

# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

We have passed the half-way point of the Masonic year and I can confidently tell you that it was a huge success. We were able to meet all our pre-scheduled activities coupled with the continuing conferral of degrees. The Mid-Year report I submitted to the Inspector as of the close of June 30, 2009, which is published in a separate page of this Trestleboard, will attest to this statement of a successful Masonic year. I prepared a Mid-Year report so that you can have a firsthand knowledge of the doings of our Lodge, especially those who have not been to the Lodge for the first six months of the Masonic year.

We continue to refurbish our Recreation Room to make it more presentable as it has been the traditional place where we hold our Fellowship Activities before and after each Masonic activity. I would like to thank Brother Rene Esmane for taking time out from his busy schedules to purchase the wall paintings that now adorn the Recreation Room. Kudos also for Brothers Dan Ibanez and Ed Labingpuno for helping him in installing the paintings.

Our newly raised Brothers are indeed showing that they are great addition to the Craft. Not only that they have been very helpful in all our social activities but are also participating in our degree conferrals. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of Brother Lee Razalan, Sr., Brother Esmane, who is a Mason for only close to two (2) months, has ably delivered the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree charge for Brother Razalan. This is indeed the trend in our Lodge where I see the Brethren practicing selfless dedication to the teachings and purposes of Freemasonry.

With the several events line-up for the duration of the Masonic year, the Lodge will continue to be busy. However, I pretty confident that with the continuing active support of all the Brethren, this succeeding months will be equally successful. It is easy to achieve the desired goals if everyone provides support to ensure its success. And that is what we are seeing in the Lodge where Brethren work hand-in-hand for a common goal, the "Best Interests of the Craft." I invite each one of you to visit our Lodge and be a witness to its continuing transformation for the good of Freemasonry and its members.

I thank all of you for your support!

Fraternally,

Morel R. Callueng  
Worshipful; Master

**From the South...**

Brethren, we are now in the middle of this Masonic year and the Lodge is performing at it's best. This is due to your commitment and dedicated services to our fraternity. And most impressively to our newly obligated Master Mason Brothers who have been attending our Stated meetings , Degree Conferences, OSI, and Fellowships regularly. Keep up the good work my Brothers for the best interest of our Lodge and to the fraternity.

Again , let us welcome our newly Entered Apprentice Mason brothers, Lee Razalan. Noel Nodalo and Manuel Dela Roca. My congratulations on your admission into our ancient and honorable fraternity. Also, a reminder not to forget the Advisory Council Training to be scheduled this coming August 8, 2009. Demolay Advisors, please mark your calendar on this date to attend this very important training for our Demolay Chapter. Further information will be given to you by mouth to ear or thru e-mail.

Our Summer Dance was very successful and very well attended ( over 160 guest) by the Brethren of both Gardena Moneta Lodge and Beverly Hills Lodge who jointly sponsored the event. It was truly indeed an enjoyable night of Karaoke singing and dancing to the variety of music played by the Reload band. Brethren of different Lodges , together with their families, friends, and guest has once again join us in our assembly and bond with us in this fellowship. My heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your participation and overwhelming support to our Summer Dance. And also for celebrating with me and my family... my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you so much!

Fraternally,  
Bro Flor Cabanatan  
Junior Warden

Brethren,

Here we are with over half of our year gone and I am happy to say that I am once again back in the office trying to keep up with the large volume of bookwork that is required to keep our financial house in order. A large volume for a truck driver anyway.

As most of you know, it was not that long ago that I suffered a major heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass surgery. I have to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for giving me more time and for guiding the skills of those that were responsible for my repair and recovery, this was a major wake up call to be more attentive to God, Family and Friends and not sweat the little stuff. I want to say how much it meant to me to receive the cards of support and the visits of friends during this time of recovery. But now that I am back to work in the office, I must say that I am a little disturbed to see that there is a large number of my Brothers that have not yet paid there dues. Brethren, please do not let your membership just fall by the wayside. If there is a financial consideration on your part during this time of economic troubles, just simply let Worshipful Morel know and it will go no future than that.

