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FROM THE EAST,



What a blast brethren, on all our activities this past month of July 2021. We visited two lodges as a group to show our support; the first to Claude H. Morrison Lodge, then to Most Worshipful Manuel L. Quezon Lodge. Thanks to all the brethren for their endearing support; as well as to our Past Masters' initiatives to the explicitly well-coordinated visits. Not only did the sitting masters of the two lodges expressed their gratitude and also submitted their overwhelming desire to will a

respected reciprocity. That is a most cherished act of brotherly love that everyone has shown and will continue to evolve as one of our very important tenets as freemasons.

We at SWL #283 continue our aim in helping and developing our candidates achieve their dream to be considered as full pledged members of the best lodge in the South; the best lodge in the West. We continue on showcasing the quality of our talents when Past Masters, officers and members of our lodge are called upon at given moments to render our services laboring in other lodges even in the absence of prior notification. We always come prepared to perform in any role we might be requested to fill in. It is so pleasing to hear compliments on the performance rendered by our officers, past masters and members showcasing their talents. Not only do our officers are getting the accolades but also our very own candidates who also performed with expressions and actions during their proficiency examinations. These acts of talents are indicative to everybody that we have viable potential future officers to someday be our lodge's leaders.

Congratulations again to our 2020 Hiram Awardee WB Percy Tiu for a much celebrated day attended by our District Inspector WB Romulo De Vera and his Lady. WB Percy's wife, sister Grace and daughter Ms. Jessica were also present for this important lodge event and witnessed by an extra-ordinary bevy of brethren and guests who enthusiastically congratulated our celebrant. Much deserved our worthy brother.

FRATERNALLY,

Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER

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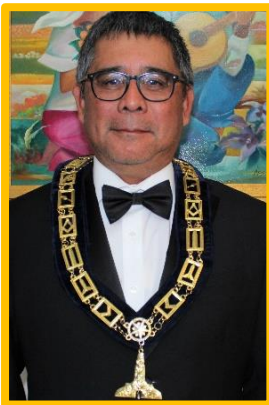
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FROM THE WEST,

July was another hectic month and needless to say, every event was worth remembering. Ushering the month in is our stated meeting held on July 1st which as usual, aside from the huge variety of potluck and delicious dishes, it was again very well attended with the brethren and sisters, all came in their full sartorial elegance. Also noteworthy, is the reading of the application of long-time golfing friend and buddy to many SWL

brethren, Mr. Robert Jimenez, who finally, sans any urging or recruitment efforts, from his mason friends, turned in his application after so many long years of contemplating about it. He will be voted upon on the next stated meeting and a lot of his friends and soon to be brothers are all very eager and have even announced their intent to labor during his degree conferrals. Good luck on your masonic journey Bob!

The lodge officers and coaches were busy as it can be. The officers and members of our lodge led by our sitting master Ferdie Lacurom visited the Claude H. Morrison and Manuel Luis Quezon lodges to show our support and brotherhood. Several brothers returned their proficiencies and now ready to move forward to their degree advancements. This makes me extremely proud as the candidates coach, that our brothers not only committed the required proficiency to memory in a short time but also, with just a very slight and unnoticeable nervousness, flawlessly delivered it. In fact, Brother Picar, entertained and regaled our brothers in attendance when he delivered his proficiency in a manner not before seen in our lodge. My kudos to all the brothers who passed their proficiencies! Congratulations!

As for the degree conferrals this month, Brothers Ed Caparaz and Jake Valencia were conferred the 2nd degree of masonry. They received a very outstanding degree in true South West lodge fashion and which can be attributed to the incredible efforts of our officers and coaches. Another especially important milestone for our lodge is the raising of Brother Archie Picar to the sublime degree of Master Mason which coincided with the qualification of our Senior Warden, Ron Banci, yours truly, to the oriental chair and Brother Juven Egana's qualification as Senior Deacon. In attendance was the district inspector of our 935th masonic district, Worshipful Romy de Vera who went on to praise the performance of the degree team and who declared that our Senior Warden, Brother Ron Banci passed his qualification with flying colors!

Another very noteworthy event for the month of July is the presentation of the Hiram Award to Worshipful Percy Tiu, who is very worthy of the award due to his outstanding support and dedication to the benefit of our lodge in particular and to freemasonry in general. Congratulations Worshipful Brother Percy!

