

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214
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dinners, practices, and degree work**

- Dinners are \$15 each for reservations and prepaid accounts. **Dinners without a reservation are \$20.** Use the Lodge web site or call (805) 641-0214.
- Please make all checks payable to **Free & Accepted Masons Channel Islands No 214**
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Schedule of Events

April 3 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

April 3 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

April 5 - PGM Harry Maynard Funeral Service 1:00 PM



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Trestleboard



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Greetings from the East:

Last month, as a second installment of our Masonic Education program, we hosted Past Grand Master Russ Charvonja for a lecture on Civility. It was not only thought-provoking but compelling. I must say that so much of the concepts of such a topic touched me deeply. I did a great deal of soul searching in evaluating my own life that I would like to share with you some of the bullet points that Most Worshipful Charvonja touched on.

Civility is a core principle in Freemasonry, deeply embedded in its teachings, rituals, and interactions among members. The fraternity is dedicated to moral and ethical development. Freemasonry emphasizes respect, courtesy, and brotherhood, fostering an environment where men of diverse backgrounds can unite in harmony. Civility in Freemasonry is not just about politeness; it reflects a deeper commitment to treating others with dignity, engaging in constructive dialogue, and upholding the values of integrity and mutual respect.

Discussions on divisive topics such as politics and religion are prohibited in Masonic lodges to maintain harmony and avoid

discord. This rule reinforces the practice of civility by encouraging members to focus on shared values rather than differences. Masons are taught to listen with an open mind, speak with kindness, and act with patience, ensuring that every brother is valued regardless of personal opinions or beliefs.



Beyond the lodge, Masons are expected to practice civility in their daily lives, serving as examples of good character within their communities. Freemasons contribute to a more respectful and unified society by embodying civility, demonstrating that true strength lies not in dominance or division, but in understanding and mutual support.

If you have been away from your Lodge for a while and would like to see and experience some of the things which make Masonry so unique and important in our lives, consider coming to the next stated meeting dinner. Catch up with old friends and enjoy a wonderful dinner. You will be warmly welcomed. See you soon.

Nick Luizzi, PM
Worshipful Master, Channel Islands Lodge 214

Greetings from the West:

We use the 24-inch gauge to divide our time between our jobs, refreshment, and service. While tradition suggests equal thirds, reality is rarely so simple.

Some Masons delight in refreshment, while others pour themselves into their jobs or service. Lodge meetings, degree work, and charity naturally fall under service, but it is easy for this section to overflow. As a result, other obligations may be shuffled as time permits, rather than in perfect sequence. This is natural.

Freemasonry emphasizes self-improvement and balancing the 24 -inch gauge is a good place to start. No two Masons measure their gauge the same way and work styles differ.



Some thrive on routine, while others operate in cycles of focus and rest. Balance isn't about rigid division. It's about fulfilling our commitments with our own unique approach.

The key is intentionality, ensuring that however we allocate our time, we do so with purpose. Each Mason must measure his own gauge, recognizing that equilibrium isn't always about even divisions but about managing duties in a way that aligns with our strengths and circumstances.

So, how do you balance your gauge? Keep up your good work, and let's move forward together.

Fraternally,
Jared Padgett, Senior Warden

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Greetings from the South:

Last month we enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day themed dinner of corned beef and cabbage. Dinner was prepared by Alexa Aguilar and served by the Rainbow Girls. In April, we will be having lemon caper chicken with potatoes and spring salad, prepared by our very own Charles Ruddy II. The theme will be Easter and the changing of seasons from winter to spring.

Many of you are likely familiar with how the trestleboard process works. However, I'd like to peel back the curtain for those that may not. These articles are typically written within the first week of the prior month so that they are available for editing, printing, etc. So, as you can imagine, there are some challenges in discussing lodge events that have not occurred at the time of writing, but did occur when it is available for your viewing pleasure. That being said, I plan to write about

events to the best of my ability bearing that in mind.

In March we had our most successful blood drive to date. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the brothers from our lodge, Oxnard Lodge, Santa Barbara Lodge, family, and friends that contributed. I trust that the Roll Call was a blast as usual, the St. Patrick's Day parade was a great opportunity to get out in the community, and that the movie night was a casual and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Lastly, we would like your help in having accurate dinner reservations for Stated Meeting dinners so that we can prepare enough food. If you are reading this, and have not already made a reservation, please do so as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
Carrick Cheevers, Junior Warden



MW Russ Charvonia presents his talk on Civility



March Royal Arch Mark Master Class and degree team



Jared Padgett, SW, and Yousef Asaad, Marshal, contribute to our successful blood drive

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Golden Veterans

Gary Lee Vess 2025

James William Rasey PM 2025

Hubert Thomas Curnett 2025

Kenneth Glen Miller 2025

David Levell Knutson 2024

Paul Efraim Lovemark 2024

Michael Paul Blackmer PM 2024

William Noel Scruggs 2024

Donald Phillip Meyer 2024

Steven Alan Weiss 2024

Jerry Lee Jeffery 2023

William Robert Kavanaugh PM 2023

Jeffrey Kosowitz 2023

Robert Blaine Frost 2022

Henry Vann Chase 2022

David Bruce Gillette PM 2022

Steven William Scott 2022

J. Chandler Davis Jr. 2022

Haskell Wayne Chandler 2022

3° Service Years

Roy Wayne Younger 67

Joseph Edgar Stroud 54

William Noel Scruggs 51

Raymond Adrain Broomfield PM 44

Dallas Alden Petersen 37

Lawrence Walker Young 35

Robert George Roberts Sr. 32

John David Robles PM 28

Michael Lawrence Richards 22

Scott Gordon Phelan 21

Scott Brian Neace 17

Max Thomas Sanford 15

Robert Dean Le Maire 15

Birthdays this Month

Robert George Grahovac 1

Jeffrey Allen Hager PM 3

Scott Gordon Phelan 3

Geoffrey Alan Horsey 4

Brandt Allen Hammer 5

Samuel Lee Hill PM 5

George Henry Rose 5

Robert Dean Pritchett 6

Thomas J. Phillips II PM 11

Thomas Michael Ecklund 12

Ethan Thomas Mitchell 12

Michael Gregory Valley 15

John Curtis 16

Eric Lee Kienitz 16

Alan Roy Riecki PM 19

Jeff W Shirley 22

Gary Lee Vess 22

Bruno Valdivino De Carvalho 24

Taylor A Gilbert 24

Sos Sam Arutyunyan 25

Donald Lewis Rowell 25

James Vernon Wyman 25

Richard M Depalma II 26

William James Roberts Jr. 27

Kenneth Lloyd Brown 29

Dennis Dean Behrens 29

Georgios Nikolas Ioannidis 30

Patrick David Barros 30

Steven William Scott 30

Entered into Rest

Harry Lee Maynard PGM 3/2/2025

Larry Ramone Deering 9/26/2024