Your Lodge is strong and getting stronger every week under the leadership that is now in place and I see this trend continuing for years to come. I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge some night, but if you can't drop by, just drop me a line as I would like to hear from you. Remember, **MASONRY IS MORE THAN JUST A RING.**

Fraternally,  
Dana Wyatt PM  
Treasurer

**Child ID**

Wednesday, August 12 starting at 6:30p, the Lodge Officers, Worshipful Master, Morel R. Callueng, Ken Martin, PM and I attended the "Community Night Out and Open House" event at the Carson Sheriff's Station and operated the Child ID Program.

Brothers from Torrance University Lodge also attended this event and I'm happy to report the turning over to them the Carson Child ID Kit #2. Instruction was given on how to set-up and run this equipment. The Torrance Lodge now has a complete set furnished by the City of Carson and I am sure they will make good use of it.

Our Lodge Members were shown how to run this program and now have the ability as a Lodge, to run 3 separate events at the same time.

Our Lodge members provided **96** ID's and the Torrance Lodge provided **56** ID's to both children **AND** adults.

We were requested to run this most valuable program at an event to be held on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at **9 am** at the **Carson Home Depot** on Sepulveda and Main Street, Carson. **ALL** Brothers not attending the Annual Communication in San Francisco, are invited to attend and help with this upcoming event.

Many thanks to all the Brothers and Officers who gave of their time in helping with the running of this most recent event....Especially to Ken Martin, PM.

Again, many thanks to all in attendance.

Al Fowler, PM,  
Child ID Chairman

June 22, 2009

Worshipful Charles Cross, Inspector, 717<sup>th</sup> Masonic District  
2279 West Golden West Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92804-6427

Re: Mid- Year Report of Gardena Moneta Lodge 372

Dear Worshipful Cross:

I am submitting this Mid-Year report relative to the state of our Lodge, Gardena Moneta 372.

### **Masonic Programs for the Year**

Masonic Information (Layman's )Night, Valentine's Day Party, Public School Observance, Hiram Award, Youth Order Month

We opened the Masonic year with the Masonic Information Night. It was a very successful event with a very active and lively discourse between the Brethren on the one side, and the guests and visitors on the other. This Layman's night resulted to four (4) applications for the degrees of Masonry. Those four (4) applicants had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

We followed this with another big event, the Valentine's Day party on February 13, 2009 jointly with Beverly Hills Lodge 528. This event was graced by close to one hundred eighty (180) guests, including our Assistant Grand Secretary, the Worshipful Ted Galsim. In April we held the Public School Observance night by honoring the Outstanding Teacher of Gardena High School. The event was graced by the School principal, Mr. Kevin Kennedy. The guests were treated with the music of a live band and everybody partake on a sumptuous dinner of Filipino dishes. The honoree Dora Assuncao was presented with a plaque and the School principal was likewise presented with a perpetual plaque to be displayed at the Principal's office.

May was also a busy month. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we honored Alvin "AL" Fowler, PM as the Hiram Awardee for 2009. It was a very solemn event to pay tribute to a worthy and exemplary Mason. The guests and Brethren were unanimous in their praises for Worshipful Fowler as having exemplified and continues to exemplify the tenets of the craft of selfless dedication to his Fraternity and the community. We also donated \$500 to Bethel 2 of the International Order of the Jobs Daughters. We approved in our May Stated Meeting the establishment of DeMolay Chapter in our Lodge. I have already appointed fifteen (15) Brethren who will serve as Chapter Advisors. Justine Daza-Ritchie, PM of Liberal Arts Lodge has volunteered to hold a seminar or training for these Brethren regarding their duties and responsibilities as Chapter Advisors. In relation to this, we have entered two (2) Basketball teams at the South Bay Basketball League in the City of Carson. Five of the players playing therein are already Demolays and will form the core of our Demolay Chapter. I received positive feedback that those players therein are interested to join the Demolay in the soon to be established Chapter in our Lodge.

