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Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE EAST,



Fraternal Greetings and WELCOME BACK brethren! These are the two words I am most excited to greet you knowing that our Most Worshipful Grand Master Arthur Weiss recently announced a lodge reopening plan at the start of April 15, 2021. Of course the Grand Lodge edict was guided by the State of California's decision that we are on the safer side from this pandemic to initiate reopening.

The County of San Diego just released the Orange Tier category on April 12, 2021 which allows inside meetings with some limitations and is

updated each week. The requirements for our safe re-opening were clearly stated by the Grand Lodge that first the Worshipful Master and the Hall President should deem it safe for every lodge member to be safe from COVID in every lodge activity.

A Site Prevention Plan was also required to be completed by our Hall President and a copy to be submitted to our District Inspector and lodge members. Proof of vaccinations with the 2nd dose at least 2 weeks from date of vaccination and a 72 hours proof of testing is a must before you can join any lodge activity.

Our Tyler Brother Rick Mayor will be strictly implementing these requirements as he is assigned in checking upon entry of each brethren and their family members. Facial mask wearing is still a must, safe distancing as well as avoiding unnecessary contacts, sanitation stations and constant sanitizing of general areas and tools handled by officers very much help in stopping the spread of COVID 19 infections. In no time brethren we will be able to re-open our beloved lodge again so we can resume the much awaited labor and refreshment long delayed by COVID.

The Grand Lodge of California requires a Guest Lists before every lodge event. We will be sending invites for every lodge activity as RSVP through the SWL chat group in Messenger and via SWL Facebook account so everybody will have a chance to enlist themselves to attend any lodge event. It will be a first come first serve basis because we have limitations on the total number of attendees. Once you are listed a separate Seating Arrangement in the dining room as well as inside the lodge room will be prepared by a lodge officer upon which you will be informed on the day of the event. Seating arrangement layouts will also be posted at the doors in the dining and lodge rooms for familiarity.

Again proof of vaccination including at least 2 weeks after getting the second dose or a Negative COVID test result within 72 hours will be checked upon entry into the lodge building as proof to allow entry. A copy of the Safe Protection Plan will also be posted via our media for every lodge members to review and study before coming to the lodge is also required. Wearing of a mask and safe distancing are a must to keep us safe. Please do not go to the lodge if you have any COVID symptoms. SWL No. 283 Officers, PM's and members are looking forward to see you soon personally, my brethren. Be safe.

FRATERNALLY,

Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER

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FROM THE WEST,

The long wait is now finally over! The clouds have parted, and we are now seeing the sun at meridian height which is the beauty and glory of the day. Our masonic lives are now about to get re-started. On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, after fourteen months of masonic inactivity brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, Grand Master Weiss held a virtual Town Hall event to lay out the walk through plans for a return to in

-person meetings. This momentous and very much anticipated event finally allowed lodges to re-open to conduct all types of masonic activities like stated meetings, proficiencies, degree conferrals, fellowships, and other fund-raising activities. However, there are restrictions and prerequisites for holding these masonic events; primarily to ensure the safety of every attendee and to prevent the further possibility of spreading of the corona virus. A major requirement is that all attendees must be fully vaccinated or show a negative result 72 hours prior to attending a masonic event. We are also required to have sanitation and disinfecting stations, perform regular cleanups in high traffic areas, wear face coverings and observe social distancing guidelines.

Our sitting master, WB Ferdie Lacurom has now affirmed that our lodge is safe and ready to commence regular operations. Plans are now being drawn to start holding proficiencies, ritual practices, degrees and most importantly, stated meetings. For our brothers, whose masonic journeys have been long delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I sincerely thank you for your patience and perseverance. You will soon learn that time; patience and perseverance will accomplish all things. Now is the time for you to get ready to proceed in seeking further light in masonry; and I am optimistically hoping that you took advantage of the long hiatus to become proficient in order to advance to the next degree.

Lodge preparation and cleanup are now underway to get ready for our 1st in-person stated meeting after more than a year of holding them via Zoom. The new carpet has now been installed in the lodge room and is really looking great. The officers' chairs are being varnished and re-upholstered. The lodge will definitely be ready soon.

May GAOTU continue to keep us and our families safe and in good spirits. We are all excited to see everyone again anytime soon!

FRATERNALLY,

Ronald Ray A. Banci - SENIOR WARDEN

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...

FROM THE SOUTH,

Freemasonry is covered with symbols and allegories which comprised a significant part of our ceremonies. Its veil of secrecy aroused several conspiracy theories over the years branding freemasonry as a secret society and to this day cowans and eavesdroppers passing off as freemasons, pretending and stealthily listening to gather information about the fraternity. While freemasonry is not a religion its solemn ceremonies are dignified in their presentation designed to

impart valuable teachings to its members pertaining to his duty to God, his country, his neighbor or himself.

