

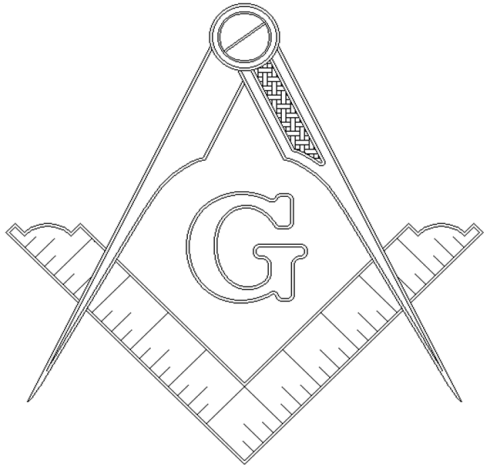
Alhambra Masonic Lodge #322 F&AM

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From The East - Master's Message

Happy New Year Brethren,

It is with great joy and renewed enthusiasm that the Officers of Alhambra Lodge enter our 126th year of Freemasonry.

We are fortunate to have dedicated brethren that love our lodge and zealously serve it. They all work, have families and many other obligations, and despite busy schedules, find the time to serve. With so much on everyone's plate it is not always easy to break away from other commitments, come to lodge in traffic, or break away from family obligations or work. So let us always remember to thank them for their continued service and always be willing to follow their example.

Lastly, we do not need to be officers to serve the lodge; there are as many serving at other capacities, including volunteering and mentoring. Yes, even as master, I oftentimes, nay always, confer with fellow Past Masters and officers.

So remember that all members from the youngest Entered Apprentices to Past Masters are integral to our continued success and harmony. Your officers will continue to look to all the brethren to guide us into 2020 and beyond.

In the spirit of the New Year, I want to share a very famous poem written by Robert Burns, a Freemason. We all recognize it as the New Year song, and most of us will through it since we don't actually know the words.

Below is an excerpt:

Should Old Acquaintance be forgot,
and never thought upon;
The flames of Love extinguished,
and fully past and gone:
Is thy sweet Heart now grown so cold,
that loving Breast of thine;
That thou canst never once reflect
On old long syne.
[...]

The song is about reflecting upon friendship and despite being at times distant, there is always much to toast about when old friends catch up.

In the spirit of the poem, let us never forget our friends, old and new, close or distant. And when we see a brother again after being away for a while, we should ask how they've been, not where, and with a cup filled with joy, toast with them.

Fraternally
Hugo A. Lara, PM
Master

Dear Brethren,

As you know, we are a diverse group of men from different backgrounds. We make up the rich tapestry of our lodge membership. Each month an officer, or two, will introduce themselves with a short bio or snippet. Hopefully you will come to appreciate how so many men from different walks of life came to our fraternity and the value they bring to us all. This month, Brother Anthony Castaneda shares his bio.

He has been my right hand man over the past year and we are very lucky to have him as our secretary. He works diligently and tirelessly behind the scenes, I know, because we email, talk and text almost every day to make sure Alhambra Lodge is functioning efficiently and always in compliance to the dictates of our Grand Lodge. Take it away Anthony...

Hugo A. Lara, PM
Master

From The West - Senior Warden's Message

Dear Brethren,

As we usher in the New Year, I would like to thank all the officers, members, and ladies who made 2019 an excellent year for Alhambra Lodge. With our continued efforts to work together in harmony, 2020 will be just as fun and eventful. We still have a lot of work ahead but I am confident that as a team we will be able to continue the various projects and events. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Fraternally,
John Harney, PM
Senior Warden

From The South - Junior Warden's Message

Nothing from the south this month.

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Thank you to all the brothers who have donated to the Masonic Homes this year. I also want to thank all of the brothers who have paid their dues for 2020. As always, if you are having any difficulty paying your dues, please reach out to the Master, Wardens or me.

Perceptions-I was having a discussion with some co-workers regarding perceptions. To many people you may be the first Mason they have ever met. Keep that in mind as you are out there in the world; ensure you are presenting a positive impression to the world.

I would like to congratulate the elected and appointed officers for 2020. We had a strong year last year and I look forward to continuing the momentum we have gained.

I would also like to thank the brothers for allowing me to serve the lodge for another year.

Fraternally,
AM Castañeda Jr., PM
Secretary

Our New Entered Apprentice

Greetings Brethren,

My name is Roger Recinos, It was my honor to be initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 25th, 2019. It was truly a beautiful experience, and one I'm not soon to forget. As all of you know, the beginning of any journey is an exciting time, and in the case of Masonry, the journey can be a deeply reflective one. And with said self reflection in mind, I am proud to be the newest member of our Lodge. And hope that my actions, from now and in the future, will reflect my commitment to my Obligations.

In all honesty, in what I feel is a short time, I've come to understand and feel what Masonry is about through watching and spending time with you gentlemen. A true Brotherhood of equal men, and a friend to all mankind. Whose sole obligation is to be a Light in dark places. There can not be, in my opinion, a more noble and true cause than this. It has been my absolute pleasure to get to know you all, and I will always be of service to any Brother whenever I am able. By your example I hope to live up to the ideals of our Brotherhood. And as a man of the times, I can say with a reasonable degree of certainty that the ideals of Masonry have never been more needed than now. I'm am privileged to be a part of that work.

With Brotherly Love,
Roger Recinos, EA

Living Past Masters

W. I. Gustafon.....1969
R. W. Holder.....1972
C. J. Pierce.....1973
G. E. French.....1976
M. R. Walton.....1981
H. L. Justice.....1981
M. B. West.....1982
K. R. VanKarnes.....1984
T. D. Chan.....1984
H. Zinman.....1985
J. Mussara.....1988
T. J. Davis....1989,97,01,05
T. J. Venegas.....1992,04
K. R. Hottinger.....1999
R. N. Bolton.....2002
E. Estephan.2007,2010,2018
H. Lara.....2008, 2019
J. Acosta.....2009
P. McCoy.....2011
Raymond D'Angelo.....2012
John Harney.....2013
Anthony Castañeda.....2014
Michael Papero III.....2015
Jacinto Villanueva..2016,17

Important Dates

Jan 4, 2019 5:00PM Social Hour
 6:00PM Installation
 Dinner to Follow
 Jan 6, 2019 6:30PM Stated Dinner,
 7:30PM Stated Meeting
 Jan 13, 2019 6:30PM Temple Board Meeting
 7:30PM Practice
 Jan 19, 2019 8:00AM Kickoff breakfast and 1st degree
 Jan 20, 2019 7:30PM Practice
 Jan 27, 2019 7:30PM Practice

Alhambra Officer Line

Master - Hugo Lara	JD - Gonzalo Sanin
SW - John Harney	SS - Jacob Hsu
JW - John Acosta	JS - Dan Trinh
Sect - Anthony Castaneda	Marshall - Adrian Howard
Treas - Alexander Lee	Chaplain - Nick Vizmonte
SD - Isaac Lopez	Tiler - Eduardo Morales

Birthdays

Richard H. Baltimore
 Nabil Elsaygh
 Clarence S. Friedman, Jr.
 Robert E. Lambert
 Robert H. Matheson, Jr.
 Don C. McDuffie
 Daniel V. Miranda
 Wallace K. Prestidge
 Charles D. Sances
 Nick Spiro
 Robert H. Stewart
 Arthur B. Swanson, Jr.
 Dan Trinh

Dinner Menu

Caesar salad
 Chicken marsala
 Rice pilaf
 Vegetables
 Rolls and butter
 Tiramisu

For special food request
 please call (626) 251-7950
 by Friday before stated meeting

