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ISSUE #3



Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

January was a very busy month for the lodge. We started with a strong January Stated Meeting. Then followed by 3 First Degrees upon Bro Angelo Biales, Bro Marvin Marfa, & Bro Brian Schnaithman. Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge No. 296 is now truly back with normal operations.

As we move into the heart of winter, let us take this time to reflect on the lessons of Freemasonry that guide us through the challenges and joys of life. February brings opportunities for growth, service, and fellowship within our Lodge, and I encourage each of you to engage with the programs and events we have planned. Our first Breakfast Fundraising Event for the year 2025 will be held on March 23rd, 2025, Sunday. The officers and I are working diligently to make this event a very successful one. In addition to the Breakfast Fundraising Event, we will also be doing some charity event in line with our Breakfast Event. For the very first time, our Lodge will participate in a community service event. We partnered with San Diego Blood Bank in creating this event. They will be collecting donations of blood and are looking for volunteers to support this event. As you know, there is a current shortage of blood within our community. Let us show our support for the community and exemplify the tenets of Freemasonry through acts of charity by donating

blood. I am counting on you to answer and support these two significant events.

February is a time to deepen our commitment to one another as brothers, and to strengthen the bonds of unity within our Lodge. As we continue to move forward into the new year, let us remember the importance of working together to fulfill the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Each of us plays an important role in the success and vitality of our Lodge.

Let us also keep our brothers who are ill or in need of assistance in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of any brother requiring support, please do not hesitate to inform the Lodge.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the coming weeks. Together, let's make this a productive and meaningful month for our Lodge and our community.

Significant Events:

- February 7th - Stated Meeting (Potluck)
- February 14th - SGTS Valentines Party (Couples must match their attire)
- February 21st – Degree Conferral
- February 26th – Degree Conferral

Fraternally yours,

Brother John Trias

Worshipful Master 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

In January, the lodge successfully resumed its regular operations, including a remarkable slate of activities and conferrals. Warm congratulations are extended to Bro. Angelo Biales and Bro. Marvin Marpa for being initiated into the First Degree of Entered Apprentice in January 2025. The conferral ceremonies were exemplary, reflecting the dedication and skill of all involved. Heartfelt appreciation is due to those who labored diligently to make their special night unforgettable.

Looking ahead, February's stated meeting will include the official visit of our District Inspector, WB Rodrigo Cuevas. Let us demonstrate our steadfast support and renowned hospitality. Although February is a shorter month, we are fortunate to have all four Fridays available for lodge activities and conferrals, ensuring continued progress and engagement.

February is also a month for celebration and gratitude. We will observe Valentine's Day on February 14th, 2025, and honor our beloved widows during Widows Recognition Night. This special evening is a meaningful occasion to celebrate love, friendship, and appreciation—don't miss it!

Let us continue working in harmony to achieve the best for our lodge. Remember, our collective success relies on the commitment and efforts of every member, not just the installed officers. Together, we thrive!

On the Level

Brother Reggie Corpuz

Senior Warden 2025

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Worshipful Sirs & Brethren,

I would like to congratulate the following Brothers on their first admission into our ancient and honorable fraternity and by being initiated on the First Degree of Freemasonry; Brother Angelo Biales, Brother Marvin Marfa, and Brother Brian Schnaithman. You received an outstanding degree conferrals attended by many of our brethren who took time from their busy personal and family schedules to support and witness this special event in your lives. You were presented with these working tools, the twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel to prepare and guide you on your masonic endeavors.

I also would like to acknowledge and extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the brethren who donated money to aid and support those whose lives were affected by the wildfires in the Los Angeles area. Your assistance for this cause manifests your unwavering commitment to the three principal tenets of Masonry, brotherly love, relief and truth.

This month of February, we are now also selling tickets for our Breakfast Fundraising which will happen on March 23, 2025 (Sunday). We need the support and assistance of each and everyone of our brethren to make this event successful so that we can finance the several projects we have planned for the Lodge.