FRATERNALLY,

Ronald A. Banci - SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE WEST,

The month of July was a very busy month for South West Lodge. We opened the month with the monthly stated meeting held on 1st of July. The dinner for the stated meeting was a potluck style provided by the brethren and which turned out to be a great feast for everyone who attended. Again, the dining hall was beautifully prepared by the South West Lodge kitchen & Dining Crew headed by WB Ed Yaptangco, Bro. Sal Ramos, Bro. Rick Mayor, and Bro. Frank Osana, whose expertise in such events is always a

blessing to the brethren. The blue table cloths covered every table in the dining hall with placemats that converted the place to replicate that of a highly exclusive dining area.

South West Lodge scheduled four proficiency examinations. Bro. Kee Khyree did an outstanding long form proficiency examination for the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bro. Archibald Picar also impressed the brethren with his outstanding performance on his own rendition of the Fellow Craft proficiency examination, filled with emotion, albeit in short form. The incomparable proficiency delivery was praised with high accolades which resulted in him receiving high recognition from the brethren and most especially to the sitting master, Worshipful Master Ferdie Lacurom. South West Lodge also held the Hiram Award ceremony for WB. Percy Tiu, Hiram Awardee for CY 2020 on the 17th of July. Congratulations and more power to you brother!

We conducted two Second Degree Conferrals in July for Bro. Ed Caparaz and Bro. Jake Valencia. Both candidates received an outstanding ceremony by the brethren, from the Stewards labored by Bro. Paul Pangog and Bro. Ryan Paulino who performed their duties excellently and to Bro. Sal Ramos who performed Senior Deacon for the first time. Also performed very well was Bro. Juven Egana who did the middle chamber lecture in preparation for his qualification to Senior Deacon and also to Bro. Greg Lafleur who did excellently in the South as Junior Warden. The highlight of the evening was no doubt the outstanding charge presented by our very own Bro. Ira Castro who had received the reputation as South West Lodge Super Charger who delivered an outstanding charge full of emotions that captured the attention of not only the candidates but also of all the brethren inside the lodge as they listened to the charge from beginning to end. We also raised Bro. Archibald Picar to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on 22nd of July which was also the qualification of our current Senior Warden, Bro. Ron Banci, to the East. South West Lodge carried out her reputation once again for delivering outstanding conferrals and carried through its promise for an outstanding ceremony. Special thanks to Bro. Dino Lallana who sat in the South. It was indeed a night for Bro. Ron Banci who passed his qualification with flying colors. District Inspector WB Romy Devera was very impressed in the ceremony who only recorded minor mistakes from the laborers. Now a fully pledge brother of the fraternity, I believe congratulations is in order for our Bro. Archie Picar for finally completing his Third Degree.

Lastly, we are closing the month of July with a Fellow Craft proficiency examination for Bro. Jake Valencia and Bro. Rayan Alarca scheduled on the 28th and a Second-Degree Conferral for Bro. Dylan Gerstein and Bro. Francis Onate on the 29th. A proud father, Bro. Daniel Onate will have the honor of giving the obligation and middle chamber lecture to his son Bro. Francis Onate.

