

# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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

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### FROM THE EAST,



### Fraternal Greetings!

This month, we celebrate the gorgeous month of **May**! The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. Spring is back; the plants and trees are alive and vibrant and so is our lodge. May is a month of important celebrations and our stated meeting falls on the same day the Cinco de Mayo, which celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. I am eagerly enthused and await the excitement of our upcoming May stated meeting; particularly with the special Mexican food to be prepared by our resident chef Worshipful Raymund Madriaga.

Memorial Day will also be celebrated at the end of this beautiful month of May, on the **last Monday of May** we will honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military.

Last April 16, we had another very successful event. We had our Hiram Awards presentation to one of our most illustrious past master, Worshipful Brother Ralph Eric Banci, who has devoted himself, his time, and his talent above and beyond the minimal requirements of Freemasonry to become a shining beacon to others both within the Fraternity and the community. The Hiram Award is a singular honor authorized by the Grand Lodge of California and presented by the brethren of the Lodge to a member they feel is a credit to the Craft. There is no doubt that Worshipful brother Ralph Eric Banci rightly deserves this very prestigious award. He is truly worthy and well-qualified and his accomplishments in and out of our lodge will speak for themselves. Congratulations my brother!

I'd like to express my gratitude to all our brethren and petitioners who provided tremendous support during the event. We must render special thanks to Worshipful Raymund and Worshipful Rudy Navarro for ensuring that every little detail is taken-care of. Of course, I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts of our ladies-our sisters, led by our first lady Arleen, who for time again and on every event, exhibiting her talent in beautifully decorating our lodge. Thank you, my lady sisters!

Per our Grand Lodge, the month of May has been declared as Public Awareness Month. An important aim of the 2025 Fraternity Plan is increasing awareness in our communities of the fraternity and the good work that Masons all over California do in their towns. Raising awareness of the fraternity means talking openly with friends, family, and colleagues about what membership in Masonry means; countering negative assumptions about Masonry; and ensuring the continued relevance of our organization. I encourage all members and lodges to consider ways that they can raise awareness of Freemasonry in their community – through open houses, tabling opportunities, and especially simple conversations with friends and family. Our fraternity is not a secret; it's important we share it with the world so that we can make an even bigger difference in our communities. California Masons have much to be proud of. It's time we share that pride with the outside world. In line with this, we are commencing a food drive to help support our local communities, spearheaded by Bro Ira Castro, the chairman of our Public Relations and Community Involvement committee. Brethren, let us support this worthy cause.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular masons; May brotherly prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. Happy Easter and see you all at the lodge!

Upon the Square

FRATERNALLY,

**Ronald Ray A. Banci - MASTER**

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**FROM THE WEST,**

SWL 283 held the Hiram Award ceremony for calendar year 2021 on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Hiram Award is considered to be the highest honor that can be bestowed by a blue lodge upon a member that has unselfishly given his time, talents and energy for the betterment of his lodge and Freemasonry, and to further solidify its prestige the Hiram Award is restricted to no more than one per year and unless there

is a truly deserving recipient, the lodge is not required to present this award every year. Each dedicated brother who is selected for this honor deserves individual recognition and being such a special event for the recipient, no other awards or activities should be planned for the evening as this is dedicated to the recipient only [ref. Hiram Award Program].

It was indeed a very special night, as it should be, for our brother, WB Ralph Banci, for being the recipient of this prestigious award for CY 2021 who was then presented with the Hiram pin, medallion, certificate, and letter from the Grand Lodge during the ceremony. WB Ralph is truly deserving of this award has devoted his time, talents, and provided good counsels to the brethren and made many contributions to South West Lodge and to the brethren in freemasonry which made him a most suitable recipient of this exemplary award.

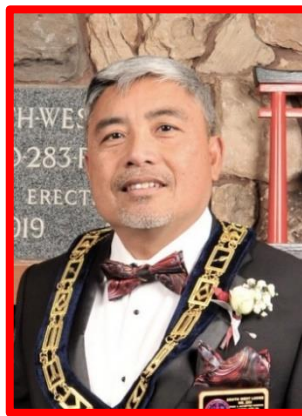
The legend of this prestigious award has its origin dating back to the building of King Solomon's temple. "Hiram" itself is Hebrew which means "my exalted brother" or "my brother is most noble". In masonic legend, there were two Hiram's namely, Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff who lived in Tyre and whom King Solomon sent and had him brought to Jerusalem during the construction of King Solomon's temple. "Abiff" also translates to "fatherless" and from this was deduced the phrase "the widow's son". Hiram Abiff was not only a skilled craftsman but was also known as a Master Architect who was from the tribe of Naphtali, one of the twelve tribes of Jacob's Israel. His mother was of Hebrew descent and his father was a man of Tyre.

The legend and tragedy surrounding Hiram Abiff is an allegory presented during the third degree and which has become one of the most impressive ritualistic dramas in Masonry. It is told that this legend was introduced into Freemasonry when it became a speculative masonry.

On the Level

FRATERNALLY,

**Peter Cortes**- SENIOR WARDEN

**FROM THE SOUTH,**

"When I was small and Christmas trees were tall..." That's right, the month of May has finally arrived and already upon us; immediately thought of the hit song in the 70's, *First of May* which was made popular by the Bee Gees. Whatever the meaning, be it your first love or first pet dog, as offered by Google, it reminds me of everything that means nice.

So far, our Lodge has accomplished many things and has continued to make improvements in our kitchen and dining hall.

