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March 2026

March Calendar

Sunday,	1	2:30pm	Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday,	4	6:00pm	Degree Practice
Friday,	6	6:00pm 7:30pm	Stated Meeting Dinner Business Meeting
Sunday,	8	1:00pm	3 rd Degree Conferral Bro. Abner Gabriel Lumabas
Wednesday,	11	6:30pm 7:30pm	MHAR Meeting Special Meeting
Friday,	13	6:00pm 7:00pm	Dinner Degree Practice
Thursday,	19	6:30pm 7:30pm	Fiat Lux Lodge No. 894 Dinner DOSI - 1st. Degree Opening
Friday,	20-22	6:00pm	-Inspectors Retreat

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	13	7:30 p.m.	Back Hall
Friday,	27	7:30 p.m.	Back Hall

Bethel No. 15

Job's Daughters International

Saturday,	14	11:00 a.m.	Back Hall
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From the East



Brethren,

March is a month of transition.

While winter stubbornly clings to its grip, light lingers a little longer in the evening. What seemed dormant begins to stir again. March reminds us that growth is not accidental—it is the result of preparation, patience, and the steady turning of time under the watchful care of the Great Architect.

In Masonry, we understand this rhythm well.

No man becomes a Master Mason overnight. He is prepared in his heart long before he ever knocks at our door. He is tested, instructed, challenged, and shaped. Each degree builds upon the last. Each lesson lays another stone in the spiritual building we are called to erect.

This month is especially meaningful to me, because soon this Lodge will take part in something deeply personal: the raising of my son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

I have had the honor of presiding over many degrees. I have watched good men take their obligations. But to sit in the East and witness my own son take that final step in Craft Masonry is something altogether different.

It is humbling.

It reminds me that this Fraternity is bigger than any one of us. It outlives us. It binds generations together. The same words that were spoken to me will be spoken to him.

There is something profoundly beautiful about that continuity. Our ritual teaches us about loss, fidelity, integrity, and the triumph of truth. It teaches us that a Master Mason is not defined by rank, but by character. Not by authority, but by responsibility. The Sublime Degree is not an end—it is a charge. It is a call to live uprightly, to act justly, and to remain faithful even when tested.

As a father, I feel pride. As a Mason, I feel gratitude.

Gratitude to this Lodge—for being the kind of Lodge where a man would want his son to kneel. Gratitude to the Brethren who will stand around him and call him Brother. Gratitude for the timeless lessons that have been shaping us and will now shape him.

March is about renewal. It is about growth.

Brethren, whether we were raised fifty years ago or five months ago, the charge of a Master Mason still rests upon us. Let this month be a time when we renew our own obligations—not merely in word, but in action. Let us recommit ourselves to the work. Let us mentor with patience. Let us lead with integrity. Let us love our Brothers without condition.

And when we gather to raise a new Master Mason—my son—we are not just witnessing a degree. We are witnessing the future of this Craft.

May we be worthy examples of what that future should look like.

From the West:

The Senior Warden sits in the West exhibiting strength and applying leadership abilities when needed. He wears the jewel of the level. Representing the equality that exists among the craft. Being at the right hand of the (Master) he must assume leadership duties if the Master is not present.

As we March into Spring what could be more special than a father (Abner Sr.) sitting in the East as Master for his son (Abner Jr.'s) third degree raising. Many of us come from masonic families and respectfully salute this tradition. Seeing his son bloom as a Master Mason and start Law School the same year. He is a proud dad and we are a proud Lodge.

Equal day and Night ! The equinoxes (Spring and Fall) are the only times the sun rises exactly East and sets exactly West, bringing roughly equal daylight and darkness.

Brothers and Sisters remember to set your clocks forward (1 hour) on (March 8th 2026) Fall back Spring forward !

Equality In Our Heart's

Worshipful Rock A. Brown

From the South:

Interesting facts about March as spring's arrival. The fascinating world of March with intriguing fun facts, March brings unique blends of history, traditions and natural wonders. The significance history of March was originally, the first month of the Roman calendar. March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. In old English, March was called "Hyld monath" meaning "Stormy month." The Ides of March (March 15) was famously the date of Julius Caesar's assassination in 44 BCE. Reminiscing my Senior High School days when I acted as Brutus during the play. Anyways, March 3, is also the first United States Postage stamps issued in 1847.

Notable days are the International Women's Day on the 8th and St Patrick's day on March 17.

At our Lodge, we came together and watched the Superbowl on the 8th. Everybody who attended had a good time during the event and enjoyed the fellowships and camaraderie. However, it could've been a real blast if the 49ers were in the playoff.

Valentine was also celebrated for our beautiful and gorgeous Ladies on the 14th.

Attended the DSOI on 19th at Oakland lodge.

In addition, the lodge showed another milestone of community outreach, The Grip. Our quarterly significant event of major achievement.

Let's not forget our upcoming Stated Meeting on the 6th. Hope to see you all!

Fraternally

Romeo C Bauzon

Junior Warden



Grip - Volunteer Program



Sweetheart and Widows Night



2nd Degree for Abner Lumabas Jr.

March Birthdays

Richard	Camp		2
Leo	Bautista		4
Valerian	Antonio		5
Antonio	Difuntorum		7
Genesis	Antonio	D.D.S.	11
Leovino	Allanigue		14
Ram	Francis		14
Michael	Bournonville		15
Larry	Butler		17
Kristofer	Johnson		17
Thomas	Muller		17
Neil	Zickefoose		17
Dean	Dagdagan	PM	18
Donald	Spurlock		19
Rock	Brown	PM	20
Ali	Hemmat	PM	20
Judson	Owens		21
Gary	Pastoor		22
Dale	Hicks	Jr. PM	23
George	Earlywine	Jr.	25
Harold	Mc Grath	PM	25
Christopher	Derleth		27
Thomas	Perricone	PM	31

AREME Belles of Mission Bell Chapter

**4th Annual Crab Feed
Saturday March 28, 2026**

Doors Open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

\$60 per person – pre-sale only. Not available at the door.

Join us for our annual crab feed, includes locally sourced crab, delicious pasta, salad, fresh bread, and dessert. ½ chicken option upon request at ticket sale.

No outside beverages allowed
Silent auction with gift baskets, baked goods, and used book sale.

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All Proceeds to benefit the organizations Fraternal Purposes

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In Memoriam

It was a good month

*Soft and safe to thee my brother
be thy resting place
Bright and glorious be thy rising from
it.*



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