

# San Francisco Lodge No. 120

# The Cornerstone

January

2012



"You'd be so lean, that blast of January  
Would blow you through and through. Now, my fair'st friend,  
I would I had some flowers o' the spring that might  
Become your time of day."  
- William Shakespeare, *The Winter's Tale*, Act IV Scene 4



January 23rd  
Chinese New Year 4710

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## From the East

Brethren,

I start by expressing much gratitude to all the Brethren who showed up in support of our officers at the installation. I would also like to thank Worshipfuls Laidlaw, Saroukhanoff, Martensen for doing a great job installing the 155th corps of officers.

What constitutes a lodge of Freemasons? Is it a physical building? Is it the lodge room? Or is it the roster that holds the names of our members? I believe that the answer includes all of the above, but the main and most important ingredient is Brothers and fellows who share and practice the pure principles of Freemasonry.

In the ancient days of the process to initiate an Entered Apprentice was as follows:



The candidate had to be proposed by one Mason, seconded by another, and supported by five more. The application for apprenticeship was posted at the entrance of the quarry for fourteen days. On three occasions he must stand by his application while the men are going to and from work, so that ALL might see him.

This was the process of apprenticeship even before operative masons were granted a charter for a regular organization in 926 A.D., which keeps me amazed at the fact that our traditions were passed on to us unimpaired and the first part of the application process was for all the brethren to meet and know the applicant prior to balloting.

At the planning meeting held in December, we were able to come up with many great ideas, and we now have committees that will be in charge of monthly activities we will have this coming year. You will find more information in the Committee Section.


May you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Fady Zoubi, Master



## January 2012 Calendar

### Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00p Fellowship in the Fireside Room  
6:30p Dinner - Crab Feed   
7:30p **Stated Meeting**  
Ladies of the Fireside:  
Special Program

### Thursday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30p **Officers Meeting**  
*Light refreshments to follow*

### Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30p **Fellow Craft Degree Rehearsal**  
*Light refreshments to follow*

### Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Chinese New Year - 4710*  
Sun Neen Fie Law/  
Gung Hay Fat Choy



### Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30p Dinner  
**District School of Instruction**  
Master Mason Degree Opening &  
Closing  
Hosted by San Francisco Lodge No. 120

### Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:00p Fellowship in the Fireside Room  
6:30p Dinner  
7:30p **Stated Meeting**  
Ladies of the Fireside

**RESERVATIONS FOR MEALS ARE**

★ **ALWAYS REQUIRED!** ★

## From the West



A new year has started and a new line of officers have taken their places. A round of congratulations is in order for Worshipful Zoubi and those dedicated officers filling the line. They were handed from good hands and placed in good hands. It'll be an exciting year.

It appears that I have some new shoes to fill as Senior Warden in 2012. These duties mainly revolve around assigning candidates' coaches and ensuring that candidates are progressing to becoming Master Masons.

Let me state the duties of my coming year as Senior Warden:

- Identifying and assigning candidates' coaches (subject to the Worshipful Master)
- Overseeing the steady progress of candidates
- Attending all Stated Meetings
- Attending to the craft of a Senior Warden within an open lodge
- Attending all required District Schools of Instruction
- Preparing the Senior Warden's article "From the West" in a timely manner
- Fulfilling the duties assigned to me as part of a committee (yes... this includes the Membership Roster)
- Qualifying to become the Worshipful Master
- Preparing the Lodge Budget for the upcoming year
- Assisting the Worshipful Master when necessary

The above list is what you can expect from me. Now - what you can expect to see from my future articles are summaries of our candidates and how they are progressing. Additionally, I'd like to point out some key things that our younger Master Masons should take away as mental "food for thought."

Before I conclude here, I'd like to add something about the importance of a candidate's coach. There is a subtle distinction between coach and mentor, but I have always felt that candidate coaches cannot help but also act as mentors. A coach not only explains what the candidate must prepare for, but also helps to impart understanding about what is being studied. Deep and complex philosophical lessons cannot be easily digested by the mind. Sometimes the intellect needs a bit more guidance, and this is where the coaching and mentoring come in. This is what I've experienced with my coaches when going through the various Masonic degrees. This doesn't stop with becoming a Master Mason, either. When you become an officer, the Officers Coach continues to act as a mentor. It cannot be stated how valuable the instruction of these "coaching" positions are. They provide the essential educational foundation upon which Masons are made. In my opinion those who teach, coach, and mentor are worth their weight in gold.

I close by saying "thank you" for your vote of confidence by electing me Senior Warden, and I will do my best to live up to the position.

Fraternally,

Brother Tony Ramos  
Senior Warden

## 2012 Officers





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California Lodge No. 1  
F. & A. M.



