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Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

As I lay down the gavel and close my term in the East, my heart is filled with gratitude and humility. Serving as your Worshipful Master has been one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey. At this moment, I find myself reflecting — what an honor and privilege it has been to serve Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge and you. Together, we have continued the ancient work of building — not in stone, but in friendship, charity, and truth. This year has brought challenges and triumphs alike. We have welcomed 26 new Brothers into Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296; 11 new brothers came from applications and 15 from affiliations. We honored four of those who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above and more importantly, we fought and continued to strengthen the bonds that make our Lodge a true home of brotherly love. I offer my deepest gratitude to all the officers of SGTS whose dedication and support made our work possible. Your teamwork has been the steady foundation upon which every success was built. The officers of SGTS made this year a very fulfilling one. I am so proud and honored to have labored side by side with you. A BIG shout out and much thanks to my incredibly special Executive Committee (SW, JW, W Treasurer, WSec) who never stops thinking about how we can better serve and contribute more to the Lodge. To the Officers Coaches, thank you for never ending support to our officers. To our Golf Fundraising Committee led by WB Val Bautista, thank you for your hard work and dedication. To the 25th Anniversary Committee led by WB Mark Dela Cruz, we indeed delivered an amazing accomplishment. To the Kitchen Crew led

by Bro Joseph Sedeno and Bro Tony Bersamera, your loyalty and dedication to the craft are truly commendable. Thank you is not enough for me to say. I am deeply in debt to you for everything that you have done and will continue to do for the Lodge. Lastly, to Brother Phillip Lastrella, thank you for taking the role of mentoring and being the direct link to all applicants, and most especially guiding our young brothers through their masonic journey. Brethren, NO Master ever labors alone, and I have been blessed with a team whose light has never dimmed.

To the Past Masters, I thank you for your wise counsel and steady guidance. Your experience and encouragement have been a constant source of my strength. My year would fail if you were not part of it. Your mentorship and never-ending guidance/wisdom have been the driving force for me. It gave me consistent motivation and laser focus to continue to lead and never stops finding the light. To the brethren, thank you for your trust, support, attendance, and participation. Each of you contributes to the life of our Lodge, and it is through your continued involvement that our traditions endure. We have shared labor, laughter, and light together, and through it all, the bonds of brotherhood have grown stronger. Though my time in the East concludes, my service to the Craft continues, and I look forward to standing beside each of you as a fellow laborer in the quarries of Freemasonry. As I pass the Gavel to my successor, I ask each of you to continue supporting him as you have supported me. The future of our Lodge rests in the steady hands and faithful hearts of its members. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless and keep you all.

Fraternally yours.,

Brother John Trias

Worshipful Master 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

It is a great honor to have presided over my first stated meeting as Senior Warden. I am deeply grateful for the guidance, wisdom, and encouragement shared by our Past Masters; your words continue to inspire and strengthen my journey in Masonry.

This month has been both eventful and fulfilling. Congratulations to Brothers Andres Cubaruvias and Rhex Cabagnet for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Your dedication and perseverance reflect the true spirit of our Craft. I also want to commend Brothers Ram Biarez and Melvin Garcia for advancing to the Degree of Fellowcraft—may your light continue to grow as you progress in your Masonic journey.

We also witnessed a successful and heartwarming Hiram Award Ceremony, during which we honored Worshipful Brother Rey Toledo as this year's deserving recipient. His years of commitment, service, and leadership exemplify living Masonry in both word and deed.

My sincere thanks go out to all the officers, brethren, and families who contributed to the success of our events. Together, we continue to strengthen our Lodge and uphold the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

On the Level

Brother Reggie Corpuz
Senior Warden 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

First of all, I would like to congratulate these brothers who have progressed in their masonic journey during the past month: Brother Andy Covarrubias and Brother Rhex Cabagnot for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; Brother Ram Biases and Brother Melvin Garcia for passing to the Fellow Craft degree; and congratulations to WB Rey Toledo for receiving the Hiram Award for this year. The ceremonies were indeed spectacular, and the foods provided were very delicious and sumptuous. Once again, the collective and tireless efforts by the kitchen crew and servers made these events a huge success. Secondly, we will be electing the incoming officers for the next masonic year during this month's stated meeting. I strongly encourage all brother Master Masons to attend and participate in this very important event. On November 14, we will be having a 3rd Degree conferral upon Brother Ericson Diaz, and this will be the last conferral for this masonic year. This year's pillars and a past master attended the 176th Annual Communication at the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco, CA to cast our votes on several resolutions proposed by the Grand Master (GM) and some carry over resolutions from the previous GM and the results are now being released by the Grand Lodge.

