

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214
Free & Accepted Masons of California
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**Channel Islands Masonic Lodge 214 is open for Stated meetings,
dinners, practices, and degree work**

- Dinners are \$15 each. ~~You must make a reservation before attending dinners~~ and reservations must be paid whether you attend or not. Use the Lodge web site or call (805) 641-0214.
- **Please don't come to Lodge if you feel sick!**
- Hand sanitizers will be available
- Please make all checks payable to **Free & Accepted Masons Channel Islands No 214**

Schedule of Events

August 1 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

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August 22 - Past Masters 3rd Degree & Dinner 6:30PM

Upcoming York Rite Degrees

September 21 - Ventura Chapter Mark Master degree 9:00 AM

September 28 - San Fernando Chapter Festival - 8:00 AM

September 30 - San Fernando Council 6:00 PM

October 12 - San Fernando Commandery 8:00 AM

Please see the Lodge calendar for the latest information

<https://channelislandsLodge214.org>

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Greetings from the East Brethren, I'd like to begin by thanking all of you who made it out to this year's New England Lobster picnic. Our local Scottish Rite puts on this fund raiser every year and it's not only a great time but for an amazing charity. I'd also like to thank those of you who joined us in supporting Anacapa Lodge's annual Filipiniana celebration that same night. It definitely made for an extra-long Saturday but it was also an excellent example of fellowship



and support for another lodge in our district. If you managed to miss either or both events, I'd recommend making sure you catch them next July. Also coming up on August 22nd Channel Islands will be having a Past Masters 3rd Degree. If you are a Master Mason and can attend this special night, please come and join us.0
Fraternally

Tim Youmans,
Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West:

Last week I had a discussion with several of our newly minted entered apprentices. The conversation was lively and their enthusiasm for contributing to the lodge was impressive. Collectively, they wanted me to give some pointers on how their contributions could improve our lodge. Well, I thought about it and told my brothers that I would respond in more detail soon. So here it is and I feel these bullet points apply to all Masons. Contributing to a Masonic lodge is a meaningful way to engage with a centuries-old fraternal organization that emphasizes brotherhood, personal growth, and community service. Here are ways to actively participate:



- 1. Regular Attendance:** Attend lodge meetings consistently. This demonstrates your commitment and dedication to the lodge's principles.
- 2. Fellowship:** Foster strong relationships with fellow Masons. Spend time outside of lodge meetings to build camaraderie and deepen your connections.
- 3. Commit to Learning:** Masonry is rich in symbolism and history. Dedicate yourself to learning its teachings and values, often found in

Masonic texts and lectures.

4. Mentoring: If you're an experienced Mason, mentor newer members. Offer guidance, answer questions, and help them navigate their Masonic journey.

5. Participate in Ritual: Take an active role in lodge rituals and ceremonies. This helps maintain the lodge's traditions and ensures a meaningful experience for all members.

6. Community Service: Engage in charitable and community service activities organized by the lodge. Masons are known for their philanthropy, and your involvement can make a positive impact.

7. Leadership: When ready, consider taking on a leadership role within the lodge, such as becoming an officer. Leadership not only strengthens your skills but also contributes to the lodge's success.

8. Share Your Skills: Offer your unique talents and expertise to benefit the lodge. Whether it's organizing events, managing finances, or providing technical support, your skills can be invaluable.

9. **Support Widows and Orphans:** Masons traditionally care for the widows and orphans of deceased brethren. Contributing to this cause is a fundamental duty.

10. Attend Masonic Education: Participate in

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Masonic education programs to deepen your understanding of the craft and its principles. Remember, contributing to a Masonic lodge is a lifelong journey. By actively participating and upholding the values of Freemasonry, you'll not only enrich your own life but also strengthen the lodge's sense of purpose and community.

I hope to see you at the next stated meeting dinner. We have really good dinners, and you will be warmly welcomed. See you there.

Fraternally,
Nick Luizzi, PM
Senior Warden

Ask a brother how his lodge is doing, and his answer is very likely to be either that things are going well because there has been a lot of work to do or that the life of the lodge is quiet because there hasn't been much work lately. Usually, he is talking about degree work. There is no doubt that performing degrees is a vital part of the work of a lodge, but it is a common misconception in our Masonic thinking to conclude that solely performing our degrees constitutes the work of our lodge. Degree work is a means not an end.

Our lodge's strength lies with the brotherhood that extends to our new members during their degrees

and as we, as Master Masons give the degrees, but also with the fellowship that is deepened during the many events that we hold and provide us with the opportunity to gain deeper friendships.

Thank you brothers for your strong commitment to join in these extra activities like the pot lucks, mini golf event and for showing support for other clubs like the Shrine.



Fraternally,
Dave Beaver
Senior Warden



Cleaning out the Kitchen: Brothers attend to getting the kitchen in shape for the coming months

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Golden Veterans

David Levell Knutson 2024	Steven William Scott 2022
Paul Efraim Lovemark 2024	J. Chandler Davis Jr. 2022
Michael Paul Blackmer PM 2024	Haskell Wayne Chandler 2022
William Noel Scruggs 2024	Robert Dean Pritchett 2021
Donald Phillip Meyer 2024	David Alan Kaiser 2021
Steven Alan Weiss 2024	Arthur Dudley Freel 2021
Jerry Lee Jeffery 2023	Joseph Edgar Stroud 2021
William Robert Kavanaugh PM 2023	Walter Thomas Hahn 2021
Jeffrey Kosowitz 2023	Thomas Michael Ecklund 2021
Robert Blaine Frost 2022	James Walter DeGraffenreid Jr. 2020
Henry Vann Chase 2022	Mark Evan Hurd PM 2020
David Bruce Gillette PM 2022	

3° Service Years

Dennis Dean Behrens 65	John David Woods 29
Gary Welborn Kulper 62	Jon Harvey Hanson PM 28
Allan D. Stampa 61	Matthew Edward Kelleher 26
Mark Evan Hurd PM 54	James Vernon Wyman 26
James Walter DeGraffenreid Jr. 54	Trevor Todd Ritschel 14
Steven William Scott 52	Tim Michael Youmans 3
John Curtis 45	Robert Gardner Neustadt 2
James Allen Owens 43	
James Doyle Wyman 35	
Michael Alfred Tiffany 32	

Birthdays this Month

Bob Joe Brown 3	Christopher Kruse 16
Rene Cenicerros 3	Craig Allen Wobig 19
Yousef Touni Asaad 3	Gregory Malcolm Fowler 19
Dionisio P. Reglos 5	Lawrence Gary Belshe 20
David Levell Knutson 6	Marvin Lee Kruse Jr. 20
Esteban Alvino Velasquez 6	Matthew Edward Kelleher 21
Jonathan Michael Adkins 7	Scott William Phillips 21
Robert John Menga 7	Dale Elwood Lotspeich 23
Trevor Todd Ritschel 7	Gregory Warren Smith 23
Harish C. Anand 8	Stanley Roger Eugene Dame 23
Michael Paul Blackmer PM 8	James Arthur Adams Jr. 24
Charles Arthur MacQuiddy 10	Carlo Aaron Purther 26
Edwin Julius Christensen PM 10	Robert James Donaldson 28
Carrick Brendan Cheevers 12	David Alan Kaiser 30
Justin Don Tipps 12	Bryan James Clifton 31
Ernest Chalmers King Jr. 15	

Entered into Rest

Richard Leroy Kerr 1/24/2024