

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
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**Schedule of Events**

**November 7** - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM  
**November 7** - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM  
**November 16** Order of Eastern Star Installation 11:00AM  
**November 28** NOT HOME ALONE Thanksgiving dinner 2:00PM

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

# Channel Islands Masonic Lodge No. 214 F & AM



## Trestleboard



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### Morning Brethren

I would like to discuss the significance of Immortality and how important this is to all of us. The concept of immortality holds a significant place within Freemasonry, particularly in California, where it is intertwined with the fraternity's philosophical teachings and rituals. Freemasons believe in the immortality of the soul, which serves as a foundation for their moral and ethical frameworks. This belief encourages members to lead lives of virtue, integrity, and service, as they are reminded that their actions have lasting implications beyond their earthly existence. In California, where diverse cultures and beliefs converge, the Masonic interpretation of immortality fosters a sense of unity among members, emphasizing the importance of contributing positively to society and leaving a meaningful



legacy for future generations. Moreover, the significance of immortality in Freemasonry in California is reflected in the rituals and symbols that commemorate the journey of life and the transition to the afterlife. Masonic ceremonies often include allegorical representations of death and rebirth, illustrating the belief that while the physical body may perish, the spirit endures. This perspective not only provides comfort to members in the face of mortality but also reinforces the importance of living a life aligned with Masonic values. By embracing the idea of immortality, Freemasons in California are inspired to cultivate a deeper understanding of their purpose and responsibilities, ultimately contributing to a more compassionate and supportive community. Fraternally,  
Tim Youmans Worshipful Master

### Greetings From the West:

In the month of October, our Lodge bestowed two Golden Veteran Awards, commonly referred to as 50 year pins. First to Steven Alan Weiss who attended the ceremony in the Lodge. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and celebrated Brother Weiss and his family. The second award was bestowed to David Knutson. Brother Knutson lives in Bakersfield so our Master Tim Youmans, our secretary Ryan Phillips and others trekked to Bakersfield to present the award and ceremony to Brother Knutson. According to the reports a good time was had by all. Thank you Brothers one and



all for living the Masonic lifestyle. Fifty years of Masonic membership is a significant milestone that reflects a deep commitment to the principles and values of Freemasonry. This half-century journey symbolizes a long-standing dedication to the fraternity's core tenets: brotherhood, charity, and the pursuit of knowledge. For a Mason, reaching this milestone represents not only personal growth but also a life spent in service to others. Freemasonry places strong emphasis on moral development, self-improvement, and the betterment of society. Fifty years within this organization often means decades of participating in charitable work,

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mentoring younger members, and contributing to the larger Masonic community. The commitment also reflects an enduring belief in the values of equality, tolerance, and mutual respect that Freemasonry promotes.

The recognition of fifty years of membership is typically marked with a special ceremony or award, such as a commemorative pin or certificate. This gesture honors the Mason's dedication and lifelong adherence to the ideals of the fraternity. It

also serves as an inspiration to younger Masons, demonstrating the rewards of long-term engagement with the Masonic brotherhood.

In essence, fifty years of Masonic membership is a testament to a life lived in harmony with the values of integrity, service, and fellowship.

Nick Luizzi, PM  
Senior Warden

Therefore, as Freemasons we should always prominent in all faiths: "Lay not on any soul you, and desire not for anyone the things you Fraternally,  
Dave Beaver, JW



practice the Golden Rule. This rule is quite a load that you would not want to be laid upon would not desire for yourself.

Lodge elections will be held at the November 7th Stated Meeting. Come to the meeting and make your voice heard. Positions are available at Secretary, Treasurer, and the Hall Association.



The Lodge degree team and members with Brother Yousef Asaad (second from right front), our newest Fellowcraft Mason.



Nick Luizzi PM, Senior Warden conferring Fellowcraft degree on Yousef Asaad

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## Golden Veterans

**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

Robert Dean Pritchett 2021

David Alan Kaiser 2021

Arthur Dudley Freel 2021

Joseph Edgar Stroud 2021

Walter Thomas Hahn 2021

Thomas Michael Ecklund 2021

James Walter DeGraffenreid Jr. 2020

Mark Evan Hurd PM 2020

## 3° Service Years

Mario Orlando Tognazzini PM 70

George James Anderson Jr. 65

Herbert Hal Rogers 61

Charles Eugene Schaefer Jr. 60

Medford Leon Smith 55

Haskell Wayne Chandler 53

Henry Vann Chase 52

Robert Blaine Frost 52

Jerry Lee Jeffery 51

James William Rasey PM 49

Gary Lee Vess 49

William Walter Kirkland PM 44

Robert James Donaldson 44

Gary Martin Downard 44

Manuel Magundavao Oropesa 42

George Edward Morris 37

Robert Edward Smith PM 25

David Anthony Gomez PM 34

James Edwin Lotspeich 34

Alvis Jonas Karalius 34

Charles Arthur MacQuiddy 32

Robert Barnard Church 25

Jonathan Michael Adkins 21

Husam Mitri Hishmeh 15

Michael Dee Robertson 11

Taylor A Gilbert 11

Ryan Andrew Phillips PM 11

Mario Urcia Aspacio Jr. 8

Timothy Lee Cook 7

Gerald Roy Price 6

Carrick Brendan Cheevers 3

## Birthdays this Month

Jay W. Reinhart 3

Troyce Lane Reynolds 3

Charles Eugene Schaefer Jr. 4

Harry Lee Maynard PGM 5

Gary Evan Adkinson PM 6

Victor Hugo Berber 6

Charles William Ruddy II 7

Kenneth Allan Ketterman 9

David Allen Beaver 10

James Paul Strong 11

Leon Dennis Zermeno 16

M. Roger Ferris PM 16

Edward Cleveland Jones Jr. 17

James Leon Hourigan 17

Joseph Edgar Stroud 17

Israel Rey Alvarez 18

Herman Terrill Rounds 20

Shane Edmond Weaver 21

Lawrence Walker Young 22

Arthur Dudley Freel 23

John David Woods 23

James Allen Owens 24

Christopher Lee Carter 25

Doyle Lester Reynolds 25

Jared D Padgett 25

Dallas Michael Wolf PM 27

Brendan Jordan Barrett 30

Manuel Magundavao Oropesa 30

## Entered into Rest

Ken R. Luckey 9/30/2024

Robert L. Tudor 5/18/2024

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Royal Arch Mark Mason Degree. Degree Team and 10 candidates



50 Year Golden Veteran Award presented to Brother Steven A. Weiss and family



Brother Yousef Asaad showing the kids the value of reading



50 Year Golden Veteran Award presented to Brother David L. Knutson by Jeff Malley, Worshipful Tim Youmans, and Ryan Phillips PM

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Ventura Masonic Family invites you to attend the

## "NOT Home Alone" Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 28, 2024 2:00 pm

Channel Islands Masonic Center  
482 East Santa Clara Street • Ventura, CA 93001

\$20 Adult with reservation \$10 Child age 5-12

Deadline: Nov 25, 2024  
For reservations call Diane Lotspeich, PM  
(805) 647-7264 or email [ci78oes@gmail.com](mailto:ci78oes@gmail.com)

RESERVATION ONLY THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER.



Brother Carrick Cheevers telling stories to the young students



Brother Kirt Wilson PM telling stories to the students and potential Marine Corp. recruits