Finally, we are now fast approaching the end of the Masonic Year 2025 which will culminate at the installation of the incoming Lodge Officers for Masonic Year 2026 scheduled on November 22, 2025. As we move forward to another year, let us join together in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

By the Plumb
Brother Tomas Lustina
Junior Warden 2025

STATED MEETING MENU

NOVEMBER DINNER

Soup, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and Birthday Cake

November BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Aristoteles Afan	Nestor Agsalon	Angelo Almogela	Armando Angeles	Howdiel Baloy
Junar Bulatao	Solomon Cabalic	Paterno Castillo	Yingcan Chen	Reginald Corpuz
Salvador Covarrubias	Angelito Dano	Allan Dela Cruz	Gil De Leon	Edwin Ebreo
Herodito Edra	Renato Estrada	Michael Fang	Joel Garcia	Avelino Garlejo
William Graham	Patrick Kennedy	Nuevo Lozano	Christopher Lucero	Willam Mabey
Conrad Marinas	Carlos Martell	Emmanuel Neal	Francis Onate	Romeo Ordinario
Ernesto Parrish	Cesario Rafael	Leopoldo Reyes	Alexander Rivera	Francisco Sinsin
Amy Sulog	John Sumera	John Trias		

November 2025						
◀ Oct 2025						Dec 2025 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Temple Board Meeting	5	6	7 Stated Meeting and General Election of Lodge Officers	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Degree Conferral Practice and Proficiency	14 3rd Degree Conferral	15
16	17	18	19 Past Masters / Officers Meeting Installation of Officers Practice and Lodge Set-up	20 Installation of Officers Practice and Lodge Set-up	21 Installation of Officers Practice and Lodge Set-up	22 Installation of Lodge Officers
23	24	25 Temple Board Meeting	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving Day	28 Lodge Dark	29
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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	Vacant	
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 Office **NOTIFICATION**

Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,
At the September Stated Meeting it was voted on
and approved to amend our Dues Fees and
has been approved by the
Grand Master of California

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, widower/minor 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.

Please visit our website: <https://www.silvergatethreestars.org>

At the 2025 Grand Lodge of California Annual Communication, the following resolutions and recommendations were among those **passed and adopted**:

- **Master Mason Proficiency Requirement:** A resolution requiring Masons to complete their Master Mason proficiency *before* being nominated to the offices of master, senior warden, or junior warden (Resolution No. 24-01) passed with a 78.73% vote.
- **Grand Lodge Officer Titles:** Resolution No. 25-04, which changed the titles of Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, and Organist to Grand Musician, Assistant Grand Musician, and Musician, was passed.
- **Electronic Membership Cards:** A resolution authorizing the issuance of electronic membership cards that all lodges must recognize was passed.
- **Restoration Period for Suspended Masons:** A recommendation (Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5) to extend the restoration repayment period for Masons suspended for non-payment of dues from two years to three years has passed.
- **Centralized Suspensions:** A recommendation was passed to centralize the notification process for suspensions due to non-payment of dues, moving the responsibility from individual lodge secretaries to the Grand Lodge's centralized system.
- **Committee Structure Updates:** Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1, which updated the rules around membership, duties, and tenure for several Grand Lodge committees, was approved.

A resolution to allow the Cicero Research Lodge to hold a single stated meeting annually during the Annual Communication (Resolution No. 25-02) was also on the agenda, but its specific outcome (passed or failed) was not detailed in the provided summaries.

In addition to the Master Mason proficiency requirement, the following resolutions and recommendations were among those **passed** at the 2025 Grand Lodge of California Annual Communication:

- **Electronic Membership Cards** A resolution authorizing the issuance of electronic membership cards was adopted, requiring lodges to recognize them in the same manner as traditional paper cards.
- **Stated Meetings in the First-Degree** A resolution to permit lodges to hold their stated (business) meetings in the first degree was passed. This change allows Entered Apprentices (EA) and Fellow Crafts (FC) to attend lodge business meetings.
- **Centralized Suspensions** A Grand Master's Recommendation (No. 3) to centralize the notification and administrative process for suspensions due to non-payment of dues, moving the primary responsibility from individual lodge secretaries to the Grand Lodge system, was passed.
- **Restoration Period for Suspended Masons** Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5, which lengthens the restoration repayment period for Masons suspended for non-payment of dues from two years to three years, was adopted.
- **Elimination of Officer Associations** Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2, which eliminates outdated code provisions relating to officers' associations (which are rare today), was passed.
- **Cicero Research Lodge Meetings** Resolution 25-02, allowing the newly formed Cicero Research Lodge to hold a single stated meeting annually during the Annual Communication, was passed.
- **Grand Lodge Officer Titles** Resolution 25-04, changing the titles of Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, and Organist to Grand Musician, Assistant Grand Musician, and Musician, was passed.
- **Budget and Fees** The 2025-2026 budget was adopted, and the per capita assessment was fixed at \$68.50. The background check fee was set at \$40.00.