I can't help but notice that our ceiling in the kitchen is replaced and added more light to the space. Many thank you to who volunteered to make this happen under the leadership of Worshipful Rudy Navarro and Worshipful Raymund Madriaga.

We also have gained more petitioners, Brando Cambe, Tae Hyung, Zymon Aguila and Hugo Hernandez who diligently assist in our food preparation and clean-up. Additionally, these new faces are very willing to join the fraternity and interested to learn the craft. We also added more Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons into our lodge, Brother Li Doyle, Brother Erick Calderon, Brother Kevin Catilo, and Brother Neil Devega. By the this trestleboard is published, we have our youngest Entered Apprentice Masons, namely Brother Rey Umali and Brother Nestor Leonor. It very important to mention that the success of our events is not possible without their dedication to assist in every way possible in the dining hall. Welcome and thank you for your continued service and support.

Lastly, you might have noticed that in our dining hall, we have three red bins reserved for collecting canned goods to support Feeding San Diego Food Drive from the month of April through June. So, please support this worthy cause and help our underserve members of our community. Your donations will help many children, college students, seniors, homeless who are at risk of experiencing hunger. This community service is being led by our very own and very dedicated member, Brother Ira James.

Let us continue to enjoy the days of summer and ever keeping in mind our safety in everything that we do.

By the Plumb

FRATERNALLY,

**Juben Egana** - JUNIOR WARDEN(Interim)



# Happy Birthday!

Roberto	D	Canare	1-May
Rafael	C	Laserna, PM	2-May
Luisito	D	Mayor, Jr.	2-May
Gloriani	A.	Lontoc, PM	3-May
Marcelino	M	Bagtas	4-May
Arturo	R	Santos	4-May
Felizardo	B	Tria	4-May
Zainal	I	Khan	4-May
James	W	Secrest	5-May
Cresenciano	H	Dayrit	5-May
John	R	Cirujales	5-May
Alberto	G	Matias	6-May
Robert Francis	C	Santos	6-May
Eliodoro	M	Calacsan	6-May
James	R	Magno	6-May
Fernando	C	Cabusao	7-May
John	C	Brosnahan	7-May
Rodolfo	G	Manalo	9-May
Jerry	A	Lleva	11-May
Edward	C	Pamintuan	11-May
Joe	N	Anderson, Jr	11-May
Reynaldo	E	Javier	11-May
Khen	E	You	11-May
Benjamin	P	Doria	12-May
Carlos	Y	Mabalot	12-May
Jacob	V	Borillo, PM	13-May
Wilfredo	M	Abalos	13-May
Kyle	A	Ross	13-May
Reynaldo	L	Sansano	14-May
Giovanni	L	Perez	14-May
Louie	J	Opol	15-May
Joven	M	Miller	16-May
Carlito	F	Plojo	16-May
M.	V.	Brock	19-May
Jason	P	David	19-May
Eddie	D	Brandes	19-May
Jim	L	Desquitado, PM	19-May
Josephere	C	Perral	19-May
Melvin	M	Samson	19-May
Lester	M	Nelson	20-May
Ramil	S	Caguioa	20-May
Bryan	V	Que	20-May
Seuko	R	Hawkins	20-May
Jess	C	Fulgencio	21-May
Chad	V	Bearden	21-May
Carlos	H	Solinap Jr.	22-May
Raul	S	Nooris, PM	23-May
Beda	C	Galleta	27-May
Rex	D	Afan	27-May
Patricio	M	Flores, PM	27-May
Angelo Arvin	S	Catindig	27-May
Antonio	L	Urbina	27-May
Johnny		Collins	28-May
Eleazer Ariel	D.	Ochinang	28-May
Rene	C	Abano	28-May
Alex	C	Pascual	30-May

## \*CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE\*

Interpretation of Section 804.620 of the California Masonic Code.

### Optional Long Form Proficiencies (1998 G.M. Decision No. 2)

Each candidate in this jurisdiction may decide on his own whether or not he proves his proficiency by learning the traditional "long form" of the proficiency, or by learning the Obligation, and the signs, words, and modes of recognition only. In each case, the demonstration of the proficiency of the candidate shall be in a tiled Lodge in the manner approved by the Grand Lecturer

**Memorial Day** (originally known as **Decoration Day**<sup>[1]</sup>) is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the [United States armed forces](#).<sup>[2]</sup> It is observed on [the last Monday](#) of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.<sup>[3]</sup>

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in [national cemeteries](#). Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of [summer](#) in the United States.<sup>[4]</sup>

Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868, General [John A. Logan](#) of the [Grand Army of the Republic](#) called for a "Decoration Day", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4 630PM – Lodge Prep for Stated Meeting, MM Proficiency, Bro. Untal	5 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner, 730PM -Stated Meeting	6	7	
8	9	10	11 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	12 Lodge is dark Claude H Morrison Lodge #747 Pastmasters Night	13	14	
15	16	17	18 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	19 630PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Conferral, Mr. Daniel Cornede	20 Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden Retreat @Palm Spring	21 Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden Retreat @Palm Spring	
22 Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden Retreat @Palm Spring	23	24 630PM- DOSI, DOM, CVL626	25 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	26 630PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Conferral, TBA	27	28	
29	30 ★MEMORIAL DAY★ HONOR & REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED	31			NOTE: Dress Code Stated Meeting, Special Meeting - Dark Suit, Polo Barong, Barong Tagalog		