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STATED MEETING – First Thursday of each month, 7:30PM
Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE EAST,



Brethren I bring you Fraternal Greetings....

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Congratulations to everyone for an extra ordinarily prepared and successfully rendered Past Master's night highlighted by an array of talents in raising Brother Jake Valencia to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It would have been a different atmosphere if the players were able to wear their costumes and we get to witness some of our brethren wearing wigs. Donning the 17th century outwears of the kings, wardens, deacons

stewards and tyler's costumes should have been appealing to see. A deserving big round of applause to both our youngest past masters-WB Ralph Banci and WB Godfrey Catbagan for a tremendously memorable night of celebration with the ever beautiful decoration of the lodge dining hall by our Ladies led by Sister Reyna Catbagan.

Prior to that event Brother Ryan Alarca, our dark horse in the kitchen, finally fulfilled his dream to be raised and became one of us. He is our brother whose elevation was delayed by this COVID pandemonium but SWL 283 is so proud of him that WB Ed Yaptangco, Brother Rick Mayor and Brother Frank Osana, who witnessed how this brother served in the kitchen, were given the rights to render the words of wisdom worthy to be given to a well-deserving brother.

Brother Ed Caparaz also got his trowel first before getting assigned to other state to enable him to spread the cement of brotherly love. Our lodge was able to get back the District Travelling Gavel when the brethren visited Coronado Lodge but for a short period of time. Claude H. Morrison lodge successfully snatched it from us with their large show of force during the Past Masters Night. We will get it back sooner and that is the immediate plan of our lodge.

Time flies so fast and we are considered lucky enough to reopen our beloved lodge and share the happiness all brothers and sisters accorded inside and outside the lodge. Although we may have discords with our ways how to run the lodge but still we are bind by the same principles of Masonry. We still share the same inner temples we were taught to become better men for our family as well as for the community. We still are the best lodge in the South and the best lodge in the West.

FRATERNALLY,

Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER

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FROM THE WEST,

Riding the strong wave of momentum that started back at the time when our grand lodge issued its directive to allow our blue lodges to reopen after more than a year of hiatus due to the restrictions imposed because of the deadly covid19 virus. Since then, our lodge woke up like a sleeping giant and we proceeded to hold weekly proficiencies and confer degrees at a fast and furious pace. The month of August was no different. Our

regular stated meeting on the first Thursday of the month was relatively uneventful but nonetheless well-attended as usual, and with the ubiquitous assortment of food and beverages prepared by our ever-dependable kitchen crew led by Worshipful Ed Yaptangco. The highlight of the stated meeting is Mr. Bob Jimenez, a friend to many of our brothers, with some drama and excitement, being voted in by the brethren to receive the degrees of masonry in our lodge.

The lodge officers and coaches were again as busy as it can be as we continued to hold proficiencies and confer degrees regularly week after week. Brother Kiko Onate was very impressive, once again to say the least, when he delivered an unequivocally almost perfect 2nd degree proficiency in long form. Brothers Ed Caparaz and Dylan Gerstein followed shortly thereafter to deliver an equally praiseworthy proficiencies of their own..

A very noteworthy highlight for the month is that we raised 3 brothers in 3 successive weeks and 2 more being planned for the month of September which would be a record 5 straight weeks of 3rd degree conferrals! However, the real highlight of the month, which is really quite impressive to any standards, is the Past Master's night which was hosted by our two youngest past masters, Worshipful brother Ralph Banci and Worshipful brother Godfrey Catbagan, upon where Brother Jake Valencia was raised to the sublime degree of masonry. The event was attended by more than 140 master masons, 54+ past masters of different lodges from many different districts in San Diego. With so much lavish food preparation, including a taco stand manned by worshipful Raymund Madriaga, and assorted beverages, it was a night like an officer's installation night. The brethren, sisters and guests, all garbed in their finest Hawaiian attires, feasted and drank their merry ways until late in the night. Indeed, a splendid display of brotherly love and affection.

Congratulations to South West Lodge for hosting a very successful Past Masters night, surely worthy of praise and emulation!

