

# GAT Jose Rizal Lodge U.D.



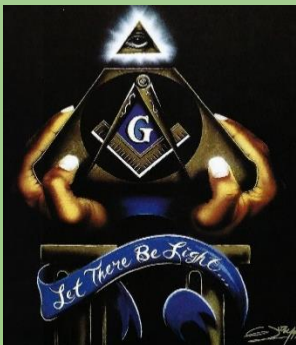
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*"Through Freemasonry, we make true friends, improve ourselves, and have a positive impact on our communities."*

From the desk of the  
Worshipful Master



By: WM J. P Cariaga, PM



## Menu for the Stated Meeting Dinner

No Available Menu

### Stated Meeting Sponsors for Oct 2022

WB Ernie Pagulayan  
WB Dan Macaraeg

Bro Vonn DeGuzman  
Bro Amor Ledina



### Trestleboard Editors:

Bro. Sammy Gillo  
Bro. Vonn DeGuzman

### STATED MEETING

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the  
Month

27221 McCall Blvd  
Menifee, CA 92586

### Brethren

Christmas is coming! Are you ready? I'm not! Joke aside, time is too fast, everyone seems to be doing 2 things at the same time just to catch up! Well anyway, thank you for all the support of our brothers and sisters in all our lodge's activities. We couldn't have done it without you.

I would like to welcome our new Enter Apprentice Masons Bro Martin, Bro Anthony, Bro Brian, and Bro Dex. Keep up the good work. Thank you to our coaches you are doing a great job.

We had a great time at the Annual Communications in San Francisco. As usual it was an experience to remember. We finally got our number! Now we are getting ready for our constitution this November 6, 2022. Please be reminded that it is a formal affair for the GAT members. The ladies are wearing their Filipiniana dresses and the brothers decided to wear their tux. We will need each and everyone's help in the preparation for this momentous event. We will have distinguished guests so we aim to impress but within the budget.

I would like to thank each and every one in advance for your continuous support in the success of our lodge. Our lodge may not be rich in money but we are proud to say we are rich in brotherhood. Again, thank you and see you at the Constitution!

Sincerely yours,

JP Cariaga WM

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Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.



Brethren,

I can't believe it is already October and we have several months until the end of the year. The SoCal weather temperature is starting to cool therefore we will be getting back into wearing dark suits for our Stated Meetings. Worshipful Master JP will advise us when we start changing our Stated Meeting attire therefore, please be on the lookout when the message comes out.

September 2022 Stated Meeting was a success. We had a lot of business, both old and new, that was discussed and voted on. It is always great to see the brethren agree and move forward on any business we deal with.

I would like to congratulate our newly obligated brothers Bro. Martin Carungcong and Bro. Toni Santelices. Welcome to GAT José Rizal Lodge UD. I also wanted to congratulate Bro. Amor and the rest of the brethren who took part in a great ceremony. We truly are so thankful for your time and effort to make the conferral a memorable one.

This month's lodge calendar is once again full. We will have a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Practice and another two-1st degree conferral. Several of us will be attending the Annual Communication to be held at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. We all look forward to hearing our lodge be voted on to receive our Charter!

As always, thank you to all the brethren who worked tirelessly in the background to make our lodge continue to grow. We also encourage the rest of you to take part, even in a small degree at least, to keep our lodge moving forward.

Lastly and as always, let us continue to support the lodge and all its endeavors. Always remember that you are a reflection and a representation of GAT José Rizal Lodge UD.

S/F,

Bro. Ernie Pagulayan, PM

Senior Warden

If you have some important information that needs to be on the Trestleboard, please don't hesitate to contact the Lodge Secretary  
([SecretaryGJRL@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryGJRL@gmail.com))

or Bro. Sammy Gillo  
([sharmaelly@gmail.com](mailto:sharmaelly@gmail.com))

## OSI CORNER

August	Dark Dark
09/20	Hemet San Jacinto Lodge #338, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree, Master's Lecture
10/20	Menifee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
11/21	Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Practice Installation of Lodge Officers
Dec	Dark Dark



Brethren and families

Extending my sincere appreciation to all brothers, past masters and officers who found time to attend our degree conferral and other meetings/celebration in September. Although I am honored to have performed a 1st degree conferral, there would be no finished work without your support.