***San Francisco Lodge No.120  
and***

***California Lodge No.1,***

***In conjunction with the San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies***

***Cordially invite you to attend the reception for our  
Past Master and Current Grand Master of Masons in California***

***Most Worshipful Frank Loui***

***Western theme!***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**



**4:00pm at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

**2850 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Corner of Sloat)  
San Francisco, CA 94132**

***There is a \$20.00 per person deposit required, which will be returned to you when you arrive at the  
Grand Master's Reception.***

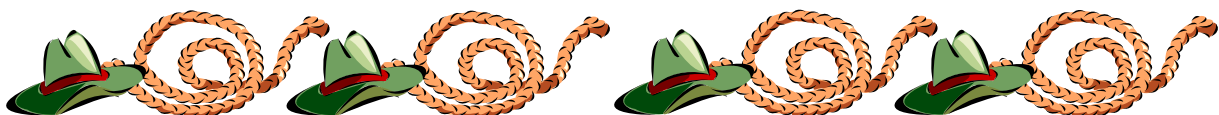
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***Please include your name, title, and the number of guests in your party.***

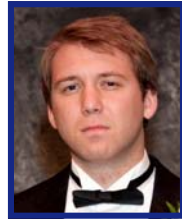


# January Birthdays



- Gary Poon 1
- Fred A. Sebastinelli, P.M. 1
- William R. Bragg 3
- Bill Hitchings 3
- Charles W. Lewis 4
- Carl L. Potter, P.M. 5
- Charles Pivnick 6
- Carlos O. Salgado 6
- Wallace F. Rowley 7
- David Artson 8
- Lawrence J. Fama, P.M. 8
- Steven DeVoe 11
- Oscar B. Kleinfeld 11
- Steven M. Naify 11
- Gene B. Kaufman 13
- Robert C. Rosen 13
- Clinton Van Dyke 16
- Horace F. McClure 17
- C. L. Novotney 17
- Dennis Leong 18
- George T. Choppelas 20
- Gary Richmond 20
- John E. Calvert 22
- Leonard B. Froomin, P.M. 22
- Thomas Davis 23
- Rudergen Sicut 23
- David M. Weiss 23
- Jesse Hoffman 24
- Milton C. Jacobs, P.M. 24
- Armand Der-Hacobian 27
- Richard N. Levy 27
- Lawrence H. Shane 29

We long to see you, meet you, greet you, and congratulate you on your auspicious occasion.



Brethren,

**M**y name is Gary Richmond and I have recently been appointed your Junior Steward. I am so excited to be an officer in our Lodge. I know I have been a Mason for only a short time, but I am looking forward to being able to apply my leadership skills and unique perspective to the Lodge environment.

For those of you who don't know me, I was born and raised in nearby Santa Rosa, California. I am an experienced stage actor and singer. I am a former Marine, and I currently work as a Personal Banker at Wells Fargo Bank. I became a Mason for the same reason the rest of you did: to become a part of something larger than myself, and to make myself a better man through Masonry. With this idea in mind, I look forward to the year ahead as I can work on becoming a better man, and by being at the disposal of you Brethren, working towards having an even more fulfilling Lodge.

Gary Richmond,  
Junior Steward



**MASONIC LITE  
ACTIVITIES  
COMMITTEE**



*Happy  
Birthday  
Ladies*

- Claire Castle 1
- Evelyn Madfes 6
- Patricia Ann Baker 9
- Phyllis Ingmire 10
- Delores Willms 15
- Marian D. Bushong 21

Brethren,

For those of you that do not know, I will be the Chairman of the Masonic Lite Activities Committee. What is the Masonic Lite Activities Committee you might ask? My plan is to have monthly activities of an active, social nature that will be used to keep our Brethren engaged, vital, and active. In order to get this committee rolling and off to a good start, I need your help. I am looking for three energetic and excited Brothers to help me with this committee. If you are interested, please contact me either by phone or email:

**Email: [sirphelpthestud@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sirphelpthestud@sbcglobal.net)  
Cell: (707) 543-6999**

Sincerely,

Gary Richmond  
Junior Steward



**Birthday celebrants, please join us at the January Stated Meeting Dinner, and you will be the guests of the Lodge.**

## From the South – January 2012



A new age of Masonry has begun to meet the changing world head on. A strong officer line with the support and encouragement of new Brothers shows that we are in for a proper year of entertainment and Brotherly Love.

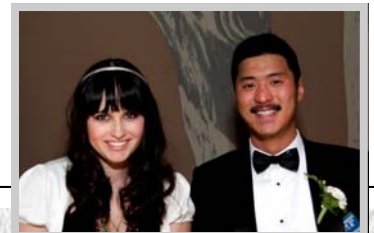
As the Junior Warden of San Francisco Lodge, I have been assigned many duties and responsibilities for me to complete in a timely matter, a practice I have only experienced with my schoolwork. Masonry has allowed me to experience a lifestyle of a professional man who must take the time to organize and communicate in order to properly complete all tasks I expect myself to take a serious role when dealing with these businesses with the intention of doing the Lodge and our ancient fraternity justice.

Among the many duties assigned to the Junior Warden position: the most exciting duties are a subject very dear to me, refreshment and activities. Some of you may know that my occupation is working with children, not only as a teacher and mentor, but also as an entertainer. I expect to utilize the energy I have in exciting a crowd in setting up some performances that will dazzle you with the technologies of today, as well as presenting performances to reach a nice feeling of nostalgia. Let us look forward to our monthly Stated Meetings to present a little exciting memory this year!

