

# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Our degrees teach and constantly reminds us of our duties to ourselves and to our fellow creatures. We understand certain serious and solemn obligation to each other as brothers. That solemn obligation comes with a warning conveyed in most dramatic fashion that we must guard against the worst ruffians. However, it is our individual duty to become worthy of receiving by subduing our passions and controlling our desires, specially in the third degree where it is of greater importance than any haled word or sign and it is the hardest one for most of us to grasp if ever to become a master mason.

One does not become a master mason merely by being raised, but rather one become a master mason by truly embracing and living that which our ceremonies teach. And it's only then may we hope to obtain and understand the true meaning of Freemasonry within our hearts and soul. In the end it is up to each of us to become a master mason in spirit as well as in body in all our thoughts and actions inside the Lodge as well as in the world.

In our degrees come also a certain prohibition that we must strictly observed in all our thoughts and actions that we should not in any way reveal directly or indirectly any transactions may have taken place in the Lodge nor shall any proceeding of the Lodge not proper to be made public be disclosed outside thereof without first known to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

And if any violation or infraction have taken place in the Lodge during ritual or degrees should be directed to the Worshipful Master itself, who thereof has the power and duties under sections 805-110 and 805-120 of our CMC which states that it is the duty of the Master to carefully guard against any infraction by the members of his Lodge, its own by-laws, the California Masonic Code, the general regulation of masonry of any of the rights, or duties set forth in the ritual.

We all know that the future of our Lodge can be strong, viable and influential if we heed in our environment. Let us accept that change is a part of life. Let us accept it, prepare for it and cope with it. It is the only way.

Our Lodge will continue to honor and recognized year after years for those men and women in uniform who have rendered and excellent service to the City of Gardena. And the committee has selected Lt. Mike Bartlebaugh as the best police officer of the year and Paramedic Mark Klein, as the best fireman of the year respectively. Congratulation to a job well done.

If you made an inspection to our second floor mezzanine room, you would all be surprised to see a brand new flooring, tables, chairs, painting, big refrigerator, cabinet, lights with fan, sofa, complete karaoke musical equipment, big screen TV, pictures frames hung around the wall and pictures from our brothers with different style singing their favorite song. All of this work and much more to be done, to renovate our entire second floor has come from you my brothers, who made a donations, however large or small are needed and highly appreciated specially to our Brother Dan Ibanez, chairman of the renovation committee and also the architect of the work.

And for those brothers who have not made their donation to please take a moment now, to send your pledge contribution, after all we will put all the names recorded in our historic landmark of the Lodge wall. Be a part of it my brother and thank you for that.

On September 24, 25, and 26, 2010 our Wardens, secretary and I will be going to San Francisco to attend the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication and to represent our Lodge as well. Several officers and members will going with us to witness how our Grand Lodge Officers conduct its business and to see the solemnity of the installation of officers. We will inform you the result of the propose legislations, resolutions and Grand Master recommendation on our next stated meeting in October.

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

**FROM THE WEST**

Brethren,

An-Com is just a week away and at this time ...the list of Brethren that are confirmed to attend are Worshipful PM Cris Araula , PM Morell Callueng, SW Flor Cabanatan, and our Secretary Del Macapagal. Brothers Tony Halili, Ben Ponce, Lawrence Solomon, Ding Cuizon and Stan Nocon will be driving together to San Francisco. Also our Brethren from Beverly Hills Lodge : Brothers SW Dennis Viola, JW Edgar de Leon, Sam Sabandal, Art Tuazon, James Numuag and Tino Uy will be joining us in this 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of Free and Accepted Masons in California.

To those whose names are not in the above list and are interested to come, please call me or Worshipful Cris Araula **ASAP** so we could arrange your Hotel accommodations. We will be staying at **Four Points Hotel #264 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, CA 94080** from Friday night to Sunday morning. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 noon. Please call our Crocker Lodge Brother **Ador Yapana at 650 898 9517** for Hotel accommodation inquiry. He booked us for six rooms under my name and Tony Halili.

We will be visiting **Crocker Lodge at Daly City** on Friday night to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie among Brother Masons. And on Saturday night we will have our **dinner at Brother Edmond Tubalia's residence** thru the courtesy of bro Ed Tubalia and the generosity of our Jr. Warden Manny Abellon. Have a safe trip to San Francisco and see you all at the Grand Lodge my Brothers!!!

**Freemasonry and the Appendant bodies:**

*From Masonic Vibes*

“In order to become a Shriner, a man must first be a Mason. The fraternity of Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternity in the world. It dates back hundreds of years to when stonemasons and other craftsmen on building projects gathered in shelter houses, or lodges. Over the years, formal Masonic lodges emerged, with members bound together not by trade, but their own desire to be fraternal brothers.

The basic unit of Masonry is the Blue Lodge, where members earn the first three Masonic degrees. There is no higher degree than that of Master Mason (the third degree), but for those men who wish to further explore the allegory and symbolism learned in the Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite & York Rite elaborate on the basic tenets of Freemasonry.”

**Entertainment and Refreshment**

**Basketball:** Brethren, the inter-lodge basketball league has started and we are still missing five players in our team. The game is every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. At Stevenson Park 17400 Lysander Drive, Carson, CA 90746. Come to the game and cheers for our team or register and play with us.