There are still few works to be done – consistency in floor work. This can only be achieved by showing up for scheduled practices and able to demonstrate what we practice during the actual degree works. It seems a lot to ask for, considering there are other things or priorities in our lives that occur daily. Dedication and commitment to our lodge responsibilities are something that we promised to abide by, so long as we can do so without serious injury to ourselves.

This month promises yet another exciting month as we continue to catch up with degree conferral - a double 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Please check out the calendar page of this TB for the date, and other lodge events this month. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for our lodge to interact with the community through volunteering in the Habitat for Humanity projects. Again, check out the calendar for the dates. As you all know, one of our lodge's missions is to "support the community." If you are up to the challenge, particularly to our new brethren who desire to expand their knowledge of what masonry is all about, this is a unique chance to enhance your Masonic travel in the form of community service and interaction.

Several of our brothers are traveling to the GLC Annual Communication this month, with high expectation of the anticipated news that our lodge will finally receive its charter. More update to follow.

Lastly, congratulations to our newly initiated brethren, your Masonic journey as begun. You can always reach out to us for any concern you have with regard to your advancement. Likewise, we welcome the sisters to this wonderful lodge. This is for now. Keep the faith and harmony. HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!!

Fraternally,

Rick Opina, PM

Junior Warden

#### Stated Meeting Sponsors for Nov 2022

Bro Med Alonzo  
Bro Nin Nilasca

Bro Martin Carungcong  
Bro Anthony Santelices



#### Stated Meeting Sponsors for Dec 2022

WB Allan Solis  
Bro Vic Sardilla

Bro Joe Quimson  
Bro Sal Reyes





Fraternal Greetings from behind the desk!

First off congratulations to our newly obligated brothers Martin Carongcong and Anthony Santelices. It is also very nice to see the brethren progress and master different positions in the lodge. Let us get out there and participate in any position we can. This benefits the lodge in several ways. First it lets individuals to improve themselves in Masonry. Second, it frees the person who is currently filling a role, no matter how small or big, to move and master another position because someone else had step up. Third, it helps the lodge provide a more professional, beautiful, and meaningful degree.

Let us welcome Brother Medardo "Med" Alonzo our newly affiliated Brother. I want to take this time to inform the brethren that we will be balloting for Brother Vidal Quintanar and Ethan Maxon on our October Stated Meeting. Please read about them in our Affiliation corner.

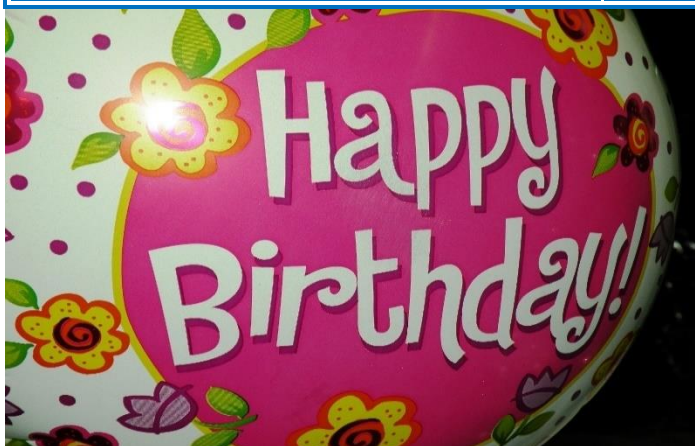
We added two new sections to the Trestleboard. The Affiliation page (if there is one pending for voting) where you can see potential affiliates, and the activities page where you find select activities and get free instructions from our own brothers who are good at what they do or maybe you just want to go out there and join them. Please check them out and reach back to us if you want to be added. We would like to expand our activity section so we can reach out to more people.

Fraternally,

Bro. Vonn DeGuzman

GJRL Lodge Secretary

Sister Birthday		Wedding Anniversary	
Rovie Chopitea	October 2		
Penafrancie Sardilla	October 21		
Carol Reyes	October 31		





**BALDAUF 826TH DISTRICT**  
***Camp & Luau***  
**BBQ BASH**

**CAMPING FRI. & SAT. OCT. 28th & 29th**  
**BBQ LUAU SAT. 29th - Noon ~ Til ?**

*Dress Casual and Enjoy Some Grub,  
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*All we ask is that you bring the whole family along.*

Everyone is Welcome to Join Us

*For Information or to RSVP Contact*  
*Worshipful Brother Rufi MaGbanua at 951-551-1112*  
*or Email: BroRufi\_bml845@bmrgear.com*

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID

The Masons of California believe that a person who strives to improve himself can also improve his community and the world at large. To help future generations achieve this goal, the California Masonic Foundation and other Masonic-affiliated organizations award more than \$1 million in scholarships to students every year. Scholarships awarded by the California Masonic Foundation have enabled thousands of students to attend college.