As for refreshments, let me proudly say that I myself am a fan of good food. If there is one thing I make sure I do for myself each day, it is that I eat a good meal, either cooked by myself or prepared at a favorite restaurant. For both public dinners and officer meetings, I look forward to planning and presenting a wonderful spread. Our Masonic dinners are a strong memory of my life in both refreshments and atmosphere, and as I have just set the year's menu of Stated Meeting dinners with our lovely chef, Nina Chavez, I can assure you that we are in for one delicious year.

My lifestyle has transformed me into an old soul in a young body with still much to learn about how the world works. My life as a student has me on a tight-schedule of due dates and research; my occupation in child care has me in a professional mentality of constantly balancing my behavior as an entertainer and teacher; and my duty as a Mason has me taking on the responsibilities of a proper adult. These three institutions in my life keep one another in balance and aid each other in so many ways. I look forward to continue my participation and utilizing each of the skills learned to be the best I can be to do justice not only to my obligations, but to myself: mind, body, and soul.

Fraternally,  
  
Becker Cheng,  
Junior Warden



2012

### Installation



### Fifty-Year DeMolay Award



*Did you ever wonder?*

*Who are Masons?*

*What do they do as an organization?*

*Why is Freemasonry the Largest and Oldest Fraternity in the world?*

*Can anyone be a Mason?*

*Where do Masons meet?*

*Is Masonry relative in today's world?*

*How do you become a Mason?*

**HAVE THESE AND ALL YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS ANSWERED!**

*Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370*

*Free & Accepted Masons*

*In conjunction with*

*California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco Lodge No. 120*

*Present*

**A MASONIC LAYMAN'S AFTERNOON**

Listen to guest speakers from different facets of Masonry

Find the answers to the questions you have

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres

**WHO:** Anyone with questions to be answered along with family, friends, and colleagues of Master Masons

**WHEN:** **Saturday, March 3, 2012, @ 1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**WHERE:** **Brotherhood Way Masonic Center**  
855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132-4925

What have you got to lose except the facts and the answers?!

----- (Detach here) -----

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**L**adies and Brethren of San Francisco Lodge No. 120, my name is Michael Stetka and it is an honor to be serving as Junior Deacon of the Lodge for 2012. I was born in 1981 in PG County, Maryland, and grew up in the fields and forests of Canton, Ohio. Seeking adventure and enrichment, I moved to San Francisco in the year 2001; I was 18. I enjoyed a couple years of acquainting myself with the city, but it wasn't long before my wanderlust set in and I was looking for something new. As such, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in October of 2004 and hoped that it would be nothing less than five years of nonstop action and adventure. The powers that be had other plans however as just shy of three years later

I was medically separated from the military due to an injury I sustained to my left femur. I returned to San Francisco in 2007 wondering what my next step would be. I decided to continue my education and began taking classes at San Francisco State University. As of the end of this year, I'll have attained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a minor in International Relations. Critical thinking and a broad world view are both things I hold dear and pursue to this day, all in hopes of maximizing the human potential with which we are gifted.

This desire to seek out ways to improve myself is in some way what led me to Freemasonry. Upon hearing that there was a "Brotherhood" whose goal was to "Take good men and make them better," I was compelled to seek them out in hopes of making myself a better man. As I sit here typing this, I can say without hesitation that those men and women who participate in San Francisco Lodge No. 120 do in fact make me a better person. It was a little over a year ago that I came knocking at the door, trying to find out how one goes about even joining a lodge of Freemasons. You all welcomed me, a stranger at the time, with friendly, open arms, and made me feel welcomed and cared for. And now here we are, with 2012 fast approaching, I'm eager and excited to fulfill my duties as an officer of the Lodge, and I look forward to another year of friendship, learning, and growth.

In Brotherhood,  
Brother Mike

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1. Masonic Lite Activities Committee (Gary Richmond)
2. Volunteer Events Committee (Tony Ramos)
3. Stated Meeting Program Committee (Mike Stetka)
4. Membership Committee (Larry Laidlaw & George Sardonis)
5. Roster Committee (Tony Ramos)
6. Internet Presence Enhancement (Tony Ramos & Sam Yee)
7. Lodge Logo Design Committee (Becker Cheng)

### Activities & Events:

1. \*Layman Experience\* (Fady Zoubi)
2. Fall Dinner Dance (Becker Cheng)
3. Theatre Trip (Larry & Claudia Laidlaw)
4. Masonic Family Annual Picnic (Geoff Alman)
5. A Trip to Columbia Lodge (Louie Allsop)
6. Wine Trip (Mike Stetka & Carmen Martensen)
7. Sweethearts Lunch (Larry & Claudia Laidlaw)
8. Joint Spring Dinner Dance (TBD)
9. ★ GM Reception ★ (Ken Martensen)

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