On the charitable side, we have the continuing canned goods donation. The canned goods solicited from this activity will be donated to the City of Gardena for the homeless and needy residents of the city. The Brethren have answered the call and the result so far is very encouraging. This activity will be an ongoing one up to the end of my term.

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Since January 2009 we have initiated fourteen (14) applicants. ***Of these applicants, we already raised ten (10) to the sublime degree of Master Mason.*** The four remaining candidates are scheduled next month to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. We also scheduled two (2) candidates to receive their first degree in July. The officers and some sideliners are proficient and capable in performing the degree work. We are, however, fortunate to have been supported by different Lodges in our degree conferrals, namely: Beverly Hills Lodge 528, West Covina Lodge 446, Torrance University Lodge 394, and Artesia Sunrise Lodge 377.

### **Fellowship**

From March–May 2009, we held the Gardena Moneta Lodge 372 Fellowship Basketball Games at YMCA gym in Gardena. It was a sight to behold seeing Brethren competing against each other, and after the game we retired to the Lodge for refreshment with our families. This event surely cemented the relationship among the Brethren and we also reconnected with their family members. On June 20 the billiard's table at the Lodge was repaired at the cost of \$280.00. The Brethren contributed to shoulder the cost associated with the repair. We had a surplus of \$100.00, which I gave to our Junior Warden for the use of our Demolay Teams participating in the South Bay League. We will start in July the Billiard's Fellowship Tournament. I committed to donate the Champion's trophy.

### **Miscellaneous**

I have cut our budget for our Stated Meeting dinners to six months only. As for the six other months I have made it a potluck. This is one way of cutting expenses. Also, in our Valentine's Party we budgeted only \$250.00 and the other expenses associated with it were shouldered by the Brethren. Also, in our Hiram Award, our budget for it was \$500.00 but we only spent \$300.00. I have commissioned our Sisters from Harbor San Pedro Order of the Eastern Star 714 to provide the six dinners. This is one way of involving them in the Lodge and at the same time our little way of helping them in their fundraising.

The Brethren are indeed working together as a team with peace and harmony always prevailing, having in mind nothing but the best interest of the Craft and Lodge. We have made assimilation and inclusion as our themes and it bodes well for the Lodge as validated by the results of the activities mentioned above.

With confidence I can say that we met and will continue to meet the marching order given to me by our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, to ensure that peace and harmony will ALWAYS prevail in our Lodge.

LONG LIVE GARDENA MONETA 372!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
**Morel R. Callueng**  
Worshipful Master

**Addendum**

One aspect of the report which is equally important that I missed is the number of affiliations we received. Since the start of the Masonic year we have received nine (9) affiliation applications. Eight had been voted favorably and accepted as members of our Lodge. The other applicant will be voted in our July Stated Meeting. So, with the ten (10) Master Masons raised and the eight (8) affiliations, we added eighteen (18) members in our Lodge for half of the Masonic year. We are on pace to reach a total membership increase of twenty (20) before the end of this year.

**Refreshment and Entertainment Committee**

Our Lodge has many activities for our families to enjoy. Here is our current and incoming activities:

Billiard Tournament  
July 2009 till completion  
(Current)

Family Bowling Aug. 30, 2009  
Bowladrome at Torrance  
6 Players per team -  
Handicapping  
Fees: \$15.00 per player includes  
rental shoes , pizza  
and soft drinks  
To register & info. Call Bro. Flor  
(310) 947-6744

Family Camping -  
Proposed date : September 2009  
Place : TBA

Fraternally,  
Bro Flor Cabanatan  
Junior Warden

**Events and Sports Activities**

Our Billiards Friendly games are on-going. At the moment, Brothers Rommel Macoy and Satur Duenas are leading the pack. Games are played every Friday at our Recreation Hall. Come and watch the cue artists from our Lodge. On August 30, 2009, we will hold the Family bowling games at AMF Bowling located at 21915 S Western Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501-3830 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Bring your wife and kids and have fun. Also, Worshipful Fred Davis has made a reservation for the use of YMCA Gym in Gardena for our Fall Basketball Games set to start in September and will run until November 2009. Lastly, Brother Arthur Fuentes has been appointed chair of the Shooting competition tentatively scheduled in October. If you are a shooting aficionado, come and join us.