## Masonic scholarships

Below are links to scholarships provided by our Youth Orders and Concordant Bodies. Most offer preference to applicants that have Masonic ties. We also encourage you to reach out directly to your local Masonic lodge as some offer their own lodge-based award. To locate a lodge near you, please visit the lodge locator.

### DeMolay

[norcaldemolay.com/2018-demolay-foundation-scholarship-application-now-available/demolay.org/Scholarship/demolay.org/scholarships/affiliated-scholarships/](http://norcaldemolay.com/2018-demolay-foundation-scholarship-application-now-available/demolay.org/Scholarship/demolay.org/scholarships/affiliated-scholarships/)

### Order of the Eastern Star

[oescal.org/?q=scholarships](http://oescal.org/?q=scholarships)

### Job's Daughters

[cajdfoundation.org/Scholarships.html](http://cajdfoundation.org/Scholarships.html)

### Rainbow Girls

[gocarainbow.org/all-about-ca-rainbow/scholarships/](http://gocarainbow.org/all-about-ca-rainbow/scholarships/)

### High Twelve International

[wolcottfoundation.com/fellowships.html](http://wolcottfoundation.com/fellowships.html)

### California Scottish Rite

[casr-foundation.org/](http://casr-foundation.org/)

### Santa Barbara Scottish Rite

[santabarbarascottishrite.org/philanthropic/](http://santabarbarascottishrite.org/philanthropic/)

## Investment in Success

The Investment in Success scholarship program gives high school seniors who demonstrate an active pursuit of education in spite of hardships an opportunity to attain a higher education.

Although these students may not fit the traditional profile of a high academic performer, they have overcome significant obstacles to achieve their goals, demonstrating extraordinary potential and strength of character. To be eligible for an Investment in Success scholarship, students must be nominated through one of the California Masonic Foundation's educational partnerships; no direct applications are accepted.

Learn more about Investment in Success on the California Masonic Foundation website.

## Support Public Education Initiatives

From scholarships to elementary school literacy, California Masons are making a profound difference for public schools and students in need. Your gift to the Annual Fund supports public schools statewide.

# MASONIC EDUCATION



## Demystifying Masonic Symbols

If you're pressed for time, you can go directly to Freemason Symbols, however for a truer understanding of why Freemasons use symbols, please continue reading this, first.

Many Freemason symbols teach moral lessons through the use of allegory. (Allegory is when you liken one thing to another thing).

Learning the allegorical meanings of Freemasonry's many symbols is not difficult, but it can be easy to confuse the difference between a symbol and an emblem. Some writers use these two words somewhat interchangeably and it is easy to see why.

### WHAT IS A SYMBOL?

Symbols represent a more complex idea by use of the "face value" of a graphical image.

A symbol compares one thing with another using a graphical, visual object as a memory aid. A symbol has both a visual "face value" and a secondary more complex meaning which has been ascribed to it. In other words, a symbol brings to mind a "story" behind it.

Masonic symbols usually have a secondary or higher religious or spiritual meaning ascribed to them.

Example: Masonic Setting Maul



The Masonic setting maul symbol has the face value of its basic use to an operative Mason as that of a tool to set stones. To speculative Masons, it has a secondary meaning which represents a more complex idea or concept such as the manner in which Hiram Abif met his death.

### WHAT IS AN EMBLEM?

Emblems represent a specific group, quality or type.

Emblems have a "face value" only. Most of the time, you can remember the difference if you think: Emblem = Group.

An emblem is an insignia, crest, patch, a trademark or logo. It is a special design or visual object representing a quality, type or group.

The Masonic square and compasses emblem represents Freemasonry as a group. It is their logo. It should also be noted that the Masonic square and compasses logo is copyrighted.

