

From The East

Brethren,

Worshipful Master Lodge Officer Duties:

His Jewel is the Square, which is a Stonemason's tool to ascertain true and correct angles of the cut and smoothed stone...thus his Jewel symbolizes virtue.



The Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge is the highest ranking of all Lodge Officers which a Lodge may elect. The Worshipful Master sits in the East of the Lodge room (symbolic of the Rising Sun in the East) and directs all of the business of the Lodge. Note: Even if the building faces a different direction, the Master is said to be "in the East". He also presides over ritual and ceremonies.

His position is similar to a President of any other organization. As Master, his word is final over any and all actions pertaining to his Lodge.

It is his duty to "Set the Craft to work and give them wholesome instruction for their labor".

While the Worshipful Master's rank is highest of all members, his Lodge Officer Duties are the easiest to remember.

The Worshipful Master is responsible for every single thing within his lodge during his year as Master. He is ultimately responsible for every other lodge officer and their duties, every lodge committee, ritual and degree work, Masonic education, social functions, fundraisers, District and Grand Lodge liaison, Trestle Board communication, etc.

All eyes are upon the Master. If lodge functions go smoothly, it is the Master who takes the credit. If lodge functions go awry, it is the Master who bears the blame. Therefore, the Master wears many hats. It is his duty to preside over business meetings, the conferral of degrees, and delegation of duties to all other Lodge Officers.

While Freemasons call the Master, "Worshipful Master", they do not, as some people may erroneously believe, actually worship him. "Worshipful" is an honorary title which shows respect for his position. In France, the word "Worshipful" is replaced with the word "Venerable".

It is no different than respecting the office of our President of the United States. He would be addressed, formally, as "Mr. President" rather than by his first name. Likewise, if you go before a judge, you would address him as "Your Honor", rather than by his first name, as a measure of respect that you hold for his office.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

James C. Clay, Master



From The West

Brethren,

Senior Warden Lodge Officer Duties:

His Jewel is the Level...symbolizing that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political or religious beliefs or status.



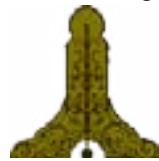
The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge is the second in command within the Lodge Officers. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden assumes the Worshipful Master's duties. The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge sits in the West (symbolic of the setting sun) and assists the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge.

The Senior Warden is in charge of the Lodge when it is at labor. His position is similar to a Vice-President of any organization.

His ancient duties were to pay the Craft (the members of the guild) their wages and to handle disputes among the workers. It is his duty to support the Master and to prepare himself for that office during the following year.

Fraternaly,

Ramon Babilonia, Senior Warden



DATE: January 31, 2011
FROM: William J. Bray III, Grand Master
TO: District Inspectors
RE: Selection of Recommendee for Junior Grand Warden



Brethren:

Pursuant to §404.420 of the California Masonic Code, you are hereby notified that **Worshipful Brother Russell E. Charvonia**, a Past Master of Channel Islands Lodge No. 214, has been selected as the recommendee for election as Junior Grand Warden at the next Annual Communication to be held in September of this year. This selection has been made by the committee described in §404.420 of the Code.

Enclosed is a biographical sketch of Brother Charvonia. You are advised that henceforth all dissemination of information relative to the recommendee shall be oral and not by any means of reproduction.

Please communicate this information promptly and as often as is necessary to the Masters and Wardens of the lodges of your respective districts and through them to other members of the Grand Lodge.

Copy: Grand Lodge Officers
Past Grand Masters
Past Grand Officers

The Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Dinner will consist of:

- Pork Spring Rolls
- Shrimp Lo Mein
- Asian Orange Chicken
- Fortune Cookies
- Orange Sherbet



From The South

Brethren,

Junior Warden Lodge Officer Duties:

His Jewel of Office is the Plumb,... which is a stonemason's instrument used for ascertaining the alignment of a vertical surface.



It symbolizes upright behavior among Masons.

The Junior Warden of a Masonic Lodge is the third in command of the Lodge. The Junior Warden sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday) and is responsible for the Brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment.

His position is similar to a Second Vice-President. The Junior Warden, too, may open the lodge if the Master is unable to attend the meeting.

It is the Junior Warden's duty to arrange meals for the lodge, and, typically, the 2 Stewards act as his assistants in this responsibility. Symbolically, it is also his duty to make certain that the members do not convert their refreshment into intemperance or excess. This is a holdover from earlier days, which still remains as part of the Junior Warden's job description, even though in most U.S. jurisdictions, alcohol is barred from the lodge.

Fraternaly,

Mark Coker, Junior Warden



Brother Thomas A. Christy, Jr. 91, passed to that *house not built with hands* February 1, 2011. Born in Cranston RI brother Tom was a Mason for over fifty years. Tom was Initiated and Raised in Jeanerette Lodge No. 255, Jeanerette Louisiana in March of 1958. He affiliated with Lodge 633 (214) in 1978.

