

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. 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**

**October 3** - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

**October 3** - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

**Upcoming York Rite Degrees**

**October 12** - San Fernando Commandery 8:00 AM

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

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## Trestleboard



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**G**reetings from the East,

This month I wanted to talk about how important Freemasonry is to the community.

Freemasonry plays a significant role in the community by promoting values such as charity, integrity, and fellowship. Through various philanthropic efforts, Masonic lodges contribute to local and global causes, providing support to those in need. This commitment to charitable work not only helps to address social issues but also fosters a sense of solidarity among members and the wider community. By engaging in activities such as fundraising, volunteering, and providing scholarships, Freemasons demonstrate their dedication to improving the lives of others, thereby enhancing their community's well-being.



Moreover, Freemasonry encourages the development of strong moral and ethical standards among its members, which translates into positive behavior in their everyday lives. The principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth guide Freemasons in their interactions, promoting a culture of respect and cooperation. This ethical foundation can lead to stronger community ties, as individuals who embody these values are more likely to engage in constructive dialogue and collaborative efforts. Ultimately, the significance of Freemasonry in the community lies not only in its charitable contributions but also in the cultivation of responsible citizens who strive to make a meaningful impact on the world around them.

Tim Youmans  
Worshipful Master.

### CAN I WEAR MY PAJAMAS TO THE LODGE?

Greetings from the West:

I've been told by some of the younger members of our lodge that I bridge the gap between the senior members and the younger ones, at least to some small degree. Topics among the brothers do vary depending on whom I may be talking with. Frequent topics with our more senior members usually gets around to how things used to be. That's just the way us older brothers are. We love to talk about the old days. One of the popular topics that I encounter is how the manner of dress in the lodge has changed over the years. Albeit there is no dress code mandated by the Grand Lodge, it is totally up to the discretion of the Master of the



individual Lodge. Although I have noticed that there is a statement from the Grand Lodge regarding attire for the Annual Communication which reads "business attire" expected for attendance.

I think there are several reasons why this expectation is expressed by the 'powers that be'. It is a symbol of respect: A business casual dress code can symbolize respect for the traditions and values of the fraternity, reinforcing the seriousness of Masonic activities.

**It creates enhanced unity:** A more uniform dress code promotes a sense of unity among members, emphasizing the collective identity and shared purpose of the lodge.

Within the Lodge and ritual activities an elevated

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dress code demonstrates:

**Respect for Tradition and Ritual:** Freemasonry has a long history of ceremonial and symbolic practices. Dressing appropriately honors the dignity of these traditions and the solemnity of Masonic rituals.

**Symbol of Brotherhood:** An elevated dress code can symbolize unity, respect, and equality among members. It signifies that all Masons, regardless of their background, share a common commitment to the values of the fraternity.

**Personal Discipline and Diligence:** Dressing well for meetings demonstrates personal discipline, attention to detail, and pride in one's appearance. This reflects a Mason's dedication to self-improvement, a core tenet of Freemasonry.

**Enhanced Atmosphere:** A higher standard of dress contributes to the overall ambiance and formality of the meeting, creating an environment that encourages respect, focus, and meaningful participation.

I feel this topic of dress code is relevant to all Lodges and Masons of all ages. I would like to hear more from my Brothers regarding this sensitive topic.

If you have had a busy summer and missed a few Stated Meetings, it's time to come back to your lodge. Enjoy a fine dinner and catch up with your Brothers. You will be warmly welcomed.

Nick Luizzi PM  
Senior Warden

Brothers,

Masons come from all walks of life—plumbers, professionals, salespeople, and CEOs. But above all, we are brothers.

When you become a Mason, you join a brotherhood dedicated to family, personal growth, and caring for those in need. Though



our backgrounds and interests may vary, we are united by shared values and a commitment to doing good, having fun, and forging lifelong bonds.

Our mission: Making good men better.

Dave Beaver  
Jr warden



Past Masters Night with Douglas Dietz, our newly raised Master Mason

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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

Jesse Wayne Allee 70

Donal Neil Ziemer 64

Harry Lee Maynard PGM 64

John Kent Weiss 63

Gary Wayne Cullins PM 55

William Robert Kavanaugh PM 51

Steven Alan Weiss 50

Edward Earl Evans PM 47

James Steven Goodreau 32

Jeffrey Allen Hager PM 32

Andrew Hobart Killion 27

James Grant Fulgham 25

Brendan Jordan Barrett 17

Josh Edgar Cook 15

Richard M Depalma II 15

Christian Charles Sorensen 15

Nathaniel Paul Beavers 11

Carlos Alberto Silva 10

Paul Edward Burt 3

## Birthdays this Month

Jonathan Michael Kosorek 3

Shepherd O'Brien 4

Paul Efraim Lovemark 5

Brian Wesley Whitaker PM 6

Nicholas Carl Luizzi PM 6

Robert Edward Smith PM 7

William Lee Mallory Jr. 7

John Read Darnall 9

Jerry Lynn Callaway PM 10

Charles William Kasper PM 11

Robert Barnard Church 11

Donald Clyde Williams 12

Michael Lawrence Richards 12

Edward Earl Evans PM 13

Nathaniel Paul Beavers 13

Josh Edgar Cook 14

Anastasios Ioannidis 16

Gary Martin Downard 16

Javier Hernandez 17

Jess Andrew Lemos 17

Carlos Alberto Silva 18

Carl Edward Burson Jr. 19

Steven Alan Weiss 19

Michael D. Blodgett PM 20

Max Thomas Sanford 23

James William Rasey PM 24

Kenneth Glen Miller 27

**Ventura Royal Arch Mason Chapter No. 50** expresses its sincere gratitude to the Ventura Masonic Center, the Blue Lodge, and the Hall Association for their unwavering support throughout our revival since the challenges of 2020. On September 21st, we were pleased to successfully confer the 4th Degree (Mark Master), a significant event as it had not been performed in Ventura for many years. We were honored to have several Master Masons from Channel Islands Lodge No. 214, Anacapa Lodge No. 710, and Simi Valley Lodge No. 806 participate as exemplar candidates for the Capitular Degree.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our degree work in 2025. We also have a Table Chapter, open to all Masons and their families, tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2024. Please stay tuned for further details.

Thank you once again for your steadfast Masonic support. We encourage you to consider petitioning the York Rite. Ventura Royal Arch Chapter No. 50