

# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California

## Gardena Masonic Center

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Your Lodge is progressing nicely as we are off to a roaring start. As of May, we are able to raised six (6) brothers to the sublime degree of master masons, they are: Andybel L. Lajato, Neo Rubio, Travis Allen Philips Jennie Logrono, Adrian Formanez and Jose Luy Teano. We have six more brothers working on their degrees and two applications for degree were received in our last stated meeting.

To our newly raised Master Mason brothers, I congratulate you on becoming a Master Mason, I commend you to the kind care, love and protection to all Master Mason withersoever dispersed. Please remember that the eyes of the Fraternity are now upon you. Be just, be faithful, be true and convince the World by your acts that on becoming a Master Mason you have become a better man.

The Sublime Degree of Master Mason goes even further, that is elevated in thought inspiring awe, because it teaches us of our further duties to each other and indeed, to all humankind. In that degree we undertake certain serious and solemn obligations to each other as brothers. But these duties are not exclusive to us. The true, mature Mason understand that they apply to all persons in every situation. We bind ourselves to each other only as a starting point, a point from which a real Mason travels onward. The Master's degree, however, comes with a warning. That warning is conveyed in the most dramatic fashion. It is that we must guard against the worst ruffians of our natures and oppose them, even to death, if we hope to be placed as living stones in that House not made with hands, eternal in the heaven. We must act. We may not just hope.

We are going to increase our annual dues from \$50.00 to \$85.00 or \$100.00, depends upon the desire of all the members, after complying the proper motions and notices with the consent of the Lodge. The increase of the annual dues is necessary as we need more money to help finance the roof repair in our Lodge.

I want to remind you that in our June stated meeting we will be having a Reception of Grand Lodge Officers. Our Inspector of 713 Masonic District Worshipful Freddie G. Davis, will have an Official Visit into our Lodge. We will welcome and received him wearing our Filipino barong or Hawaiian shirt. He encourages us to attend Lodge Management Certification Program in the areas of Lodge Finance, Hall Association Management, Membership Development and Lodge Administration. This program can assist your Lodge in moving forward with knowledge and understanding about Lodge operation.

Lastly, Happy Fathers Day to all of you.

Fraternally,  
Cris S. Araula, P.M.  
Master

### FROM THE WEST

Brethren, let us commend our Bros. Dan Ibanez, James Numuag, Justino Uy, and Rene Esmane for their outstanding accomplishment in refurbishing and rearranging our Fellowship room. The room is now decorated with combination ceiling fans and lighting system, an executive conference table with complete reclining chairs, a double door refrigerator, and a steel cabinet. They all spent their quality time and money to give us this excellent improvement in our Fellowship room. Thank you so much my Bros. for a job well done. I am very impressed!

Because of this honorable deed, our Worshipful Master Cris Araula would like to take the opportunity to involved everyone in improving our facility and continue what our four brothers has started. He will be soliciting pledge of monetary support for the improvement of the Recreation and Game room across the Lounge and other Gardena -Moneta Facility.

Brethren, let us all pledge our support to this noble endeavor. We always donate help to other people...this time let us donate and help ourselves!

Flor Cabanatan  
Senior Warden

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brothers:

Here are some manners which do not constitute Masonic offenses, but should be avoided and refrained from exercising as it will tantamount to unacceptable behavior or simply lack of Masonic Etiquette.

**1. WALKING BETWEEN THE ALTAR AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:**

As a matter of practice, brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open. The rationale is that as matter of courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge, should never be in shadow or in darkness during the initiation or degree work.

**2. SITTING IN THE EAST:**

Unless you're one of those officers authorized to seat in the East, no brethren should ever attempt to seat in the East without an invitation from the Master. This is even assuming that all of the seats in the Lodge are fully taken.

**3. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED:**

Brethren should not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings.

Why? In respect to the formalities of their Lodge, officers expect that the Brethren will have the courtesy to enter it fully dressed and ready for the labor. They should not have to wait for a member to be fully "dressed", even just tying or adjusting their apron, to salute that member. It is expected that you will be properly and entirely dressed when you pass by the Tiler and enter your lodge room.

Thank you brethren and more next time.

