SEPTEMBER 2023 TRESTLE BOARD

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From the EAST



Fraternal Greeting from the East.

Brethren of Chino Valley Lodge #427,

Brethren, FALL is approaching and, as this summer draws to a close, I hope that each one of us had a safe and fun summer with your friends, and families. I am very pleased to see that our lodge has been productive and much has been accomplished. Thus far. It has been a great year. And would like to continue to graciously thank the Officers, and all members for all your diligent efforts.

As our Officers continue to buzz in the beehive preparing for their proficiencies and events to come. We will be scheduling 1st and 2nd degree conferrals this month and October.

Last Stated Meeting we were able to raise more than $480 from the brethren that was fully accounted and handed over to WB Freddie Davis from the Masons4Mitts.

Moreover, The American Red Cross were graciously happy to report that we had succeeded our target from our last Chino Valley Lodge Blood Drive held on August 12th, 2023. There was a total of 28 donors, and almost 30 units were collected that day. The American Red

Cross expresses their heartfelt Thank you to our lodge in helping on their mission to save lives. Thank you, Brethren, for all your support.

Since my term as Worshipful Master will comprise the last four months of this year, I would like to expound on the character of fraternalism, more importantly on the topic of consideration for others.

Fraternalism is that quality in Freemasonry which sets it apart from all other men's groups or clubs. Fraternalism is a word which means brotherly concern and action. It is implicit that encompassed within the definition of Fraternalism is consideration for others. This consideration is not limited to those circumscribed within the circle of the Fraternity but to all members of the human family.

A man who is fraternal stops to consider how his words or actions will affect the feelings, convenience, or integrity of another before he speaks or acts. He is aware that his conduct is always interrelated with the well-being of other men.

Within Freemasonry a fraternal brother is one whose hand clasps warmly in greeting a new Brother or welcoming an old one; whose tongue speaks of his brother's virtues and keeps silent on his faults; whose eyes are set upon lofty ideals and worthy goals; whose mind is turned to the accomplishment of work for the benefit of all and the repression of selfishness; and whose feet walk in the paths of truth, justice, and sacrificial service. This, then, is the first face we encounter in unmasking the Character of Fraternalism, the beautiful face of consideration for others.

At this point of the year, dear brethren, may I remind everyone to continue to reflect upon the teachings of our ancient craft. The teachings of Masonry have not changed. The landmarks, the tenets, the ancient charges, usages, and customs have remained unaltered throughout the ages. Its avowed attachment to the cardinal virtues and its call for strict adherence to Masonic practices considered proper and righteous before man and God remains the same.

Fraternally,

John Ehrlich Kiley

CVML #427, WM



From the WEST

The Twenty Four Inch Gauge

The stone-working mason used a twenty-four inch gauge to layout and measure his work. As a Freemason, this tool is a symbol of the importance of planning your work and your time.
This tool is used to bring order to your life, bringing your responsibilities to your family, your occupation, your lodge and your community in balance with one another. Time is the substance of life. Wisely used, carefully budgeted, it goes far and does much. Carelessly used, wasted, allowed to slip away, it becomes an expression of a useless and wasted life.

Source: Masons of California Entered Apprentice Study Guide

Good Evening Brethren,

We read in the Holy Scriptures that for everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, a time to pluck up that which is planted, a time to kill, and a time to heal, and so forth. In it however, it is never said that there is no time to waste time. As one Masonic article states that "Without time nothing is finished. Hence he who wastes either his time or another's squanders something he can't recover."

Being the month of September, we are now approaching the last quarter of this year, perhaps the perfect time to reflect on one's achievements in and out of the lodge room but more particularly on one's realization of his desires to become a better man based on what we learn from our craft. May I therefore, remind officers who are required to have their proficiencies ready in the next coming conferrals. May I encourage our candidates to strive towards completing your return proficiencies. And to the Brethren, never cease to learn and attend our meetings if without inconvenience. Looking forward to the Twenty Four Inch Gauge, all things can be accomplished!

