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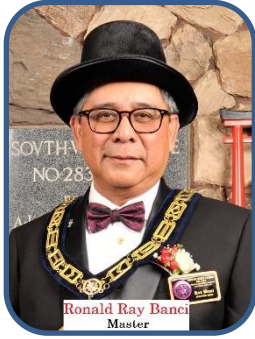
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7:30PM, First Thursday
of Each Month



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FROM THE EAST



As the old adage say, "Time flies when you are having fun". It really does! The month of July marks the start of the other half of my 1-year stint as Master of our beloved lodge and time quickly flew as we went through and experienced various lodge activities, many conferrals, proficiencies and charitable fundraisers. For me, it has been definitely a fun ride so far as we gather momentum to face the last half of my journey as master of this lodge.

A million thanks to the officers and brethren of our beloved lodge who, from week-to-week, so tirelessly labored in our degree conferrals and dedicated their time to support our lodge activities despite their busy schedules. Whatever success we have so far is entirely attributed to the continued support of the brethren of Southwest lodge specially our past masters. Thank you so much sincerely.

I am also extremely proud to announce the successful qualifications of Brother Peter Cortes and Brother Daniel Onate, to their respective seats in the East and to the South for the ensuing masonic year. Both qualified in flying colors as they demonstrated their proficiencies and knowledge in our rituals. Soon to follow shortly this month is the qualification of Brother Juven Egana to the West. Concurrently, Brother Kiko Onate will also be completing his comprehensive qualification to the Senior Deacon's chair for next year. Looking forward to these last qualifications scheduled for July 14, 2022. Outstanding efforts all throughout, and it is a good feeling and blissful state of mind that we will soon qualify all our elected pillars and Senior Deacon for the ensuing masonic year relatively early, and we can just sit down and relax and continue to enjoy the rest of the year. Kudos are also due to the brothers who have aided in rehearsing and perfecting their proficiencies.

To round-off the month June, we will have the annual audit by our district inspector, and we will also be having the Past Master's night on the last Thursday of the month as we celebrate with our youngest past master Worshipful Ferdie Lacurom, the raising of Brother Neil Devega to the sublime degree of master mason.

California is home to more than 1.5 million veterans of military service, the most of any state in the nation; and California Masonry has long counted among its members an enormous number of military veterans; Our Grand Master Jefferey Wilkens has proclaimed July 2022 to be Support Our Veterans Month. As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. This month, during which we celebrate our nation's independence, all our Masonic lodges are called to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through volunteerism, donations, or lodge events. Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

On the 9th of July 2022, we will be hosting our annual golf fundraiser at the Admiral Baker Golf Course. Proceeds will be used to fund various lodge projects which includes but not limited to the planned kitchen renovation. I enjoin all the brethren to support this worthy cause. "And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity – these three; but the greatest of all is Charity.

UPON THE SQUARE,
Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Ronald Ray A. Banci, Master

FROM THE WEST



This month we celebrate Independence Day, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress and finally approved on July 4, 1776, commemorating the day of deliverance of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain. It is believed that ninth of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were freemasons during their lifetime though not necessarily at the time of signing.

Although the connection of freemasons and the founding fathers is clear what is not known, however, is their political agenda.

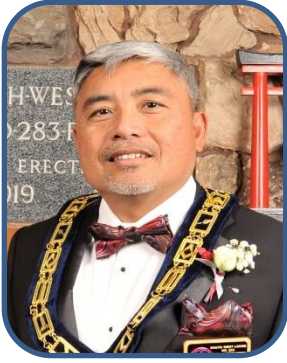
Many historians and scholars have tried to dig up files to better understand what the masons were trying to accomplish when they helped found the United States but little had luck. Perhaps they fail to realize that maybe freemasons only want to make the world a better place than it was. The masons took great pride in ensuring that their secrets remained hidden from prying eyes, from cowans and eavesdroppers, and those in privilege to serve in public office did not openly connect their political views to their masonic association and without any concrete evidence it has been left open to public speculation and interpretation. And this lack of information led to negative connotation about freemasonry which spread like wild fire and remained to do so to this date. Freemasonry perhaps started as a secret society during its inception for fear of persecution from people in power but over time it has evolved from being a secret society into a society with secrets.

Just like in the Philippines where history taught us that masons push for reforms under the Spanish rule, freemasonry during the American revolution undoubtedly had influenced the founding fathers to break away from Great Britain and pushed for independence and to become its own nation. It also seemed that even though freemasons did not have proven political views and agenda during the revolutionary period but they have all shared common values and views on various political and state affairs such as religious freedom, slavery, and women's right to name a few, often pushing for equalities, and the belief that slavery had no place in a free nation. They were visionaries and their views were often considered "ahead of their time".

