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July 22, 1930 - October 22, 2023

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### Keynote Presenter Announced for MCAC 169th State Meeting Las Vegas January 23, 2024



From Vision to Reality: Join **Damian Lang** at the MCAC 169th State Meeting in Las Vegas as he shares the secrets behind turning visionary ideas into groundbreaking achievements. Prepare to be inspired, enlightened, and ready to conquer the future of your business.

Lang is the CEO of eight companies, including Lang Masonry and EZG Manufacturing, and one of the largest employers in southeast Ohio. He is also a published author, national guest speaker, and Masonry Hall of Fame inductee.

Damian is a true industry luminary who will share invaluable insights, strategies, and a vision of success for masonry businesses.

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Contact the MCAC office: [julie@mca-ca.org](mailto:julie@mca-ca.org) | (916) 966-7666 .

Note: Separate registration required for MCAC 169th State Meeting (button below) and World of Concrete.

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## MCAC - MITA - BAC 4 Join Forces to Get California Apprentices to 2024 National Skills Contest in Las Vegas



On October 21, 2023 fifteen apprentices competed in a regional Masonry Skills Challenge at RCP Block & Brick in Murrieta, CA to earn a spot to compete at the national level. The sold out 2024 national [MCAA Masonry Skills Challenge](#) will be held at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas January 24, 2024 where masonry apprentices in first, second and third year skill levels will compete against winning apprentices from regional U.S. and foreign competitions. Contestants must build their project without ever having seen the drawings and can't consult their instructor, employer or anyone else during the competition. They'll have three hours to complete their projects with the given materials. Awards are presented to the top three apprentices in each skill level.

### California's 1st Place Apprentices Qualified to Compete at National:

Year 1: Alberto Ledesma, New Dimension Masonry, Inc.

Year 2: Sergio DeLaTorre, NuWay, Inc.

Year 3: Alexander Gonzalez, Rascom Group

MCAC is sponsoring the 2024 national Masonry Skills Challenge contest registration fees and MITA and the BAC 4 are sponsoring travel expenses to make sure California's apprentices represent on the national stage.

We know you will make us proud! Congratulations all!

In Memoriam  
**Richard J. Tejeda**



Photo taken at the grand opening of the CCMCA office building on Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, about 1966.

Left to right: **Richard Tejeda**, wife of the Chairman of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Chairman of the Board, Lloyd Hall, Carmell O'Brien, and Jack Lynch.

It is with heavy hearts that we remember and honor R&R Masonry co-founder, Richard Tejeda. Richard passed away on Sunday, October 22 at the age of 93 in Oxnard, CA. Richard's affiliation with MCAC dates back to 1966 when the association was known as CCMCA (California Conference of Mason Contractor Associations) and Richard took part in the official opening of the first CCMCA office in Los Angeles (pictured).

Richard attended UCLA, where he lettered in wrestling, before spending his final year at UC Berkeley and graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1953. He had five children - Michele, Richard, Sharon, Vincent, and Joseph - with his first wife, Lisa. He went on to found a successful masonry business, R&R Masonry, with his brother Rennie. Later in his life, he moved to Ventura County and settled in Oxnard with his wife of 43 years, Louie Wilson Tejeda.

Richard held a lifelong passion for creating and building. He was laid to rest at a funeral mass in Oxnard, CA on November 17, 2023.

MCAC extends our heartfelt sympathy to Richard's family, friends, and those carrying on his legacy at R&R Masonry including his two nephews, Ken and Stephen, who continue to run the family business.

[Richard Tejeda Obituary](#)

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## WORDS TO LIVE BY

“The best way to predict your future is to create it.” - Peter Drucker