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TRESTLEBOARD

CHINO VALLEY LODGE #427

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From the East

WM VOLTAIRE LC TAGUIBA

The 110th Installation of Officers for Chino Valley Lodge #427

The recently concluded 110th Installation of Officers last January 10, 2026, was truly a success. The collaboration and dedication of the Brethren, friends and the ladies made a significant difference in making the event memorable and meaningful.

Chino Valley Lodge has been known for its resilience since its reemergence in 2016. Though the Lodge has faced financial challenges over the years, the unwavering commitment and dedication of the Brethren have kept the spirit of the Lodge alive. Through their efforts, the Lodge continues to thrive and has become one of the most vibrant Lodges in the District, just as our late Worshipful Inspector Rick Gyer often described it.

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Quick View

Stated Meeting:
March 13, 2026
Attire: BLUE BARONG

Blood Donation Day & Spring Cleaning: April 18, 2026 - 8AM to 2PM

Taco Fest: May 16, 2026 at 10AM - 2PM

District 806th Festive Board: **June 13**, 2026 at 5PM

Golf - Tee up with the Grand Master June 14, 2026 at 7am- Los Serranos Golf Course

This year, the newly installed officers bring with them a renewed sense of leadership and purpose, guided by their slogan: "Brotherhood in the Heart of the Community."

This slogan reflects the Lodge's firm commitment to strengthening the bonds of brotherhood while actively engaging with the community of Chino. It emphasizes that Freemasonry is not confined within the walls of the Lodge, but is lived through service, charity, and meaningful involvement in the community. By placing brotherhood at the center of community engagement, the officers aspire to cultivate a Lodge that is strong internally in fraternal unity and impactful externally through charitable and civic efforts.

The Lodge also recognizes and extends its sincere appreciation to the many Brothers from neighboring Lodges who have supported and helped shape the Lodge into what it is today. Special mention is given to the Brethren of William Rhodes Hervey Lodge No. 767 and West Covina Lodge No. 446, whose assistance and fraternal support have been instrumental in the Lodge's growth and stability.

Since its re-emergence, the Lodge has been strengthened by the dedication of its members and the leadership of the officers elected each year. Many of the Brothers travel significant distances to attend meetings and participate in Lodge activities, coming from neighboring communities such as Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Los Angeles, Beaumont, and the San Fernando Valley. Their willingness to travel such distances is a powerful testament to the dedication, loyalty, and fraternal spirit that continue to sustain and strengthen the Lodge.

However, the new leadership believes that the long-term sustainability of every Lodge is strengthened by the presence and involvement of local members. With this in mind, the Lodge plans to become more involved in the civic affairs of the City of Chino, increasing its visibility and building meaningful relationships within the community. By doing so, the Lodge hopes to attract visitors, inspire interest, and welcome potential Brothers who may wish to learn more about the Craft.

In support of this vision, the Committee on Community Outreach has been working diligently to turn these goals into reality. Recently, the committee visited the Youth Museum of Chino, where the Lodge looks forward to developing a partnership and supporting their programs that benefit the youth and families of the community. More details about this collaboration will be shared soon.



From the West

BRO. ROBERT OFO-OB JR
SENIOR WARDEN 2026

Success is a Journey

Good day, Brethren, As I now take my place in the West for this Masonic year, I find myself reflecting on a simple yet profound truth: success is a journey. In today's world, many people think of success as a final destination, a point where all effort ends and satisfaction begins. Yet in reality, success is not a single moment of achievement, but rather a continuous path of learning, growth, and self-improvement.

In Masonry, as in life, success is not accomplished overnight. It is built gradually through steady effort, patience, perseverance, and determination. Each day offers us new opportunities to improve ourselves and to contribute something meaningful to the Craft we hold so dear. The small steps we take whether in ritual practice, acts of charity, fellowship with our Brethren, or service to our Lodge are the stones that form the foundation of lasting success.

Along this journey we will inevitably encounter challenges. At times we may feel that our progress is slow or that our efforts fall short of our expectations. Yet these moments should not discourage us. Instead, they should remind us that growth often comes through struggle. Even our mistakes serve a purpose, for they reveal our weaknesses and inspire us to strengthen them. Just as the rough ashlar must be carefully shaped by the working tools of the Craft, so too must we continually refine our own character through reflection, discipline, and perseverance.

As Masons, we are taught that our labor is never truly finished. The building of our inner temple is a lifelong undertaking. Every lesson we learn, every challenge we overcome, and every act of kindness we perform helps us become better men and better Masons. In the Lodge, we support one another in this work, offering guidance, encouragement, and brotherly love. When we labor together in harmony, the journey becomes not only meaningful, but also deeply rewarding. *Continue on page 4.*

It is important that we do not focus solely on the destination. When we place all our attention on the end result, we risk overlooking the true value of the work itself. The lessons learned along the way, the friendships forged through shared labor, and the growth we experience as individuals are the true rewards of our journey. These experiences shape our character and prepare us for the responsibilities entrusted to us as Masons.