Masonic Square and Compasses Emblem with a "G"



Some Masonic symbols originated in the Holy Scriptures, which was originally written in Hebrew. A few of them are:

### Boaz and Jachin:

The ornate pillars which stood on both sides of the entrance to King Solomon's temple; (1 Kings 7:13-22)

### Acacia:

The Holy Scriptures tell us that acacia was used to construct most of the sacred furniture and the tabernacle within King Solomon's temple. (Exodus 25:10 and Ezekial 27:19)

### King Solomon and his Master Masons (1Kings 5:15-17)

### The Altar of Incense (1 Kings 6:22)

*"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations. -Elton Trueblood."*





## Serving Masons and their Families, Across the Lifespan

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EMOTIONAL HEALTH DESERVES attention, just like physical health. In the same way you turn to your physician with medical questions, it's important to seek emotional support when you're facing difficult feelings or hard times. As California Masons, you have an incredible resource available in MCYAF, which has a team of licensed professionals ready to help. With a sliding-scale fee schedule and video-conferencing services available, MCYAF's model of care is available to all. **Scan the code to visit [MCYAF.org](https://mcyaf.org) or call (877) 488-6293 to learn more or schedule a session.**

### GROUP THERAPY AND WORKSHOPS

Our dynamic groups and workshops connect children, individual family members, or peer groups with shared experiences.

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Create custom learning plans to support children with learning differences. Homework and consultation support specific learning needs is also available.

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*"Stay" is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary. -Amos Bronson Alcott."*





# October 2022


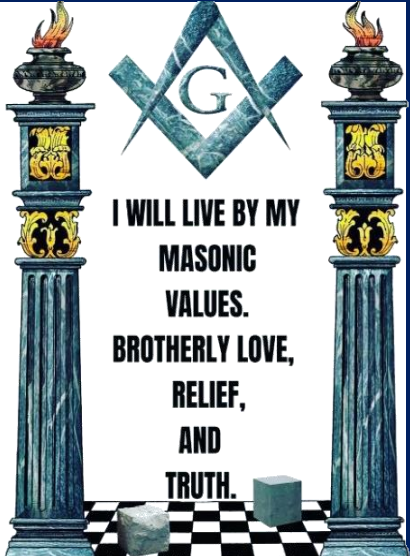
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*"Silences makes the real conversations between friends. Not the saying but the never needing to say is what counts. -Margaret Lee Runbeck ."*

# Committee

<b>Audit Committee</b>  Bro. Alvin Nillasca Bro. Ian Mercurio Bro. Dexter Donor	<b>Rusty Trowel</b>  WB Ernie Pagulayan Bro. Carlito Gabi WB Allan Solis	<b>Charity &amp; Relief Committee</b>  Current Master & PM	<b>Social &amp; Civic Committee</b>  Bro. Ricky Villegas Bro. Amor Ledina Bro. Joe Quimson	<b>Outreach Committee</b>  WM J.P. Cariaga WB Ernie Pagulayan Bro. Sammy Larraquel
	<b>Scholarship Committee</b>  Bro. Audie Musngi Bro. Nicanor Nono Bro. Cesar Catamisan	<b>Investigating Committee</b>  To be appointed by the WM		

# APPOINTED

<b>Fraternal Support Ambassador</b>	<b>Masonic Education</b>	<b>Masonic History</b>	<b>Member Retention</b>	<b>Photographer</b>
<b>Candidate's Coach</b>  Primarily the Bro. who recommended the applicant.  <b>Secondary:</b> Bro. Ray Abayan Bro. Vic Sardilla Bro. Sam Gillo Bro. Sal Reyes Jr.	<b>Officer's Coach</b>  Current Master & PM  <b>Petitioner's Coach</b>  Primarily the Bro. who recommended the applicant			

*"Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy. -Author Unknown."*



# OFFICERS

Position	Name	Phone No.	Email Address
Worshipful Master	Saturnino Cariaga, Jr, PM		
Senior Warden	Ernesto Pagulayan, PM		
Junior Warden	Rick Opina, PM		
Treasurer	Ricky Villegas		
Secretary	Vonn Deguzman		
Chaplain	Daniel Macaraeg, PM		
Assistant Secretary	Sammy Gillo		
Senior Deacon	Amor Ledina		
Junior Deacon	Joe Quimson		
Marshal	Dexter Donor		
Senior Steward	Joanathan Elona		
Junior Steward	Angelo Alano		
Tiler	Ferdinand Dar		
Organist	Alvin Nillasca		
Officer's Coach	Allan Solis		

