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-Brother Jaime Sodusta

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

RANDY INGEL
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

This year is flying by quick. While there are continued restrictions because of Covid 19 Delta Variant, the Lodge has been having our stated meetings. Our practices of degrees still in progress and hopefully will be ready when we continue our degree work. The time has allowed us to look into Masonry and how we can better ourselves and those in our communities. Personal growth is something we can all do better. Remember that there is always something to learn and never give up learning. One of our Masonic duties is to provide an opportunity for a good man to become a better man by being accepted into the craft and being supported during his growth. This support is the basis in which everyone in the fraternity is taking an active role by showing our newest brothers a path in civility, morality and ethical conduct. Some of us become rusty and complacent over the years and may slide into behavior that can be viewed by others as un-Masonic. Always meet on the level with brotherly love.



MONTH		EVENT
OCTOBER 2021	8-9-10	GLC Annual Communications
	11 Mon	Stated Meeting (Attire: Suit)
	18 Mon	Carpinteria Master Qualification
	23 Sat	2* Practice for Jay Umaly & Angel Vasquez
NOVEMBER 2021	1 Mon	Practice Flag Presentation
	6 Sat	Carpinteria Shriners –Cleanup of the Lodge followed by Fellowship
	8 Mon	Stated Meeting (Attire: Suit) Election of Officers 2022 Vote on EA Candidates Jules & Reuben & Alvin Veterans Day Appreciations
	15 Mon	Conferral 2* to Angelo Reyes & Jay Umaly
	22 Mon	3* Practice
	29 Mon	Conferral 1* Ruben & Jules
DECEMBER 2021	4 Sat	Carpinteria Parade and Tree Décor
	6Mon	Hiram Award Christmas Party w/ Treble Clef Choir
	13 Mon	Stated Meeting
JANUARY 2022	8 Sat	1pm Installation of Officers 2022

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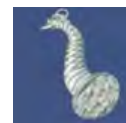
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Alex Tang



SENIOR STEWARD
Jay Cano



JUNIOR STEWARD
Joe Wyban



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Joni Reglos



2021 Traveler to the Celestial Lodge Above



WB Moe and Myron co-presided the ceremony while WB Albe delivered a beautiful eulogy.



Rest In Peace
1976-2021
Brother
Michael "Mikee" Satumba
"Along the road of Suffering
You found a little lane
That took you up to heaven,
And ended all your pain.
You may be out of sight,
We may be worlds apart;
But you are always in our prayers,
And forever in our hearts."
From the Brethren of
Carpenteria Lodge No. 444
Carpenteria Shriners

Michael was born on April 7, 1976, in Olongapo City, Philippines to Dennis and Lily Satumba.

He grew up in Bataan, Zambales and completed his high school at Robinson National Science High School in 1993. He attended University of Santo Tomas for a year before enrolling in military school. Michael completed his Bachelor's in Management from the Philippine Military Academy in 1996, and served the Philippine Army for the next 10 years. He belonged to PMA Messing Class.

On March 15, 1998, he married Jol-Jackie Jayaramen. They raised one son, Michael Jr., and two daughters, Gabrielle and Raphaela ages 22, 20, and 10 respectively.

The family migrated to Chadwell, United Kingdom in 2004, and lived there until 2008. Michael worked as security personnel at Manchester Airport. They moved to California in 2008. Michael joined the United States Army and served for the next 8 years. He was stationed in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Polk, Louisiana and was deployed overseas in the Middle East. He was part of the 1st Battalion 508th Infantry Regiment (Airborne All the Way/Centrains).

After his retirement from the US Army, he went back to school at Olsand College and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology. He started working as an IT administrator under the United States Army at Ft. Huachuca Naval Base, Arizona.

While working, he completed his masters degree in IT management at Cal Lutheran University in 2009.

He was a Freemason. Michael was initiated Junior Warden with the Carpenteria Masonic Lodge #444. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Shriners At Malabon Temple, and DeMolay.

Furthermore, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association and Marriage Spirituality Family Inc.

Michael loved food and travel to eat. He also enjoyed television, watching sports in Everwood, Plain State, Anthony Mountain, Healy and Food Channel, NBA and movies like Avengers, Harry Potter and Star Wars. He combined these two hobbies to create a happy and simple life.

He loved traveling, discovering new places, trying out new cuisines, visiting historical sites, and museums. He loved every single description and historical material he encountered.

