



# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372

Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California

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## Seasons Greetings

### FROM THE 2008/2009 OFFICERS

May This Season  
be filled with happiness and joy for you and yours

Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

**FROM THE EAST**

My Brothers:

The Installation of our 2009 core of officers took place last evening. It truly was a gala event with the best attendance I have seen. A row of folding chairs were set up in front of the regular seats on both sides of the lodge room. They were filled and people even stood in the preparation room. Our new master is of Philippine decent. He is very popular and well supported by Philippine Masons and their families as well as all of us.

Our new master gave a wonderful acceptance speech, his wife joined him in the east and together they gave each officer's wife a bouquet of flowers. Two lady vocalists with beautiful voices entertained, each sang a song to commemorate the occasion. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my grand son Charlie and the two Boy Scouts with him who presented and posted the flag of our country. Our new masters' young son led us in the pledge of allegiance. The little guy walked up, took the microphone in hand like a pro and did a great job.

The installing team Worshipful Fred Davis, Worshipful Richard Pierce and Worshipful Oscar Leus performed their ritual with the certainty of experienced Past Masters

This event was the culmination of countless hours of work by the 2008 officers, committee chairmen and a group of very dedicated Masons who stepped forward and filled a void created by a previous administration that Grand Lodge saw fit to remove from office and suspend our lodge charter.

As I sat and observed this beehive like activities from my seat in the East, I was reminded of a meeting early in 2008, where Worshipful Fred Davis had called a group of we past masters together at Worshipful Roger Garst home, he subsequently explained, that if we Past Masters could band together and form a new line of officers that could over come the problems created by the previous administration, there was a good possibility that the Grand Master would consider returning of our charter. The alternative was to sell the lodge building and Grand lodge would receive the proceeds.

We all agreed, then volunteered to fill the various stations to best of our ability. Then began the job of resurrecting the lodge finances and records while naming and forming the obligatory committees and selecting the chairmen to lead and make them successfully.

When the officers and committees began to function in their various capacities and endeavors, it became apparent that we were making good progress in our commitment to bring the lodge back to operating in accordance with the Masonic principles set by Grand Lodge. Worshipful Brother Fred Davis then convinced the Grand Master that we were indeed, serious and making good progress in our endeavors to bring Gardena-Moneta Masonic Lodge back into the Masonic family.

Based on this, the Grand Master appointed Worshipful Brother Richard Pierce as our Inspector. It was his charge to oversee and ensure that each step of our journey was in accordance with Grand Lodge laws and regulations. Inspector Pierce took the job very seriously and worked with us in resolving each problem.

In October Inspector Pierce informed me, that we had in fact complied with most all of the Grand Masters stipulations and our charter would be returned at the September Stated meeting. Inspector Pierce presented our charter on behalf of the Grand Master and placed it in its proper place in the East. Brothers, there was much celebrating, during and after the meeting.

The actual realization that my term was finished came when our new master presented me with a gift for my service and I in turn presented him the keys to the lodge building.

My brothers, mere words cannot convey the respect I have for Masonry and the harmony created by each officer, committee chairmen and brothers who contributed so much time and effort to Gardena-Moneta Lodge this year through their personal dedication and commitment in returning our lodge to its proper place in the world of Free Masonry.

My brothers, It was not only a challenge but also a pleasure to serve as Master this year. I thank you for working with me in overcoming our many problems, finding solutions and then applying them, thus breathing new life into Gardena-Moneta lodge, proving that success can be accomplished when brothers work together in harmony.

Ira Waterman PM  
Worshipful Master

**MASTER ELECT**

Brethren:

The 2009 servants of our Lodge were installed on December 13, 2008. They are all enthusiastically looking forward to serve our Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. We certainly need the support and assistance of each and every member to ensure the success of our activities in our year. Committee membership and attendance on said activities would certainly translate to success.

I have scheduled a Layman's Night on January 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this night is to bring non-Masons (particularly candidates and prospective candidates) and their families to be oriented about what Freemasonry is all about. This is one way of getting the candidates advance Masonic Education so that when they become members they would be already fully aware of the Vision and Mission of the Craft. I have no doubt that a candidate armed with proper education about the fraternity would have a better chance to return to the Lodge after he has received his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

As I sit in the Oriental Chair I can assure the Brethren that the Master's gavel will be used decisively and firmly, but tempered however with respect, courtesy, transparency, and sound judgment to ensure that peace and harmony would continue to permeate the halls of our Lodge.

As the Master Workman, I have laid out several activities for the entire Masonic year. The success of these activities would certainly depend on the support it gets from its members. Your 2009 offices cannot do it by themselves. We all love our Lodge, let us band together and in unison move it forward so that it will regain its proper place as a house of brotherhood, friendship, fellowship, and true camaraderie.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Morel R. Callueng  
Worshipful Master

**FROM THE WEST**

My Brothers:

Free Masonry is a life we chose, not one thrust upon us, and as such we control how it will be lived. This was of your own free will and accord so make the most of it.