FRATERNALLY,

Ronald A. Banci- SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE WEST,

The month of August was another busy month for South West Lodge, most especially for the Junior Warden. This month we raised three brothers to the sublime degree of master mason namely Rayan Alarca, Jake Valencia, and Edward Caparaz, who were raised on August 12th, August 19th, and August 25th respectively. Our Past Masters' candidate, Bro. Jake Valencia, who at the beginning of the

second section was startled and fell down even before making his escape at the east gate, did an outstanding job and impressed all of us in providing the past masters in attendance an outstanding fellowship after the ceremony. Of course, the past masters' night was not a success without the valuable support of our two youngest past masters who were the principal sponsors of the event, WB Ralph Banci (2019) and WB Godfrey Catbagan (2020). We all submit a very huge and heartfelt appreciation to Sister Reyna Catbagan on her fierce leadership and creativeness in spearheading the transformation of our dining hall by beautifully decorating the place with Hawaiian theme ornaments. Congratulations to our newly raised brothers, "the eyes of the fraternity are now upon you".

We also passed Bro. Christian Serrano on August 27th to the degree of Fellow Craft during his short stay in San Diego and who went back to Utah after his trip was over.

I am glad that Bro. Christian applied the principles of the 24 inch gauge and set a time out of his busy schedule to pursue his masonic degree. Albeit it was a short-notice request from our brother, notwithstanding the time constraint, South West Lodge was eager to accommodate for his degree deserving of a brother withersoever dispersed.

This month we also conducted three Fellow Craft proficiency examinations for Bro. Edward Caparaz and Bro. Gerstein Dylan who did in short form and Bro. Francis "Kiko" Onate who performed exceptionally well the long form version and definitely raised up the standard of SWL to a higher level – a testament that time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things. Lastly, SWL also elected Mr. Robert Jimenez to receive the degrees of masonry and received the application for degrees from Mr. Hereram Garcia.

FRATERNALLY,

Peter Cortes - JUNIOR WARDEN



Rodolfo	R	Bautista Sr.	1-Sep
Ike	M	Khan	3-Sep
Alberto	M	Turla	4-Sep
Carliito	R	Picache	4-Sep
Domingo	M	Saldana	4-Sep
Dexter	L	Lace	4-Sep
Emmanuel	B	Galendez	5-Sep
Mark Philip	I	Derequito	5-Sep
Jose	S	Paule	7-Sep
Dioscoro	M	Crucillo	8-Sep
Arturo	C	Manglicmot	8-Sep
Alvin	M	Suarez	9-Sep
Jason	D	Griffiths	9-Sep
Francisco	T	Ragsac	10-Sep
Renato	T	Basilides	11-Sep
James	A	Maurer	11-Sep
Joseph	R	Rebong	11-Sep
Tim	D	Encarnacion	12-Sep
Oscar	S	Martinez	13-Sep
Harvey	C	Cabrera	15-Sep
Bernabe Barr	U	Ambrosio	16-Sep
Rusty	A	Reese	16-Sep
Nelson	M	Espinosa	16-Sep
Leo	R	Edilloran	17-Sep
Geraldo	C	Navarro	17-Sep
Daniel	C	Ortega	18-Sep
Ronald	R	Banci	18-Sep
Cesar	A	Diaz	19-Sep
Beny	J.	Ignacio	19-Sep
Ricardo	M	Almirol	20-Sep
Graciano	A	Alfonso	20-Sep
Oscar	M	Dimacali	20-Sep
David	J.	Moffett	21-Sep
Steven	T	Gierhahn	21-Sep
Rodnel	D	Balaga	21-Sep
Rosalio	C	Reas	21-Sep
Bernard	L	Cuenco	22-Sep
Ramil	G	Espiritu	23-Sep
Rodrigo	M	Duero	24-Sep
Marlon		Malicdem	24-Sep
Ira James	T	Castro	24-Sep
Aurelio	R	Agpaoa	25-Sep
Paul	H	Miller	26-Sep
Alexander	M	Bueno	26-Sep
Anthony	F	Posey	27-Sep
Alan	I	Ambito	27-Sep
Severino	A	Reyes	28-Sep
Ernesto	T	Chavez	30-Sep
Stanford	E	Cates	30-Sep

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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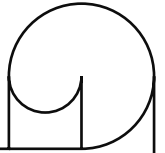
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			1 630PM-Public Affairs, Investment Committees Meeting	2 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM- Stated Meeting	3	4 0900-Third Degree Conferral, Bro. Francis Onate		
5	6	7	8 630PM 3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Dylan Gerstein	9 630PM- 2 nd Degree Conferral, Bro. Khyree Kee	10	11		
12	13	14	15 630PM – Proficiency,	16 630PM –2 nd Degree Conferral, Bro. Daniel Diaz	17	18		
19	20	21 630PM- DOSI, Claude H Morrison	22 630PM – Proficiency,	23 630PM- 1 st Degree Conferral, Mr. Robert Jimenez	24	25		
26	27	28	29 630PM- Proficiency	30 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD				