Reaping the fruits our labor, in the past couple of months, CVML 427 have once again delivered two beautiful degrees in the raising of Brothers Perry Yodong and Jerry Malona, they have witnessed a marvelous third degree long form return proficiency by Brother Rainer Hizon under the mentoring of master examiner Brother Robert Ofo-ob. Congratulations to all!

Looking forward, on the first week of October we will have a 2nd degree conferral for our worthy Brother Rodjade Penaverde. Exact date to be determined on our stated meeting.

Fraternally,
Anthony Wesley Baguiwet, SW



From the SOUTH



SEPTEMBER ARTICLE:

Greetings Brethren,

As we account for the return of another season, the month of September signifies the end of summer and the arrival of autumn, the beginning of a new scenery. On our last stated meeting, the south prepared pork caldereta for dinner and was blessed with other contributions from the following:

1. Jerry Mangawa for the "Kilawin" a fish delicacy prepared by himself and with the help of multiple volunteers.
2. Ferdie Sicam for the chicken barbecue from his very own business along with his partners from Tony's Barbecue

The south would also like to thank those who helped prepare the food, clean and organize the kitchen that day, your efforts have been noticed and are truly appreciated. The following volunteers are:

1. Erwin Ras.
2. Delfino Angel
3. Warren Abad
4. Renato Macam
5. Erwin Co
6. Xyborg Laita

On August 12, we also would like to thank again Mr. Warren Abad and Mr. Renato Macam manning the kitchen operations during the Red Cross blood drive. Your support kept other volunteers focused on the blood drive.

On the end of August, the officers also had the opportunity to practice their crafts on the first degree for incoming applicants. Long hours were put in and the south would like to thank Mr. Warren Abad for the dinner he contributed and prepared for the team, "Pinikpikan." a chicken delicacy from the northern Philippines.

Very Respectfully.

Paul Henry L. Kiley

CVML # 427, JW.



From the SECRETARY'S DESK

Our total Lodge assessment for the year are the following:

Member Per-Capita Dues	82	$60.50	$4,961.00
Initiation Contribution	4	$49.00	$196.00
Application for Degree Fee	3	$30.00	$90.00
Background Check Fee	3	$35.00	$105.00
		TOTAL	**$5,352.00**

The check for the payment of our assessment was already sent to the Grand Lodge. We are assured that our representatives to the ANCOM can cast their votes on important legislations.

MASONIC JOURNEY

Masonry is making good men better men. We all have our varying reasons in joining Masonry and we all took the first step and first prepared in our hearts. But becoming a Mason, whether and EAM, FCM or MM, are our expectations met or are the results different from what we aspire for? If not, what shall we do? Have we become better men?

We discover profound resonance in our Masonic aspirations if we put Masonry at heart, become an active member of our Lodge and take active role in our rituals, fellowship with the brethren; listen and understand the deeper meaning of our Masonic Rituals, and use our working tools to improve ourselves. It is not about making the loudest noise but making a meaningful impact little by little, bit by bit, sharing the blessings God giveth us that we shape ourselves into something more refined and worthy that we can enjoy and see the beauty of Masonry. Everyone has his own I innate skills, talents and knowledge God has given and sometimes Masonry becomes the discovery channel of these.

Our Masonic tenets; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are not only words. They are valuable words of wisdom that goes beyond what is spoken, they are deeply laced with virtues we use in our everyday undertakings.

In my Masonic Journey, I come to realize, how lucky I am to be accepted and became a member of this Fraternal Brotherhood. I come to realize too, that the pursuit for Masonic Knowledge is a lifelong journey. It requires effort and dedication, your desire to learn and it is a continuous process that never truly ends, as there is always more to learn. But ultimately, it's a worthy rewarding journey that leads to personal growth, greater understanding and a deeper appreciation of the world around you.

I wear my Apron as a true builder of true and strong men of character but undeniably, I am still an Entered Apprentice Mason.

Bro Eric Calixto PM