Michael was someone who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. The most treasured memories were playing basketball with his son MJ, going walking shoes with Dad, and playing football with his son. He loved being numerous walks with his wife. They also enjoyed hiking and watching sunrise and sunset together. His most treasured activities were caregiving of his youngest daughter at school every morning and walking his two older children in college every weekend. He truly valued family time. He was a selfless father and husband, a very loving son and brother.

He believed and practiced most the values of love of family, integrity, and character.

Michael was so full of life, unafraid of trying things and sharing his opinions. He loved to read and valued high education. He had such an inspiring and welcoming personality. He smiled to everyone. He was an awesome conversationalist, mischievous, loving, caring, and a respected officer and gentleman. He smile was genuine, big and contagious. He was truly a very supportive friend who is hard to laugh.

A young soul full of love and who will surely be missed.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his wife, his three children, his father, and his two sisters.

At age 44, he left this world peacefully on March 15, 2021.



THE PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY



My dad asked me recently about my status as a mason and some of the differences between the various degrees and rites of masonry after he'd watched a tv show on the subject. My answer got me thinking about a deeper question – what is the *purpose* of Freemasonry?

I've been doing some reading and thinking lately about what *my* purpose is – the purpose of my life. Logically, by extension, if a pursuit or activity is not in line with one's major purpose for their life, it wouldn't make sense to continue with it.

To answer, I started thinking about the differences between Red & Blue Lodges; some of the distinctive characteristics of the Scottish Rite and York Rites and what it takes to become a Shriner; etc.

I was reminded of the 6 Phases of Man that are discussed in the book, *Fathered by God*, by John Eldredge, and how those relate to the transitions most men go through when entering and/or leaving these various phases, and how those initiations/rites of passage relate to freemasonry, as well as the learning and comradery one gets from being a mason.

I was then reminded of a movie I'd recently watched called *The Shift*, starring Dr. Wayne Dyer, in which he describes an attitudinal shift that sometimes occurs between what he refers to as the *Morning v. Afternoon* of one's life; and how this type of shift might present itself along the way during one's journey with masonry.

Then I thought about the notion of what masonry provides to the individual member. What benefits are derived from it – and what is gained from it.

In asking these questions, I found myself reminding myself of what my purpose is. For me, my purpose is to do as much good as I can, to help as many people as I can, for as long as I ever can. And I think for lack of a better definition, that is essentially what the purpose of freemasonry is as well.

More of this in the next issue on how I came to this conclusion.

Fraternally yours,
Brett W. Higby

JD/MBA, CFE, PMP



LIFE IN THIS CARPINTERIA LODGE #444

Karaoke in the Lodge..
Amanda...



Yo! Our recycles in the Lodge just earned us \$41.75 for the Children at Shriner's.



Sweet Caroline...



Carpinteria Shriners prep the food for the Scottish Rites (Santa Barbara) Meeting

HOW MANY MASONS DID IT TAKE TO FIX A GRILL? (Answer: 5)
 1. "Picturer"
 2. Albe: Really, All done?
 3. Rudy: Yeah.. Hey, we got extra screws?!
 4. JR: But it works fine. Don't need 'em.
 5. Randy: Screw it.



Nona Cometa donated Grand Piano to the Lodge. She was acknowledged with a Plaque of Appreciation.



Fellowship at the Festive Board with the newly minted EA's and new incoming EA Candidates knocking at the door.



LIFE IN THIS CARPINTERIA LODGE #444

First Degree Conferral of Jay Umaly and Angelo Vasquez. July 19, 2021



First Degree Conferral of Harold and Rey Garcia. July 26, 2021



Carpinteria Lodge #444 Brothers (June, Noel & Jaime) joined in the beautiful 3* Conferral in the Santa Barbara Lodge #192. WB Noel Guarnes, PM served as Jr Deacon in the ritual.

Message from the West

Jaime Sodusta, Sr. Warden

I want to share with the Brethren the guiding principles of the Grand Lodge of California **Evolution 2025 & Vision 2050**, which we learned from the *Masters and Wardens Retreat 2021*.

1. True Friendship.

Masons value & build strong and life-long friendship. Endeavor to cultivate bonding starting with the applicant all the way to the masters and past masters as we travel in this Masonic journey together.

2. Diversity and Harmony

There is wealth in diversity and growth in change. Seek out and welcome all races and background. Ever aware that diversity will bring out heat and friction yet ever remember that same heat and friction are what create diamonds. Enhance harmony by following the principle of “who best and can work and best agree to serve.

