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CARPINTERIA LODGE #444
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Carpinteria, CA 93013

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

JAIME SODUSTA
WORSHIPFUL MASTER



VENI VIDI VICI. We came . We saw. We Did.

Brethren, as we approach the end of the Masonic Year 2022 and my term, I wish to thank you all for your support and love you showed for this our Carpinteria Lodge #444.. Together we have accomplished a lot. Really a lot. Not only for this lodge but also for the community around us.



Tree, if cut will sprout again, and will not cease...

Arise. Emerging from the clouds of Covid pandemic we bravely went full throttle, even wearing masks as needed. Furiously reviewing our dormant ritual skills, we successfully advanced our applicants and brothers to next levels of proficiency, thereby strengthening the core of the Lodge. Bakersfield Lodge did an extraordinary act of brotherly love by coming over to Carpinteria to deliver the 3rd Degree to the Longcob twins. Following on the mission of the Grand Lodge to support public education, we sponsored Spelling Bee in our Lodge, provided lunch to the staff of Carpinteria Middle School, awarded money to the winners and their outstanding students of the quarter. We donated money to the DeMolays in support of our budding future Masons. Following on the tradition of thanking our First Responders, we continued to bring them coffee, donuts and drinks. It's not all work in the Lodge as we held our Open House complete with BBQ, drinks, dancing and Live Band.



When but five of whom does it consist? The pillars: Master, Sr and Jr Wardens; and the Treasurer and Secretary went to their respective Training Retreats that gave them the tools to better manage the Lodge. We attended the 173rd Annual Communications of Grand Lodge, reviving the spirit of Fellowship and electing the new Grand Master Brill.

Worthy and Well Qualified. We honored our outstanding brothers we gave Bro. Jeff the Hiram Award for his community work and growing our investments. And Diamond Jubilee Award -75 years in Masonry, went to our oldest living 98 y.o brother LoBue. Still, not forgetting our dear Lodge widows, we treated them to dinner at Zookers.

Are we there yet? Our beloved Myron Shann, finally moved to Celestial Lodge above and we elected WB Randy as Secretary. More changes came to pass. As Santa Paula Lodge merged with Channel Islands, Inspector Ryan Phillips passed the token to WB June Longcob to be the Inspector of 546th District. And capping the year, we had road trip to Bakersfield Lodge and Election of Officers for Masonic Year 2023.

Quo Vadis? Whereto from here?

To the East, Brothers. Together we journey. So mote it be.



LIFE IN THIS CARPINTERIA LODGE #444

JANUARY 8 108th Installation of the Officers



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OFFICERS MASONIC YEAR 2022

WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Jaime Sodusta

SENIOR WARDEN
Noel Guarnes, PM

JUNIOR WARDEN
Albe Dumlaio, PM

TREASURER
June Longcob, PM

CHAPLAIN
Maurice Sourmany, PM

SECRETARY
Myron Shann, PM

SR DEACON
Randolph Reyes

SR STEWARD
Jay Cano

MARSHALL
Alex Tang

JR STEWARD
Craig Zimmerman

TILER
Dionisio Reglos

JR DEACON
Joe Wyban

INSPECTOR, Masonic District 8546
Ryan Philips, PM

Asst Secretary
Randy Ingel, Immediate PM

"SEEK 1-2B1"

1/27. Spelling Bee with the Carpinteria Middle School. Principal Lisa O'Shea and the winners.



Carpinteria Middle School students competed in the CMS spelling bee at the Masonic Lodge, which has hosted the event annually since 1986. The first-place winner, Taison Lee, took home \$350; the second-place winner, Madison Lee, won \$250; and the third-place winner, Janalle Abdulhai, received \$150.

