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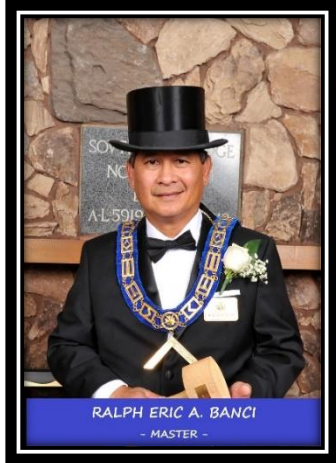
STATED MEETING – First Thursday of each month

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Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2019

FROM THE EAST,



Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, Greetings! I can't believe it is the middle of the year already! Time surely does fly when we are having fun. Early this month, we celebrated Philippine Independence Day at the Scottish Rite Center, and South West Lodge was very well represented. Thank you, Brethren!!!

Bethel No. 164 had its installation last 9th of June. Congratulations to the newly installed Honored Queen Samantha Salgado and her officers!

Thanks as well to the Brethren who supported this event.

Congratulations to Brother Fernando Dar, Brother Frank Ningala, and Brother Angelo Untal who returned their 2nd Degree proficiencies. Well done on your Excellent Proficiencies. Additionally, Brother Roy Reas was also initiated this month. Congratulations Brother Roy for taking the first step in masonry. Welcome to the craft!

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all the brethren who took the time to attend the Masonic Funeral Rites for our departed Worshipful Brother Danny Pepa. There were approximately more than 100 Masons in attendance, the majority of which are members of South West Lodge, combined with a wide array of brethren from the Masonic Lodges around San Diego. Thank you, Brethren for the impressive and strong show of support in paying respect and fraternal affection to Worshipful Danny Pepa. Special mention and thanks to Worshipful Ernie Lampa and Worshipful Jake Borillo for ensuring that all the requirements were completed and that the Masonic Service ran smoothly.

Our July stated meeting will be on the second Thursday, 11 July 2019, because 4th of July happens to fall on the first Thursday of the month. It will be a Western Theme Attire night so break out those Cowboy Boots and Shirts and anything that goes with the outfit. Let's Celebrate and have some fun.

South West Lodge Golf fundraising is just around the corner. It will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Chula Vista Golf Course. We will need your assistance on this major fundraiser for the lodge. You can either sponsor a hole or play; or both.

Happy 4th of July!!! Enjoy the holiday, BE SAFE and watch the fireworks with your friends and family! Thank you, Brethren and Ladies for your continued support to South West Lodge!!!

FRATERNALLY,

RALPH ERIC A. BANCİ, MASTER

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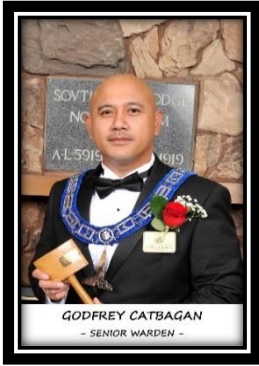
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FROM THE WEST

I am writing this entry from Newport, RI. As I mentioned on last month's trestleboard, I am here for the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA); a requirement or prerequisite in order for me to be considered for the Master Chief's selection board, in particular, but most importantly to be a BETTER Leader in our U.S. Navy; in general. I bring this up because

Freemasonry teaches us THIS lesson.

We often hear the saying, "Making good men better" yet some still do not understand the phrase. The rituals and ceremonies serve to convey and teach certain moral lessons and elevate the individuals to a position higher than themselves. The lessons are things you have likely already heard or have learned in a moral society.

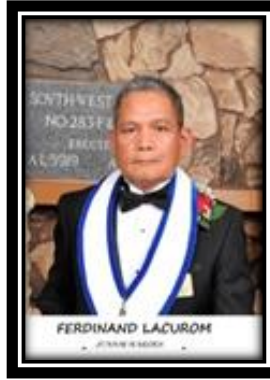
What makes them unique to Freemasonry is that they are presented in a specific format and context. We have to come to realize, during the time we have been members of this grand fraternity that we have met men we would have never met otherwise. We have met numerous men who have truly touched our hearts in many ways. We have learned through their example to be more compassionate, more understanding, more forgiving, more sincere, and above all, more loving.

Not one of these men has an uncharitable disposition; therefore, they are all true Masons. Masonry strives to teach its members that it would be great if we could convey this message throughout the whole world in ways, we would have never thought possible. We look to build on the positive examples of others and bring virtues, which are beneficial to them and to ourselves. We encourage each other and to ourselves, even, to uphold the standards of what we stand for.

And this is how we, as Masons, make "GOOD MEN BETTER".

FRATERNALLY,

GODFREY CATBAGAN, - SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE SOUTH

Fraternal Greetings, the month of June, in one angle, was a tragic loss to our fraternity as we lost one of the most missed Past Master due to cancer, WB Danny Pepa. We can always remember him as an all smile in and out of the lodge. I myself can relish his wisdom whenever he gives me advise especially on how it is to be a better officer. Health is a treasure, a gift from God that we must always be thankful but also is a big

responsibility to keep. But as the Ever-Knowing God tells us that ours is done then we can't do anything, not anyone. We will miss you WB Danny Pepa: thank you for your teachings.

