

# Hanford Masonic Lodge

## No. 279



### TRESTLEBOARD

### December 2022

1885-2022  
137 Years of Brotherhood

**Stated Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of the Month  
Lodge Opens at @ 7:30 p.m.

# *Hanford Lodge*

## *Officers*

### *2022*



<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>Cecil Roy Venturella II</b>	<b>559-381-6235</b>
	Spouse	Katherine
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Jules Amores</b>	<b>559-212-7849</b>
	Spouse	Jennifer
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Richard Vitz</b>	<b>559-381-6431</b>
	Spouse	Juliet
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Peter Cunningham, P.M.</b>	<b>707-373-6489</b>
	Spouse	Janet
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mark Dawson, P.M.</b>	<b>559-643-1956</b>
	Spouse	Sandra
<b>Chaplin</b>	<b>Charles Dimaano, P.M.</b>	<b>559-530-7345</b>
	Spouse	Elizabeth
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Jared Johnson</b>	<b>559-904-0085</b>
	Spouse	Lisa
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Reece Sprague</b>	<b>989-387-0950</b>
	Spouse	
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Skyler Summers, P.M.</b>	<b>559-707-4795</b>
	Spouse	Kristyl
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Matthew Dawson, P.M.</b>	<b>559-904-1021</b>
	Spouse	Brooke
<b>Marshal</b>	<b>Rupert Beckford</b>	<b>559-904-5576</b>
	Spouse	Maria
<b>Tiler</b>	<b>D.W. Venturella, P.M.</b>	<b>559-380-5486</b>
	Spouse	Linda



# From the East

Greetings Brethren, and Merry Christmas!

Wow - the end of the year is here, where did the time go?

A great congratulations to Brother Jeffery Porterfield on his 2nd Degree Proficiency - wonderful job Brother!

Let's not forget we are having our Christmas Party on the 10th of December. Look for details in the included flyer,

The 7th of December is our Stated Meeting, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. (*as usual*).

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Fraternally,  
Cecil Roy Venturella, II  
Worshipful Master

# Congratulations

## to our Newly Elected and Appointed Officers!

Worshipful Master - Jules R. Amores  
Senior Warden - Jared Johnson  
Junior Warden - Rupert Beckford  
Treasurer - Richard Vitz  
Secretary - Mark Dawson, P.M.  
Senior Deacon - Philip Nunes  
Junior Deacon - Reece Sprague  
Marshal - Carlos Perez  
Senior Stewart - Skyler Summers, P.M.  
Junior Stewart - Nestor Follosio  
Tiler - Cecil Roy Venturella, WM

## There Were Winners

### *and there Were Losers*

Here are the results of the annual  
Hanford Lodge Poker Tournament:

- 1st Place:** Jared “Lucky Devil” Johnson  
*(gets his name on the front of the plaque)*
- 2nd Place:** Chris “I never bluff” Lyons
- 3rd Place:** Matthew “All in without looking” Dawson
- Last Place:** Philip Nunes and Jeffry Porterfield (a tie)  
*(They thought we were playing go fish...)*  
*(Now they get their names on the  
back of the plaque)*

# From the Senior Deacon

I was recently in an antique store with my friend, and I happened upon this book “Out-Of-Doors in the Holy Land” by Henry Van Dyke (written in 1909). Mr. Van Dyke seems to have some reputation with the Freemasons of his day, though I wasn’t able to find out if he was a Mason himself. Truth be told, I picked up this book, hoping there was some mention of King Solomon’s Temple, or to gather information about Golgotha. And yes, information about both was contained within, but what struck a chord in my heart was this Psalm, and how after 100 years it is still relevant.

There is much to consider within this Psalm as a Mason: first, the allusion to the builders, who have built the great cities with their hands. Also, that these great structures shine like beacons next to the waters, and it alludes to the strength and wisdom granted to man in building these great cities. However, the Psalm then goes on to explain that contained within these great buildings is suffering, poverty, and falsehoods (seeking they know not what..).

How much greater cities, buildings and technologies has man continued to build in the 100 years since this Psalm was written by Mr. Van Dyke? Even more so since the origins of operative masonry! We can plainly recognize that from all ages since, no matter how great the city, still exists the same suffering, poverty and falsehoods.

While considering this, it occurred to me that the reason we have been forbidden from innovation to the Craft, might have been because the work of brotherly love, relief and truth is never completed. The work can never truly be perfected until we have eradicated the same suffering, poverty and falsehoods of the world. Should we innovate or change our standards, do we run the danger of losing focus on our most important tenets of Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief, and truth. I believe the founders of our ancient institution, realized that these tenets of our craft are enough to keep all Masons busy for eternity and provide every Mason through the ages with ample opportunity to improve themselves and the world they live in by the proper application of these noble works.

-Jared E. Johnson

## Masonic Interest #1

# A Psalm of Great Cities

How wonderful are the cities that man hath builded:  
Their walls are compacted of heavy stones,  
And their lofty towers rise above the tree-tops.

Rome, Jerusalem, Cairo, Damascus,-  
Venice, Constantinople, Moscow, Peking,-  
London, New York, Berlin, Paris, Vienna,-

These are the names of mighty enchantments,  
They have called to the ends of the earth,  
They have secretly summoned a host of servants.

They shine from far sitting beside great waters,  
They are proudly enthroned upon high hills,  
They spread out their splendour along the rivers.

Yet are they all the work of small patient fingers,  
Their strength is in the hand of man,  
He hath woven his flesh and blood into their glory.

The cities are scattered over the world like anthills,  
Every one of them is full of trouble and toil,  
And their makers run to and fro within them.