FEBRUARY

Secretary and Treasurer Training Retreat in Irvine , CA Feb 4-6, 2022



**Feb 14: Stated Meeting of Carpinteria #444
Worshipful Randy Ingel is honored with the
Past Master Plaque**



Feb 28, 2022: 3rd Degree Conferral of Bro. Angelo Vasquez

MARCH 3 Raising Bro Jay Umali to Master Mason Degree

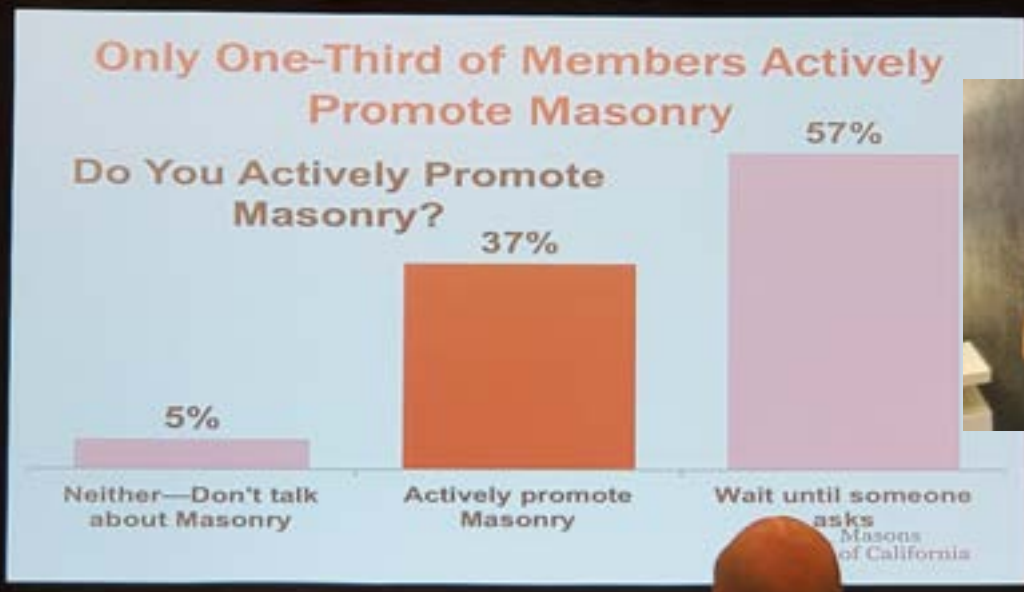


March 21 OSI at CARPINTERIA #444 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION with Inspector WB Ryan Phillips and SB Lodge 192 brothers.



March 28 2nd Degree Conferral - Bro Bassem Hamdy passed to the Fellowcraft Degree

APRIL
Master & Wardens Retreat April 1-3, 2022 in Irvine
WM Jaime Sodusta and SW Noel Guarnes, PM attended



Special 2nd Degree Conferral of Bros. Julio and July Longcob in & by Bakersfield Lodge 4/23/22



WM Babatuan
Bakersfield Lodge

MAY 3
Celebrating the Widows Month in
Carpinteria Lodge 444 with lunch at Zookers



May 9. Celebrating Bro Charles Lo Bue 75th Anniversary

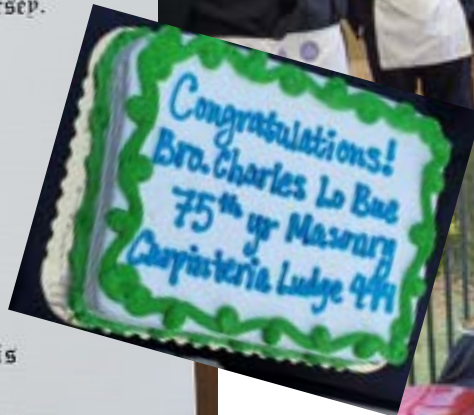
The Grand Lodge
of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Society of Free and Accepted Masons
for the State of New Jersey.

Honors
BROTHER
Charles Lo Bue
Loyalty Lodge #33
on his
75th
Anniversary
AS A MASTER MASON
and express appreciation for his
Distinguished Service

January 1, 2022

Witness the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful
Grand Master.

Robert Lopez *Robert V. Marshall*
Grand Secretary Grand Master



MAY 11
SB Rite Care Appreciation given by SB Scottish Rite



MAY 18
Master Mason Renewal Night at Oxnard Lodge, District 548 –with Inspector WB Vinz Tolentino



JUNE 8 - POV Potentate Office Visit Santa Barbara Scottish Rite and Shrine Club



JUNE 25

The community is invited!

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 25
2:00 - 6:00 pm

Carpinteria Masonic Lodge
5421 Carpinteria Avenue



Come and see what Masonry is all about!

BBQ • Music by Freddy Castro & Friends

For more information, visit freemason.org
Carpinteria Lodge 444 • 805-684-4433



Freddy and Friends Live Band



Open House at Bro Joe Wyban's new Office. Food fun & music



JULY 16—SCOTTISH RITES LOBSTERFEST IN CAMARILLO

The Thirtieth Annual New England
Summer Picnic
Saturday, July 16th,

Place: Camarillo Grove Park – 6968 E. Camarillo Spr
(101 Exit – Camarillo Springs Road)
Location of Event: Area #1 – Open around 10:00AM
Parking Fee Paid



Giant wine from Europe-
Donated by Bro Alex Tang



I won I won !!



Fun fun. Yeah
but my foot is
killing me !!



Are you having
fun yet ?