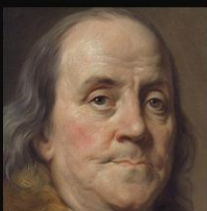
In another angle, we also just celebrated Father's Day last month and I congratulate all the fathers for doing a good job. Most of our brethren sacrificed a lot being away from their family. Some of you even missed the important events in your children's life because you were away serving our country. That's what a good father sacrifices for his family. It is a great pleasure but also hard to become a father to our children. Sometimes we are hurt that they would no longer listen to us. But most of the time we smile every time we feel their love and that is how great a feeling of a father can be.

As a father we balance our time for the family and to the fraternity. Sometimes a conflict exists but we must remember brethren that Family comes next to God. Freemasonry should be a tool to make us a better person, and in the process makes us a better father to our family. We come to know and meet other brethren who we can ask for advices. At times we just witness or hear from them how they became successful or fail in raising their own. Sometimes, they tell us what not to do so we will not make the same mistakes. This is a brotherhood, a fraternity that we can treasure all throughout our life. Our brethren are always ready to give us help if you ask one or even if you don't, when they see you needing it, they will offer you. I know that I or we made the right decisions to become one.

FRATERNALLY,

FERDINAND LACUROM - JUNIOR WARDEN

Benjamin Franklin



Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

AZ QUOTES

SECRETARY'S NOTICE: Brethren – DUES PAYMENT

FOR 2019 IS NOW **\$ 109.00** . 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

Happy Birthday!

James O. Peter III	1-Jul
Rico A. Reyes	3-Jul
Rovir M. Matias	4-Jul
Perry W. Bautista	5-Jul
Hiram K. Evans	8-Jul
Jose N. Mara, Jr.	8-Jul
Cesar D. Ontingco	9-Jul
John Dennis D. Quedado	9-Jul
Leo A. Romero	10-Jul
Franklin A. Albano	11-Jul
Teodorico T. Casares, Jr.	11-Jul
Pedro S. Maaghop, Sr.	11-Jul
Rolyn F. Abugan	12-Jul
Ernesto M. Carlos, Jr.	12-Jul
Paul M. Fogel	12-Jul
Aaron E. Shahanian	12-Jul
Earl Mohler	14-Jul
Wilfredo M. Rocamora	14-Jul
Franklin B. Osana, Sr.	15-Jul
Earl P. Austria	17-Jul
Ernesto D. Castro	18-Jul
Maurice D. Milstead, Jr., PM	18-Jul
Romeo J. Dumpit	18-Jul
Armin T. Poquiz	18-Jul
Vicente C. Aguilar	19-Jul
Gilbert D. Ermitano	19-Jul
Edwin C Mateo	19-Jul
Reynaldo D. Domingo	20-Jul
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Percival E. Tiu	20-Jul
Peter Francis C. Lim	22-Jul
Julius M. Cid	23-Jul
Omar Michel	23-Jul
Jose T. Monday	23-Jul
Mario O. Beltran	24-Jul
Eddie R. Alaysa	25-Jul
Daniel U. Onate	25-Jul
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Bernard L. Dixon	31-Jul
Joseph C. Estrellas	31-Jul
Reynaldo C. Naval	31-Jul

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

Guidelines for Use of Alcoholic Beverages by Masonic Lodges and Masonic Organizations (1995 G.M. Recommendation No. 5, as revised by 2009 G.M. Decision No. 1)

Questions frequently arise with respect to permissible use of alcoholic beverages in Lodge halls, on other property owned by or leased to a Masonic body and at Masonic activities held elsewhere. These guidelines explain the Grand Lodge rules applicable to such use.

These guidelines apply to Lodges, Hall Associations, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, the Shrine, Eastern Star and all other prerequisite organizations and their Hall Associations.

These guidelines address only the policy and regulations of the Grand Lodge. Your use of alcoholic beverages also must comply with the applicable laws of the State of California and the rules established by your Masonic Hall Association or other landlord. The Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, the Shrine, Eastern Star and other Masonic Organizations may also be subject to their own organization's regulations on alcohol.

A Masonic Lodge, Hall Association and a Masonic Organization may allow alcoholic beverages to be served on Masonic property to their members and invited guests, with one exception. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in a room where Masonic ceremonies are normally conducted unless that room is also the regular social hall.

Lodges, Hall Associations and Masonic Organizations may maintain a bar on Masonic property so long as alcoholic beverages are not regularly or permanently stored in the bar. Alcohol should not be stored elsewhere on Masonic property either. Lodges and Hall Associations may not use funds from the Lodge's or the Hall Association's treasury to purchase alcoholic beverages. No Lodge or Hall Association funds may be used to reimburse anyone who has purchased alcoholic beverages.

Proceeds from ticket sales to a Lodge or Hall Association event may never be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or to reimburse anyone who has purchased alcoholic beverages. These restrictions apply only to Lodges and Hall Associations.

The Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, the Shrine, Eastern Star and other Masonic Organizations may use funds from their own treasuries to purchase alcoholic beverages and reimburse the purchase of alcoholic beverages by others from their treasuries, if their regulations so permit.

The Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, the Shrine, Eastern Star and other Masonic Organizations may use proceeds from ticket sales to an event to purchase the alcoholic beverages dispensed at the event or to reimburse anyone who has purchased alcoholic beverages for the event, if their regulations so permit and if the alcohol is served under a license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

Alcoholic beverages may not be served, consumed, or sold during the course of a meeting of a Masonic Lodge, Hall Association, or Masonic Organization. Any alcoholic beverages must be removed from the meeting room prior to beginning the meeting. The meeting may be opened and called to refreshment, after which alcoholic beverages may be served, but the alcoholic beverages must be removed from the meeting room prior to calling back to labor. However, as noted above, alcoholic beverages are not permitted in a room where Masonic ceremonies are normally conducted unless that room is also the regular social hall. Lodges and Masonic Organizations may hold tiled meetings and social events on non-Masonic properties where there is a permanent bar, such as a hotel or restaurant, provided that no alcoholic beverages are present during any meeting. Any bar located elsewhere in the building may remain open during the meeting.

Caterers with an ABC license may serve and sell alcoholic beverages at all Masonic events held by any Lodge, Hall Association or Masonic Organization on or away from Masonic property, if all applicable California laws are followed. If the event sponsor is a Lodge or Hall Association, the caterer with an ABC license and not the event's sponsor must sell the tickets to the event.

No Lodge or Hall Association may directly or indirectly apply for, assume title to or operate under any governmental license or permit for the purpose of consuming, serving or selling alcoholic beverages, whether in, on or away from premises owned, leased or rented by a Masonic Lodge or Hall Association.

Therefore, if alcoholic beverages are not sold and served by a caterer with an ABC license, there are certain restrictions on the event which must be observed because the event has not been licensed.

As a general rule, no license or permit is required if alcoholic beverages are not sold and the premises are not open to the general public when alcoholic beverages are being served or consumed.

- If alcoholic beverages cannot be sold, you cannot have a cash bar or sell drink tickets or tokens to be exchanged for alcoholic beverages. You may charge for the meal or other event at which alcoholic beverages are served, so long as the alcoholic beverages have been donated by one person and everyone pays the same price, regardless of whether they will be served an alcoholic beverage. Members and guests may not bring their own alcohol as such would be a "bottle club" which requires an ABC liquor license.

- Under no circumstances may the general public be present when alcoholic beverages are served without a license. You may not advertise to the general public an event at which alcoholic beverages will be served on Masonic property.

Only members of the sponsoring Masonic body and their invited guests may be in attendance when alcoholic beverages are served on Masonic property by someone other than a caterer with an ABC license. The term "general public" does not include the members of the organization, their families or friends. If alcoholic beverages are not sold and served by a caterer with an ABC license, Masonic Organizations are subject to these same restrictions unless the group is properly licensed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

This may include a single event license as well as a permanent club license. Masonic Organizations, such as the Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, the Shrine and Eastern Star, may hold such licenses, if their regulations so permit, even though a Lodge and Hall Association may not hold such a license. Lodges, Hall Associations and Masonic Organizations may rent or lease their land or buildings to business establishments which serve and sell alcoholic beverages as an incidental part of their businesses.

For example, you may rent to a restaurant which has a bar or to a grocery store that sells alcoholic beverages. However, you may not rent to a bar business or a liquor store, even those bars and liquor stores with incidental sales of non-alcoholic products. Lodges, Hall Associations and Masonic Organizations may rent or lease their land or buildings to non-Masonic tenants other than business establishments who serve and sell alcoholic beverages, if the sponsor or caterer is properly licensed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. For example, you may rent your building for a wedding reception or similar activity where alcoholic beverages will be served and sold by a licensed sponsor or caterer.

As a reminder, activities of a Lodge, Hall Association or Masonic Organization are always subject to Grand Lodge rules on commercialism and permitted financial support, in addition to these guidelines. When questions arise with respect to these Guidelines, contact your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Properties.

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all men, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.



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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JULY 2019				MASTER RALPH ERIC A. BANC	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
NOTE: Dress code for Stated Meeting and Special Meeting is Business Suit or Barong Tagalog	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (HOLIDAY) (LODGE IS DARK)	5	6	
7	8 700PM – Jobs Daughter's Meeting	9	10 700PM-Practice/ Fellowship-Prep for Stated Meeting	11 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM – Stated Meeting MOYA/HIRAM nomination	12 700PM- Demolay Meeting	13	
14	15	16	17 700PM-Practice/ Fellowship-Meeting Golf Fundraising Committee	18 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBA	19	20	
21	22 700PM-Jobs Daughters Meeting	23	24 700PM- Practice/ Fellowship/Prep for DOSI-DOM	25 630PM-DOSI-DOM @ South West Lodge No.283, Admin Training, EA Second Section	26 700PM- Demolay Meeting	27	
28	29	30	31 700PM-Practice/ Fellowship-Prep for August Stated Meeting				