FROM THE EAST

As we look forward to spring let’s take time now to prepare to plant the seeds of our gardens so that they may help us through the lean times. In our garden of life, let us plant the seeds of fraternal love and brotherhood so that we will prevail in all the trials we may face later in our lives.

Worshipful Romulo De Vera, District Inspector of 935th Masonic district told me that we performed very well in our Stated Meeting during his official visit. Accolades to all the Officers and up to this point we’ve been conducting our affairs in very pleasant ways because everyone is doing their best for the Lodge.

It is wonderful to see the effort our new lodge officers who are putting forth not only to learn their assigned positions but also starting to learn next year’s position. Their enthusiasm is rubbing off on all of us. Remember that we need to qualify by October 31st, so keep up the excellent work. Our Officer’s Coaches Worshipful Larry De Vera and Worshipful Jude Cabrera with their untiring presence and taking the time to do the ritual step by step and I feel like we owed this to them under their close supervision. We are heading in the right directions Brethren and in the same token when we host our DOSI despite we have three Officers on vacation and three having the flu we still manage to prepare and complete the instructions.

Our attendance is excellent in all our activities and I am very grateful seeing more brethren are coming to the Lodge. I will do my best as Master to strengthen our harmony and improve myself on how we can function properly.

Every year, we celebrate Valentine’s Day and many people exchange cards, gifts, candies or flowers to their special Valentine. The Ladies are special, the beauty inside makes them very special and the smiles makes them more beautiful. This year we celebrated the day on February 16 and we are very thankful of having that special moment presenting lovely flowers and showing our appreciation to our lovely Ladies. That night I had a chance to present flowers to Sister Luci Hondolero of which we know her sweetness and hard work makes her special and also to our lovely Lady, Sister Linda Borillo which the last four years I have known her, she is always there I mean every time the Lodge is open.

We really appreciate the ladies who can come and sit with other new Sisters or female visitors to entertain them. I really wish my wife can do the same however some of the sisters cannot come due to work and other errands in the house but when time permits bring the ladies to the Lodge specially in our Stated Meeting or Degree night. They hold great responsibility towards our Fraternity and we cannot function without them. I wish we can have Bingo for past time or maybe a dancing class for our ladies. The same night we are unsuccessful of inviting our Widows though we tried our best to contact them and no one was able to come and hopefully next year we can do better by visiting or by sending mail to them. I am thankful even without them we were able to show our support and appreciation by sharing the Word of Wisdoms in their midst and prayers to those we loss dearly but their memories that we will hold forever in our hearts.

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SECRETARY’S NOTICE: Brethren – DUES PAYMENT FOR 2018 IS NOW $78.00. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES – Checks addressed to South West Lodge No. 283: Mail it to South West Lodge No. 283, PO Box 283, National City, CA 91951-0283

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From the West – Articles Excerpt from Mason of California Social Events

“Successful lodges share one characteristic: They have programs that people want to attend! Every month, your lodge must have a stated meeting, and every month, you should try to confer a degree.

However, successful lodges have activities beyond these meetings. They have monthly social events at times other than the stated meetings; they have community or charity events; and they conduct the monthly programs suggested by the Grand Lodge. While some lodges have achieved success as essentially all-men’s organizations, these lodges today are certainly the exception and not the rule. For the most part, the lodges with the fewest membership problems are the ones with programs and activities for the Mason, his wife and children.

Dinner Because many of your younger members come to lodge directly from work, it is important to have a dinner before your stated meeting. Some lodges have a family dinner at every stated meeting, and some accompany those dinners with programs for the wives while the men are in the meeting. After all, a wife often will not encourage her husband to attend lodge if it means she must stay home alone. However, if going to a stated meeting means that she is going out to dinner and will meet with her friends while her husband is in the meeting, you can guess where that Mason will have dinner that night.”

Fraternally,

Percival E. Tiu, PM, Senior Warden

CONT’D “From the East

Lastly, I would like to announce our special meetings and special events for the month of March 2018. Our Officers will be in Hawaiian Blue polo shirts on March 1st Thursday Stated Meeting at 630pm. Also, the Fundraising Committee will meet on March 7th Wednesday at 630pm. Please don’t forget to adjust your time on March 11th daylight savings time begins then our first Brunch/Taco Stand Fundraising this year on March 18th Sunday from 9am till 200pm. We will have raffles purchase upon entry. Also, the same day the Demolay and Jobs Daughters Combine Carwash Fundraising please let us support our Youth Group!