Tom is survived by his wife, Theodora; sons - Greg, David, and Dan; sister, Angela; sister and brother-in-law, Nora and John; sister, Pauline; five grandchildren;

seven great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Shiners Hospital for Children - Los Angeles (3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020 - Attn.: Development Department) or a charity of your choice. A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 12 at College United Methodist Church, Ventura. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Charles Carroll Funeral Home.

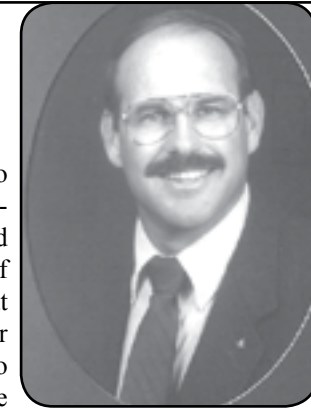
From The Secretary

Brethren,

One unpleasant duty that falls to the Secretary is to notify Brethren they are behind in their dues and face suspension for non-payment of dues. Those letters will be going out in March. If your dues notice was for \$185.00 or more you are at least two years in arrears on your dues. Please take a few moments and reflect on those qualities of the craft that led you to become a valued member. Then take out your check book and write a check that will bring your dues current.

Fraternaly,

Raymond Broomfield, Secretary



The Pharisee and the tax collector

Submitted by Woody French -

The proficiency examination of the Third Degree is practically a recapitulation of the ceremony of initiation, and only two questions and answers shed any further light on the esoteric doctrine. Of all the material creation man alone can declare, "I am." But those words are far more than a declaration of a material fact. To so declare is recognition of consciousness—a statement of recognized individuality. An affirmation of divinity—for only God, and man, made in His image, can declare, "I am." Not the mere statement, but rather in the complete realization of its implications, is the power we seek, for it is an affirmation of immortality.

There is more than one kind of foreign country. To reach those shown on the map, one must transport the physical body, but those foreign countries of the mental realm may be instantaneously reached by the mind. Those foreign countries are fields of thought "foreign" to our present mode of thinking, and when we travel in them we receive Master's wages in the bountiful rewards such thinking brings into our lives. The entire object of Freemasonry is to inculcate such thinking, for when followed to its logical conclusion it is discovered that: *Freemasonry is not a lodge, not a ritual, but a plan for the living of a life.*

By George H. Steinmetz



Lodge No. 214

2011 Calendar



- March**
- 2 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 3 **Stated Meeting Dinner - Youth Observance -** 6:30 P. M.
Speaker: Tom Waite, PM DeMolay
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.
 - 9 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
 - 10 Practice, Second Degree (all MM welcome) 6:30 P. M.
 - 12 Rainbow for Girls Fund Raiser Pancake 8:00 A. M.
Breakfast - Ventura Masonic Center 12:00 A. M.
 - 16 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 17 Offices' School of Instruction - Grand Officer 7:00 P. M.
Escort, 2nd Degree Proficiency, 1st Section
of 3rd Degree. Lodge 214 Hosting.
 - 23 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
 - 24 **Second Degree Brother Jay Peterson** 6:30 P. M.

- April**
- 6 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 7 **Stated Meeting Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.
 - 13 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
 - 20 Offices' School of Instruction 7:00 P. M.
1st Degree Proficiency, 1st and 2nd Sections
of 2nd Degree. Oxnard Lodge No. 341 Hosting.
 - 20 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 27 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.



- May**
- 4 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 5 **Stated Meeting Dinner** 6:30 P. M.
Stated Meeting 7:30 P. M.
 - 11 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.
 - 17 Offices' School of Instruction 7:00 P. M.
Year 2011 Planning Status, 1st & 2nd Sections
of 1st Degree, Lecture. Anacapa No. 710 Hosting.
 - 18 International Order of Rainbow for Girls 7:00 P. M.
 - 25 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 89 7:00 P. M.

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 Officers for 2011		
Master	James C. Clay (Jeanine)	312-5538
Sr. Warden	Ramon D. Babilonia	646-9091
Jr. Warden	Mark Coker (Kathlean)	649-7275
Treasurer	Butch Hafstrom (Sally)	797-1082
Secretary	Raymond A. Broomfield, P.M. (Christine)	482-6756
Chaplain	Bill Downey (Anita)	646-2573
Sr. Deacon	Charlie Vanoni (Jewelyn)	857-1573
Jr. Deacon	John McBride (Katie)	654-1801
Marshal	Gary Adkinson (Leslie)	642-7167
Sr. Steward	Jedidiah Smith (Kimberly)	320-6550
Jr. Steward	Max Sanford	405-1727
Tiler	Norm Fielding	746-7652
Offrs. Coach	David VadBunker (Laura)	382-2289
Can. Coach	Robert D. Matson, P.M. (Florence)	647-6728
Organist	Thomas R. Ewing Reseda No. 666	522-0810

MARCH 2011 BIRTHDAYS

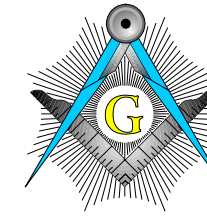
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The Years
1915 - 1975

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Youth Observance Month
Stated Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Tom Waite, PM "DeMolay"
6:30 P. M.

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