Manny Abellon  
JW

**CHILD ID**

The Child ID program was successfully run at the Veterans Park in Carson for the Phillipine Independence Day Celebration. Ken Martin, PM, Jun Bernabe, and I, Trained and coached the Brothers from the Sunny Side Lodge on the setup and operation of the Equipment and software. The Brothers from the Sunny Side Lodge were VERY impressed with the speed and ease of how our Lodge's system ran. Information was provided to their Lodge as to what equipment would be needed, and the sources for obtaining this equipment, should they desired to obtain their own Child ID system.

As I and Worshipful Ken had other commitments, He and I had to leave early, 3pm, and at that time, 115 scans were run, leaving Brother Bernabe and the Brothers from the Sunny Side Lodge to complete the event.

It would be prudent, in my opinion, for our Lodge to obtain a portable pop up awning for use with the Child ID operation. In the past several runnings of the Program, the Awnings provided by the various organizations, were not as adequate or feasible for use by us in our operation..... we always have to adapt, or make do with their Awning... example... figuring out how to affix the Child ID Banner... trying to squeeze our equipment into the space available... usually 8ft by 8ft... or 10ft by 10 ft.... if any Brother has a Pop Up Awning that they are not using, PLEASE consider donating same to this most worthwhile Endeavour.

Alvin "Al" Fowler, PM,  
Child ID Chairman

**WE ARE DREAMERS**

(Ref. Masonic Vibes)

Nothing great has been achieved unless the pattern has first been conceived in the mind and heart. Call it what you will- Vision, Dream, or Designs upon the Trestle Board, it is the same. In that sense, we Masons are Dreamers.

Long ago Masons set forth the outline of a noble dream, and every Mason has had his part in bringing about the reality. There is the dream of Universal Brotherhood, not the superficial condition in which men glibly use the words with insincere piety and say: "If you do as I do, we will be brothers; If you believe as I do we will be brothers." Masonry's dream of Universal Brotherhood will become a reality through study, through patience, through Unfaltering Trust, and through the knowledge that Brotherhood is a Fact in Nature. Such a condition will result when we gain the ultimate wisdom that religion, science, and philosophy, form the trinity which will unite men. Do we not refer to Masonry as the Science of Morality? We do not say that Masonry is a religion, but who will say that Masonry is not an expression of the best in all religious teachings?

We are Dreamers. The dream in the minds and hearts of Jefferson, Franklin, and Washington, became the United States of America. They visioned a condition wherein man would no longer be a puppet, but would walk forth in the Light of Freedom.

Yes, we are Dreamers. We dream of a time when our hospitals for the mentally ill will be emptied. We dream of a time when no child will be born into a world of hate, prejudice, of war. We dream of a time when no child will be denied love, shelter, spiritual training, and the opportunity for intellectual development. We dream of a time when man will live in the positive knowledge of the unerring accuracy of Moral and Spiritual Laws.

As we dream we work, and as surely as we work, hope and pray, the Great Dream will come true.

Bro. Rommel Macoy  
Junior Deacon

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS TO CHANGE THE DUES**

California Masonic Code (“CMC”) Section 802.020 requires every regular Lodge to adopt a Uniform Code of By Laws.

The adopted By-Laws of Gardena Moneta Lodge 372 provides that the dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$50.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January (CMC 802.020, Article III, Section 2).

Article IV, Section 1 of CMC Section 802.020 states that the portions of the By Laws pertaining to the day and time of Stated Meetings and the amount of fees and dues may be amended at any Stated Meetings, by two-thirds vote of the members present.

The proposed amendment must be presented in writing, at a preceding stated meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed amendment and the date of the stated meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Based on the above CMC provisions, it is hereby PROPOSED AND MOVED that the Lodge approve an amendment to the By-Laws pertaining to the dues by separating the dues and the per capita.

It is hereby proposed to amend the By-Laws that the dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$35.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.

Once the Lodge approves this proposed amendment to the By-Laws, it shall then read as follows: The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$35.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.

This proposed amendment shall be voted on in our August 2010 stated meeting after every member of the Lodge has been notified in writing of the text of this proposed amendment.

It is the belief of the proponent that this amendment will help the Lodge stay afloat to meet its financial obligations.

Morel R. Callueng

Proponent of the Motion

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS TO CHANGE THE DUES**

Dear Brother,

You are hereby notified that a proposed amendment to the By-Laws to change the dues was presented in writing to the Lodge on our June 4, 2010 Stated Meeting.

