

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214
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**Channel Islands Masonic Lodge 214 is open for Stated meetings,
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 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

February 6 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

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March 2 - Royal Arch Mark Master Degree 10:00AM Ventura Masonic Center

Please see the Lodge calendar for the latest information
<https://channelislandslodge214.org>

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Trestleboard



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Greetings from the East:

As January has proven to test our faith in overcoming the incredible fires in Southern California we need to remember our values as Masons.

Freemasonry, as a fraternal organization, emphasizes principles such as community support, charity, and mutual aid, which can be particularly beneficial during and after disasters. Freemasonry might help individuals and communities during such times:

Mutual Support

- Freemasonry fosters strong bonds between members, creating a support network that can provide emotional, physical, and financial assistance in times of need.
- Members often rally to help one another, ensuring no one feels isolated during difficult times.

Charitable Efforts

- Masonic lodges frequently engage in charitable activities, including fundraising, providing supplies, and offering aid to affected communities.
- Masonic charities and affiliated organizations may also provide disaster relief grants and resources for recovery efforts.



Organized Response

- The hierarchical structure of Freemasonry allows for coordinated efforts in responding to disasters, pooling resources and manpower effectively.
- Lodges often serve as hubs for organizing local relief efforts or connecting with larger humanitarian organizations.
- The teachings of Freemasonry emphasize resilience, preparedness, and moral integrity, which can help individuals remain grounded and focused during crises.
- Masonic principles encourage members to extend their support to the broader community, fostering unity and collective strength.

By leveraging its strong network, charitable resources, and community-focused values, Freemasonry can play a meaningful role in helping individuals and communities navigate and recover from disasters.

This disaster will impact everyone for decades to come. So please do all that you can in the months ahead to help our citizens and brothers in need.

Fraternally,
Nick Luizzi PM
Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West:

Love is in the air this month because of Valentine's Day. While February naturally invokes thoughts of romantic love, we experience other types of love as Masons. There are three words for love in Greek: eros, phileo, and agape. Eros is celebrated on Valentine's Day, but the other two are more relevant to Masonry.



Phileo is brotherly love, and is the first form of love we encounter in masonry. The Worshipful Master extends his hand to us in a gesture of brotherly love as he welcomes us into the fraternity. His example sets the tone for our masonic journey. Phileo is built on shared experiences, mutual respect, and emotional connections. We nurture it through ritual work, fellowship, fun, and supporting brothers in need.

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Agape is all-encompassing, unwarranted, unearned, and unreciprocated love. It gives everything and expects nothing in return. Masons call this charity. Charity extends to the larger world, fostering unity among people who may be very different from each other. In this month when much of the world celebrates eros, let us remember to practice phileo and agape.

Take time to appreciate the bonds we've formed and be sure to check in on a brother you have not seen in a while or a brother in need. This will help all of our brothers feel loved and supported on our shared journey.
Fraternally,
Jared Padgett
Senior Warden

Lodge Christmas Party



Worshipful Master Nick Luizzi PM asking Santa for a great Masonic Year or a winning lottery ticket



Even Santa has to eat



Carrick Cheevers and his son wait for Santa



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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

Edwin Julius Christensen PM 60

Glenn Fredrick Stallings 56

W. Andrew Little PM 56

Thomas Michael Ecklund 54

Jeffrey Kosowitz 52

David Levell Knutson 51

Paul Efraim Lovemark 51

Michael Paul Blackmer PM 51

Kenneth Glen Miller 50

Richard Lewis Myatt 49

Gregory Malcolm Fowler 49

Samuel Lee Hill PM 48

Dwayne Louis McWaters PM 44

Robert William Gregorchuk 30

Dionisio P. Reglos 24

Mark Alden Beck 23

David Edward Armstrong 23

Gregory Warren Smith 18

Charlie Aslin Vanoni 16

James Patrick Brady 13

Robert Dewey Moon 10

Roy Gerald Price 9

Rodrigo Kammer 8

Patrick David Barros 5

Christopher Kruse 3

Charles William Ruddy II 1

Jared Ray Barboza 1

Jeffrey Michael Malley 1

Birthdays this Month

Anthony Jay Schock 3

Josh Edcker Kirby Jr. PM 3

Mario Urcia Aspacio Jr. 3

Richard Lee Epperson 4

Robert William Gregorchuk 4

Wade Collins Edwards 4

George Edward Morris 5

Jeffrey Paul Taylor 5

Glenn Donald Bult PM 7

Jeffrey Michael Malley 13

Brian Ashley Bennison 15

George James Anderson Jr. 15

Rafael Kipp Longo 16

James Walter DeGraffenreid Jr. 17

Joshua Flint Kienitz 18

John Allen Meadows 22

Charlie Aslin Vanoni 25

Dwayne Louis McWaters PM 27

In order to keep stated meeting dinner costs down we will require advance reservations so we know how many are coming to dinner. Food purchases are rising significantly. In future, dinners will remain at \$15 with a reservation, \$20 if you do not make a reservation.