On March 29th Thursday at 630pm We will have a Hawaiian Night upon Bro. Bryan Mercado 3rd Degree Conferral everyone is Cordially Invited.

Thank you again for your continuing support and let us continue to pray for our brethren, the families who are going through difficult time specially to Bro. Dong Cayabyab who lost his Father just recently. May the Almighty comforts us with peace and unite us in the wisdom of God.

How should Masons Meet.....

Fraternally,

Raymund M. Madriaga, Worshipful Master

From the South

We just had our Widows and Valentine’s Day dinner Celebration. I would like to thank all the brethren and sisters that helped in the preparation of the food, decorating the lodge, and supported us in spirits and deed. For the brethren and sisters who attended, we managed to have some fun and enjoyed the fellowship, dancing, and camaraderie!

And I did not know that we have so many singers in the lodge!!! We were serenaded by so many excellent songs rendered by the brethren, led by Worshipful Brother Noli Alvarado. I want to thank to Brother Lynnyrd Delapaz for leading and hosting the games that were enjoyed by all. We had some fun with the games and really had a blast of a good time!!!

I will be remiss of my duties if I forget to thank all that brought their special dishes that were sumptuously enjoyed by all.

Fraternally,

Ralph Eric A. Banci, Junior Warden
Happy Birthday!

Jesse L. Lumm 1-Mar
Rolly A. Delacruz 2-Mar
Mark L. Gloria 2-Mar
Andr T. Padilla 4-Mar
Cesar D. Catamisan 5-Mar
Edmundante F. Gloria, Jr. 6-Mar
Chester Z. Valdez 6-Mar
Henry Alatorre 7-Mar
Bob M. Aliping 7-Mar
Austin Jones C Banaga 7-Mar
Lynnryd G. Delapaz 7-Mar
Jessie B. Merced 10-Mar
Danny M. Salcedo 10-Mar
David-Dionuel B Lucero 11-Mar
Donald A. Menard 11-Mar
Roelh C. Espinosa 11-Mar
Federico C. Mateo 12-Mar
Alaine C. Valena 14-Mar
Cesar T. Calma 15-Mar
Abraham T. Cabal 16-Mar
David M. Linzey 17-Mar
Alex C. Baniqued 18-Mar
Frietz L. Tallo 18-Mar
Eduardo E. Deleon 18-Mar
Nathan J. Mendenhall, Jr. 19-Mar
Isagani T. Custodia 20-Mar
Armando B. Ejanda 22-Mar
Aljohn B. Alforque 23-Mar
Francisco S. de Guzman 23-Mar
Ernie F. Tumalad 24-Mar
Conrad C. Ventura 24-Mar
Bruce V. Brown 24-Mar
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Pierre Abdou 25-Mar
Rolando V. Bayquen 25-Mar
Edgar C. Francisco 25-Mar
Julius F. Gomez 25-Mar
Jayson C. Herrera 26-Mar
Archival E. Urbano 28-Mar
Alex J. Angeles 29-Mar
Ceferino F. Cudal 29-Mar
Alex P. Ng 30-Mar
James P. Manabat 31-Mar

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." — Bil Kea

"Curious that we spend more time congratulating people who have succeeded than encouraging people who have not." — Neil deGrasse

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

A. A sum of money which is equal to or greater than 22 times the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or

B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member’s age in the following schedule:

1. Age 49 and under, a factor equal to or greater than 24 times annual dues;
2. 50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues;
3. 55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues;
4. 60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues;
5. 65 to 69 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues;
6. 70 to 74 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues;
7. 75 to 79 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 10 times annual dues;
8. 80 to 84 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 8 times annual dues;
9. 85 to 89 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 6 times annual dues;
10. 90 to 94 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 4 times annual dues;
11. 95 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 2 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge’s Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge’s Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

The Grand Secretary shall provide the form of contract to be used by the Lodge when a life membership is purchased (other than as a memorial). Such contract must be signed by the member for whom the life membership is being purchased, the Lodge Master and the Lodge Secretary, affixed with the seal of the Lodge. The original shall be kept as part of the member’s permanent membership record. A copy of the signed contract shall be provided to the member.

A life member who has been suspended or expelled and who shall thereafter become restored or elected to membership in a Lodge in which a life membership was once held shall also be restored as a life member of that Lodge.

MONTHLY SCHEDULE  

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