By the Plumb

Brother Tomas Lustina, Junior Warden 2025


STATED MEETING MENU

FEBRUARY DINNER

POTLUCK

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| Nelio Alcantara | Rodney Alonzo | Frank Biltz | Joel Cepeda | Alberto Cirineo |
| James Cochrane | Frank Dela Cruz | Douglas Hawley | Amando Lastrella | Benjamin Llanes |
| Edward Legaspi | Jaime Legaspi | Marvin Marfa | Celso Maranon | Marcus Martinez |
| Cesar Mata | Alberto Mayoyo | Brandon Mitchell | Emmanuel Pena | Earl Restine |
| Douglas Robinson | Gonzalo Ruiz | Aaron Santos | Bundy Sarmiento | Gary Stephens |
| Edwin Tan | Everlito Tobias | Reynaldo Toledo | | |

| February 2025 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Stated Meeting | 8 |
| 9 | 10 DOSI – JDS ::657 | 11 | 12 | 13 Prepare Lodge for Valentine's Day Celebration | 14 Valentine Day Lodge Celebration Dinner and Dance | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Lodge Degree Practice and Proficiency | 20 | 21 Lodge Degree | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Temple Board Meeting | 25 Lodge Degree Practice and Proficiency | 26 Lodge Degree | 27 | 28 Lodge Dark | 1 |



Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge List of Officers Masonic Year 2025

| Officers | Name | Spouse |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Master | John Trias | Rachelle |
| Senior Warden | Reginald Corpuz | Kristine |
| Junior Warden | Tomas Lustina Jr. | Beth |
| Treasurer | Alfonso Farinas, PM | Rowena |
| Secretary | Jeff Tan, PM | Susana |
| Assistant Secretary | Phillip Lastrella | Alma |
| Chaplain | Val Bautista, PM | Tess |
| Senior Deacon | Robelle Manipon | Angelyn |
| Junior Deacon | Anthony Katimbang | Catherine |
| Marshall | Chito Biales | Marife |
| Senior Steward | Jan Paolo Bacolod | N/A |
| Junior Steward | Jonathan Lastrella | N/A |
| Tiler | Jose Quintua | Juliana |
| Organist | Rey Toledo, PM | Elsie |
| Officer's Coach | Arthur Coloma, PM | Annabelle |
| Officer's Coach | Mamerto Eclarinal, PM | Encar |
| Officer's Coach | Patrick Carreon, PM | Cathrine |
| 925th Masonic District Inspector | Rod Cuevas, PM | Maria |

Silver Gate Three Stars Masonic Hall Association

| Officers | Name |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| President | Val Bautista, PM |
| Vice Preseident | Danny Salcedo, PM |
| Treasurer | Fidel Soriano, PM |
| Secretary | Robelle Manipon |
| Ex-Officio | John Trias |
| Ex-Officio | Reggie Corpuz |
| Member | Mario Soriano |
| Member | Phillip Lastrella |
| Member | Anthony Katimbang |
| Member | Jonathan Lastrella |
| Member | Jan Paolo Bacolod |
| Facility Coordinator | Tony Bersamera |
| Custodian | Eduardo Pasalagua |

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New Application Fees:

Application fee for degree: \$354.00 includes other fees to Grand Lodge.

Application fee for Affiliation: Out of State: \$94.00

From the Secretary's Table

2025 Dues Fee is \$147.00.

Kindly attend to your Dues as soon as you are able. You can pay online (processing fee applies) when you register on www.freemason.org, you will need to contact the Secretary for your member number. Once registered and dues paid you will be able to print your 2025 Dues Card.

MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

Masonic Senior Outreach

Services Provided

Information & Referrals

- Community Contact Information
- Offer Professional Guidance
- Eligibility
- No Masonic affiliation required.
- Simply call Masonic Assistance Line:

1-(888) 466-3642 (social worker conducts interview)

Case Management

- Help securing community resources.
- Need based, no time limits.
- Offer guidance & hands on assistance.

Eligibility Must be:

- California Mason in good standing, his wife, widowerminor children.

Financial Case Management

- Provide a care manager.
- Must meet financial criteria.

Eligibility Must be:

- California Mason of five (5) or more years in good standing, his wife, widow, or minor children.
- Demonstrate financial need (no minimum or maximum established). Have no more than \$2,000 (single) or \$3,500 (couple) in liquid assets.
- Not used to off debt.
- Last resort. Client already receiving all community, state, federal, and family support first.
- Does not require skilled nursing or 24 hr. home care. Repayment expected, if clients attain assets.

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