JULY 12- BRO MYRON SHANN 1935-2022 Moved to Celestial Lodge Above



*"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"*



**MYRON SHANN
1935-2022**



"SEEK 1-2B1"



Not goodbye...
just good night...



**JULY 23 Dual District OSI at CI
With WBs Bob Beeson-AGL, Inspectors Vinz Tolentino
and Ryan Phillips**



American chefs ? Burgers, hotdogs.



Piercing your...

American Sword

Filipino Sword



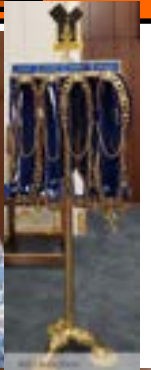
Filipino cooks? It's Pinoy Food! Rice Tosilog



Knife or sword –it has to retire.



AUGUST 21
3rd Degree Conferral of Brothers Juilo and July Longcob by Bakers-
field Lodge



Give it to me already !!



Ok Ok !!
But July has it.
I'm Julio.



AUGUST 27 Donuts and Coffee for Our First Responders

**Thank you, my Brothers from
Carpinteria Lodge !**



Brother Charles LoBue



**Fire Department.
Knock knock !**

**AUGUST 27 - BBQ for Carpinteria
Shriners Club**



Brother Wes Franken visits us !



SEPTEMBER 20-SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL MONTH



Principal OShea



Faculty & Staff of CMS



CMS Special Talents Award Winners received \$200 each.

SEPTEMBER

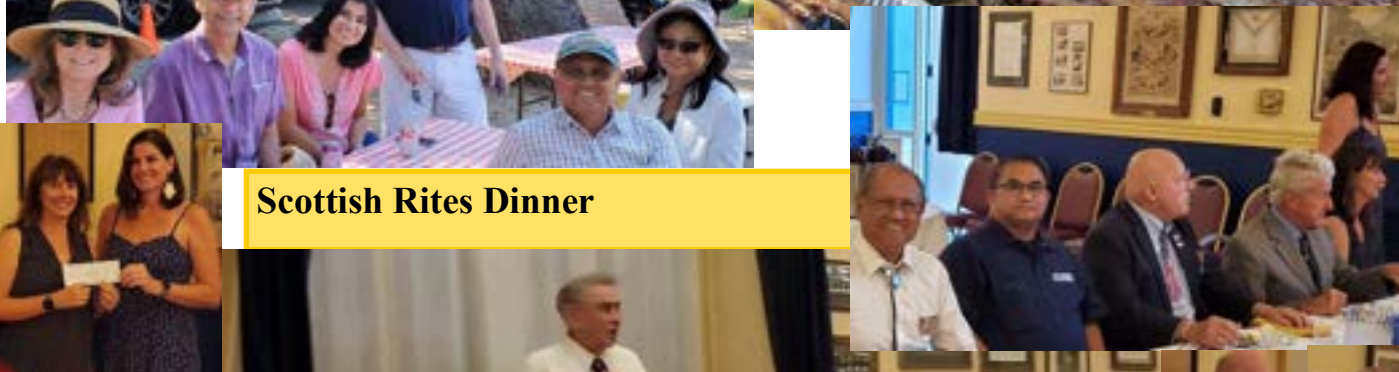


Refreshments for Sansum Clinic Staff & Post Office

SB Lodge 192 BBQ Argentine Style



Ola Raol! Donde las empanadas?



Scottish Rites Dinner



So Mote It Be

OCTOBER Grand Lodge 173rd Annual Communications



M.I.B.
Masons in Black



Crocker Lodge Live Band



Gala Night -w/AGL Tony Cimarra



MW Bro. Johnny Pimentel
Grand Master, GL of F&AM of Philippines



I will letter it with you. L-I-G
"Let it go". The word is right.

NOVEMBER

Stated Meeting:
Election of Officers



Visit Bro LoBue on his
98th Birthday



Worthy and Well Qualified



NOVEMBER 26—Bro JEFF MOORHOUSE



DECEMBER 12 Stated Meeting



Bro Jay Cano receives Masters' "Heart of a Mason" Award



Installation SB192 Lodge (Dec13) with Carpinteria Shriners in assistance and attendance

DECEMBER 17-Bakersfield Lodge 150th Anniversary



Gift of Carpinteria444 to Bakersfield224
Twin Jewel Holders-
(labeled "Julio" in Carp444 & i "July" in Bakersfield224)

Message from the South


ALBE DUMLAO, PM
Junior Warden



Freemasonry



There is no simple, one-line definition that describes what freemasonry is. It is a philosophy and a system of morality and ethics. Here are the main points that make Freemasonry different from any other organizations:

1. It is a fraternity of men, bound together by oaths, based on the medieval stonemason craft guilds.
2. It teaches lessons of social and moral virtues based on symbolism of the tools and language of the ancient building trade, using the building of a structure as a symbol for the building of character in men.
3. Masons are obliged to practice brotherly love, mutual assistance, equality, secrecy, and trust between each other.
4. Masons have secret methods of recognizing each other such as handshakes, signs, and passwords.
5. Masons meet in lodges that are governed by a Master and assisted by Wardens, where applicants who are found to be morally and mentally qualified are admitted using secret ritual ceremonies based on the legends of the ancient guilds.
6.  It is not a religion, and it has no religious dogma that it requires. Masons must simply believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, whatever they conceive that deity to be. Their personal beliefs are just that: personal.
7. It is not a science, but it does teach its members to value learning and experience. It encourages Masons to think but does not tell them what to think.
8. Freemasonry teaches masons to be tolerant of the beliefs of others and to regard each man as their equal, deserving both their respect and assistance.





A Holiday Wish – Why not me?

As the holidays approach, there's a sense of magic in the air. If you were to open a package from a loved one on the special day of the season, and in it were a small glass jar, of ornate craftsmanship, and it was slightly charred by ash, so you rubbed it to clean it before opening it, and out emerged a genie that could grant you three wishes – what would they be? More time? An easier time – or a more fun time? More money, to make your existing time easier and more fun?

Every such tale of genies granting wishes turns out to be a cautionary one. All too often, the things wished for end up being curses in their own twisted way. So, here's a wish we can all ask for instead – no genie required: “why not me?”

Too often, we succumb to self-doubts when faced with difficult or daunting tasks. We might tell ourselves – the competition is so much better prepared, better funded, better educated, they have a better pedigree, etc. Or we neglect to do that which is our duty because we tell ourselves, “I don't have time – someone else will take care of it.”

In both of these situations, we should ask ourselves – “why not me? Why shouldn't I take first place in that contest? Why shouldn't you get that promotion, or whatever else it is you're striving for?”

This holiday season is especially magical for me, because in November, while vacationing in Fiji, the State Bar of California published the results of the July 2022 examination – and my name was on the list. This was a dream I'd been chasing since at least 2006, when I first started attending law school, but realistically, more like 1997, when I first started taking my pre-law courses as an undergraduate. Seven times over the course of thirteen years I sat through the agony known as the California Bar Exam. A quarter of a century chasing a dream, finally achieved.

I had zero expectations of passing this time. Because over time, I'd almost accepted my fate – that it just couldn't be me. That it just wasn't in the cards for me. But that voice was wrong. My other voice – the one that said, just give it one more try – you got this! That one was right. I still can't hardly believe it.

But would I have the same sense of amazement if I hadn't struggled so hard to achieve it? Probably not. It's that way with many things in life. The struggle is where the value is found. The journey is the destination. Just as in masonry – you get out of it what you put in. Your lodge gets out of you what you put in. So don't wish for an easier time or assume someone else will do the heavy lifting if you're not there. Ask yourself, why not me? That's how you can be your own genie, and make your wishes come true.

Wishing you all the very best this holiday season.

Fraternally yours,
Brett William Higby, JD, MBA, CFE



The Message Remains the Same



1935-2022

You 'n Me in 83

The Master's Message

Myron Shann

Worshipful Master



What sort of image appears in the mind of the average non-Mason when Masonry is mentioned? Is it one of a very secretive organization whose members go to the Lodge and do things about which they cannot talk? Is it one created purely by a pigment of the imagination because of our failure to properly inform the public about the Fraternity? As Masons, what sort of image do we impart?

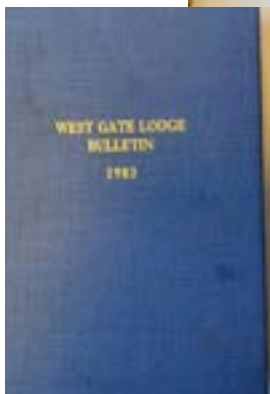
We need to stress an image — an image in the mind of the public that Freemasonry is a great institution, a most valuable asset for the community, a tremendous influence for public good — and above all, an institution of dignity, quality, and substance. The individual Mason should always be ready to stress the quality, the substance of the Masonic Order — and his own personal pride in being a Mason.

The public gets its image of Masonry from you and me; from our Temples, our public appearances, our endeavors both collectively and individually, and from the composite picture presented by the sum total of all of our members and of their lives and endeavors.

Let each one of us ask himself: "Am I the kind of Mason who, by my way of life and service, will add Dignity to our ancient & honorable institution?"

