

# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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Monthly Newsletter

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### FROM THE EAST,



Fraternal Greetings! "Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance." This is the most recent CDC guidelines regarding COVID practices, my brethren. Slowly we are transitioning back to the normal activities we had prior to COVID pandemic but due diligence is still a must so we will not in no time regret of any miss-step with re-infection.

We all enjoy the camaraderie that we longed for in every lodge activity and that which we must continue.

Congratulation to our most recently conferred Brother Jake Valencia on his First Degree. It was also our first activity this year. A bit of little rustiness was imminent within the performance of our brethren but it was as expected due to the long period of lodge hiatus. In consideration of our anxiety and long absence the conferral was good in light of some first time performers who took part. It was a first for Bro. Caloy Eballo as the Marshall; Bro. Paul Pangog and Bro. Ryan Paulino as the Senior and Junior Deacons respectively. It was also the first time for Bro. Danny Onate to render gavel to gavel for 1<sup>st</sup> degree conferral. His lecture was perfect that I did not even notice any dictated correction by our Officer's Coach WB Larry Devera. It was a night we appropriately named, "take back". The sign for the start of a take back from what COVID had taken away from us. The momentous time that we share in the lodge enjoying each other's companies and relishing on the premise to improve men by progressing them into becoming a Master Mason. Nothing should deny any applicant/apprentice of coveting the membership to our long time established fraternity. As long ages had proven that even in the quarries our rituals continued to be practiced and our membership flourished.

The rest of the month of May was a culmination of the progress of Brother Archie Picar who is now a Fellow Craft. His ascension was a step also for our Brother Peter Cortes nearing his qualification to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar position. We pride of our officer's capability of explicably executing the duties of their designated positions as they aspire to labor for the higher roles awaiting eagerly for the ultimate glory to someday occupy the Oriental Chair. We are truly the best lodge in the South and the best lodge in West: South West Lodge No. 283.

FRATERNALLY,

**Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER**

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**FROM THE WEST,**

Not long after our most revered Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss issued a new directive allowing in-person events and meetings to take place, with limitations, in our lodges beginning April 15, the pillars and the temple hall association immediately went to action in creating and assembling the necessary requirements to fully qualify our lodge to re-open and ensure that we are in compliance.

After several temple board meetings, the Site-specific Prevention Plan, whose primary purpose is to ensure the safety of all attendees, the seating charts and guests' list documents were created. After getting the requisite approval from our district inspector, WB Romy De Vera, our lodge gained the approval to hold degree conferrals, stated meetings and other masonic events. Hence, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of May 2021, we held the much-awaited 1<sup>st</sup> in-person stated meeting after more than a year of Zoom meetings brought about by the covid19 pandemic. All the brethren, and as well as the sisters in attendance, were ecstatic and excited to see each other after an awfully long hiatus. And it was quite evident that everyone enjoyed the familiar feasts and very sumptuous meal prepared by our resident chef, Worshipful brother Ed Yaptangco. The fellowship that followed thereafter was the usual embodiment of the true spirit of brotherhood. Everyone in attendance can attest, and surely were quickly reminded of how fun it was to be back at the lodge with the brethren.

A week after the stated meeting, Brother Jake Valencia, whose petition was sidetracked for more than a year and has been patiently waiting at the wings, was initiated into our craft. He was relieved to be able to take his first step into the light and begin his journey to self-improvement. He quickly learned his first masonic lesson, that time; patience and perseverance will definitely accomplish all things. Welcome to the craft Brother Jake Valencia!

The pace is about to hasten up with a flurry of activities being planned. Next on the schedule is the proficiency examination of Brother Archie Picar, who also waited patiently and ready to knock it out of the ballpark, and is about to be rewarded with his 2<sup>nd</sup> degree conferral shortly thereafter. Other conferrals are on the schedule as we start to gain momentum in processing all of our prospects and petitioners who have patiently waited during the pandemic.

