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

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FROM THE EAST,



Fraternal Greetings!

Time flies when you are having fun! This is a timeless adage and holds really true for me and to the brethren of our beloved lodge. The month of January is now about to become history so quickly. We approached the year with a rousing start when we held our stated meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month. It was my first time sitting officially in the East; leading the transaction of business as Master of our lodge. I had the usual butterflies in my stomach but as the meeting progressed, it became more fun and enjoyable as minutes from the previous meeting were read and we voted on new prospects and applicants. As we go on our more prosperous lives here in America, we

need to consider that there are less-fortunate people in our home country, the Philippines, who were victims of a tremendously devastating natural calamity. The brethren of Southwest lodge rallied together and rose to the occasion by contributing on their own generous ways to help our calamity-stricken countrymen. The donation drives were spearheaded by Worshipful Brothers Ferdie Lacurom and Godfrey Catbagan. As we all know, Freemasonry is built upon three basic tenets or principles - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Relief embodies charity for all mankind; which makes me tremendously appreciative to all the brethren who helped and donated to this charitable endeavor.

After a short break during the Christmas season lodge activities surely picked up in a manner we surely anticipated. I know that a wide array of works are in our future. We had so far initiated 2 new brothers to our ancient fraternity. After a very long wait, Brother Ram Garcia was finally initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Also becoming an EA is Brother Oliver Kiamco. Welcome to our ancient fraternity my brothers and congratulations for taking the 1st step in masonry. Shortly thereafter, likewise advancing to the 2nd degree of masonry are brothers Jon Diputado and Bob Jimenez. Congratulations to both for having been passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. One more proficiency exam and one more step and you will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a master mason.

Being new to this role of Worshipful Master, it is truly a month full of excitement and anticipation and also a month of learning as I get accustomed to the duties and expectations as master of our beloved lodge. But throughout the years I have learned from my predecessors whom I am grateful. I sincerely thank our officers and the entirety of our brethren, for their continuous and enduring support. Your constant presence and participation in all our lodge functions are indomitably valuable in ensuring that Southwest lodge will always be the best lodge in the south and the best lodge in the west.

See you all at the lodge brethren: and may the GAOTU keep us all safe and healthy!

Upon the Square

FRATERNALLY,

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FROM THE WEST,

South West Lodge's first degree conferral of 2022 was for Bro. Ram Garcia who was initiated to the first step in Freemasonry on 13 January where the laborers gave an outstanding ritual overall. Bro. Juven Egana sitting in the oriental chair delivered an excellent obligation to the candidate. A long form lecture given by Bro. Marc Minas, a past master of South West Lodge followed and the conferral ended with a spirited delivery of the first degree charge by Bro. Nestor Hernandez.

The highlight of this month, however, went to Bro Kiko Onate as the rising star of South West Lodge 283. As the current Junior Steward, his talents and skills proved that he deserves and has earned the bragging rights as a top performer, the cream of the crop, and the best of his peers. At such a young age in his masonic life, he had already performed the roles of Junior Steward, Senior Steward, and gave an exemplary Third Degree Charge.

When his talent was tested to its limits, there seems to have no bounds to his skills. On 20 January 2022, Bro. Kiko performed Senior Deacon during South West Lodge's Second Degree Conferral. As a first timer in this role, he flawlessly performed the opening section. There was nothing to hear nor see any sign of neither wavering in his actions nor flickering in his voice during the time when he verbally uttered the duties of Senior Deacon and when arranging the altar at opening section. But this was nothing to what comes next. Bro. Kiko gave a vibrant performance on the obligation section where he professionally received and conducted Bro. John Diputado in his second degree conferral and superbly introduced and accommodated three visiting brethren from Hemet Lodge and Okinawa Lodge towards the closing. But, Bro. Kiko did not stop there. His outstanding delivery of the middle chamber lecture to Bro. John Diputado and Bro. Bob Jimenez topped it all. Without any quavering Bro. Kiko proficiently rendered every word and every paragraph of the entire lecture with lucidity and ease and ensured that the two candidates clearly understood him. It was such a night in South West Lodge and after witnessing a high caliber performance coming from this brother who is a first-timer in the Senior Deacon role, I am sure that every brother felt proud and privileged to observe the ritual before their eyes.