FRATERNALLY,

Peter Cortes - JUNIOR WARDEN



CLARO E. HEBRON	1-Aug
GOMER L. TURIANO	4-Aug
VIRGILIO R. GADIANO	4-Aug
DENNIS O. FRANCISCO	6-Aug
JOEL V. BORJA	7-Aug
FERDINAND R. FLORES	7-Aug
SALVADOR S. PIA	7-Aug
LESLIE L. AYLSWORTH	8-Aug
CHRISTIAN VARDELEON	8-Aug
ROMAN B. FLORES	9-Aug
CRISPIN A. GONZALES	9-Aug
REGINO S. CRISOSTOMO, SR.	10-Aug
JASON J. EUSEBIO	11-Aug
DON A. COMETA	12-Aug
BILLY J. RUIZ	13-Aug
MANNY O. CARRERA	13-Aug
MICHAEL D. BEEBE	14-Aug
AUGUSTO C. PIZARRO	15-Aug
EMMANUEL O. AMAYA	15-Aug
RUFINO S. MENDOZA JR.	15-Aug
ISAGANI O. MIRAN	15-Aug
EMMANUEL AMAYA	15-Aug
BENJAMIN D. ASTUDILLO II	16-Aug
SALVADOR S. PIA	17-Aug
SEAN C. DANDRIDGE	19-Aug
JOHN GONZAGA	19-Aug
DANILO FERNANDEZ	19-Aug
HERMINIO T. DECASTRO	20-Aug
RALPH ERIC A. BANC	20-Aug
HERNANDO Y. PACUAN	21-Aug
RAINIER C. DELA CRUZ	21-Aug
MORENO C. DAVID	22-Aug
CHRISTIAN N. VARDELEON	23-Aug
AUGUSTO V. LIWANAG	23-Aug
DOMINADOR V. BORILLO	23-Aug
ROBERT L. BARKENHAGEN IV	24-Aug
VHON A. RAQUENO	24-Aug
REYNALDO R. QUIBA	24-Aug
ERNESTO M CARLOS	26-Aug
ANGELO A. CHAVEZ	26-Aug
CARLOS ARCE DELACRUZ JR.	27-Aug
REYNALDO D. ORDONEZ	28-Aug
ENRICO G. ALCANTARA	29-Aug
RONALDO P. BERGADO	31-Aug
AUGUSTO A. MARTINEZ	31-Aug
MARCIANO S. DELAVIN	31-Aug

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...

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health

June 15, 2021

TO:

All Californians

SUBJECT:

Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings - Effective June 15, 2021

Related Materials: [Face Coverings Q&A](#) | [Face Coverings Fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) | [Face Mask Tips and Resources](#) | [Face Shields Q&A \(PDF\)](#) | [All Guidance](#) | [More Languages](#)
Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings

Note: This guidance takes effect on June 15, 2021 and will supersede all prior face coverings guidance.

Background

The COVID-19 vaccines are effective in preventing infection, disease, and spread. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus which is transmitted through the air and concentrates indoors. About 15% of our population remains without the option for vaccination (children under 12 years old are not yet eligible) and risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection will remain until we reach full community immunity.

The purpose of this guidance is to align with CDC recommendations and provide information about higher risk settings where masks are required or recommended to prevent transmission to persons with higher risk of infection (e.g., unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons), to persons with prolonged, cumulative exposures (e.g., workers), or to persons whose vaccination status is unknown. When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 [Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) or in some workplaces the [CalOSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard](#), and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Guidance for Individuals

Masks are **not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except** in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On [public transit](#)^[1] (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- **Indoors** in [K-12 schools](#)^[2], [childcare](#)^[3] and other youth settings.
 - Note: This may change as updated K-12 schools guidance is forthcoming, pending updates for K-12 operational guidance from the CDC.
- [Healthcare settings](#)^[4] (including [long term care facilities](#)^[5])
- State and local [correctional facilities and detention centers](#)^[6]
- [Homeless shelters](#)^[7], [emergency shelters](#)^[8] and [cooling centers](#)^[9]

Additionally, masks are **required** for unvaccinated individuals** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public).

For additional information, individuals should refer to [CDC Recommendations for Safer Activities](#) (see CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions for more information).

****Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts**

In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

- Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest that they are in compliance prior to entry.
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Exemptions to masks requirements

The following **individuals** are exempt from wearing masks at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

[1] CDC Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs

[2] CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention

[3] CDC Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs during COVID-19

[4] CDC Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination

[5] CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes

[6] CDC Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities

[7] CDC Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[8] CDC Interim Guidance for General Population Disaster Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic

[9] CDC Interim guidance to reduce the risk of introducing and transmitting SARS COV-2 in cooling centers.

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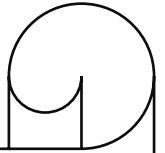
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MONTHLY SCHEDULE			AUGUST 2021				FERDINAND G. LACUROM MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3	4 630 PM – Temple Board Meeting	5 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM- Stated Meeting	6	7		
8	9	10	11 630PM – 2 nd Degree Proficiency, Bro. Ed Caparas	12 630PM- 3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Rayan Alarca	13	14		
15	16	17	18 630PM – 2 nd Degree Proficiency, Bro. Dylan Gerstein	19 630PM –PASTMASTERS NIGHT, Bro. Jake Valencia	20	21		
22	23	24	25 630PM – 2 nd Degree Proficiency, Bro. Francis Onate	26 630PM- 2 nd Degree Conferral, Bro. Daniel Diaz	27	28		
29	30	31						