I would like to welcome all brothers to the lodge, provided you follow protocols, like having done the required vaccination requirements. On behalf of the pillars, we would like to see you all back to the lodge again and to participate in our various masonic events and to enjoy the good fellowships which usually prevails among the brethren.

May the GAOTU continue to keep us and our families safe. See you all at the lodge!

*FRATERNALLY,*

**Ronald Ray A. Banci** - SENIOR WARDEN

**FROM THE SOUTH,**

We opened the month of May with our stated meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and also the first in-person stated meeting of the year. The stated meeting exhibited tremendous success as it was the culmination of the hard work by the brethren after several working parties held mover over many weeks of preparation. From the installation of the new carpet inside the ritual room,

renewing and mending various fixtures inside the lodge, cleaning and sanitizing the entire building, preparing for the lodge opening in accordance with Grand Lodge regulations, setting up the kitchen, and preparing for dinner for the said event all of these leading to that climactic point that everybody overwhelmingly enjoyed. It was a wonderful feeling to be back in the lodge and seeing the brethren again after the lodge has been closed for quite some time.

Big thanks to WB Ed Yaptangco along with Bros. Rick Mayor, Frank Osana, and Sal Ramos for the sumptuous dinner, they always delivered, as always. To the brethren who brought food and desserts that added charm to the festivities and to Bros. Archie Picar and Jake Valencia and other brethren and petitioners who helped in setting up and cleaning the dining hall and kitchen before and after the event, thank you. In addition, special thanks to WBros. Ralph and Godfrey for donating the lechon and other dishes; it was indeed a feast to the brethren's satisfaction. Likewise, to the Past Masters, the pillars of SWL who are at all times present in the forefront, with their wisdom, strength, and beauty always supporting, coaching and training the brethren and officers: a scene to behold and true to their virtues, as freemasonry have taught us that there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.

During the stated meeting there were more brethren in attendance than the usual who spoke during the good of the order manifesting their great excitement, expressing their appreciation and giving accolades to the brethren and to each other for a job well done. We also initiated Bro. Jake Valencia to the first degree on May 13th. It was our first conferral of the year and one that was made special because of the attendance of several past masters from other lodges. Welcome to the fraternity Bro. Jake.

The next few months will be exciting as we continue with lodge functions, conducting proficiency examinations, degree conferrals, and other lodge business. When the sun is at meridian height, which is the beauty and glory of the day; it is a time not to be wasted but a time to labor and one that is full of expectation and accomplishments to be made.

By the Plumb

*FRATERNALLY,*

**Peter Cortes** - JUNIOR WARDEN



William	R	Francia	1-Jun
Juven	M	Egana	1-Jun
Arthur	R	Entzminger	1-Jun
Ronulfo	V	Roxas	2-Jun
Carlo	L	Quila	4-Jun
Jonathan	A	Montoya	5-Jun
Artemio	T	Paco	6-Jun
Ronnie	A	Alog	8-Jun
Amado	G	Guanzon	9-Jun
Carlo	L	Quila	9-Jun
Pacifico	S	Ortizluis	9-Jun
Marlon Sly	S	Lapuz	9-Jun
Rodel	A	Erece	10-Jun
Armando	L	Demesa	12-Jun
Timothy	R	Hall	14-Jun
Siegfried	T	Jucal	14-Jun
Murvel	C	Newlan, Jr	14-Jun
Eusebio	D	Hondolero	15-Jun
Dante	T	Albao	16-Jun
Resty	S	Garcia	19-Jun
John-John	F	Buncio	19-Jun
Elpidio	P	Maala	19-Jun
Peter	D	Cortes	20-Jun
Rodolfo	F	Nobleza, PM	22-Jun
Waver	W	Campbell	22-Jun
Danilo	P	Oira	24-Jun
John	A	Ventura	24-Jun
Ramon	J	Buyson	24-Jun
Brian	A	Wood	25-Jun
Danilo	C	Francisco	26-Jun
Noe	E	Ebalo	26-Jun
Joel	F	Alegre	26-Jun
Marvin	B	Medina	27-Jun
Gumercindo	P	Villanueva	28-Jun
Allen	B	Yabut	28-Jun
Johnny		Collins	28-Jun
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Ernie	M	Lampa, PM	29-Jun
Pedrito	G	Saguiped	29-Jun
Kenneth	R	Jones	29-Jun
Resty	S	Garcia	29-Jun
Rodrigo	E	Cuevas, PM	30-Jun
Roque	D	Parreno, Jr.	30-Jun
Logan	T	Killion	30-Jun
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GRAND MASTER  
ARTHUR H. WEISS