Abundance of riches is laid up in their treasuries,  
But they are tormented with the fear of want,  
The cry of the poor in their streets is exceeding bitter.

*(continues)*

## Masonic Interest #1

# A Psalm of Great Cities

*(continued)*

Their inhabitants are driven by blind perturbations,  
They whirl sadly in the fever of haste,  
Seeking they know not what, they pursue it fiercely.

The air is heavy-laden with their breathing,  
The sound of their coming and going is never still,  
Even in the night I hear them whispering and crying.

Beside every ant-hill I behold a monster crouching:  
This is the ant-lion Death,  
He thrusteth forth his tongue and the people perish.

O God of wisdom thou hast made the country:  
Why hast thou suffered man to make the town?

Then God answered, Surely I am the maker of man:  
And in the heart of man I have set the city.

-Henry Van Dyke

Source: Out-Of-Doors In the Holy Land  
First Published in 1909.



Come Join The Holiday Fun!



*Merry  
Christmas*

HANFORD LODGE No. 279 F&AM  
EST. 1885  
CALIFORNIA

Christmas Party  
December 10, 2022  
@6pm  
Hanford Lodge #279  
223 N. Douty St.,  
Hanford CA 93230

**R.S.V.P.**  
by Dec 1, 2022

RSVP to:  
Worshipful Cecil  
[inspector.cecil@yahoo.com](mailto:inspector.cecil@yahoo.com)  
(559) 381-6135



# Hanford Masonic Lodge

## Committees for 2022

### **Audit**

Jules Amores ©  
Jared Johnson  
Richard Vitz

### **Charity**

Richard Vitz ©  
Cecil Venturella II  
Jules Amores

### **Christmas Party**

Matthew Dawson, P.M. ©  
Jules Amores  
Jared Johnson  
Rupert Beckford

### **Constitutional Observance**

Richard Vitz ©  
Peter Cunningham, P.M.  
Reece Sprague

### **Membership Retention**

Skyler Summers, P.M. ©  
Mark Dawson, P.M.  
Matthew Dawson, P.M.  
Cecil Venturella II

### **Hiram Award**

D.W. Venturella, P.M. ©  
Peter Cunningham, P.M.  
Jules Amores  
Rupert Beckford

### **Past Master's Night**

Skyler Summers P.M. ©  
Matthew Dawson, P.M.  
Jules Amores

### **Family Picnic**

Matthew Dawson, P.M. ©  
Richard Vitz  
Reece Sprague  
Rupert Beckford

### **Public Schools Recognition**

Glenn Estes, P.M. ©  
Skyler Summers, P.M.  
Jared Johnson

### **Scholarships**

Jared Johnson ©  
Glenn Estes, P.M.  
Skyler Summers , P.M.  
Jules Amores

### **Masonic Education**

Jared Johnson ©  
Mark Dawson, P.M.  
Jules Amores  
Rupert Beckford

### **Sickness & Visitation**

Peter Cunningham, P.M. ©  
Glenn Estes, P.M.  
Mark Dawson, P.M.  
Matthew Dawson, P.M.

© = Chairman

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## Committees for 2022

### **Lodge Sweethearts**

Larry McKillip, P.M. ©  
Mark Dawson, P.M.  
Skyler Summers, P.M.  
Matthew Dawson, P.M.

### **Funeral**

Charles Dimaano, P.M. (c)  
DW Venturella, P.M.  
Skyler Summers, P.M.

### **Membership Development**

Mark Dawson, P.M. ©  
Skyler Summers, P.M.  
Jared Johnson

### **Finance Committee**

Peter Cunningham, P.M. (c)  
Jared Johnson  
Jules Amores  
Skyler Summers, P.M.  
Richard Vitz

### **Temple Board**

Skyler Summers  
Cecil Venturella  
Matt Dawson  
Peter Cunnigham  
Richard Vitz  
Jared Johnson  
Mark Grijalva  
Richard Braswell

*"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States."*

Brother Theodore Roosevelt.

## **506th School of Instruction**

To be announced...

### **December Birthdays**

Floyd Ray Lee  
Nestor Sacueza Follosa  
Scott Gordon Darr  
Wilton Glenn Estes  
James Howard Akin  
Ireneo Llorin Lastrella Jr.  
Wayne Howard Dillon  
Jose Luis Zamora  
Laurence Edwin Canady  
Larry Otis Muckridge

### **Stated Meeting Dinner**

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 p.m.

***Temple Board Meeting  
& Finance Committee Meeting  
Following Each Stated Meeting***

# Hanford Lodge Calendar

December 7th

6:30 p.m.

Dinner.

December 7th

7:30 p.m.

Regular Stated Meeting

December 10th

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Party

## **2023 Installation of Officers**

Saturday, January 21, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Hanford Masonic Lodge



Meetings:  
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Location:  
Mineral King Masonic Center  
128 E. Mineral King,  
Visalia, CA 93291  
Mother ADV: Jana Ferguson

Meetings:  
1st and 3rd Monday of each month.  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location:  
Lemoore Masonic Center  
647 W. Bush St.  
Lemoore, CA 93245  
Bethel Guardian: Raisa Beckford



## Lemoore Chapter



Meetings:  
Chapter not currently active.  
Time: TBD  
Location:  
Lemoore Masonic Center  
647 W. Bush St.  
Lemoore, CA 93245

Meetings:  
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location:  
Lemoore Masonic Center  
647 W. Bush St.  
Lemoore, CA 93245  
\*NOTE: Dark 4th Tuesday in November,  
December, July and August.



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