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Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE EAST,



Wishing everyone a very Happy 4th of July! We are glad to celebrate our country's independence as well as our near independence from COVID pandemic. Thanks to the effective vaccinations or else we will not still be seeing each other and be together celebrating our most treasured lodge activities. It is really another miracle that humanity is able to adjust to hindrances that threatens every life existence. Our resiliency enables us to achieve success over any obstacle that we may encounter. In the process we lose some but yet we in some sense we gain some; but life continuous as well as our fellowships. It is the very

purpose of us celebrating friendships in the lodge just as what every brother seeks. The feeling of belongingness and knowing that a brother "got you" somehow makes each and every one of us feel reassured.

Last month was also celebrated Father's Day. Not only does every father should be proud of each and everyone's achievements but also an accolade to what we have accomplished. Keeping our family and friends together is already a tremendous triumph we have achieved. We must extend well-deserved "Kudos" to each and every father.

The three pillars attended the recent Grand Lodge sponsored retreat in Irvine, California, which afforded us insurmountable education to fully enable us to successfully engage in our roles. This educational retreat is created not just for the benefit of our pillars but it also provides tremendous boost for the success of the Lodge. It makes each pillar shiver to realization of what each had done and what else should be done. It was really a good experience to get involved with such a good training and all the lodge pillars agree that it should be done yearly. Not only did we learn a lot about running each lodge but we were able to meet more brethren from other lodges aside from having the chances to work with the grand lodge officers and share some stories and picture opportunities with other Past Grand Masters. A novel idea was presented that the Senior Deacon should also be included in the retreat.

This month will also culminate what every current lodge master would like to achieve: the qualifications of his pillars as well as the Senior Deacon of his lodge. Bro. Ron Banci and Bro Peter Cortes will definitely and assuredly accomplish the requirements for their next challenges. Waiting for his turn will be Bro. Juven Egana to ascend himself for the Senior Deacon's chair.

The rest of the month of July SWL #283 will be busy still with the Proficiencies and Conferrals including the much awaited Hiram Award Night to be celebrated for our very own Past Master Percy Tiu. The presence of our District Inspector WSF Romulo DeVera will be the "Icing of the Cake" which will also be attended by many sitting masters and past masters of different lodges. I am extending a worthy congratulation to our deserving Hiram Awardee Worshipful Brother Percy Tiu.

FRATERNALLY,
Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER

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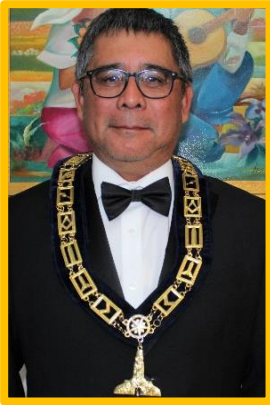
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FROM THE WEST,

Brethren, should you have not been aware yet, our lodge/your lodge is now back to our normal pace of new and exciting activities. First, our stated meeting on the 1st Thursday of June was another incredibly huge success wherein about 70 brother masons and sisters in attendance as everyone enjoyed the sumptuous feast and fellowship that went on until almost midnight. This was followed by three 1st degree conferrals, and two brothers also returned their

proficiencies to properly elevate them to their next degree. Please join me in welcoming Brother Khyree Kee, Brother Dylan Gerstein and Brother Francis Onate to our ancient fraternity. They all received outstanding 1st degree conferrals.

Thanks to the incredible effort of our officers and coaches, the degrees were exemplified in flawless fashion: resultant of careful preparation and tremendous practice.

As this year's candidates coach, I am also extremely proud of the efforts by Brothers Jake Valencia and Paul Pangog. Both rendered their proficiencies for the 1st degree and 3rd degree, respectively, in a very excellent fashion. The outstanding proficiencies are testament to their dedication to the craft, and who not only memorized the rituals but also made great efforts to understand their meanings. Kudos is also due to the brothers who have aided in rehearsing and perfecting their proficiencies.

On June 15th, Governor Newsom had lifted most of the COVID restrictions and our lodge can now normally operate once again after about 15 months of hiatus, without any restrictions. No more RSVPs, guest lists and vaccination and negative COVID test requirements. As such wearing of mask inside the lodge room is now optional for those fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated brothers and guest are still required to wear masks when indoors as per the new National City local guidelines.

Next on the schedule is our first 3rd degree conferral for this year. Brother Austin Juarez will finally be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 24, 2021, after more than 6 years as a Fellow Craft. This I am sure will be extremely exciting and everyone is eagerly waiting in great anticipation.

Now that we are fully open, I am hoping to see more of our brothers attend our lodge events. Brethren, please come and join us. The officers and specially the pillars, would like to see you all in the lodge.

FRATERNALLY,

Ronald A. Banci- SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE SOUTH,

Last June 11-13th, I had the privilege to attend the Masters and Wardens Retreat held at Marriott Hotel in Irvine CA. It was an event full of positive experiences and opportunities towards masonic growth. Important topics were discussed during the retreat and one of which is: Freemasonry's Positive Awareness to others as well as to the community. Statistics shows that membership has declined as newer generations

of men have chosen different ways of spending their times. In this modern day and age men of different walks of lives are busier than those during the mid-20th century and men in our generation have found themselves in more diverse roles toward their families and communities. The presences of modern science and technologies in our bustling societies also have taken much of man's time. Nowadays, it is common to see people having two jobs and while others have multiple part-time works in addition to their full-time job. Even our members sometimes have difficulty in applying the principle of the 24-inch gauge in our daily lives. Positive awareness of our fraternity is more important now than ever.