## Grand Master's Decisions on Masonic-Sponsored Meetings and Events During COVID-19 April 14, 2021

Dear Brethren,

On April 2, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued new guidance on gatherings, private events and meetings. This guidance updates California's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, also known as the state's reopening plan. The reopening plan assigns each county in California to a risk tier based upon the level of COVID-19 spread in that county. As part of these updates to the state's reopening plan, indoor private events and meetings will be allowed, **with limitations**, beginning on April 15 in counties assigned to the red, orange and yellow tiers, but not to the purple tier.

At a high level, the applicable limitations are:

Indoor private events and meetings are not permitted in counties assigned to the purple tier.

1. There must be a guest list and a seating chart for any meeting or event.
2. Attendees must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours.
3. The facility must create and implement a COVID-19 site prevention plan.
4. Under the California mask mandate, attendees must wear a face mask unless they are specifically exempted under the mandate.

**Therefore, I have issued a new directive, effective April 15, 2021. Please read it, as well as the supporting documents, below.**

[Grand Master's Directive Regarding Indoor In-Person Meetings and Events Reopening Guidance for Lodges and Halls and Site Specific Plan Template Site Specific Plan Template in Word format](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions about Reopening Masonic Meetings and Events](#)

Sincerely and fraternally,

Arthur H. Weiss  
Grand Master

### SECRETARY'S NOTICE

#### BRETHREN,

**DUES PAYMENT for 2021 is now \$115.25.**  
You can now pay your dues by credit card through the Grand Lodge of California.

You have to register to Grand Lodge iMEMBER website using your masonic member number to register. Call or email the Secretary for your masonic number if you don't know...

#### CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

##### §809.520. EXPENDITURES.

Lodge funds are trust funds set apart for the payment of the necessary, discretionary and social expenses of the Lodge and for the special calls for charity.

No Lodge funds shall be expended without the express consent of the Lodge, even though included in a. Lodge budget, except that funds may be expended without Lodge consent when:

- A. Dispensed by the Charity Committee;
- B. Due Grand Lodge;
- C. Required to pay the taxes or other charges of local, State or Federal governmental agencies; or
- D. Required under Section 809.350 of this Code as a return of dues.

Lodges may approve bills against the Lodge only when the bills are supported by proper documentation, such as an invoice or receipt. No warrant shall be drawn unless there are sufficient funds to honor it.

[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Sections 21010 and 21060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]  
For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.



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### JUNE 2021

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MASTER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 630 PM – Temple Board Meeting	3 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM- Stated Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9 630PM – Practice, Proficiency, Fellowship	10 630PM- First Degree Conferral, Mr. Khyree Kee, Mr. Francis Onate	11 Master, Senior/Junior Warden Retreat, Irvine-CA	Master, Senior/Junior Warden Retreat, Irvine- CA
13 Master, Senior/Junior Warden Retreat, Irvine-CA	14	15	16 630PM -1st Degree Proficiency, Bro. Jake Valencia	17 630PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Proficiency, Bro. Rayan Alarca	18	19
20	21	22	23 630PM – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral Practice and Fellowship	24 630PM – Third Degree Conferral, Bro. Rayan Alarca	25	26
27	28	29	30 630PM – First Degree Proficiency Bro. David Diaz			