One who seeks acceptance into the fraternity should first see freemasonry through his heart. This is where freemasons are first made. When seeking admission, a prospective candidate undergoes this simple process: he must first asks for a recommendation from members of the lodge and when that recommendation is given to him, he then seeks admission and lastly, he knocks and the door of freemasonry is opened unto him. This process being symbolized by these three knocks at the beginning of our ceremony and allude to a passage in scripture referring to the words of Jesus in his Sermon at the Mount: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you". A principal requirement to join the fraternity is the belief in a supreme being which dates back to a very remote past in man's history. As one masonic scholar might say is as old as creation itself going back to a period where the Creator implanted in man the belief in one Supreme Deity as a covenant to be passed down to future generations. To this day freemasons carried this sacred duty to God.

The ceremony of the first degree on the night of the initiation begins where the candidate "awaits with patience" as he remains outside the lodge room while the brethren inside are given one last chance to either object or accept him to receive the degrees of Masonry. If there is no objection posed by the brethren the worshipful master directs the marshal to propound the usual interrogations to the candidate. The Marshal's interrogations signify the solemnity of the ceremony and which the candidate must provide a satisfactory answer. These interrogations consisting of three questions all proceeded with the phrase "Do you seriously declare, upon your honor" imparts to the candidate the seriousness of this undertaking and its importance is one which is not to be taken lightly. It requires honor equivalent to that of a knight who swears to live by the knight's code. The first question emphasizes the candidate's "free will and accord" that he willingly offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; the second tells of the candidate's desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to provide service to others; and the third declares his pledge of compliance to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity. These interrogations impart to the candidate the greatness of this undertaking one that requires for the invocation of the blessing of God in the ceremony.

Being one of the oldest fraternities, it cannot be denied that freemasonry based its ceremonies from ancient beliefs and rituals. Understanding the beliefs and rituals of our ancient brethren will enable one to appreciate the meaning and understand the symbolism being used in the ceremonies. And thus, his masonic journey begins.

FRATERNALLY,

Peter Cortes - JUNIOR WARDEN

Happy Birthday!

Roberto	D	Canare	1-May
Rafael	C	Laserna, PM	2-May
Luisito	D	Mayor, Jr.	2-May
Gloriani	A.	Lontoc, PM	3-May
Marcelino	M	Bagtas	4-May
Arturo	R	Santos	4-May
Felizardo	B	Tria	4-May
Zainal	I	Khan	4-May
James	W	Secrest	5-May
Cresenciano	H	Dayrit	5-May
John	R	Cirujales	5-May
Alberto	G	Matias	6-May
Robert Francis	C	Santos	6-May
Eliodoro	M	Calacsan	6-May
James	R	Magno	6-May
Fernando	C	Cabusao	7-May
John	C	Brosnahan	7-May
Rodolfo	G	Manalo	9-May
Rolando	E	Cayetano Jr.	10-May
Jerry	A	Lleva	11-May
Edward	C	Pamintuan	11-May
Joe	N	Anderson, Jr	11-May
Reynaldo	E	Javier	11-May
Khen	E	You	11-May
Benjamin	P	Doria	12-May
Carlos	Y	Mabalot	12-May
Jacob	V	Borillo, PM	13-May
Wilfredo	M	Abalos	13-May
Kyle	A	Ross	13-May
Reynaldo	L	Sansano	14-May
Giovanni	L	Perez	14-May
Louie	J	Opol	15-May
Joven	M	Miller	16-May
Carlito	F	Plojo	16-May
M.	V.	Brock	19-May
Jason	P	David	19-May
Eddie	D	Brandes	19-May
Jim	L	Desquitado, PM	19-May
Josephere	C	Perral	19-May
Melvin	M	Samson	19-May
Lester	M	Nelson	20-May
Ramil	S	Caguioa	20-May
Bryan	V	Que	20-May
Seuko	R	Hawkins	20-May
Jess	C	Fulgencio	21-May
Chad	V	Bearden	21-May
Carlos	H	Solinap Jr.	22-May
Raul	S	Nooris, PM	23-May
Beda	C	Galleta	27-May
Rex	D	Afan	27-May
Patricio	M	Flores, PM	27-May
Angelo Arvin	S	Catindig	27-May
Antonio	L	Urbina	27-May
Johnny		Collins	28-May
Eleazer Ariel	D.	Ochinang	28-May
Rene	C	Abano	28-May
Alex	C	Pascual	30-May



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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

Arthur H. Weiss
Grand Master

IN MEMORY OF



Worshipful Eligio D. Pangilinan, PM

Born: December 1, 1936

Date of Death: April 22, 2021

Raised: August 8, 1987



Almighty Father! Into Thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved brothers

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MAY 2021

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