

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214
Free & Accepted Masons of California
482 E. Santa Clara St.
Ventura, CA 93001-2758



WE WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH

We want to ensure that all of our Masonic Brothers receive current Lodge information. If this publication has been incorrectly delivered, you wish to receive a mailed version, or you have not been receiving information about current events at the Lodge please update your email and other information by contacting our Secretary Nathaniel Beavers PM at secretary@channelislandslodge214.org or (805) 641-0214.

Email Version

Channel Islands Masonic Lodge 214 is open for Stated meetings, dinners, practices, and degree work

- Dinners are \$15 each for reservations and prepaid accounts. **Dinners without a reservation are \$20.** Use the Lodge web site or call (805) 641-0214.
- Please make all checks payable to **Free & Accepted Masons Channel Islands No 214**
- Please see the Lodge calendar for the latest information: **<https://channelislandslodge214.org>**

Schedule of Events

August 6 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

August 6 - Stated meeting 7:30 PM

August 27 - Potluck and Fellowship event 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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

Channel Islands Masonic Lodge No. 214 F & AM



Trestleboard



July 2026 Volume 155 No. 7

Lodge Officers

Jared Padgett	Worshipful Master	master@channelislandslodge214.org
Jeffrey Malley	Junior Warden	doublejmalley@gmail.com
William Kavanaugh PM	Treasurer	treasurer@channelislandslodge214.org
Nathaniel Beavers PM	Secretary	secretary@channelislandslodge214.org (805) 641-0214
Trestleboard Editor		editor@channelislandslodge214.org

As I reflect on the health of our Lodge, I find myself thinking not only about what happens within our walls, but also about our place in the community. Fellowship, degrees, and education strengthen us as Masons, but there is more to our story.

Many people know our building. Far fewer know the men inside it. They may not see the friendships we make or the lessons we learn, or the character we endeavor to build, but they can see how we care for our neighbors. Service is one of the ways our community comes to know who we are. This is something many of us are already doing.

Earlier this year, Brothers from our Lodge participated in a beach cleanup, and we plan to do so again this fall. During the holidays, we collect donations for those in need. This month, our Community Service Committee has organized a canned food drive, with additional opportunities to help package food on Wednesdays and on some weekends.

If you are able to participate, I encourage you to do so. If you are already serving in another way, I'd love to hear about it. Sharing those opportunities may encourage another brother to join you. When Brothers serve together, the work becomes lighter, and our presence in the community becomes stronger.

Our Lodge has a heart for service, and I hope we continue to build on that tradition. Every act of kindness, whether through the Lodge or in our own communities, is an opportunity to put our Masonic principles into practice and to help our neighbors know us not simply by our building, but by our actions.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,
Jared Padgett
Worshipful Master



Brethren, August arrives as a month of steady purpose, a time when the heat of summer reminds us that true growth requires both pressure and perseverance. As Masons, we understand that every season carries its own lessons, and August encourages us to refine our inner discipline while continuing our outward work with clarity and intention.

This month, let us focus on strengthening the virtues that guide our Craft. Fortitude helps us remain steady when challenges arise. Prudence allows us to choose our path with wisdom. Temperance teaches us balance in thought and action. Justice reminds us to treat all people with fairness and respect. These virtues are not distant ideals. They are practical tools that shape our daily conduct and elevate our character.

As we gather in fellowship and continue our labors, may we remember that each act of kindness and each moment of patience contributes to the spiritual structure we build together. Our collective efforts form a living temple, one that reflects the light we carry and the principles we uphold.

Let August be a month of intentional progress. Step by step, stone by stone, may our work honor the Craft and inspire those around us. May our light shine with renewed strength as we continue our journey.

Fraternally,
Jeff Malley
Junior Warden



155 years of Freemasonry in Ventura 1871-2026



Brother Domonick Bustamante is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 25, 2026

A ROSE ON THE ALTAR

By Most Worshipful
Carl H. Claudy

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

DINNER • 6:30 PM
Lasagna Dinner
Vegetarian options available

SHOWTIME • 7:30 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Raising A Reader®

PRESENTED BY
CHANNEL ISLANDS LODGE NO. 214

\$25 | PREPAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
lodge214.com

HELP US FEED OUR COMMUNITY

Channel Islands Lodge #214

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Now through August 31

FOOD SHARE

ventura county

✓ MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon)
- Beans (dry or canned)
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Soup
- Canned fruits & vegetables

✗ PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

- Glass containers
- Home-canned or homemade foods
- Pet food
- Soda, candy, or energy drinks

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP ENSURE OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE FOOD ON THEIR TABLES.

155 years of Freemasonry in Ventura

1871-2026

Golden Veterans

Mark Allan Vest 2026

Gregory Malcolm Fowler 2026

Richard Lewis Myatt 2026

Gary Lee Vess 2025

James William Rasey PM 2025

Hubert Thomas Curnett 2025

Kenneth Glen Miller 2025

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

3° Service Years

Dennis Dean Behrens 67

Gary Welborn Kulper 64

Allan D. Stampa 63

Mark Evan Hurd PM 56

James Walter DeGraffenreid Jr. 56

Steven William Scott 54

John Curtis 47

James Doyle Wyman 37

Jon Harvey Hanson PM 30

Matthew Edward Kelleher 28

James Vernon Wyman 28

Trevor Todd Ritschel 16

Tim Michael Youmans 5

Robert Gardner Neustadt 4

Douglas Vincent Dietz 2

Birthdays this Month

Bob Joe Brown 3

Yousef Touni Asaad 3

Dionisio P. Reglos 5

David Levell Knutson 6

Esteban Alvino Velasquez 6

Jonathan Michael Adkins 7

Robert John Menga 7

Trevor Todd Ritschel 7

Dallas Gerard Ledet 8

Harish C. Anand 8

Michael Paul Blackmer PM 8

Charles Arthur MacQuiddy 10

Edwin Julius Christensen PM 10

Andrew Burton Pippin PM 12

Carrick Brendan Cheevers 12

Justin Don Tipps 12

Ernest Chalmers King Jr. 15

Christopher Kruse 16

Gabriel Armando Vega 17

Craig Allen Wobig 19

Gregory Malcolm Fowler 19

Lawrence Gary Belshe 20

Marvin Lee Kruse Jr. 20

Matthew Edward Kelleher 21

Scott William Phillips 21

Dale Elwood Lotspeich 23

Gregory Warren Smith 23

Stanley Roger Eugene Dame 23

James Arthur Adams Jr. 24

Carlo Aaron Purther 26

Robert James Donaldson 28

Ricardo David De Leon 29

Bryan James Clifton 31

A Day in the Lodge

. . . in the beginning . . .

On November 5, 1870, at 3 o'clock P.M. eleven Brethren of the craft "recognized by each other as Master Masons, in good standing" assembled at the Santa Clara Hotel in the town of San Buenaventura for the purpose of taking the necessary measures for the establishment of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons "in this place."

Bother Lemuel C. McKeeby was "called to the Chair." Brother J. E. Stevens made a Motion that the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to confer with Brother Henry Spear to ascertain of him on what terms he would rent to the Masons of San Buenaventura his new hall then in course of construction and report to the Brethren in detail at the next meeting.



Santa Clara Hotel