True success, therefore, is not measured simply by reaching the summit, but by the progress we make each day toward becoming better versions of ourselves. It is found in the quiet determination to continue forward, even when the path is difficult. It is found in our willingness to serve others, to uplift our Brethren, and to contribute to the well-being of our Lodge and community.

Brethren, as we begin this new Masonic year together, let us renew our commitment to the journey before us. Let us strive to learn from one another, to grow together in unity and harmony, and to support one another in our shared labors. May we approach each meeting, each degree, and each opportunity for service with renewed enthusiasm and purpose.

If we remain faithful to the principles of our Craft and steadfast in our pursuit of self-improvement, we will not only strengthen ourselves as individuals, but we will also strengthen the Lodge as a whole. Together, we can continue building a Lodge that reflects the highest ideals of Freemasonry, one founded upon brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Let us therefore embrace the journey with patience, humility, and determination, remembering always that the work we do today lays the foundation for the success of tomorrow.



From the South

BRO. HORACE "Ace" DAWAY
JUNIOR WARDEN 2026



To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge,

It is with a profound sense of humility and a rejuvenated commitment to our Craft that I address you for the first time as your Junior Warden. Standing in the South, representing the sun at its meridian height, I am acutely aware of the symbolic and practical weight this jewel carries. My gratitude to the Brethren for their trust and confidence is immeasurable; I pledge to serve this station with the "regularity and precision" that our ritual demand.

Before we look toward the designs on the trestle board for the coming year, we must pause to celebrate the success of our recent Christmas Party.
The "Call from Labor to Refreshment" has rarely been so vibrant. Our gathering was more than just a social event; it was a testament to the strength of our Masonic family. Seeing our widows, children, and guests gathered under the canopy of brotherly love reminded us all why we guard the inner door so carefully to protect and nurture a community this special.

To the Brethren: Thank you for your generous contributions and the benevolent fund during the festivities. Whether you provide a dish a gift or simply your presence, you added a necessary stone to the temple of our community.

As we transition into this new Masonic year, my focus in the South will be centered on Engagement, Education, and Excellence in Refreshment. The Junior Warden is traditionally charged with the oversight of the Craft during the hours of refreshment. However, I view "refreshment" not merely as the meals we share, but as the mental and spiritual revitalization required to sustain our labors.

A Lodge that performs its work with dignity and precision is a Lodge that thrives. I will be working closely with the Senior Warden and the Deacons to ensure that our degree work is not merely memorized, but understood. We will hold informal "Table Lodges" focused on the symbolism of the Fellow-craft degree, ensuring our newer brothers feel the light of the South as they progress.

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The Junior Warden represents Beauty. In our context, this means the beauty of our conduct and the harmony of our interactions. I am committed to being a peacemaker within the Lodge, ensuring that no contention shall ever exist among us, save that noble contention or rather, emulation of who best can work and best agree.

To my predecessors who have sat in this chair: thank you for the well-governed Lodge you have passed into my care. To the Brethren: my door is always open. Whether you have a suggestion for a Lodge event or simply wish to discuss a point of Masonic jurisprudence, I am at your service.

Let us move forward into this year with the same joy we shared at our Christmas table, remembering that while we meet on the Level, we are always striving to rise toward the perpendicular.

Food for Thoughts



"If you work for a man, in heaven's name work for him, speak well of him, and stand by the institution he represents. Remember, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must growl, condemn, and eternally find fault - resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content - but as long as you are part of the institution, do not condemn it. If you do, the first high wind that comes along will blow you away, and probably you will never know why."

~ELBERT HUBBARD



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

BRO. ERIC CALIXTO, PM
SECRETARY 2026



The Lodge Officers are elected in November and the Incoming Master appoints the other officers of the Lodge. Installation of the elected and appointed officers follow within the 90 days period after the election of officers.

The installation of officers is usually done in public form with the presence of our family members, friends of Masons and the community witnessing our solemn and impressive ceremonies of installation. It comes with fellowship amongst the Brethren but more importantly it displays the one of the beauties of Masonry and dispel the public's negative impression about Masonry.

The installation of officers formally places the new set of officers in their respective offices and stations, instruct them with their duties and responsibilities and prepare them to formally take charge of managing the affairs of the Lodge especially for the Worshipful Master who will lead the team. They are provided with the necessary tools and resources to ensure a positive outcome at the end of their term of office. And more importantly, it gives the Lodge an opportunity to come together and plan ahead to ensure a successful transition. The officers are instructed to illustrate and display proficiency in the rituals to impress upon the candidates in each degree they progressed.

As the new Team steps forward, let us join hands together and build another inspiring moment for Chino Valley Lodge 427 to achieve another milestone in its existence. May we inspire each other and be guided by the common thread we do as a fraternity as we also reach out to the needs of those around us. May our festive tables be expanded to a wider horizon to satisfy those with growling zigzag tubes. Let us be eagles soaring above with a wide view of perspective on how we build a successful and memorable Chino Valley Lodge. And more importantly on how we build our own spiritual, moral and Masonic edifice.