3. Positive Awareness.

Proud to Be a Mason” is the central tenet of Past Grandmaster Trauner’s (2019). Proudly share our Masonic experience to each other and the public. Research showed 90 % of Masons value their membership but 2/3 DO NOT talk about it. Past GM Weiss (2020) clarified that Freemasonry is not a secret society. We are a society with secrets. GLC empowers us to share Masonic principles, philosophies, and purposes

EXCEPT PORTION OF RITUALS THAT IS WRITTEN IN CIPHER.

Seek opportunities to educate friends, families and public to see the light of Masons in Action and how much more impact we have in the community than other local organizations. Then maybe instead of them joining the Elks, Lions, or Rotary, they instead join us in Freemasonry.

Brethren: We are a fraternity, rich in history and diversity and doing great things for the community. Be open about it. Go out and tell the world! Let it come forth with pride and confidence.

“You build it—they will come”.

Hear Ye! Hear ye!

Welcome One and All

to the Carpinteria Lodge #444 !

We are not recruiting nor soliciting.

Just informing and educating...



Message from the South

ALBE DUMLAO, PM
Junior Warden



Masonic Etiquette

As newly Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason, it is expected that you'll exhibit proper decorum and propriety while in the lodge. Senior brethren are too busy with their Masonic duties and activities they forget to show new members the proper way. Before someone takes you aside to explain your errors, please be mindful of the following:

The Master's Authority. During his term in office, he is the most powerful member of the lodge. But he also shoulders all of its many responsibilities. He can rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time. He decides what can and cannot be discussed.

The following are not Masonic offenses. They are simply a lack of Masonic etiquettes. In other words they are considered to be bad manners.

a) Walking between the altar and the Worshipful Master.

As a courtesy, it is necessary that the three great lights (holy bible, square and compass) which shine eternal lights and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge, should never be in darkness.

b) Sitting in the East. Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation.

c) Always properly clothed. Nobody enters the lodge without their aprons on, signifying one is ready to do labor.

d) Stand when you speak. It is simply a form of respect and also so all may see who is speaking.

e) Talking. "Side" talk while a degree is being conferred or during meeting is considered bad manners. Besides, it is a distraction to the officers. This also means no whispering.

f) Obey the gavel immediately. It is a grave discourtesy and very poor Masonic etiquette not to heed the gavel.

g) Salute. Brethren offer salute to the Master when entering or retiring from a lodge with the due guard and sign.

h) Ballot. Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot. It may be a violation of the CMC voting code

i) Correction of verbal error. NO ONE except the designated brother (usually the Coach) may correct any mistake that may occur during the course of a ceremony or ritual. It is discourteous to point out other brother's mistake in front of fellow brothers.

j) Turn cell phone off before entering the lodge room so as not to disrupt the proceedings.

The spirit of brotherly love and affection by which we are bound together will be exemplified in our conduct and behavior at all times. Remember GMRC (Good Manners and Right Conduct) in school? Well, it applies here. For sure, it will make the lodge meetings more pleasant for everyone.



The Master Carpenter Part 1



As a child, I grew up with the most skillful and gentle grandfather a kid could ever ask for. A master at his trade he built houses, reroofed, and reframed.



Jules Nau

He also built pieces of furniture that are to this day considered artwork.

Every Sunday afternoon my mother and I would make the 35-minute drive to his home for a visit. I always walked to him gently hugged him and looked up to him like a giant wide shouldered unstoppable force. He could easily intimi-

date anyone in my eyes but would not hurt a butterfly. He would take me to the back of his house where he worked out in the open sun, sit me down and ask me to watch him work. I was amazed with all his tools, how they worked, what he was able to build with them.

He never worked with power tools, he used to tell me that a man reaches perfection in his craft by continuously applying himself. He would make me touch unworked wood and after make me again touch the finished piece to feel the difference.

Once his work was over, he would take me inside the house and open a soda bottle and share it with me. I would ask him a million questions, why do you hang your tools on the wall like that? Why do you always ask me to clean all of them after you are done? Why is this square and compass on the wall like that? He would answer some of my questions with a smile on his face and tell me you are too young to understand on some others.

I would clean his tools and hand them over for inspection; then I would hang them on the wall in their proper place and would call on him again to see my work. These were moments of pride for me, I felt that I had earned his trust when he allowed to touch his tools.

Early in my life he showed me discipline and commitment, he always told me that a man lives by his word, and he would ask me to always keep my word. He was man that spoke softly and always with substance.

These lessons that he has passed on to me, I now do the same with my son. Be there for others, keep your word, be organized in everything that you do.

There still was one question that he never answered, and I kept asking,



“Why do you have a square and compass hanging like that on your wall?”