**Billiard:** Pool table 9 balls tournament is now on going but still accepting registration. There is a \$10.00 entry fee to register in this competition.

Fraternally,  
Flor Cabanatan  
Senior Warden

Functions of a Masonic Lodge  
(Ref. Masonic Vibes)

It is not the primary function of Masonry to initiate candidates, or to enlarge its membership. Were it so, there would be no basis for our laws against proselytizing.

The ordinary function of a Masonic Lodge indeed, the primary function of our Craft, is to train its members to an understanding of the truths which its rituals and its ceremonies are calculated to inculcate, to develop its members as benevolent men, to cultivate the social virtues among men, and to propagate the knowledge of the art.

The chief concern of the Lodge is with its welfare, the happiness, the Masonic development of its members, not with the admission of those who seek entrance to its doors. Its success as a Masonic Lodge cannot be gauged by the length of its membership roll or by the size of its accumulated funds.

The beauty of our ritual, and the good fellowship among the members of our Lodges cannot be conserved when the chief aim is to make Masons and money; "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth"; and a Lodge's life does not consist in its acquisitions, but in the contribution which it makes to civilization and society through the influence to those whom it has helped to train to what we call Masonic character. Therefore, it should be the duty of every Masonic Lodge to put in action a plan for the education of its members in Masonic history, symbolism and philosophy, devoting more of its meetings to this much neglected function.

Rommel Macoy  
Junior Deacon

## CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE )Con't.)

Over time, and by watching others, members conform themselves to exhibit proper Masonic etiquette behavior to learn lodge customs.

As a newly Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason, it is expected that you will exhibit the proper decorum and propriety in observance of the formal requirements which govern behavior in polite societies... BEFORE someone takes you aside to explain your errors...or you wouldn't be reading this.

## RULES OF MASONIC ETIQUETTE

### 5. TALKING:

**"Side" talk while a degree is being conferred is considered bad manners.**

**Why?** The lodge room is a Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. The brethren within are working to make the best ashlar (stones) for His spiritual temple.

Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers, the workers in the degree or the candidate.

Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. God's house is not for social conversation within the lodge room. It is for worship and learning the lesson of the day which is being taught.

Unless you have requested of the Master to speak, silence is the rule. This also means no whispering.

**HOW?** If you have something of interest to say, raise your hand. When the Master recognizes you, you must stand up, and be recognized by the Master to speak. To address the brethren, you should say:

"Worshipful Master, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren".

If the Most Worshipful Master is in attendance, you should say:

"Worshipful Master, Most Worshipful, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren.

### 6. SPEAKING:

If you wish to offer a predetermined motion or matter for discussion, advise the Master beforehand.

**Why?** Advising the Master before the meeting that you intend to bring up a specific motion or a matter for discussion is an important courtesy.

You may, indeed, do it without advising him in advance, but the Master may have plans of his own for that meeting, for which your proposed motion or discussion may not easily fit into the allotted time frame.

As a courtesy to him, his work, and his dedication to the members, it is best to ask him privately, beforehand, if he will be able to recognize you to speak your purpose. This saves "face" for both of you.

You will not publicly be refused and he will not have to seem disagreeable or arrogant in his refusal of your motion. If you wish to speak, (see number 6.), above.

More to follow next month

**Birthdays**

01 James W. Donaldson  
 04 Aris Reyes PM  
 08 Clifford C. Tuble  
 09 Gary Vance  
 11 Robert Tin  
 13 Angle J. Ouano  
 13 Eduardo Cenica  
 15 Patrick Marble  
 17 Mark Ball  
 17 Victor Lerma PM  
 18 Frank L. Peluso  
 19 Roger Yolton  
 20 Robert Crist PM  
 24 Ernest M. Schwertfeger  
 25 John M. Golia  
 27 Scott W. Carter

## October 2010 Calendar

Oct. 1, 2010 Stated Meeting start at 7:30 P.M. dinner at 6:30 to 7:15, pm, attire bus. Suite or tuxedo.  
 Oct. 8, 2010 @ 6:30pm first degree  
 Oct. 15, 2010 @ 6:30pm practice all degrees particularly 3<sup>rd</sup> degree 2<sup>nd</sup> section  
 Oct. 16, 2010 Saturday @ 10:00AM Second degree  
 Oct. 23, 2010 Saturday @ 8:30 AM Third Degree  
 Oct. 30, 2010 Saturday @ 8:30 AM Third Degree

**2010 Committee Chairmen****Audit:**

Lee Razalan

**Budget and Finance:**

Dana Wyatt, PM

**Child ID Program:**

Al Fowler PM,

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Ed Labinpuno

**Constitutional Observance:**

Jigs Dejesa

**Entertainment:**

Cris Bayani

**Funeral:**

Ira Waterman, PM

**Hiram Award:**

Flor Cabanatan

**Investment Committee:**

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Oscar P. Leus, PM

**Masonic Service Bureau:**

Victor Lerma, PM

Delfin Macapagal

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**Photographer:**

Chris Cabanatan

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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

**Stated Meetings**

First Friday @ 7:30

Dinner @ 6:30

All Master Masons are welcome.