Fraternally,

Myron Shann
Worshipful Master

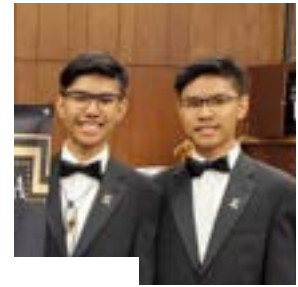




SHRINERS CORNER

By Bros. Julio and July Longcob

WB Albe Dumlao, PM
President, Shriners



How Can You Become a Shriner?

Well, the good news is if you are a Master Mason in Freemasonry, or are qualifying to be one, it is easy as 1 2 3! All you have to do is ask a Shriner to support and sponsor you and your application for Membership. Once a Shriner, you will be part of a fraternity based on Fun, Fellowship, and Masonic Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. You will truly see why Shriners say having fun and helping kids provide "life-changing experiences". Our Shriners Hospitals Help Kids, Be Kids!

It is amazing how quickly time flies. The 5th Anniversary of the Carpinteria Shrine Club is right around the corner. On January 6th, 2018, our charter was established by Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles, California. We are more known in our community as the "Carpinteria Shriners".

Thank you Nobles for donating your time to every fundraising event, especially the monthly Scottish Rite Food Preparation and Cooking, and helping out Masonic Lodge brothers in delivering Coffee and Donuts to the Frontline Workers in our Community.

Since 2018, our Shrine Club has raised and donated a total of \$5,000 to the Shriners Hospital for Children. We are looking forward to continuing our actions and working hard for the kids in need. Our Quarterly Family BBQ has always been amazing attendance-wise, and I hope to see more of you come out and join us! A huge thanks to our Ladies and Guests for supporting us as well.

Let us welcome the newest members of our club! Maurice "Moe" Sourmany, Peter Webber, Jay Umali, July Longcob, and Julio Longcob. Let us also congratulate our 2023 Officers! May you serve well.

As we plan to continue in 2023, we strive to Fundraise more on a regular basis and grow our outreach more in our community.

President: Albe Dumlao
Vice President: Jay Cano
Secretary: Jaime Sodusta
Treasurer: Alex Tang
Auditor: Noel Guarnes
Marshall: Jay Umali

Board of Trustees:
Maurice Sourmany
Randolph Reyes
Julio Longcob
July Longcob



Shriners Children's Rose Parade Float

Masonic Humors

-by Alex Tang



A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working.

After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired.

The candidate replied "a beer".

At this juncture, the W.M., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.

"OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."



THREE GREAT LIGHTS



One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting.

He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts. A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over. "Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked.

The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!" Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?"

The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"



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



SCOTTISH RITES OF FREEMASONRY



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



In operation since 1985, Rite Care is the philanthropy of the Scottish Rite, a concordant body of the Freemasons. SB RiteCare is a speech and language center, one of the 170 across the U.S. located in downtown Santa Barbara. We can't thank our local Scottish Rite Masons enough for helping us with our mission. We provide speech and language therapy to preschool children at no cost. We also help elementary children who struggle in reading. Over the summer, we have Camp Chit Chat which is a summer therapy program for *children* with communication disabilities.

Every year, we help over 100 children! We have two speech-language pathologists on staff (Julie & Summer). We just had our December Wreaths for RiteCare fundraiser where we raised \$10,000! Our next fundraiser will be for Mother's Day. With a donation you will receive an orchid. Our board welcomes new members if you are interested in getting more involved! For more info email Julie: jdeangelis@casrf.org





Message from the West

Noel Guarnes, Sr. Warden, PM, (incoming WM2023)

CHEERS TO A LOVELY HOLIDAY AND CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY AND OUR FRATERNITY. ENJOY THIS BLESSED TIME OF YEAR AS WE CONCLUDE THIS MASONIC YEAR 2022 AND WELCOME M.Y. 2023.



Message from the Far East

Randy Ingel - Past Master & Secretary

Praying you have a Christmas filled with miracles and memorable moments you'll cherish forever as I had in Carpinteria Lodge 444 Masonry, reaching the East and circled back to the West and North and South and all other stations as needed and concluding this year as secretary. All these make lasting memories of the continuing Masonic journey.
On the Level.

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/>

3. Scan the QR Code to access the sites



HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2022 !!

From our family to yours.



Longcob



Sodusta



Tang



Vasquez



Higby

SO VERY MERRY



the Franken Family



Wishing a Blessed Holiday to Carpinteria Lodge Brethren. Thank you for visiting me. - Marlene Shann

Trestleboard Dec 2022



Nau



Reyes



Dumaop



Umali



Sourmany

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