

Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



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FROM THE EAST

Happy New Year, my brothers. Masonic Year 2012 is upon us and the sun is rising again in the east full of optimism and candor and hopefully it will “not rain in the daytime but in the night season only” figuratively.

We got off with a good start with our first stated meeting for the year. Plans have been made, projects and activities scheduled and the work spread out hoping that this year will yield more positive results, especially in the area of finances. And seeing the brethren’s renewed excitement and reinvigorating dedication for the coming days ahead makes me wonder again. Gardena-Moneta Lodge #372—you never cease to amaze me. I am again humbled.

We held the Layman’s Night last Friday and I can with pride say was a huge success. It was well attended by the brethren and the candidates. There were five prospective brothers in attendance exhibiting interest in Masonry with their questions and the sharing of interesting experiences by our brothers.

The next day, we celebrated the installation of officers of Beverly Hills Lodge 528. Again, my congratulations to Worshipful Edgar De Leon, his team of officers and to their brethren for making their installation a success.

Likewise, congratulations should be in order for our very own Worshipful Victor Lerma, PM, having been elected as Vice President for the LA Masonic Service Bureau.

My hats off to Bro Ed Labinpuno who had labored hard for more than six days up on the roof to make sure it will not leak for the coming weeks, ably assisted by Bros Jiggs Dejesa and Stan Nocon.

Though, it seems like the weight of the Master’s Hat grows heavily every year. I have seen it upon the head of every Master in my masonic journey and it does not get any better. And even though the burden never ceases one can only rely upon the undying support and pride exhibited by our brethren in what we are doing and in what we want to achieve. This inevitably serves to alleviate the burden.

Bro. Jun B.
Master

FROM THE WEST

We have just concluded our Layman's Night on January 13, 2012. It was well attended by mostly fresh brothers still seeking answers to their queries. We also have the attendance of some candidates who have already been initiated to their 1st degree, visitors from other lodge and some personalities contemplating to knock at our door and harvest more knowledge of what Masonry is all about.

The main theme of this event is to inculcate to the minds of the novitiate and carry with them along to the outside world and to dispel this negative perception that Masonry is a religion, a sect or a cult or any other kind of brand to dissuade others from knocking our joining the craft. We also heard testimonies from several brethren sharing their experience here and abroad, how they were respected, treated and accommodated as Masons, we heard from them sounding all the same tone that it was really benefitting.

I would like to commend our sitting Master for an encouraging presentation through out the conclusion, our 1st program for the year, a simple but very explicit and convincing description of what Masonry is all about, it's really educational. Kudos!

Fraternally
Charlie Ponce
Senior Warden

From the Treasurer

Happy New Year everyone. I hope the start of this year was as an enjoyable event for you as it was for me. My grand daughter was with us, and I'm celebrating my first six months of retirement. Oh yes, some great football too.

As you know, a new Master has taken office here at the Lodge and other officers have moved up to a new position or have started their journey up the line.

Worshipful Bernabe and I spent last week working on a new budget for the Lodge. I wish I could say this was easy for me, after having been involved in the process for a number of years now, but it was not. Unlike most of us that have a clear picture of what our income will be, the Lodge must try to make an educated guess. We hope everyone will be responsible and pay their dues, but the fact is this does not happen. We still have some members that have not paid for last year and a few that will regrettably be suspended for nonpayment.

This may be for one of several reasons. If it is for lack of financial ability, please contact Worshipful Bernabe for possible dues remission, only the Master and Secretary know who have their dues remitted, if you just put it aside to do later, now is a good time to take care of it or at least let us know your intentions. If you have or plan on turning your finances over to a loved one for convenience, please let them know that your membership means something to you. The Lodge must pay a per capita tax to Grand Lodge on each of our members, even if you do not pay your dues and this impacts our budget.

We are always looking at and for ways to help balance our budget and save money. Worshipful Bernabe is asking for suggestions on different fund raising programs that we might implement, so if you have an idea please let us know. We have recently been seeking assistance with our roof repair and I want to thank everyone that has contributed. We are still in need of assistance as this will be very costly. Please remember that all contributions to the Lodge are tax deductible.

Finally, come out to a Lodge Meeting, and avail yourself of the fellowship that we enjoy, participate in the programs and help show the world that Masonry is "MORE THAN JUST A RING".

Fraternally
Dana Wyatt PM
Treasurer

2012 Committee Chairmen

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Dana Wyatt, PM

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Al Fowler PM,

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Ed Labinpuno

Constitutional Observance:

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Ira Waterman, PM

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Birthdays

- 01 Garry Taylor
- 01 Godofredo B. Lucero
- 02 Lawrence Lobach
- 04 Geoffrey Rogers PM
- 05 Reynaldo C. Dela Pena Jr
- 06 Thomas A. Elliott
- 06 David Harrington
- 09 Antonio M. Halili
- 09 Victor Medina
- 09 John Parker
- 10 Reynaldo Verdugo PM
- 10 Ingacio Villalino Jr.
- 12 Robert Trulove
- 13 James R. Collier
- 13 Johnny Thorne
- 13 Nick V. Pagaduan
- 14 Floro G. Luna
- 16 Marcelo S. Samson
- 16 Noel H. De La Rosa PM
- 18 Manuel D. De Guzman
- 18 Glenn E. Quillin
- 19 Jerry Sato PM
- 21 Rommel Macoy
- 21 Niceas A. Cassillan Jr
- 23 Robert Anderson
- 24 Ken Hope PM
- 24 James Kennedy
- 26 Harold Franzlick
- 26 Rulon Stephenson
- 27 Vernon Sprinkle
- 28 William Cox
- 29 Willington Ho PM

Stated Meetings

First Friday @ 7:30

Dinner @ 6:30

All Master Masons are welcome.

2012 Lodge Officers

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Jose J. Bernabe Jr.

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Lodge Organist

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Tiler

Eduardo T. Labingpuno

District 1006 Inspector

Freddie Davis PM

February 2012

(Dates subject to change)

- FEB 03 Stated Meeting and Dinner
- FEB 05 Start of Inter Lodge Basketball
- FEB 10 Ritual Practice
- FEB 11 Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance
- FEB 17 Degree Conferrals
- FEB 24-26 Sec/Treas Retreat
- FEB 25 OSI Torrance University Lodge
Gardena 1st Degree
Torrance 2nd Degree