

# TRESTLEBOARD

Jan 2026

ISSUE #2



## Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296

### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,

As we embrace the arrival of a new year, I extend my warmest fraternal greetings and heartfelt wishes for health, joy, and renewed purpose to each of you. January marks not only the beginning of our Masonic endeavors for 2026 but also the ongoing brotherly love and unity that guided us through a meaningful and memorable holiday season.

Our Christmas activities served as a brilliant reminder of what makes our Lodge truly special. The fellowship we shared, the generosity of our donors, and the joyful smiles of the families we reached fostered a spirit of compassion that befits our Craft. I express my sincere gratitude to all who contributed their time, resources, and energy, whether through meal preparation, donation coordination, or support for our community outreach initiatives. Your kindness exemplified the very essence of Masonry and reinforced our brotherly bonds.

As we return to our work, I eagerly anticipate a productive and inspiring year ahead. Our January stated meeting will be pivotal in setting the tone for the months to come, as we finalize our program, discuss key objectives, and reaffirm our commitment to self-improvement and strengthening the Lodge

I encourage each brother to participate actively, share your ideas, and continue the tradition of mentorship and unity that characterizes our Lodge.

Let us step into this new year with open hearts and steady hands, holding our obligations close and fortifying our Fraternity. May our actions reflect the principles we cherish, and may our Lodge remain a beacon of light within our community.

Thank you, Brethren, for your steadfast support. It is a true honor to serve you.

Fraternally yours,

Reginald Corpuz  
Worshipful Master 2026

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Worshipful Sirs/Brethren,

I hope you all had a wonderful and joyful Holiday Season. As we close out the year 2025, we did some significant and noteworthy events

From our election and appointment as lodge officers for the upcoming masonic year to our installation that was done in a very solemn and subtle manner with the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California RW Charles Cross as the installing officer accompanied by the extraordinary and talented members of the installing team: WB Lito Oxina as the Master of Ceremonies, WB Ben Billena as the Installing Chaplain, Bro Gil De Leon as the Installing Musician, and WB Rodrigo Cuevas as the event Host. Special thanks to WB Pat and Sis Cathrine Carreon for setting up the lodge for the installation.

The other event that we had was the Annual Lodge Christmas Party, where we had a surprisingly large number of attendees from families, friends, and guests. There were a lot of prizes and giveaways given to the lucky individuals, and to the kids who were present receiving their Christmas gifts from Santa Claus.

This month of January, I will begin sharing some kind of masonic education, especially to our new members. My first topic is about the symbolism in Freemasonry, particularly the Apron. It is the initial gift of Freemasonry to the candidate. The new Entered Apprentice is informed that it is the unique badge of a Mason, and that he must wear it at each tiled meeting. He is instructed to wear it as an emblem of innocence and honor, pure and unspotted before the world. The symbolic meaning of the apron is described to the initiate in a very colorful language. It is to be worn with pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity without stain of dishonorable word or deed upon its fair white surface, and to remind him of purity of mind and morals. As he advances, he will gain further instruction on wearing the apron as a Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The apron, therefore, should be the focal point of his self-examination and reflection, year after year, as he grows and matures in life and in Masonry.

Please take note that our January 2026 Stated Meeting is now scheduled for January 9th instead of the 2nd. Check the Trestle Board calendar for the rest of the events scheduled this month. Also, do not forget to pay your annual dues which now cost \$203.

On the Level,

Brother Tom Lustina  
Senior Warden 2026

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Worshipful Sirs/Brethren,  
First and for most Happy New Year,

As the Lodge turns the page for Masonic Year 2026, I hope we grow towards building harmony, growth for a better understanding of Freemasonry.  
I would like to thank Brother Efen Dela Pena, Brother Rey Tiong, WB Joe Dano, Brother Tony Bersamira, Brother Brian Schnaithman, Petitioners David Parra, Vincent Linsay and the other supportive Brothers for their assistance in the Kitchen during the Stated Meeting Dinner and Christmas Party.  
Again, I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters, who lead, assisted, and gave their individual expertise and talents for our Annual Christmas Party which was a success from the delicious foods to the entertainment and games of the kids and adults with Santa. This would not be possible without your continued support.

By the Plumb,

Brother Phillip Lastrella  
Junior Warden 2026

# STATED MEETING MENU

## JANUARY DINNER

**Soup, Meatloaf, Chicken Alfredo with Noodles and Broccoli and  
Birthday Cake**



### JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

Heracleo Alcaraz	Jan Paolo Bacolod	Jaime Balatan	Noel Bautista	Jake Bedonj
Joniffer Bulatao	Alfredo Cabrera	Joseph Camara	Jesse Cate	Ferdinand Dar
Randy De Leon	Wilson Esguerra	Benhur Evangelista	Jeffrey Herrera	Kenneth Kirkconnell
Phillip Lastrella	Miguel Montes	Joshua Moore	Maynard Ogot	Nino Oliveros
Estelito Oxina	Charlie Palomo	Bee Papa	Brian Schnaithman	Samuel Sebastian
Edward Serna	Fernando Vargas	Elmer Vigilia	James Zopfi	

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years' Day	2 Lodge Dark	3
4	5	6 Temple Board Meeting	7	8	9 Stated Meeting	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Lodge Dark	17
18	19 MLK Holiday	20	21 Practice for Degree Conferral	22	23 Degree Conferral	24
25	26	27	28 Practice for Degree Conferral	29	30 Degree Conferral	31



**Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge  
List of Officers Masonic Year 2026**

Officers	Name	Spouse
Master	Reginald Corpuz	Kristine
Senior Warden	Tomas Lustina Jr	Beth
Junior Warden	Phillip Lastrella	Alma
Treasurer	Alfonso Farinas, PM	Rowena
Secretary	Jeff Tan, PM	Susana
Assistant Secretary	Jonathan Lastrella	N/A
Chaplain	Romeo Hacinas	Zenaida
Senior Deacon	Anthony Katimbang	Catherine
Junior Deacon	Chito Biases	Marife
Marshall	Marvina Marfa	N/A
Senior Steward	Christopher Bulanlag	N/A
Junior Steward	Andres Covarrubias	Miyuki
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		

**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	Reginald Corpuz
Ex-Officio	Tomas Lustina
Member	Mario Soriano
Member	Phillip Lastrella
Member	Anthony Katimbang
Member	Jonathan Lastrella
Member	Jan Paolo Bacolod
Facility Coordinator	Martin Hizon
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**

**2026 Dues Fee is \$203.00**

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 2026 Dues Card.

***MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES***

**Masonic Senior Outreach**

**Services Provided**

**Information & Referrals**

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

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

**Case Management**

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

Eligibility Must be:

- x California Mason in good standing, his wife, widower, minor children.

**Financial Case Management**

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

**Eligibility Must be:**

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

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