

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

May 2 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM
May 2 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
May 16 - Double First Degree 6:30 PM
May 23 - Double First Degree 6:30 PM
May 30 - Fellowship Night/ Social 6:30 PM

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

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I would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to our annual blood drive. It was really nice to have so much support in reaching our goals for the donations. I would also like to thank Brother Carrick for all of the hard work and dedication that went into having this event. In the month of May we will be having four first degrees. Please mark these dates on your calendar. May 16th we have a double first degree. May 23rd we will be



having another double first degree. I would love to see everyone there and have the sidelines full. Finally I would like to thank all the brothers that have come out to support the Robinson family and the loss of their son Taron. Taron was an asset to Masonry in Ventura and has supported Channel Islands Lodge 214 from a young age.

Fraternally
Tim Youmans, WM

Greetings From the West:

We are busy processing the number of men who are seriously interested in becoming a Mason. I must say I am seeing renewed interest in masonry. Prospects are the life blood of any Lodge. Doing diligence with these men is very important to the temperament of the Lodge. We want team players, and we want men who are interested in what they can contribute to Masonry. It is the responsibility of members of the Lodge to represent the basic core values of what a mason is. Many times, in a man's life he gets involved with organizations with enthusiasm only to find out that he has not done diligent investigations prior to initiation. The results are that he loses interest and pulls back. That is why we should attempt to dispel the Hollywood glamour regarding our fraternity and represent Masonry for what it is. At its best, Masonry encourages men to form deep lasting friendships because of common goals and interests. Masonry allows us to support our communities with philanthropic programs like Raising a Reader for children, reading literacy, blood drives for the Red Cross, only to name a few. Channel Islands Lodge is experiencing a robust interest in Masonry from our community. We have hosted many prospects attending our social hour and stated meeting dinners this year. As a result, we have vetted and accepted men who will be



entering our lodge. Please try to attend one of our first degree ceremonies this year.

At its core, Freemasonry is built upon a system of moral and ethical values that guide our members to lead virtuous lives. Fidelity serves as a cornerstone of these values, encouraging Masons to remain true to their word, to honor their commitments, and to be reliable in their actions. This principle underscores the deep bond of trust and brotherhood that exists among Freemasons.

Within the Lodge, fidelity is exemplified through the practice of keeping one's promises, maintaining confidentiality, and demonstrating unwavering support for fellow Masons. Masonic rituals and ceremonies emphasize the importance of fidelity, reminding members of their duty to remain steadfast in their allegiance to the fraternity and its teachings.

Fidelity lies in the heart of Freemasonry, embodying the principles of loyalty, trustworthiness. It serves as a guiding principle for Masons, both within the fraternity and in their personal lives, promoting the values of integrity, reliability, and unwavering commitment to their obligations. Through fidelity, Freemasonry seeks to foster an environment of trusty, brotherhood, and moral excellence.

Fraternally,
Nick Luizzi PM, SW

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Greetings Brethren from the South.

We are initiating four Entered Apprentices between the months of April and May. As Masons, we should make every effort to show up for their First Degrees. This provides the proper first impression upon the edifice and superstructure of their Masonic journey. We all know that each of us has obligations outside of the



Lodge, but it is our hope that our commitment to the brotherhood would guide us to prioritize engagement at these milestones. As always, we will enjoy the fellowship of each other's company and dessert after the Degrees.

Fraternally,
Dave Beaver
Junior Warden



Mark Torrez PM and Worshipful Master Tim Youmans get drained and look happy about it



A Brother from Oxnard and Candidate Yousef Asaad donate at the blood drive



Attendees at the Channel Islands Lodge annual Roll Call March 28, 2024
The names of 259 Master Masons were read, 31 were present, and 15 were answered for

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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

Donald Gene Hauser 71	Charles William Kasper PM 32
Thomas J. Phillips II PM 69	Edward Cleveland Jones Jr. 32
James Richard Burgess 55	Charles Augustus Rodey II PM 27
Arthur Dudley Freel 53	John Victor Collings Jr. 26
Donald Phillip Meyer 50	Joshua Flint Kienitz 26
Mark Allan Vest 48	Joe Floyd Storment III 22
James Paul Strong 46	Christopher Lee Carter 22
Doyle Lester Reynolds 43	Eric Andrew Lyke Sr. 18
Eric Lee Kienitz 43	Wade Collins Edwards 16
Neal Lauren Glisson Jr. 42	Stephen John Onderko 13
William Adrian Quesada 42	Scott William Phillips 12
Jackie Lee Hock PM 40	Michael Herbert Anatole 11
Bob Joe Brown 38	Bengt-Ola Sigvard Bengtsson 8
Russell Eric Charvonja PGM 32	Christian Veloz 7

Birthdays this Month

Jon Harvey Hanson PM 3	Bernard Cornelius Milligan PM 16
Robert Dee Matson PM 3	William Sydney Harry Downey 18
Mitchell T. Fox 4	Brandon Jeremiah Smith 19
William Michael Coe 4	Ricky Lee Fuehrer 21
Mark Alden Beck 5	Donnie Alan Karns PM 23
Dallas Alden Petersen 6	James Edwin Lotspeich 26
Paul Edward Burt 8	Robert Edward Farish 26
Alexandros Ioannidis 11	William Scott Wells 26
Kenneth Reynolds Luckey 14	Donald Phillip Meyer 28
Richard Lewis Myatt 14	John Victor Collings Jr. 28
Thomas James Hutchinson 14	Donald Edward Gluyas 31