September will also be a busy month. We will join El Segundo Lodge and Beach Cities Lodge for the Constitutional Observance on September 19, 2009 at 9:00 am. Venue of the event is Liberty Park in El Segundo. On September 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm. We will have the Fire and Police Recognition Night at the Gardena Masonic Center. We will honor the outstanding Police of the City of Gardena and Outstanding Fireman in the South Bay area.

**Child Services at Covina Homes**

Please be informed that Covina Homes has ceased providing Child Services as of July 31, 2009. All children housed therein with parents were turned-over their parents. All children without strong family support were moved to a housing complex outside the Homes. The Homes will continue to pay for the apartment complex until the children turn 18 years old. Also the Homes will continue to provide support services, i.e. health counselors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to ensure the well-being of the children.

## GARDENA MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

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DINING HALL RENTAL CONTRACT SUMMARY, As of July 27, 2009

<u>Month, Date,</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount,</u>	<u>Payment,</u>	<u>Balance,</u>	<u>Remarks:</u>
<b>JAN,</b> 3-Jan-09,	Monica Cruz	\$2,225.00	1,725.00	500.00	
17-Jan-09	Maria Torres,	2,100.00	1,787.50	312.50	Add: 1.5 Hrs. x \$125
21-Jan-09	Southbay Vista Hospital,	600.00	600.00		
<b>FEB,</b> 7-Feb-09	Atonio Paredes,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
13-Feb-09	32/528 Valentines Party,				
19-Feb-09	Southbay Vsta Hospital,	600.00	600.00		
21-Feb-09	Wnceslao Flores,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
28-Feb-09	Slvia Hinojosa,	2,350.00	1,850.00	500.00	
<b>MAR,</b> 21-Mar-09	Maria Santillan,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
28-Mar-09	Ana Rodriguez,	2,225.00	1,725.00	500.00	
<b>APR,</b> 4-Apr-09	Ramona Ponce,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
11-Apr-09	Tiluchi's Group	1,825.00	1,325.00	500.00	(c/o Susy Miller)
18-Apr-09	Gladys Barrera,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
25-Apr-09	Marco Ramirez,	2,350.00	1,850.00	500.00	
<b>MAY,</b> 2-May-09	Artemio Juarez,	2,225.00	1,725.00	500.00	
9-May-09	Juana Rosas,	2,350.00	1,875.00	475.00	Charged \$25 for the food cover
16-May-09	Ambrosio Aguayo,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
20-May-09	Southbay Vista Hospital	600.00	600.00		
30-May-09	Juana Valdes,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
<b>JUN,</b> 6-Jun-09	Imelda Munoz,	2,350.00	1,850.00	500.00	
12-Jun-09	Elliot Villagran,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
13-Jun-09	Braulio Velasquez,	2,000.00	1,600.00	400.00	
20-Jun-09	Gabriela Estrada,	2,350.00	2,000.00	350.00	Charged \$150 for wall tags.
27-Jun-09	Cristobal Jimenez,	2,220.00	1,720.00	500.00	
<b>JUL</b> 4-Jul-09	Maria D. Dittrich,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
11-Jul-09	Catalina Crisanto,	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
15-Jul-09	Southbay Vista Hospital,	600.00	600.00		
16-Jul-09	Southbay Vista Hospital,	600.00	600.00		
18-Jul-09	Blanca Silva,	2,225.00	1,725.00	500.00	
19-Jul-09	372 Summer Dance Party				
25-Jul-09	Mirella Marquez		400.00		No show - Unable to contact
<b>Cancelled Contract:</b>					
16-May-09	Carlos Huerta	300.00			
30-May-09	Sofia Nieto	200.00			
17-Oct-09	Evelyn Mejia	200.00			
29-Aug-09	Francisco Gonzales	200.00			
19-Sep-09	Javier Galvez	200.00			
10-Oct-09	Marcos Rodriguez	300.00			
24-Oct-09	Silvia Gonzalez	300.00			
<b>Sub-Total I :</b>		<b>\$52,795.00</b>	<b>\$43,857.50</b>	<b>\$812.50</b>	
<b>Awaiting Schedules:</b>					
<b>AUG,</b> 1-Aug-09	Manuel Romero	2,100.00	1,600.00	500.00	
15-Aug-09	Ana Luz Batista	2,225.00	1,725.00	500.00	
22-Aug-09	Horacio Delcid	2,100.00	500.00	1,600.00	
<b>SEP,</b> 5-Sep-09	Heriberto Gallardo Jr.	2,225.00	500.00	1,725.00	
12-Sep-09	Maria Navarrete	2,475.00	500.00	1,975.00	
26-Sep-09	Avelino Meza	2,225.00	500.00	1,725.00	
<b>OCT,</b> 3-Oct-09	Michelle Archundia	2,100.00	500.00	1,600.00	
10-Oct-09	Areli Casarrubias	2,350.00	500.00	1,850.00	
<b>NOV,</b> 7-Nov-09	Jacqueline Acosta	2,475.00	500.00	1,975.00	
14-Nov-09	Ingrid Flores	2,225.00	500.00	1,725.00	
21-Nov-09	Margarita Avila	2,100.00	500.00	1,600.00	
<b>DEC,</b> Dec-09	Jaime Orozco	2,100.00	500.00	1,600.00	
<b>Sub-Total II :</b>		<b>\$33,125.00</b>	<b>\$3,325.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$22,300.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$85,920.00</b>	<b>\$47,182.50</b>	<b>\$8,312.50</b>	<b>\$22,300.00</b>