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Birthday		Masonic Birthday	
Bro. Dexter Donor	October 6	WB Daniel Macaraeg	October 6
Bro. Amorsolo Ledina	October 28	Bro. Sammy Gillo	October 7
		Bro. Rizal Ligayo	October 8
		Bro. Cesar Catamisan	October 13
		Bro. Vonn DeGuzman	October 13
		Bro. Theodore Totten	October 13
		Bro. Audie Musngi	October 18
		WB Carlton Black	October 24
		Bro. Jesus Salabao	October 29
		Bro. Ron Hernandez	October 29

Living Past Masters			
Ernesto M. Pagulayan III	2006		
Daniel Macaraeg	2013		
Allan V. Solis	2013		
Recuerdo N. Opina	2017,2018		
Carlton F. Black	2019, 2016		
J P Cariaga	2019, 2020, 2021		





# September 2022 Stated Meeting



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Come Join us to  
our next Stated  
Meeting on  
October 28, 2022



*"History is the heritage and patrimony of mankind in its lessons of the past that give priceless inspiration for the future. -Henry C. Clausen."*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



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*"Promises may get friends, but performance keeps them. -Author Unknown."*



# FREE ACTIVITIES

## Weekly:

Every Saturday at 0800 - Come join Brother Vonn every Saturday to learn how to mountain bike safely. You'll learn the proper riding positions, how to read the trail, how to tackle different terrains, and talk about protective gear and mountain bikes that will help you be a safer and more skilled rider.

## Monthly: TBD

## Quarterly:

October 10 – Do you have an enduro or adventure bike and are tired of riding your regular hardball roads? Have you tried taking your motorcycle off road but get lost in the trails or afraid to ride the sand or ruts? Join Bro Vonn for half a day of riding off road. You'll get a relaxed coaching atmosphere to help you improve your off-road riding skills and learn new trails.

## On Call:

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Join Bro Audie for a fun day of downhill mountain biking without the dreaded pedaling uphill at Big Bear on October 8. \$46 dollars gives you an all-day unlimited access on the lift. Contact Bro Audi for logistics, he may even let you ride in his Raptor.

\*\*\*Do you have mad skills or just want to share your passion with the brethren? This is the place to advertise it. Contact Bro Sam or I if you want to participate in giving our brothers free instructions to help them get out there and be active. \*\*\*



# Brother's Corner



**Brother Medardo Alonzo**

Bro Med hails from the Philippines and is a retired aerospace supervisor. He currently resides in Temecula with his wife of 62 years, Adelaida. He is a member of Black Mountain Lodge 845 and is a Master Mason since.



**Brother Vidar Quintanar**

Bro Vidal hails from Santa Maria CA. He currently resides at Menifee with his spouse of 20 years, Heather. His mother lodge is Okinawa 118, GLP. His hobbies are drinking and cinematography.



**Brother Ethan Maxon**

Brother Ethan is currently affiliated with Fallbrook Lodge 317 and seeks to be a plural member. He is originally from Laguna Beach and currently resides in Menifee with his spouse Faye and three lovely kids. Brother Ethan's hobbies are golf and karaoke.

# Petitioner's Corner



Dexter Dalupang

Mr. Dexter is a petitioner. He hails from the Philippines and currently resides in Menifee with his spouse Tola and three lovely kids. He is electronics engineer with Northrop Grumman. On his free time, Dexter likes to spend time with his family, work out, and enjoys guns and cars.

## Caring for Your Lodge's Records

It's human to accumulate things. Masonic lodges are no different. Only in some cases, they've accumulated a century or more's worth of things piling up in the attic. From books to papers to photos and all manner of knick-knacks, it's hard for even the most seasoned lodge secretary to know what to do with it all.

16 But before you call in the junk-removal guys, take a second to make an inventory of what materials your lodge is hanging on to, since when it comes to Masonic records, not everything is created equal. Here, Joseph Evans, the collections manager for the [Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry](#) and the head archivist for the Grand Lodge of California, gives us the skinny on what we can—and can't—clear out of the basement.

