

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

September 5 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

September 5 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Upcoming York Rite Degrees

September 21 - Ventura Chapter Mark Master degree 9:00 AM

September 28 - San Fernando Chapter Festival - 8:00 AM

September 30 - San Fernando Council 6:00 PM

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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Greetings from the East,

I would like to highlight this month the topic of Brotherly Love in Masonry due to the fact that our lodge has become such a tight knit group of brothers that are consistently committing their time and energy to the lodge and each other. Brotherly love is a fundamental tenet of Freemasonry, embodying the principles of compassion, respect, and mutual support among its members. This concept emphasizes the importance of fostering strong bonds between brothers, encouraging them to assist one another in both personal and communal endeavors. By promoting brotherly love, Freemasonry aims to create a harmonious environment where individuals can grow morally and spiritually. This sense of fraternity not only strengthens the internal fabric of the Masonic community but also extends outward, inspiring members to engage positively with society at large.



Moreover, brotherly love serves as a guiding principle that influences the ethical conduct of Freemasons. It encourages individuals to practice kindness, understanding, and tolerance, which are essential qualities for personal development and societal progress. The commitment to brotherly love reinforces the idea that every member is part of a larger family, fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility. As Freemasons strive to embody these values, they contribute to the promotion of peace, unity, and goodwill in the world, ultimately reflecting the core mission of Freemasonry itself.

Thank you brothers for your continued support of our lodge, your support and brotherly love is always needed
Fraternally
Tim Youmans, WM
Channel Islands Lodge #214

Greetings from the West:

It's a feeling in the air, the dog days of summer are starting to pass and we find ourselves thinking about football, and the beginning of the end of the baseball season. It happens this way every year as we move to the last quarter of the Masonic Calendar. It's a feeling that's hard to describe. Meanwhile your lodge is still functioning to turn out Masons. We practice our rituals, we prepare for qualifications to keep our officer's line healthy, and we find our fraternal bonds



strengthening as we support each other in the process. It seems to come down to inspiration. This is what I feel works to keep Freemasonry moving forward. Freemasonry provides inspiration to be a better man through its core values, rituals, and teachings. At its heart, Freemasonry emphasizes personal growth, moral integrity, and community service. Members are encouraged to practice virtues such as honesty, compassion, and justice in their daily lives. The symbolic rituals and allegories used in Masonic lodges serve as moral lessons, guiding

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members toward self-improvement and ethical conduct.

Freemasonry also fosters a sense of brotherhood and support among its members. The camaraderie within the fraternity provides a network of like-minded individuals who encourage and hold each other accountable to high moral standards. This supportive environment helps members strive for excellence in their personal and professional lives.

Moreover, Freemasonry's philanthropic efforts inspire members to give back to their communities. Through charitable activities and community service, Masons learn the importance of contributing to the well-being of others, reinforcing the values of empathy and generosity.

In essence, Freemasonry serves as a comprehensive framework for self-betterment, urging its members to lead principled lives, cultivate meaningful relationships, and make a positive impact on society. The blend of moral teachings, fraternal support, and charitable work provides a well-rounded path for personal and ethical development.

If you have taken a summer break from attending lodge, you can attend our degrees to refresh your knowledge. Or you can attend our stated meeting dinners, visit old friends and brothers, and catch up on what is going on in the Lodge. You will be warmly welcomed. Hope to see you soon.

Nick Luizzi, PM
Senior Warden

I would like to share this article from Davy Crockett Loge No 1225 AF & AM Masons Texas. Newsletter, Nov 2018.

The innocence of a Mason is his gentleness, his chivalrous determination to do no moral evil to any person, man or woman, or babe.

The lambskin apron presented to the initiate during his entered Apprentice Degree should be for all his life a very precious possession; the outward and visible symbol of an inward and spiritual tie.

Our Masonic Aprons are a shield against the vices and impurities of life.



While we physically wear them when we are in Lodge, from the minute we are presented with the Apron in our Entered Apprentice Degree we

symbolically wear it every minute of our lives.

It is intended that your Apron, both real and symbolic be forever spotless and pure as an ever present and conscious reminder of your conduct as a Mason.

Fraternally,
Dave Beaver JW

From the Editor

I have been the Trestleboard editor for a good part of my career as Treasurer of the Lodge. As I transition out of the Treasurer's office I will continue to edit the Trestleboard for the foreseeable future. I've added a new mail box to our Lodge email account to separate the Treasurers email from the Trestleboard.

Please send all Trestleboard-related email to editor@channelislandslodge214.org. I'm interested in articles about the Lodge, photos, and even suggestions (Masonically proper, of course). We have limited space but I will try to get everything in eventually.

Fraternally,
Bill Coe, Editor

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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

Lawrence Gary Belshe 62	Francis Villareal PM 16
Robert Dean Pritchett 53	Victor Hugo Berber 13
David Bruce Gillette PM 52	Michael D. Blodgett PM 14
Joe Floyd Storment Jr. 45	Wesley Allen Wallace 14
David Ted Drake 43	Kenneth Reynolds Luckey 13
William Lee Mallory Jr. 41	Michael Dale Henry 12
Gary Michael Frick 41	Ethan Thomas Mitchell 1
Woody Rush French 38	
George Michael Chtouros 25	
Robert Allan Davis 13	

Birthdays this Month

Christian Veloz 2	Jeffrey Kosowitz 13
Mark Allan Vest 3	Tim Michael Youmans 14
Larry Lee McNeese 4	Kevin Andrew Florine 16
Donal Neil Ziemer 4	Wilbert Andrew Little PM 20
Terry Raymond Holts 5	Mark Evan Hurd PM 25
Robert George Roberts Sr. 7	Serafin Perez 26
Arturo Valencia Padua 8	David Edward Armstrong 27
Harald Gunther Ot Marschall 10	Erbie Daw Jr. 28
Gerald Roy Price 10	
John Kent Weiss 11	

Entered into Rest

Richard Neil Adams 12/21/2023