**Birthdays**

02 Calvin D. Schlotzhauer  
 06 Allen Sill Sr  
 06 William Gurski  
 14 Allen S. Dohner PM  
 15 Edward Denney  
 15 Lorenzo G. Castaneros  
 15 Joseph A. Noche  
 15 Romeo Belmonte  
 16 Rene Villaroman  
 17 Zenus Martin PM  
 18 Paul Strahl  
 18 Richard Propster  
 18 Bart Bodnar PM  
 19 Dessie Shivar  
 22 Ralph A. Lawrence  
 22 Alfred Castro  
 23 Fred Smith  
 23 Leo Harris Jr  
 25 Robert Phillip O'Dell  
 26 Ceferino, S. Galeon  
 26 Donald Bowditch  
 29 Ronald Sutherland PM  
 30 Ismael L. Aguilera  
 31 Tony W. Chan

**Calendar for Sept.**

September 4 - 6:30 - 7:20 pm -  
 Stated Meeting Dinner  
 7:30 pm -  
 Stated Meeting

September 9 - 7:00 pm -  
 OSI

September 11 - 7:30 pm -  
 1st Degree Conferral

September 18 - 7:30 pm -  
 2nd Degree Conferral

September 19 - 8:00 am  
 Constitutional Observance

September 25 - 6:00 pm - Fire  
 and Police Recognition

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**Civic Recognition Day:**  
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**Constitutional Observance:**  
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**Stated Meetings**

First Friday @ 7:30  
 Dinner @ 6:30  
 All Master Masons are welcome.

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 Morel Callueng

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**Junior Warden**  
 Flor Cabanatan

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**Secretary**  
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 Saturnino Duenas

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 Rommel Macoy

**Junior Steward**  
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 George Cronin II, PM  
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**Inspector 717th District**  
 Charles Cross PM

Brethrens,

We have a new website dedicated for the Gardena-Moneta Lodge No. 372, as follows:

[www.mason372.ning.com](http://www.mason372.ning.com)

Subject site would be good to interact w/ fellow brethrens from far places. You can post your blogs or ideas, create a forum, announce an event, upload photos, & allows us to chat instantly.

Please check it out and register.

Fraternally yours,

Rommel Macoy, SS