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

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FROM THE EAST,



Fraternal Greetings!

The month of September was a busy period for SWL 283 in implementing its many plans. First, the investment committee met to review our lodge investments led by our WB Jake Borillo, upon which the group decided to keep our original investments with Morgan Stanley- who gives the lodge steady income to pay the bills. The only thing that the committee needs to improve is to look for another investment for the life member's fund which has very little options.

Hopefully during our next meeting that the group will agree upon for a new investment plan.

Secondly, the solar panel installation was prioritized as our lodge averaged paying about \$600 to \$700 every month for the electric bill. With the solar panel our electric bill will surely be cut down as the lease will be steady every month during the 25 years- which is only our option. Business establishments like our building are not in a position to take advantage of the federal/county/ city tax rebates. We will require three different solar panel offers and so far we already got 2 estimates.

Thirdly, our Annual Golf Fundraising is fast approaching to be held in November and the Fundraising Committee, headed by WB Godfrey Catbagan, are just ironing out all that is needed to make it successful. But we still need each members to actively seek out for possible sponsors and players so we can raise more money for the multiple lodge projects we have in plan.

Aside from lodge plans we are still active in the progression of our line of officers for the upcoming year. So far we have qualified the Senior Warden and Senior Deacon positions this month and all we need now is the Junior Warden to get qualified. We will continuously strive to be the first lodge in our district to fill our officers lineup for the ensuing year.

We are delighted to witness our officers performing in other capacity not only in our lodge but at other lodges as well. The performance our officers exemplified were great even if it was their first time to perform such capacity. From the Stewards to the Deacons our officers did not falter in showing their best. It is remarkable of our claim as "the best lodge in the south; best lodge in the west: Southwest Lodge.

FRATERNALLY,

Ferdinand G. Lacurom - MASTER

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FROM THE WEST,

September was a relatively slow month compared to previous months. Our stated meeting was another potluck event with the brethren and sisters bringing delectable assortment of delicious food for everyone in attendance to partake and share. We had the usual proficiencies and outstanding degree conferrals. Brothers Daniel Diaz and Khyree Kee had been successfully been admitted to

the outer and inner doors of the middle chamber and passed to the sublime degree of Fellowcraft. We also had two 3rd degree conferrals happening in quick succession during the first week of September. For the first time again in a very long while, we had our first 3rd degree conferral held one Saturday weekend whereon Brother Francis Onate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This was truly an affair to remember and should be duly recorded in the annals of the lodge as a father, Brother Dan Onate, flawlessly performed gavel-to-gavel to obligate and raise his own son, Brother Francis Onate. This is very rare where a father raises his own son. It was indeed amazingly remarkable and worthy of praise and emulation. Shortly thereafter, after a few days, Brother Dylan Gerstein also received the 3 great lights of masonry having also been raised to the sublime degree. Not to be outdone, Brother Dylan was raised by a star-studded cast led by our distinguished and illustrious past masters; Worshipful Jess Puspos gave the obligation, Worshipful Marc Minas and Worshipful Bing General, performed as King Solomon and Hiram of Tyre, respectively; and Worshipful Ernie Lampa delivered the lecture, just to name a few. This degree conferral was very timely and very fitting as Brother Dylan who had waited a time with patience having been initiated into masonry months before the pandemic, finally became a master mason and after a couple days had to move out of state to report to his next duty station. Like what we have been used to, the degrees were all very outstanding and were all performed with reverence and solemnity. Congratulations to all the brethren who were conferred degrees and kudos to all the laborers for maintaining the highest degree of excellence in the performance of our rituals. Without any doubt, Southwest lodge is simply the best, bar none!

October will be a very busy month with our first in-person post-pandemic Annual Communication and MGM on the schedule to be held at San Francisco and Sacramento, respectively. Our pillars together with some brethren will be travelling up north to attend these events. I am very excited to once again be able to attend the Annual Communication to witness the installation of our new set of Grand Lodge officers for 2022. I am also eagerly anticipating the Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason (MGM) event at the end of October as the General Douglas McArthur lodge in Sacramento will be hosting the event. As we, Southwest Lodge #283 was the last to host the event, it will be with extreme pleasure for all of us to turn over the MGM gavel to the new host. Hope to see you all in the Ann Com and in the MGM!

FRATERNALLY,

Ronald A. Banci - SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE SOUTH,

Another month has passed like water in the river flowing with time which will never return and gone forever. The month of September will forever be in our past and no matter how fast time flies and short September may seem to be, time was not, however, squandered and wasted.

South West Lodge has accomplished multitude of things. On September 4th, SWL conducted our first and only Saturday conferral of the year and raised Bro. Francis “Kiko” Onate to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It was a moment for his father, Brother Daniel to enthusiastically give the Lewis pin at the end of the degree. A superbly and notable performance of gavel to gavel rendition in the east: from position to raising his son and delivered an extra ordinary 3rd degree in long form.

