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dinners, practices, and degree work**

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**Schedule of Events**

**May 1** - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

**May 1** - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM



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## Trestleboard



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**G**reetings From The East:

I am pleased to say that the Lodge is bustling with growth and activity. We have a wealth of talent on the officer's line and I project strong lodge leadership for years to come. A Masonic lodge is composed of men from many walks of life. We come with different life experiences which make up this fraternal crucible of brothers. I see the lodge as a home or sanctuary away from the trials and tribulations of the world around us. This is what the essence of a Masonic Lodge means to me.

A Masonic lodge serves as a sanctuary for its members, providing a space of brotherhood, reflection, and moral growth. Within its sacred walls, members find refuge from the chaos of daily life, entering a realm dedicated to self-improvement, mutual support, and higher principles. The lodge fosters an atmosphere of trust and discretion, where men from diverse backgrounds unite under shared values of integrity, charity, and enlightenment.

The rituals and traditions of Freemasonry create a structured environment that encourages members to seek wisdom and

virtue. The lodge becomes a haven where they can discuss philosophical and ethical ideas, free from external judgment or political strife. This sense of sanctuary extends beyond physical meetings; it exists in the lifelong bonds formed among brethren who support one another in times of need.

Beyond personal growth, a Masonic lodge serves as a sanctuary for the community, promoting charitable efforts and upholding moral and civic duties. It teaches its members to carry the values of the lodge into the world, making society a better place. In this way, the Masonic lodge is not just a refuge but a foundation for building character, fostering

friendships, and serving humanity.

If you have not been to a stated meeting for a while and would like to meet up with old friends, please come to our next stated meeting. You will be warmly welcomed and enjoy a nice meal with your brothers. See you there!

Sincerely,

Nick Luizzi, PM

Master, Channel Islands Lodge 214



**G**reetings from the West:

The wisdom of King Solomon is famous among Masons for good reason. One could write a book on his lessons. In fact, Solomon wrote three. His lessons may guide us on our Masonic journey.

“The mind of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” Prudence requires staying teachable and willing to learn before acting or judging.

“One who is slow to anger has great understanding; but one who is quick-tempered exalts foolishness.” Solomon teaches us that patience isn't weakness, but strength through understanding. Wisdom is distinct from knowledge; not knowing more, but reacting less.

“Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is considered prudent.” Prudence entails knowing when silence speaks best.

These passages guide us in prudentially using our Masonic compass. It is not the virtues we recite, but the habits we practice—how we listen, when we speak, and whether we remain teachable—that shape who we are. Solomon's wisdom encourages us to slow down, remain open-minded, and speak with care. In doing so, we help preserve peace and harmony, and together focus on our pursuit of light and self-improvement.

Fraternally,

Jared Padgett, Senior Warden



# 154 years of Freemasonry in Ventura

1871-2025

Greetings from the South:

Last month we enjoyed an Easter themed dinner of lemon caper chicken with mashed potatoes prepared by Brother Charles Ruddy II. Dinner was served by the Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89. At our May Stated Meeting we will be having a Cinco De Mayo themed dinner prepared by Alexa Aguilar and served by the Rainbow Girls. In March, we had some great fellowship at the roll call, St. Patrick's Day Parade, and movie night. I'd like to extend a sincere note of gratitude

to everyone that participated in the parade with us. In addition to having members from our lodge and Oxnard lodge, we also had representation of the Royal Arch, Commandery, Scottish Rite, and Shriners.

Fraternally,  
Carrick Cheevers  
Junior Warden



## 🍀 Ventura County Masons march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade 🍀



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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

Donald Gene Hauser 72

Thomas J. Phillips II PM 70

James Richard Burgess 56

Arthur Dudley Freel 54

Donald Phillip Meyer 51

Mark Allan Vest 49

James Paul Strong 47

Doyle Lester Reynolds 44

Eric Lee Kienitz 44

Neal Lauren Glisson Jr. 43

William Adrian Quesada 43

Jackie Lee Hock PM 41

Bob Joe Brown 39

Russell Eric Charvonia PGM 33

Charles William Kasper PM 33

Edward Cleveland Jones Jr. 33

Charles Augustus Rodey II PM 28

John Victor Collings Jr. 27

Joshua Flint Kienitz 27

Joe Floyd Storment III 23

Christopher Lee Carter 23

Eric Andrew Lyke Sr. 19

Wade Collins Edwards 17

Scott William Phillips 13

Arthur Cutcliffe Sullivan 12

Michael Herbert Anatole 12

Bengt-Ola Sigvard Bengtsson 9

Christian Veloz 8

## Birthdays this Month

Jon Harvey Hanson PM 3

Robert Dee Matson PM 3

Mitchell T. Fox 4

William Michael Coe 4

Mark Alden Beck 5

Dallas Alden Petersen 6

Paul Edward Burt 8

Alexandros Ioannidis 11

Richard Lewis Myatt 14

Thomas James Hutchinson 14

Bernard Cornelius Milligan PM 16

William Sydney Harry Downey 18

Brandon Jeremiah Smith 19

Ricky Lee Fuehrer 21

Donnie Alan Karns PM 23

Evan Robert Howard 25

Oleksii Plastun 25

James Edwin Lotspeich 26

Robert Edward Farish 26

William Scott Wells 26

Donald Phillip Meyer 28

John Victor Collings Jr. 28

Donald Edward Gluyas 31