And so the Senior Warden keeps his post in the west to assist the worshipful master in opening and closing his lodge.

On the Level

FRATERNALLY,

Peter Cortes - SENIOR WARDEN

FROM THE SOUTH,

Somehow when we are having fun time flies so swiftly. It is quite interesting to note that we are already in the second month of the year 2022. This being the month of HEART, I wish each and every one a Happy Valentine's Day, Happy Hearts Day or Happy Sweetheart Day.

This month's message is in continuance of my previous month's article wherein we have to continue with our resolution in taking care of our health. This month should be considered to be more special since we are talking about not only our emotional heart

but also of our physical heart.

We shall strive to make it our obligation to take care of both in order to live a happy life as well as keeping harmonious relationship with our loved ones and those that come into our life.

1. Taking care of our emotional heart. Let us continue in taking care of ourselves by indulging in expressing our affections and keep our romance intact. I encourage celebrating and going on dates with your spouse and sweethearts. Spend quality time in doing things you really love. Doing and sharing things with someone makes it more fun, memorable and special.
2. Taking care of our physical hearts. Our hearts work around the clock – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This goes without saying that our heart muscles continue to work even in our sleep. Sensibly, it becomes more important to take care of it by doing simple things like changing our daily habits; eat healthy, stay active, do plenty of physical exercise, watch your weight, manage stress, avoid tobacco, drink in moderation, and eat less fatty and salty food. In other words, know yourself.

Remember to stay safe. Social interaction is a great prescription but at this world we live in right now, we have to keep our distance. Practice social distancing at all times and use approved face covering when it dictates. COVID and its variants is still around!

In closing, keep your New Year resolution. As your Junior Warden, I am suggesting menus to our pillars and ensuring we have sustenance when we all gathered together. Food kind of become our center of fellowship thus if you have any ideas for improvement, please feel free to share them. We have a social media group that you can always use at your disposal to let me/us know of what you think.

By the Plumb

FRATERNALLY,

Raymund Madriaga, PM - JUNIOR WARDEN

SECRETARY'S NOTICE

BRETHREN,

YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR DUES THROUGH THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA USING CREDIT CARDS HOWEVER A PROESSING PAY WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR PAYMENT. DUES PAYMENT FOR 2022 IS NOW **\$117.50. Checks or money orders address to South West Lodge No. 283. YOU CAN STILL PAY YOU DUES TO THE SECRETARY, Mail it to:**

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Stephen	D	Hancock	1-Feb
Victor	B	Avendano	1-Feb
Edward	F	Florendo	1-Feb
Karl		Berry	1-Feb
Geronimo	M	Nazareno, Jr	2-Feb
Ricardo	R	Cerillo	2-Feb
Marcelino	A	Hernando	2-Feb
Stephen Gabriel	R	Padilla	2-Feb
Valiant	S	Gordon	2-Feb
Richard	S	Brown	2-Feb
Ricardo	A	Nacario	3-Feb
Eymard	L	Cruz	4-Feb
Robert	L	Chalfa	4-Feb
Crispulo	L	Obana	5-Feb
Jimmy	A	Palis	5-Feb
Edison	P	Singson	5-Feb
Amando	L	Lastrella	6-Feb
Bernardo	A	Jimenez	6-Feb
Federico	P	Serneo, Jr	7-Feb
Barry	L	Barnett	7-Feb
Larry		Flores	7-Feb
Sonny Boy	C	Reyes	7-Feb
Conrado	P	Tiong	8-Feb
Danny	D	Bermoy	8-Feb
Francisco	R	Rapada	9-Feb
Yul	A	Eblamo	10-Feb
Paul	M	Pangog	10-Feb
Ernesto	B	Avila	10-Feb
Antonio	F	Panado	11-Feb
Jerry	A	Lleva	11-Feb
Michael	J	Redding	12-Feb
Clarence	L	Mize	13-Feb
Catalino	L	Alvarado, PM	14-Feb
Renato	B	Bocaya	14-Feb
Eduardo	N	Yaptangco, PM	15-Feb
Glenn	B	Llanes	15-Feb
Roberto	A	Nacario	18-Feb
Gerald	L	Luzon	18-Feb
Jose	C	Pizarro	19-Feb
Manuel	P	Pavia, Jr	19-Feb
Nestor	T	Anorma	19-Feb
Ernesto	B	Avila	20-Feb
Victor	B	Avendano	20-Feb
Oscar	I	Medina	21-Feb
Jose George	C	Acabado	22-Feb
Himerio	H	Garcia	24-Feb
Nelio	G	Alcantara, PM	25-Feb
Sherwin	C	Corpuz	25-Feb
Edward	F	Florendo	25-Feb
Albert	O	Arizala	26-Feb
Victor		Parra	26-Feb
Jayson	V	Callorina	26-Feb
Jun	F	Yap, Jr	27-Feb
Stephen	D	Hancock	27-Feb
Jay	B	Cabauatan	27-Feb
Bundy	C	Sarmiento, PM	28-Feb