Gone are those days of the negative perception of secrecy and elitism that our fraternity was once known. We need to combat these negative perceptions about freemasonry that are proliferating in the internet and bring a new generation into the fold. It is imperative that we as Freemasons create opportunities to discuss what Freemasonry is, what it stands for, and how it makes a positive impact on its members and communities. Research also shows that public's general awareness of Freemasonry is relatively strong: half are aware of the fraternity, however, the public rates freemasonry less favorably than other organizations. It is quite apparently clear how important it is to raise awareness of the most positive elements of the fraternity, particularly its charitable programs which can immediately improve the public's perception of the fraternity. We, as Masons, are empowered to discuss masonry to others specially, cowans and eavesdroppers to encourage their interest about our fraternity. For most Masons, however, there is a persistent confusion about how much they can or can't discuss about the craft with those around them. As a result, most Masons do not discuss Masonry with their families, friends, or colleagues. Research shows that generally Masons greatly value their membership yet most Masons do not talk about it.

Given Freemason's reputation for secrecy, it is not surprising that there are so many questions on how to talk about Freemasonry. The California Masonic Code states that California Masons are free to discuss the principals, philosophies, and purpose of Freemasonry, so long as they do not divulge portions of the ritual that are written in cypher. Then, there are the rules around soliciting men for membership which have also been confusing. In 1993, a grand master's decision stated: "Solicitation is the active and persistent attempt to influence someone to do something. Offering information is not solicitation." Masons can and should feel empowered and inspired to discuss their personal experiences without fear of breaking a rule. By giving freemasonry a personal advocate, this will help combat public misinformation about Freemasonry and raise awareness in a new generation of Californians.

Fraternally,

Peter Cortes- JUNIOR WARDEN

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, PM	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	Shahenian	12-Jul
Wilfredo	M	Rocamora	14-Jul
Earl		Mohler	14-Jul
Franklin	B	Osana, Sr.	15-Jul
Earl	P	Austria	17-Jul
Romeo	J	Dumpit, PM	18-Jul
Armin	T	Poquiz	18-Jul
Ernesto	D	Castro	18-Jul
Maurice	D	Milstead, Jr, PM	18-Jul
Gilbert	D	Ermitano	19-Jul
Vicente	C	Aguilar	19-Jul
Edwin	C	Mateo	19-Jul
Reynaldo	D	Domingo	20-Jul
Percival	E	Tiu, PM	20-Jul
George	K	Lucas	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
Christopher	I	Estrella	26-Jul
Billy	J	Barley	26-Jul
Anthony	S	Martinez	27-Jul
Christian	V	De Gala	27-Jul
Romeo	N	Valdez	28-Jul
Rogelio	O	Pepa	28-Jul
Roldan	C	Marzo	28-Jul
Moises	A	Edillor, Jr.	30-Jul
Reynaldo	C	Naval	31-Jul
Joseph	C	Estrellas	31-Jul
Bernard	L	Dixon	31-Jul

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.

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GRAND MASTER
ARTHUR H. WEISS

Grand Master's Decisions on Masonic-Sponsored Meetings and Events During COVID-19

Reopening Directive II Addressing June 15th Removal of State-Imposed Restrictions on Meetings and Events

Dear Brethren,

I issued a Reopening Directive on April 14, 2021, which allowed Masonic lodges to resume holding in-person meetings and events, as long as those meetings and events met the requirements imposed by the California Department of Public Health and local health departments.

It is my pleasure to report that the California Department of Public Health intends on June 15, 2021 to lift all of its restrictions imposed upon meetings and events, except for events that exceed 5,000 people.

Accordingly, **effective June 15, 2021:**

- Masonic Lodges, Masonic Organizations, and Youth Orders may conduct in-person meetings and events in compliance with county and city restrictions, if any. (After June 15, individual counties and cities could choose to continue their own meeting limitations, in which case those limitations would continue in force.)
- Attendees at Masonic meetings and events must comply with any state or county guidance relating to face coverings in effect at the time of the meeting/event.
- Lodges no longer need to provide a Safety Preparedness Plan, unless required by the county.
- Members are not required to show proof of a negative COVID test or vaccination card to attend in-person meetings unless required by the county.
- Until further direction from me, lodges may continue, at their discretion, to hold virtual stated meetings consistent with my October 2020 Directive on Virtual Stated Meetings.
- Today's Directive supersedes my October 2020 Directive on Masonic-Sponsored Meetings and Events During COVID-19 and my April 14th Directive.

It is now time to take advantage of our new opportunities. I look forward to the unfettered return to in-person meetings and the renewed and vigorous practice of Masonry in California.

My directive has no force or effect after my term as grand master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ARTHUR H. WEISS
Grand Master
Masons of California

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			630 PM – Temple Board Meeting	1 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM- Stated Meeting	2	3		
4 Independence Day	5	6	7 630PM – 2 nd Deg Proficiency- Archibald Picar Practice 2 nd Degree	8 630PM- Ed Caparaz 2 nd degree conferral, Qualification of Bro. Peter Cortes for the West Qual- Bro Juven Egana for Senior Deacon- 357	9	10		
11	12	13	14 630PM - Proficiency Exam Practice 2 nd dgree conferral	15 630PM – 2 ND Degree Conferrlal,- Bro. Jake Valencia	16 630PM- Hiram Award Practice	17 4PM – SWL 283 Hiram Award Ceremony		
18	19	20	21 630PM - Proficiency Exam Practice 3 rd degree	22 630PM- Archibald Picar 3 rd degree conferral Bro. Ron Banci qualification for the East	23	24		
25	26	27	28 630PM- Proficiency Exam Practice 2 nd deg	29 630PM-2 nd Degree Conferral, Bro.Dylan Gerstein	30	31		