Channel Islands Lodge No. 214
Free & Accepted Masons of California
482 E. Santa Clara St.
Ventura, CA 93001-2758

WE WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH

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Email Version

Channel Islands Masonic Lodge 214 is open for Stated meetings, dinners, practices, and degree work

- Dinners are $15 each for reservations and prepaid accounts. **Dinners without a reservation are $20**. Use the Lodge web site or call (805) 641-0214.
- Please make all checks payable to **Free & Accepted Masons Channel Islands No 214**
- Please see the Lodge calendar for the latest information: **https://channelislandslodge214.org**

Schedule of Events

October 1 - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM
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October 15 - Masonic Education 6:30pm (Annual Commnication debrief)
October 25 - BATS4 Musical 7:00 PM
October 30 - Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM

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Trestleboard

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It is that time of year again. The leaves will start to change color, the harvest will come, and we will begin reflecting on a year well-lived. Our new Grand Master will be elected, and our Lodge's Pillar Officers will spend a weekend at Annual Communication, getting a preview of the year to come.

The interplay between light and darkness is prominent this time of year. Diwali is celebrated by some as a way to memorialize the victory of light over darkness, or knowledge over ignorance. In this season, our thoughts also turn to those who have gone before us, with Halloween, All Saints Day, and Día de los Muertos around the corner, prompting reflection on the quality of the lives we're living.

As we reflect on the current Masonic year, we remember the things we've done together. How did we share our light? Did we rejoice with Brothers and Friends in harmony? Did we welcome and initiate new candidates? Did we participate in Lodge activities and fellowship? What did we do to build people up? Fortunately, our Lodge can make a good report on these things and more. We have had a great year so far, and are set to end the year strong.

As this time of year also marks the beginning of our holiday season, let us be sure to reach out to those we haven't seen in a while. Checking in on Brothers is a good way to let them know we care. As always, if you ever need anything, feel free to reach out to me or your other Lodge Officers and Brothers. We will be happy to help however we can.

Fraternally,
Jared Padgett
Worshipful Master

Brethren,

October stands at a threshold, a doorway between the bright openness of the year and the more contemplative months ahead. It is a time of orchards and overcast skies, of streets lined with decorations and porches lit by watchful lanterns. The world dresses itself in symbols: ripened fields, fallen leaves, masks and costumes, all reminding us that appearances change, but essence endures.

The harvest season shows us the honest ledger of our efforts. What was planted in intention now appears in result, whether in abundance or in lessons learned. In our Masonic lives, this is not a call to regret, but an invitation to recognize patterns, honor progress, and adjust our course with clarity. The barns and granaries of the farmer become, for us, the storehouses of character, filled by choices made over many months.

Halloween adds another layer of meaning. Behind every mask is a real face; behind every costume, a true identity. As Masons, we are charged to look beyond the surface and seek the inner light within ourselves and within others. The carved pumpkin, hollowed and illuminated, becomes a symbol of a heart made ready to receive and reflect wisdom.

This month also brings a significant moment for our jurisdiction: Annual Communication in San Francisco beginning October 9. There, Brothers gather to deliberate, elect, and chart the path ahead. It is our collective harvest of ideas, experience, and vision.

May October find us honest in our self-assessment, generous in our fellowship, and steadfast in our commitment to build with integrity.

Fraternally,
Jeff rey Malley
Junior Warden

A Day in the Lodge

At the annual convocation of the California Grand Lodge in October 1871, a Charter was granted to the new Lodge in San Buenaventura. November 6, 1871, the first meeting under charter was held when the Lodge was duly constituted, and its Officers installed. Owing to the difficulties of transportation of the times, it was not possible for the Grand Master to attend, and Grand Lodge was formed and opened by Brother Joe E. Stevens who was appointed by the Grand Master to act in his stead. Brother Stevens appointed the following Brother to assist him:

Brother J. A. Crosby as Senior Grand Warden
Brother L.D. Chillson as Junior Grand Warden
Brother E. A. Edwards as Grand Secretary
Brother Brice Grimes as Grand Marshal

The Lodge Charter was presented, and San Buenaventura Lodge No. 214 was duly Constituted. The next order of business was the election of a Secretary and Treasurer for the Lodge. Upon completion of this task the new Officers were then Installed. After some words of admonition to the Officers and Members of the Lodge the Acting Grand Master and his assistant retired. The proper Officers assumed their respective stations and places and there being no other business on hand the Lodge was closed.