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CHAPTER 11

RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

§811.020. FINANCIAL AID SOLICITATION.

No Mason shall circulate, on Lodge premises, a petition asking financial aid for any non-Masonic matter or thing whatever, however worthy it may be, except for statewide public school purposes, and then only as a duly appointed member of an authorized Lodge committee. [Source: Section 15070 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§811.030. FRAUDULENT OR ILLEGAL VENTURES.

Neither a Lodge nor a Mason thereof shall, directly or indirectly, engage in or give any aid or support to any business, project, venture, promotion, scheme or plan which is unethical, fraudulent, misleading or illegal. Neither a Lodge nor a Mason thereof shall engage in or give any aid or support to any business, project, scheme, plan, individual or concern asserted to be Masonic in character or using any term, name or words implying a connection with Masonry, whenever facts presented to the Grand Master prove to his satisfaction that: A. Any such business, project, scheme or plan is unmasonic, unethical, fraudulent, or misleading; or B. The individual, group or concern in charge of or employed in the prosecution, promotion, operation or product of any such business, project, scheme or plan has indulged in unmasonic, unethical, fraudulent, misleading acts or practices in connection therewith. [Amended: 2010; 2015.] [Source: Sections 1050 and 15080 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§811.040. GAMBLING

Neither a Lodge nor a Mason shall, directly or indirectly, give or attempt to give the aid or countenance of Masonry to, or participate in, the conduct or preparation of any raffle, lottery or other form of gambling, conducted in the name of, or directly or indirectly for the monetary benefit of, any Lodge or of any Masonic Organization. A Lodge shall not accept any of the proceeds or profits of any raffle, lottery or other gambling enterprise. Prizes may be awarded if not purchased from monies collected as admission fees and if no separate charge is made for the chance to win. [Source: Section 15090 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.

LODGE OFFICERS DUTIES

By their conduct, their dress, their attendance, their enthusiasm, the proficiency in their work and their attitude, the officers of the lodge set the tone for the entire lodge operation. Each officer can do much to convey to the new candidates and members of the lodge, the seriousness, the beauty and the honor of Masonry as well as the fun and fellowship.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2022

Ronald Ray A. Banci
MASTER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	3 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner, Inspector Official Visitation -Lodge Valentines Party	4 Secretary/ Treasurer Retreat-Irvine, CA	5 Secretary/ Treasurer Retreat-Irvine, CA
6 Secretary/ Treasurer Retreat-Irvine, CA	7	8	9 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	10 630PM-First Degree Conferral, Mr. Kevin Catilo	11	12
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	17 630PM – Third Degree Conferral, Bro. Jeff Onate	18	19
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY	22	23 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	24 630PM - DOSI/DOM @ SWL283 MM 2 nd Section	25	26
27	28			NOTE: Dress Code Stated Meeting, Special Meeting- Dark Suit, Barong, Barong Tagalog		