We have a new line of officers that will be looking to you for assistance for the future events, and there are plenty.

Come out to the Stated and Temple Board Meetings, you are all welcome, if you need a ride I'm sure one can be found.

See what is planned and what is needed to make it happen, YOU can make a difference.

Those of you out of the area, letters and E-Mail can make your voice heard and any suggestions or comments will be considered.

The Trestleboard is another way you can have a say, send me an article or pictures and I will do my best to get it published. This is your information letter, USE IT.

The Child Id Program is still alive and well with Worshipful AI at the helm. We are just waiting for the contact we made earlier this year to get the system back up and running. We can use your help.

If you have a civic or church group that could make use of the Id Program, contact AI or myself and set up a date. With two systems I'm sure we can get the job done.

Fraternally  
Ken Martin PM  
Senior Warden

**THE THREE LIGHTS****THE EAST**

Worshipful Master  
Morel Callueng

**THE WEST**

Senior Warden  
Kenneth Martin

**THE SOUTH**

Junior Warden  
Florante Cabanatan

**JANUARY 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  
 05 David Harrington  
 09 Victor Medina  
 09 John Parker  
 10 Reynaldo Verdugo PM  
 12 Robert Trulove  
 13 James R. Collier  
 13 Johnny Thorne  
 13 Nick V. Pagaduan  
 14 Edward L. Tiu PM  
 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  
 26 Harold Franzlick  
 26 Rulon Stephenson  
 27 Vernon Sprankle  
 28 William Cox  
 28 Dennis Liao  
 29 Willington Ho PM

**January 2009 Calendar**

**January 7 – Wednesday –  
 Stated Meeting Dinner –**

**6:30 pm – 7:20 pm**

**Stated Meeting – 7:30 pm**

**January 14 – Wednesday**

**Temple Board Meeting –  
 6:00 pm**

**Layman's Night – 7:00 pm**

**January 21 – Wednesday  
 Officers Practice- 1<sup>st</sup> degree,  
 1st Section**

**January 28, 2009  
 First Degree Conferral**

**2008 Committees Chairmen:**

1. **Public Schools:**  
 Jose Bernabe, Chairman,  
 Junbern@yahoo.com
2. **Budget and Finance:**  
 Dana Wyatt PM, Chairman,  
 KB6WQW@aol.com
3. **Masonic Education:**  
 George Cronin PM, Chairman,  
 Gmcronin@sbcglobal.net
4. **Constructional Observance:**  
 Morel Callueng, Chair-  
 man,dynamiclegal@sbcglobal.net
5. **Sickness and Visitation:**  
 John Rockwood PM, Chairman,  
 JER0211@aol.com
6. **Committee to Collect dues in arrears:**  
 Victor Lerma PM, Chairman,  
 vmlerma@yahoo.com
7. **Avery Brothers:**  
 Robert O'Dell, Chairman,  
 Mr Emil@aol.com
8. **Child ID Program:**  
 Al Fowler PM, Chairman,  
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9. **Trestle Board:**  
 Ken Martin PM, Editor,  
 kenny364@aol.com
10. **Web Master:**  
 Rommel Macoy Chairman,  
 webmaster@mason372.org
11. **Pull Tab:**  
 Jerry Sato PM, Chairman,  
 54effie@sbcglobal.net
12. **Widows:**  
 Roger Garst PM, Chairman,  
 RogerGarst@aol.com
13. **Funeral:**  
 Ira Waterman PM Chairman,  
 H2osba@aol.com
14. **Masonic Service Bureau:**  
 Victor Lerma PM,  
 vmlerma@yahoo.com
15. **Membership:**  
 Fred Davis PM, Chairman,  
 fd2563@att.com

**2008 Appointed Officers****Master**

Ira Waterman PM

**Senior Warden**

Ken Martin PM

**Junior Warden**

Alvin "Al" Fowler PM

**Secretary**

Victor Lerma PM

**Treasurer**

Dana Wyatt PM

**Senior Deacon**

Jerry Sato PM

**Junior Deacon**

Dana Ax

**Senior Steward**

Dave Gurski PM

**Junior Steward**

Jason Cronin

**Chaplain**

Bart Bardner PM

**Marshal**

Roger Garst

**Tiler**

George Cronin II, PM

**Inspector 368th District**

Richard Pierce PM

**Note:**

Officers Attire for Stated  
 Meeting – Business Suit  
 Members – Casual but pref-  
 erably Semi-Casual

Degrees  
 Tuxedo or Business Suit