Please find below the text of the Proposed Amendment:

The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$35.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.

This proposed amendment shall be voted on in our August 2010 stated meeting

This notice is being provided to you in compliance with the requirement of Section 1, Article IV, § 802.020 of the California Masonic Code (“CMC”) in relation to Section 2, Article III, §802.020 of the CMC.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Delfin Z. Macapagal  
Secretary

**Birthdays**

01 Daniel P. Valdez  
 01 Lester J. Ioerger  
 04 Rudy P. De Vera  
 05 Frank Abrosan  
 06 Leslie Slye  
 07 James Smith Jr  
 08 Robert T. Limpus  
 08 Michael V. Paysan  
 09 Elmor L. Villanueva  
 09 Kenneth Levitt Jr  
 10 Caesar Flores  
 10 Howard Neill  
 10 Beryl J. Howard  
 11 Robert Winfield  
 14 Cosimo Cataldi  
 15 Paul Widrig PM  
 15 Renato M. Esmane  
 16 George Mayner PM  
 16 James Rothenberger  
 16 Jeffrey Fox  
 16 Ricardo Resurreccion  
 19 Ira Waterman PM  
 19 Javier M. Villanueva  
 20 Owen E. Strand  
 21 William M. Fisher Jr  
 22 James W. Dougherty  
 24 Armand H. Vilain  
 25 Manuel Benedicto  
 25 Gerry L. Ramos  
 28 Harold H. Hoffman  
 29 George Bell  
 29 Paul M. Rodriguez  
 30 Dana Wyatt PM

**CAMPING INFO**

Lake Piru in Ventura County  
 September 11, 2010 (Saturday)  
 \$31.00 per night/site with electric hook-up  
 Advance reservation only (see Flor)  
[www.lake-piru.org](http://www.lake-piru.org)

**2010 Committee Chairmen**

**Audit:**  
 Lee Razalan  
**Budget and Finance:**  
 Dana Wyatt, PM  
**Child ID Program:**  
 Al Fowler PM,  
[Alvin@mason372.org](mailto:Alvin@mason372.org)  
**Civic Recognition Day:**  
 Ed Labinpuno  
**Constitutional Observance:**  
 Jigs Dejesa  
**Entertainment:**  
 Cris Bayani  
**Funeral:**  
 Ira Waterman, PM  
**Hiram Award:**  
 Flor Cabanatan  
**Investment Committee:**  
 Dana Wyatt, PM,  
[Dana@mason372.org](mailto:Dana@mason372.org)  
**Masonic Education:**  
 Oscar P. Leus, PM  
**Masonic Service Bureau:**  
 Victor Lerma, PM  
 Delfin Macapagal  
**Membership/Retention:**  
 Delfin Macapagal  
**Photographer:**  
 Chris Cabanatan  
**Public Schools:**  
 Jun Bernabe  
**Refreshment :**  
 Manny Abellon  
**Restoration:**  
 Ted Sandel  
**Sickness and Visitation:**  
 Roger Garst, PM  
**Trestle Board Editor:**  
 Ken Martin PM,  
[Ken@mason372.org](mailto:Ken@mason372.org)  
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 Rommel Macoy  
[webmaster@mason372.org](mailto:webmaster@mason372.org)  
**Widows:**  
 Roger Garst, PM

**Stated Meetings**

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

**2010 Lodge Officers**

**Master**  
 Cris Araula PM  
**Senior Warden**  
 Florante Cabanatan  
**Junior Warden**  
 Emmanuel Abellon  
**Treasurer**  
 Dana Wyatt PM  
**Secretary**  
 Delfin Macapagal  
**Assistant Secretary**  
 Dan Ibanez  
**Chaplain**  
 Renato Esmane  
**Senior Deacon**  
 Jose Bernabe  
**Junior Deacon**  
 Rommel Macoy  
**Marshal**  
 Rolando Arillaga  
**Senior Steward**  
**Junior Steward**  
 Benjamin Ponce  
**Tiler**  
 Antonio Halili  
**District 713 Inspector**  
 Freddie Davis PM

June 2010 Calendar

June 4 Stated Meeting  
 Dinner at the Dining Hall @ 6:30 pm  
 Stated Meeting start 7:30pm  
 June 11, third degree @ 6:30pm  
 June 18, first degree @ 7:00 pm  
 June 25, second degree @ 6:30pm