## Understanding What's What in the Lodge Attic

The [Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry](#) is home to thousands of Masonic books, archives, and objects that, taken together, tell the story of Freemasonry in California and beyond. But amassing that collection has been the work of generations. And that means having an eye for what is, and isn't, extraneous. "It's important to understand that there are different types of records," Evans says. "There are the records a lodge creates as part of their everyday business, like membership rolls and tiler's books, and then there are objects and curiosities it collects over the years." This differentiation is important, because as nonprofit entities, Masonic lodges have a greater responsibility to preserve one type of record over the other.

To help lodge officials understand those distinctions, Evans has created a **Retention Schedule** that lodges can refer to that lists what types of records need to be kept and for how long. (The retention schedule is located in iMember, under the "Resources" tile, titled "Inventory and Records Retention Information.") Evans has also [written a guide](#) explaining what kinds of records should be kept, and how to do it. Some records, like annual and semi-annual financial reports, are considered permanent records and should be kept forever. Other types of records, like bank deposits, must be held for at least seven years—but can be tossed after that. "This schedule was produced as a way of answering the question of how long documents need to be kept," Evans explains.

*"Few delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we can trust utterly. -George Macdonald."*

The retention schedule only deals with official documents, though—not things like letters, photographs, or other lodge paraphernalia. In that case, it's up to the members of the lodge what to keep or not—although as an archivist, Evans tends to favor organizing and preserving those things. Taken together, they represent the lodge's material culture and help tell a more complete story of its past. "Generally speaking, I would recommend holding on to the lodge's ephemera," Evans says, citing things like "the event brochures, menus, photo albums, and scrapbooks. Those tell the story of your lodge."

Once you've organized the clutter and determined what records need to be kept and which can be tossed, it's important to store them properly. This can be a fairly significant effort, but one that's well worth the cost.

There are two important rules to follow when it comes to archiving material: First, keep things out of direct sunlight, which causes material to fade, crack, and disintegrate, and away from damp, which can cause mold to grow. The other bugaboo is pests or rodents, which can chew through just about anything. Wherever your lodge stores its records should be dry, cool, and clear of food, plants, or anything else that may attract insects or critters.

In general, Evans says, store archival material in cardboard boxes rather than plastic bins. Though sturdier than cardboard, plastic containers don't allow for proper air circulation and can lead to mold growth. Label boxes with a list of its contents so you know what's in them without having to rummage through them, and then store them safely away. "In the end, I'm just an email away if lodges have any questions about what should or shouldn't be tossed and how to properly store those records that need to be kept."

For a much more detailed explanation of storage methods and resources, [consult this guidebook produced by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library](#). For questions regarding your lodge's archives, contact Joe Evans, collections manager of the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry, at [jevans@freemason.org](mailto:jevans@freemason.org).



# HEALTH TIPS

## SEIZURE WHAT IS SEIZURE?

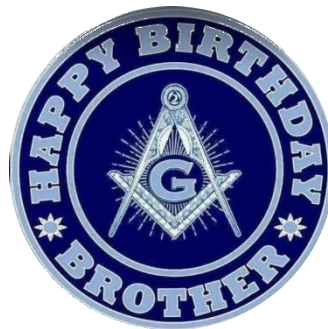
❖ Is a sudden involuntary muscle contraction, usually due to uncontrolled electrical activity in the brain.

## SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- \* Local tingling or twitching in part of the body.
- \* Brief blackout or period of confused behavior
- \* Sudden falling, loss of consciousness Drooling, frothing of the mouth.
- CAUSES OF SEIZURES
- \* EPILEPTIC SEIZURES- due to epilepsy; congenital defect to the brain before delivery.
- \* Vices-bad habit- usually due to trauma to the women, medications, disease or vices of woman during pregnancy.
- \* STRUCTURAL SEIZURE- due to fluid/ electrolyte imbalance in the brain like hunger, thirst, poisoning, diabetes and withdrawal syndrome.
- \* FEBRILE SEIZURE- (convulsion) due to high grade body temperature, common in children.
- \* PARTIAL SEIZURE- (focal seizure)- focal twitching, unusual sights smells, sounds etc.
- \* Generalized tonic – chronic seizure (grand-mal-seizure- sudden falling or loss of consciousness, vigorous muscles spasm, twitching, jerking, stiffening. Loss of bowel & bladder control, temporary cease of breathing.
- \* ABSENCE SEIZURE (Petit-mal-seizure) brief blackout (20 secs.) or period of confusion, sudden loss of consciousness without loss of motor functioning.