155 years of Freemasonry in Ventura
1871-2026

Golden Veterans

Mark Allan Vest 2026
Gregory Malcolm Fowler 2026
Richard Lewis Myatt 2026
Gary Lee Vess 2025
James William Rasey PM 2025
Hubert Thomas Curnett 2025
Kenneth Glen Miller 2025
David Levell Knutson 2024
Paul Efraim Lovemark 2024
Michael Paul Blackmer PM 2024
William Noel Scruggs 2024
Donald Phillip Meyer 2024
Steven Alan Weiss 2024
Jerry Lee Jeffery 2023
William Robert Kavanaugh PM 2023
Jeffrey Kosowitz 2023

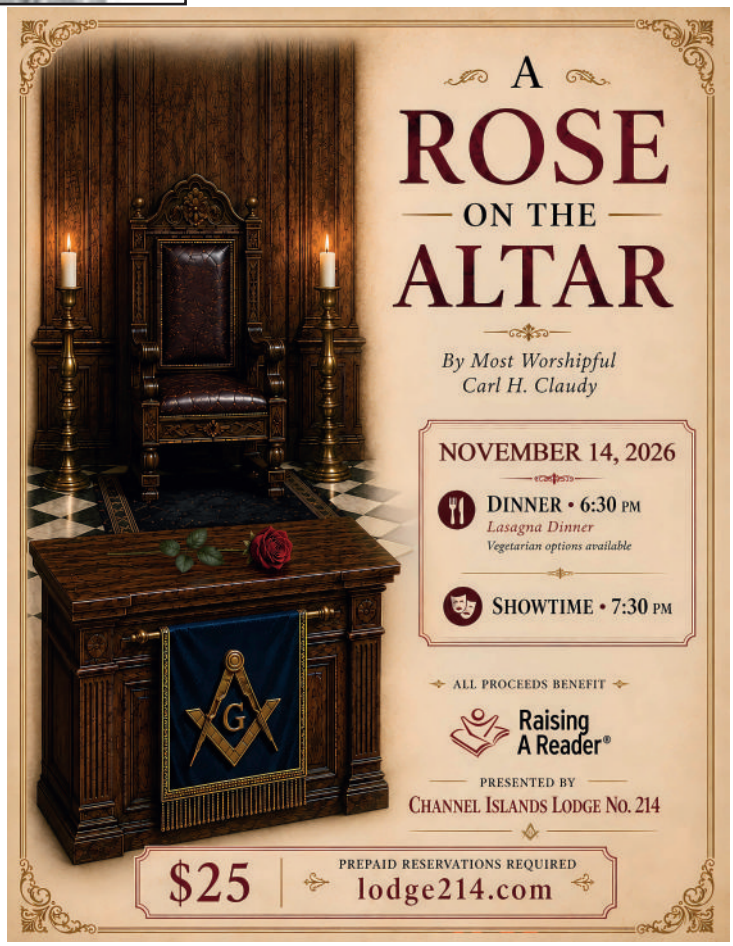
3° Service Years

Donal Neil Ziemer 66
John Kent Weiss 65
Gary Wayne Cullins PM 57
William Robert Kavanaugh PM 53
Steven Alan Weiss 52
Edward Earl Evans PM 49
James Steven Goodreau 34
Jeffrey Allen Hager PM 34
Andrew Hobart Killion 29
James Grant Fulgham 27
Brendan Jordan Barrett 19
Josh Edgar Cook 17
Richard M Depalma II 17
Christian Charles Sorensen 17
Nathaniel Paul Beavers PM 13
Carlos Alberto Silva 12
Paul Edward Burt 5

Birthdays this Month

Jonathan Michael Kosorek 3
Shephard O'Brien 4
Paul Efraim Lovemark 5
Nicholas Carl Luizzi PM 6
John Read Darnall 9
Jerry Lynn Callaway PM 10
Charles William Kasper PM 11
Robert Barnard Church 11
Donald Clyde Williams 12
Michael Lawrence Richards 12
Edward Earl Evans PM 13
Nathaniel Paul Beavers PM 13
Josh Edgar Cook 14
Anastasios Ioannidis 16
Gary Martin Downard 16
Javier Hernandez 17
Carlos Alberto Silva 18
James Martin Knapp 18
Carl Edward Burson Jr. 19
Steven Alan Weiss 19
Michael D. Blodgett PM 20
Max Thomas Sanford 23
James William Rasey PM 24
Jason Cory Clay 25
Kenneth Glen Miller 27


Broadway
AT
Starlight 4
Sunday Oct 25 @ 7pm
Admission: $25
An evening of fun musical mirth with a twisted taste of the spooky season!
Channel Islands
Masonic Center
482 E Santa Clara St
Ventura, CA 93001
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https://ticketstripe.com/BATSFOUR
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By Most Worshipful
Carl H. Claudy
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
DINNER • 6:30 PM
Lasagna Dinner
Vegetarian options available
SHOWTIME • 7:30 PM
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Channel Islands Chapter No. 78
Order of the Eastern Star
invites you to the

"Unicorn Hopes and Butterfly Dreams"
144th Installation of Officers
on
November 14, 2026
11:00 am

Channel Islands Masonic Center
482 East Santa Clara Street • Ventura, CA 93001
Formal attire requested
Luncheon following the installation ceremony
RSVP by November 10 to Diane Lotspeich, PM
ci78oes@gmail.com or text (805) 816-0912



Ventura Masonic Family invites you to attend the

"NOT Home Alone"
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 26, 2026 2:00 pm

Channel Islands Masonic Center
482 East Santa Clara Street • Ventura, CA 93001

$20 Adult with reservation $10 Child age 5-12

RSVP Deadline: Nov 22, 2026
For reservations call Diane Lotspeich, PM
(805) 647-7264 or email ci78oes@gmail.com
Casual Attire
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