By: Jules Edouard Nau
CATE SCHOOL, Carpinteria
Director of Facilities & Master Planning

****Editor’s note:*** Jules is a candidate to Entered Apprentice Degree. Are there other brothers asking the same question when they were young and that question were never answered?

Jules saw WB June Longcob in an occasion and noticed some Masonic symbols he wore. On his own free will and accord Jules approached June and asked how he can be a Mason and promptly shared how he came to be inspired to be a Mason.



Together Brethren

A Mason's Wife
Author:- Unknown

From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and families, we salute;
We surely know the price we pay,
Who sit alone while we're away.

No high degrees on you conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of sight,
While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours absent....you who strive,
To keep our fortitude alive.

You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could we,
Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.

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SHRINERS CORNER

By Julio and July Longcob (DeMolays)

The Covid-19 Pandemic won't stop the Carpinteria Shriners fundraising efforts for the kids at the Shriners Hospital for Children. Despite the current situation of the pandemic, members of our Shrine Club have made recent visits to the Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles, following Covid-19 State Protocols. The Shrine Club presented a monetary donation of \$2,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



WB June Longcob, PM
President, Shriners



The President of the Shrine club organizes bi-monthly Lodge Cleanups, followed by Barbeque and Fellowships. Lately, the fence was repaired last September by Nobles Rudy Reyes, Jaime Sodusta, and Jay Cano. The Shrine Club has also visited the local Carpinteria and Summerland Fire Department and the Carpinteria Sheriff's Office, treating them with donuts and refreshments from Starbucks and local bakeries. We are still giving out treats to our other First Responders in the community.

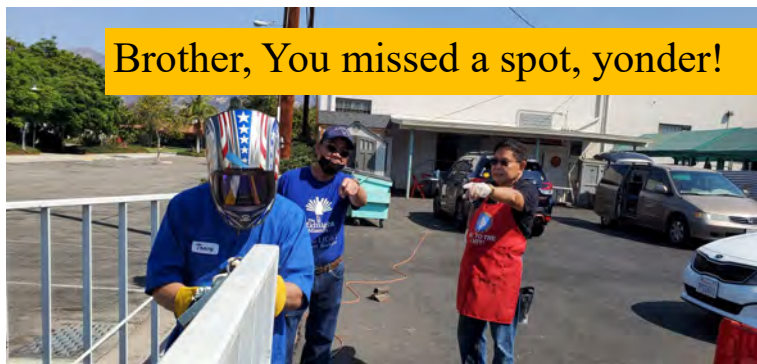


The Carpinteria Shrine Club continues to fundraise through donations and Shriener Activities like Tournaments and Events.

Senior Home Residence of Bro LoBue



We are also hoping that the Rose Parade is back next year, so that we can help decorate the Shriners Float again. If you have a chance, please attend any of our events next year to help fundraise for the Shriners Hospital for Children. Whether you are a member or not, your contribution can make a difference. Let's Support the Kids at the Shriners Hospital for Children.

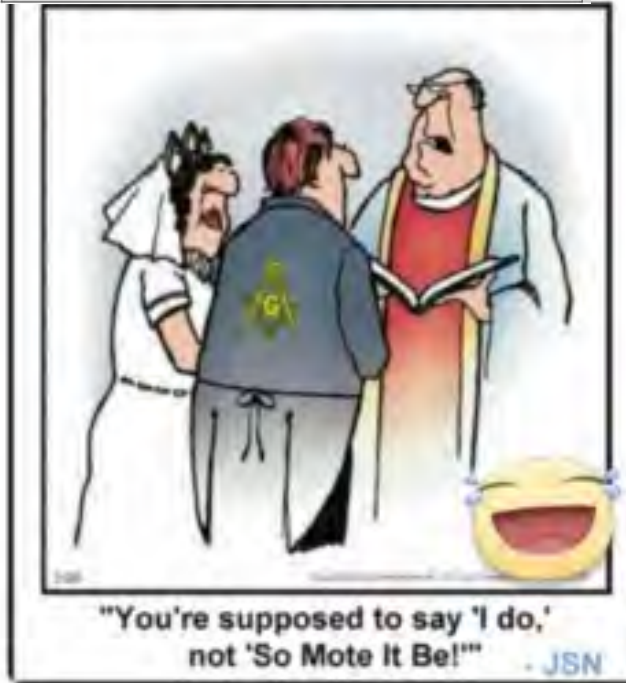
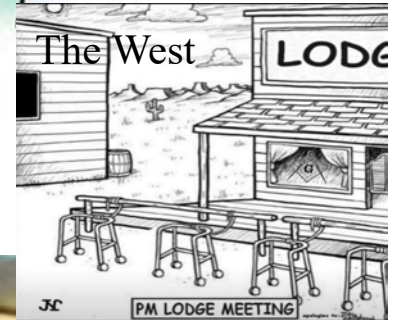


Masonic Humors

-by Alex Tang



I NEED TO SPEAK TO THEIR SENIOR DEACON...
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME IT'S HAPPENED THIS MONTH!