REMINDER: However, you should call physician when someone having seizure also is pregnant, carries identification as a diabetic, is in the water & has swallowed large amount of water.





Bro. Ricky Opina  
Bro. Nicanor Nono  
Bro. Toni Santelices  
Bro. Sammy Larraquel



"A man who seeks truth and loves it must be reckoned precious to any human society. -Brother Frederick the Great."

# NEW! Masonic Value Network

A Select Network of Independent Providers



Looking for caregivers or senior care for a loved one? Searching for services and resources in your own community?

#### The Masonic Value Network can help!

The Masonic Value Network is a convenient listing of care-related service providers located in communities throughout California (and beyond) that welcome California Masons and Masonic families.

- ✧ Find care-related providers and resources in your area
- ✧ Access offerings and educational materials from independent service providers
- ✧ Convenient online access is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week



Masonic Homes  
of California

EXPLORE THE MASONIC VALUE NETWORK  
[masonichome.org/ValueNetwork](http://masonichome.org/ValueNetwork)

## Our Mission and Values

We are devoted to helping our communities and families live well and achieve meaningful and rewarding lives. This vision is embodied by our residents and clients, as well as our volunteers, partners, and staff.

Our core customer service pillars guide us to value the safety of our residents and clients, our strong personal connections, provide meaningful life experiences, and to efficiently find new ways to constantly improve our services.

In all of our work, the Masonic Homes of California is guided by the charitable mission and values of the [Masons of California](#), a nonprofit fraternal organization with more than 50,000 members.

*"Great wealth makes us neither more wise nor more healthy. -Author Unknown."*



# TODAY IN MASONIC HISTORY

## Benjamin Thomas Biggs is Born

**Today in Masonic History Benjamin Thomas Biggs is born in 1821**

Benjamin Thomas Biggs was an American farmer and politician.

Biggs was born near Bohemia Manor, Cecil County, Maryland on October 1st, 1821. For school he attended the Methodist Pennington Seminary and Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

During the Mexican-American war, Biggs was appointed as a Major in the Delaware Militia. Around this same time, he married Mary Beekman. The couple had 5 children. The family resided in Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware where he resided for the rest of his life.

Biggs worked the land the family owned as well as additional property across the state line in Maryland. He was largely a peach farmer. Though his passion was for public speaking and quickly became involved in public affairs. He first joined the Whig Party and later joined the Democratic party. It should be noted Delaware Democrats generally tracked in their philosophy with southern Democrats meaning anti-abolition and pro-states' rights. It is unclear if Biggs shared in all of the policies of the party, as little is available for legislation he specifically sponsored.



21 In 1860, Biggs ran for a seat in the United States House of Representatives. He lost to a candidate from the People's Party, George P. Fisher. Most people knew little of Fisher's political stance on many of the hot button issues of the day. As the Civil War broke out, most of the Democratic leaning state of Delaware were not happy with their selection. In 1868, Biggs ran again and this time was elected largely on the anger in Delaware of having suffered the humiliation of Federal supervision in the last elections and the few slaves in Delaware being forcibly freed by the Federal Government. Biggs time in the House of Representatives was uneventful. He served until 1873. At the time he served Democrats were a largely powerless minority in Congress.

Over the next twenty years, Delaware was no different from any state in the deep South. In fact, for many of those twenty years Republicans did not even put forth a candidate for Governor. In 1886, Biggs was nominated for Governor. His run for office was the last unopposed by a Republican candidate. He did face an opponent from the Temperance Reform party, this was largely a token opposition and Biggs easily defeated the candidate.

During Biggs term he spent most of his time, like the Governors who came before him during the previous twenty years trying to get the State Legislature to pass reforms to the voting system and other issues. Again, like his predecessors he was not able to get them to pass any legislation. The one exception was the establishment of a State Hospital for the Insane, which is still in operation. He left office January of 1891.

Biggs passed away at his home in Middletown, Delaware on December 25th, 1893.

Biggs was a member of Union Lodge No. 5 in Middletown, Delaware.

1. [https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new\\_month=10&new\\_day=1&new\\_year=2022](https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new_month=10&new_day=1&new_year=2022)

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