Relief where it is needed. Let us not forget the work of a Mason is never done, and that each day is a fresh opportunity to make good men better.

Our lodge has a number of important events and opportunities for fellowship this month. I invite all brethren, especially those we haven't seen in a while, to return and share in the light. Your presence is not only welcomed—it's vital to the strength and spirit of our lodge.

Here are some of the Special Events:

1. August Stated Meeting on August 1st, 2025.
2. 925th Masonic District 3rd Degree Conferral on August 8th, 2025, upon Bro Brian Schnaithman.
3. Lodge Clean Up – August 10th, 2025
4. MGM (Mga Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason) on August 15-17th.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that at our September Stated Meeting, we will be voting upon an amendment to our bylaws. The proposed amendment is to increase our annual dues. This amendment requires a 2/3 affirmative vote to be carried. Your presence on this day is very crucial so please attend our September Stated meeting.

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.

Let us continue to support one another in spirit and action, remaining true to our obligations and the sacred trust we share as Masons.

Fraternally yours.,

Brother John Trias

Worshipful Master 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

August, often referred to as the height of summer, is a time marked by

warmth, growth, and introspection. It is a season of ripening—when the efforts we've planted throughout the year begin to bear fruit. Similarly, our lodge continues to grow and flourish through the dedication and commitment of its members.

I am proud to congratulate our newly initiated brothers, Bro. Melvin Garcia and Bro. Bruno Paoletti, who has taken their first steps into the light by receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree. Welcome, brothers, to a lifelong journey of learning, growth, and brotherly fellowship. May your Masonic path be filled with purpose and enlightenment.

Additionally, I would like to recognize and commend Bro. Ericson Diaz and Bro. Andres Covarrubias for successfully demonstrating their proficiency in the Fellowcraft Degree. Your hard work and dedication reflect the true spirit of Masonic perseverance, and we look forward to witnessing your continued advancement toward the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Let us all be reminded that every degree, every proficiency, and every moment shared within our Lodge contributes to the greater light of Freemasonry. August is a time of preparation and reflection as we look forward to further degree work and meaningful fellowship. I encourage each brother to remain active, engaged, and supportive of one another. Together, we build not only a stronger Lodge but a deeper bond of brotherhood.

On the Level

Brother Reggie Corpuz

Senior Warden 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you Worshipful Sirs and Brethren for your trust and confidence in selecting me as SGTSL#296 2025 Mason of the Year. I am truly humbled and honored for such recognition, your unwavering support and assistance has inspired me to perform every task needed to maintain harmony in the lodge. The award ceremony will be held on our September 2025 Stated Meeting.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate several of our brothers who have made significant progress in their journey as Masons for the past month. Brothers Bruno Paoletti and Romanram Biares for being initiated to the 1st Degree of Masonry and these brothers who successfully completed their proficiency examination: Brothers Andres Covarrubias and Ericson Diaz for Fellow Craft degree; and Brother Marvin Marfa for Master Mason degree.

Finally, I would like to thank all that supported and assisted in our hosting the DOSI; from preparing the food, setting up the hall and performing in the exemplification of the degree scheduled by the District Inspector. Also, shout out to those that participated in the beach clean-up and picnic at the Ventura Cove in Mission Bay. On August 8th we will be hosting the combined District 925 3rd degree conferral upon Brother Brian Schnaithman. Please standby for more information and updates regarding the lodge’s schedules.

By the Plumb

Brother Tomas Lustina Junior Warden 2025

STATED MEETING MENU

AUGUST DINNER

Steak, Rice Blend, Sauteed mushroom Corn chowder Apple Salad Dinner roll/pandesal
and Birthday Cake

AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| Edward Alonzon | Weldon Arcega | Armando Arroyo | Diogenes Bermundo | Dominador Borillo |
| Pastor Calvelo | Edwin Cruz | Bregmani Dano | Antonio Decena | Augustus Devera |
| Emmanuel DeJesus | Wilfredo Dominguez | David Dumlao | Eduardson Ednilao | Allan Felicano |
| Zaldy Garcia | Remigio Icasas | Dana Levy | Benjamin Nguyen | Ruben Ordono |
| Aldrin Poblete | Pabie Perez | Romeo Quinto | Augusto Sadile | Crisanto Santos |
| Stephen Villanueva | Fred Zara | | | |

August 2025						
◀ Jul 2025						Sep 2025 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stated Meeting	2
3	4	5	6 Degree Conferral Practice	7	8 925 th Masonic District Degree Conferral	9
10 Lodge Clean up	11	12	13	14	15 Lodge Dark MGM San Diego	16 MGM San Diego
17 MGM San Diego	18	19	20 Proficiency and Degree Conferral	21	22 Degree Conferral	23
24	25	26 Temple Board Meeting	27	28	29 Lodge Dark	30
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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	Danny Salcedo, PM
Vice President	Amy Sulog
Treasurer	Fidel Soriano, PM
Secretary	Robelle Manipon
Ex-Officio	John Trias
Ex-Officio	Reggie Corpuz
Member	Mario Soriano
Member	Phillip Lastrella
Member	Anthony Katimbang
Member	Jonathan Lastrella
Member	Jan Paolo Bacolod
Facility Coordinator	
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, 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.