*Acknowledgements: These arts were borrowed from all over the internet. We thank the authors who made these great funnies.

WHY JOIN SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY?

Masonic Education

The Scottish Rite is often called the “University of Masonry,” but I suggest a more appropriate title would be the “**Graduate School of Masonry.**” The three degrees of the Blue Lodge provide the solid foundation lessons of our fraternity. The 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite provide opportunities for the student of Freemasonry to build upon those teachings. The Scottish Rite places a heavy emphasis on education: the Master Craftsman I & Rite Research Society provides scholarly publications and an outlet for members’ thoughts and writings.

More Opportunities for Fellowship

The Scottish Rite, being regionally organized, provides more opportunities for fellowship. This broader membership provides unique opportunities for Scottish Rite Masons to expand their fellowship with more Masons than are within the walls of their lodges. With this comes more opportunities to involve our ladies and families.

More Opportunities for Services

The obligations undertaken by a Master Mason focus primarily on his responsibilities to the grand lodge, his lodge, and other Masons. However, the Scottish Rite Mason has undertaken further obligations to serve his broader community in the 32nd Degree, the Scottish Rite Mason vows to serve as a “True Soldier” who seeks truth and knowledge, demands freedom of voice, vote, and opinion for all people, combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth, encourages men to be self-reliant and independent, and performs zealously his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren and himself.

In our Blue Lodges, we don aprons inherited from traditions of the operative stonemasons, men who were builders, as we are called to be in our Blue Lodges. In Scottish Rite, we are called to be soldiers and defenders, which is why we wear caps symbolic of the medieval tradition of knighthood. As Scottish Rite Masons, we are called to don our helmets, pick up our symbolic swords and shields, and live up to the obligations we have made.

More Opportunities to Practice Charity

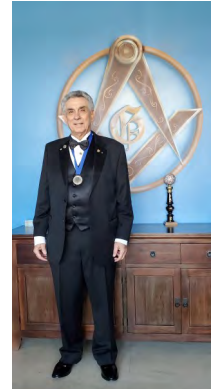
Scottish Rite Masons proudly support the Scottish Rite RiteCare Childhood Language Program. Whether it be through our donations of time or treasure, Scottish Rite Masons provide support to over 170 RiteCare clinics throughout the Southern Jurisdiction in their mission of helping children communicate. The Scottish Rite also provides scholarships for deserving college students, honors those in JROTC and ROTC programs, and provides disaster relief in conjunction with the Masonic Services Association of North America. Further, each valley may have its own programs that help its community in special ways.

Role Models & Mentors

Another thing that makes the Scottish Rite so special are those who wear the red cap of the KCCH and, most especially, the white cap of the 33rd Degree. These men have been recognized for their selfless devotion to the Scottish Rite in particular and to Freemasonry in general. They serve as role models and mentors by leading lives that are worthy of emulation. These brothers are living and breathing examples of what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

Conclusion

So what makes the Scottish Rite so special? In a word: more. More light in Masonry, more educational opportunities, more opportunities for fellowship, more opportunities to practice charity, and more role models and mentors from whom to learn. The Scottish Rite does not replace the Blue Lodge experience but complements it in a very positive way. However, the Scottish Rite is not meant to be a passive activity - it is not a “spectator sport.” By becoming a 32nd Degree Mason, we take obligations to serve not only our brethren, but also humanity and our community. These commitments and the brethren that fulfill them are what makes the Scottish Rite so unique and special, and why I’m proud to call myself a Scottish Rite Mason.



Maurice Sourmany, PM
Personal Representative of the
Valley of Santa Barbara of the
Sovereign Grand Inspector
General, Orient of California





FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Myron Shann, PM

THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about 4 people named:

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. The Grand Lodge app iMember 2.0 is now available for all members. Install it in your phone or PC.

Go to: https://member.freemason.org/users/sign_in

2. The official website of the Carpinteria Lodge #444 is in iMember but you can directly access it .

Go to: <https://lodge444.freemason.org/>

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