Member Spotlight



BRO. WARREN LEE ABAD
Junior Deacon 2026

A Night of Brotherhood: My Raising at Chino Valley Lodge #427

September 27, 2025, is a date that will forever be etched in my memory. It was the evening I was officially raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Chino Valley Masonic Lodge #427, surrounded by the warmth of brotherhood and the rich traditions of the craft.

The atmosphere was electric from the moment I arrived. The lodge was buzzing with anticipation, made even more special because it was Past Masters Night. The air was thick with experience and wisdom, as esteemed Past Masters from across the region gathered to share their knowledge and lend their expertise to the evening's proceedings.

The honor of the occasion was amplified by the incredible turnout. I was humbled to see brethren representing approximately 30 different lodges from all over Southern California. It was a powerful testament to the unity of Freemasonry, seeing so many familiar and new faces coming together to welcome me into their ranks.

Gratitude to the Brethren, I want to extend my deepest, most sincere gratitude to the officers of Chino Valley Lodge #427. Your dedication, hard work, and meticulous preparation made this night absolutely seamless.

The Officers of Chino Valley Lodge#427

MY 2026

Voltaire Laurence Taguiba
Worshipful Master
Robert Ofo-ob Jr.
Senior Warden
Horace "Ace" Daway
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Ferdinand Sicam
Eric Calixto, PM
Secretary
Peter Paul Maglasang
Chaplain
Perry Ross Yodong
Senior Deacon
Warren Lee Abad
Junior Deacon
Rafael Fajardo
Senior Steward
Jerry Mangawa
Junior Steward
Danny Battung
Tiler

With renewed leadership, a strong brotherhood, and a growing connection to the community, Chino Valley Lodge #427 looks forward to a promising and impactful Masonic year ahead.

The next issue of our Trestleboard is scheduled to be released in May 2026, and I would like to warmly encourage any of the Brethren who wish to contribute to submit an article for inclusion.
Your contributions may include personal reflections, meaningful experiences in Masonry, insights about the journey we travel as Masons, or simply a "food for thought" message that may inspire, encourage, or uplift our fellow Brothers. Sharing our experiences and perspectives not only enriches our publication but also strengthens the bonds of our fraternity by allowing us to learn from one another. Whether it is a lesson learned in the Lodge, a reflection on Masonic teachings, a story of brotherhood, or words of encouragement for the Craft, your voice and perspective are valuable. The Trestleboard serves as a platform where we can celebrate our shared journey, highlight the good works of the Lodge, and inspire one another to continue striving toward the ideals of Freemasonry.
I hope many of you will take this opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences with the Brethren. Your participation will help make the upcoming issue both meaningful and enriching for all who read it.
Fraternally,

Bro. Vholtz

THE HAWK and the TURTLE

A boastful hawk asked a turtle:
"Where are you going?"
"I'm going to the lagoon," replied the turtle.
"HA! At that rate, you'll never get there."
The turtle didn't feel like arguing and continued on her way with a smile. The hawk felt offended and continued tormenting her.
"Your life must be slow and boring. Thank God I wasn't born like you. I'm agile and swift; I can go to the lagoon and back in an instant. Hey, I'm talking to you!" she protested.
The turtle took a deep breath and continued walking.
The hawk, enraged, flew up and stopped in front of her, blocking her way.
"You insolent turtle! How dare you ignore me?" he said to intimidate her.
But the little turtle wasn't afraid. She looked him straight in the eyes and replied:
"Do you know, hawk? I don't travel to get there quickly. Every step teaches me something new: I've seen the most beautiful flowers, eaten the richest fruits of the forest, and made great friends along the way.
"That doesn't compare to flying!" said the falcon, puffing out his chest.
"Yes, flying must surely be a wonderful thing, but tell me, what have you learned by traveling so quickly?"
The falcon didn't know what to say. He knew the turtle was right. Despite having been to the lagoon so many times, he didn't really know the way.
"Look around you," continued the turtle.
The bird obeyed and, for the first time, appreciated the beauty around him. He felt the damp earth against his feet, inhaled the scent of the flowers, and was amazed by the grandeur of the trees.
Embarrassed, he decided to move away, but when he spread his wings to fly, the turtle stopped him and said:
"Falcon, don't go." We still have a long way to go. Come with me and let's enjoy the scenery together.
The falcon agreed, and the tortoise showed him the treasures of the forest. He also showed the tortoise the scenery from above. That day they spent the best afternoon of their lives and became inseparable friends.
With this story, I want to remind you that life is a journey, not a race. Enjoy the present, value every step. If you live in a hurry, you will miss out on many experiences. Appreciate even the stones you find along the way, because they will shape you and bring out the best in you. Don't fear life's storms, for they will help you become strong and wise.
Give yourself time to think, to love, to listen, to give, to feel. GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO LIVE!
And please, never deny yourself a new adventure, don't be afraid of change. Life is as you look at it. If you ever fall, remember that the world looks different from the ground. Our destiny is not just a place, but a new way of seeing things...

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"Together, small steps create big change."