According to masonic history because of religious and political intolerance that led to oppression of many people freemasonry was designed to create a better man and in turn create a better world. The main source of masonic teachings come from the Bible also called as masonic trestle board or the book of plans. The bible was used in many ways by masons, it is to this day the main source for many of their allegory and played a major role in masonic rituals.

ON THE LEVEL,
FRATERNALLY,
Peter Cortes, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Happy Independence Day America! The July 4th celebration perhaps is one of the biggest holiday observed by all of us living in this country. One reason is that it is the birthday of our nation. We celebrate the period in which, as Americans, are granted our liberty. Secondly, it is also the beginning of summer. I will focus more on the celebration of the welcoming of summer so as not to repeat the message from the other pillars. We know that with the festivity around Fourth of July includes fireworks, road trips, barbeques, the beach, pools, Del Mar Fairgrounds, movies, etc. The Fourth of July is a time when people typically enjoy the summer holiday with backyard barbecues, fireworks or water fun. But this year, celebrating Independence Day will be different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The American Red Cross offers safety tips we all can follow:

HEALTH SAFETY

If your community is reopening, know which precautions to take in public settings.

- Continue to social distance by staying 6 feet away from others, especially if you are at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19 (over age 65 or any age with underlying medical conditions).
- Continue to wear cloth face coverings in public. Face coverings are most essential when social distancing is difficult.
- Follow guidelines for your area when it comes to how large gatherings can be. Avoid crowds and mass gatherings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Stay home if you are sick.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Many public fireworks shows may be canceled this summer as communities try to avoid holding events where large crowds will gather. If you plan to use your own fireworks, check first if it is legal in your area.

- Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials. Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

GRILLING SAFETY

Grilling fires spark more than 10,000 home fires on average each year in the U.S. To avoid this:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. DO NOT add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Never grill indoors – not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, stays away from the grill, including children and pets.
- Keep the grill away from the house or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.

WATER SAFETY

Warmer weather means enjoying the water. Be "water smart," have swimming skills and know how to help others. This includes home pools – where young children are most at risk of drowning – and open water, such as ponds, rivers and lakes – where older children and teens are more likely to drown than any other location. With less access to lifeguarded aquatic facilities this summer, youth and teens may consider open water environments that are not designated for swimming.

- Talk to your children, including older youth and teenagers, about water safety. A variety of resources are available at redcross.org/watersafety and redcross.org/watersafetyforkids.
- If you choose to take your family to the water, make sure the area is designated for swimming and has lifeguards on duty. Once there, maintain social distancing, both in and out of the water, between you and people who don't live with you.
- Wear face coverings on land, especially when physical distancing is difficult. Do not wear them in the water as it may be difficult to breathe. Don't share goggles, nose clips, snorkels or other personal items.
- Designate a water watcher whose sole responsibility is to supervise people during any in-water activity until the next person takes over.
- Kiddie or inflatable pools can be a great way to have fun. Drain the water from the pool and flip it over after swim time is over.

BY THE PLUMB

FRATERNALLY

Juben Egana , Junior Warden

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A Lodge shall exercise its rights as a member or shareholder of a Masonic Hall Association, including its right to elect or remove directors, pursuant only to the authorization of a majority of members of the Lodge present at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge at which a quorum is present. Such authorization shall not be contested if written instruments, executed by the Master or Secretary of the Lodge, setting forth the authorization are filed with the Secretary of the Masonic Hall Association. The Lodge may exercise its rights through the Master of the Lodge, or any person authorized by a proxy or power of attorney duly executed by him, who is authorized to execute any documents and to vote the Lodge's membership or shares at any members' or shareholders' meeting of the Masonic Hall Association in accordance with the terms of any action previously authorized by the Lodge. [Source: Sections 21060 and 22010 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
DRESS CODE Stated Meeting & Special Meeting Barong/Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit					1	2 Demolay CarWash Fundraising @Southwest Lodge	
3	4 (Independence Day) HOLIDAY	5	6 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	7 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner, 730PM -Stated Meeting	8 5:00 PM -Golf Fundraising Preparation	9 SWL283 Annual Golf Fundraising AdmiralBaker Golf South	
10	11	12	13 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	14 630PM-Second Degree Conferral-Bro.Erick Calderon-Quals SW/SD	15	16	
17	18	19	20 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency-EA Bro. Cambe	21 630PM-First Degree Conferral,Mr. Hugo Hernandez & Joseph Decastro, Military/Law Enforcement Night	22	23	
24/31	25	26	27 630PM-Rehearsal/ Proficiency	28 630PM-DOSI/DOM @ South West Lodge (Admin,EA Second Section)	29	30	