A “Lewis” in speculative masonic language is a term given to the son of a mason. In ancient stone masonry, a Lewis is an iron that is forced into a cavity of a stone and used as a tool to lift the stone to lighten the load and laid the stone in place and made part of an edifice. Taken in this context, a Lewis is a symbol of strength. In freemasonry, the Lewis pin given to a freemason’s son by his father symbolizes the raising of the son into position to take his place as part of the structure of freemasonry, “to bear the heavy burden of his aged parents, so as to render the close of their days happy and comfortable.”

On September 8th, SWL did another 3rd Degree conferral and raised Bro. Dylan Gerstein who likewise received an exceptional degree conferral. One that was made very special by the past masters who proficiently exemplified the ceremony most specially and worthy of mention were the very realistic and artistic rendition by the 3 ruffians performed by: WBros. Raymund Madriaga, Godfrey Catbagan, and Ralph Banci; all would have easily win the Academy Awards for best performance in leading roles.

SWL also did two 2nd Degree conferrals for Bro. Khyree Kee and Bro. Daniel Diaz on September 9th and 16th respectively; the latter being the qualification for Senior Warden and Senior Deacon which was attended by our district Inspector, Wfl. Romy DeVera, who qualified Bro. Peter Cortes for Senior Warden and Bro. Juven Egana for Senior Deacon.

The 23rd of September was scheduled the first-degree conferral of Mr. Robert Jimenez initiating him to the fraternity. Brother Bob Jimenez is a member of the “Golfinos” golf club wherein many of our Past Masters are club members. The degree conferral was very much anticipated by the other members of the club and whereupon several past masters enthusiastically showed their interest in being active participants for the said degree and wanted to labor to show solid support for their friend and soon to become their masonic brother. We look forward to the coming months and will continue to charge and keep the sun always at meridian height in SWL.

FRATERNALLY,

Peter Cortes - JUNIOR WARDEN



EUTIQUIANO	S	PINEDA, Jr.	2-Oct
JUSTIN	L	FAUVER	2-Oct
NESTOR	L	HERNANDEZ	5-Oct
DANIEL	F	GALGANA	6-Oct
FITZHERBERT	S	SANTOS	6-Oct
OCTAVIO	B	CASTILLO	6-Oct
MARCOS	M	MINAS	7-Oct
ALEXANDER	C	MANZANO	8-Oct
RICARDO	L	REYES	8-Oct
FREIAN ANGELO	C	UNTAL	8-Oct
ALEXANDER	C	MANZANO, PM	8-Oct
EDGARDO	C	FELIX	9-Oct
THOMAS	S	FREESTONE	9-Oct
JULIO	C	GUZMAN	10-Oct
HECTOR	M	CANTUA	11-Oct
RODNEY	E	HEWITT	11-Oct
WILMARIO	T	DAMATAN	12-Oct
SHERWIN	W	CHILDERS	12-Oct
FERDINAND	Z	LAGASCA	13-Oct
PACIFICO	T	DEYNATA, Jr.	14-Oct
RANY	S	NAVARRA	15-Oct
RICARDO	J	TOLENTINO, Jr.	15-Oct
FLORENTINO	O	VICTA	16-Oct
YONG	S	CHOI	16-Oct
SALVADOR		LOPEZ	17-Oct
ROLAND	E	BOWMAN	18-Oct
JOSE FERDINAND	A	TAPAOAN	19-Oct
J. LUISITO	B	SANTOS	21-Oct
ORLANDO	R	EDILLORAN	21-Oct
OLIVER	L	FERNANDEZ	22-Oct
ANGELITO	J	BAUTISTA	22-Oct
MELANIO	R	DIAZ, Jr.	23-Oct
REDENTOR	D	DELFIERRO	23-Oct
ARVIN	J	MONTEHERMOSO	23-Oct
VICENTE	A	DIAZ, Jr.	24-Oct
NATHANIEL	M	TORRES III, PM	24-Oct
ARCANGEL	D	CASTRO	24-Oct
MICHAEL		LIGANOR	25-Oct
JIMMIE	V	BOLIN	25-Oct
FRUMENCIO	F	HENSON	26-Oct
REYNALDO	R	DEVERA	26-Oct
JUDE	S	CABRERA	26-Oct
BRYAN	J	MERCADO	28-Oct
REYNALDO	I	MEDINA	29-Oct
DWIGHT	C	ALMERO	30-Oct
LYLE	C	FRALEY, Jr.	31-Oct

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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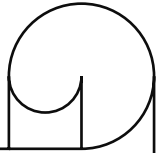
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					1	2		
3	4	5	6 630PM- Templeboard Meeting	7 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM – Stated Meeting	8 Annual Communication San Francisco	9 Annual Communication, San Francisco		
10 Annual Communication San Francisco	11 Columbus Day	12	13 630PM – Practice/ Proficiency	14 630PM- Degree Conferral, TBA	15	16		
17	18	19	20 630PM – Practice/ Proficiency	21 630PM – Degree Conferral, TBA	22	23		
24/31 MGM- Sacramento	25	26	27 630PM – Practice/ Proficiency	28 630PM – Degree Conferral	29 MGM- Sacramento	30 MGM- Sacramento		

