

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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FROM THE EAST

Fraternal Greetings;

November is upon us and the air is crispier by the day, most especially during the early morning hours. Cooler air is felt everywhere during the day and throughout the evening. Night time becomes longer as we approach the winter solstice.

We can feel the holiday consciousness in the air and everyone's anticipation of the holiday season becomes excitingly evident. The countryside is full of fall foliage which brings inspiration and ushers new hope to everyone. November also signals pumpkins and many of us enjoy and celebrate pumpkin carving.

November is best known for Thanksgiving Day. American Thanksgiving celebration is typically a time for feast with mashed potatoes and gravy, dining on geese, turkey and other fowl, where we as Masons celebrate by expressing our gratitude to the beneficent and author of our existence for the multitude of blessings and comforts we enjoy. Centuries ago, Thanksgiving was a time to commemorate the abundance of the fall or autumn harvest of the Native Americans during the 1600's which was considered as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations. For more than two centuries days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It was not until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Freemasons celebrate and as in most Masonic household today, Thanksgiving celebration still has much of its original significance; it centers on cooking and sharing bountiful meal with brethren, family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous, has become all but synonymous with the holiday celebration.

Upon the square!

Fraternally,
Peter Cortes, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Holiday Greetings to all the Brethren, family and friends of South West Lodge #283. My wishes of Happy Thanksgiving!

I am of great hope that everyone enjoyed their Halloween and expects that no one indulged too heavily on sweets and chocolates from "trick or treating".

Congratulations to Brother Ira Castro for passing the qualifications for the Senior Deacon chair. He is exceptionally very well fitted for his role for the next year's term. He properly exhibited his skills and abilities during his qualification and hit it out of the ballpark. He received, as always, the highest accolade from our district inspector.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many brethren who, in one way or another helped me pass my qualifications for the oriental chair. My appreciation goes to the Master of South West Lodge and the officers for their support and consideration. Also with my greater gratitude to the three most excellent past masters: WBs Larry Devera, Jesse Puspos and Marc Minas. They definitely embody the tenets we learned in freemasonry: the 5 points of fellowship. Wherein they went foot-to-foot with me, never hesitated to go on foot and out of their way to make sure I stayed on the right path to success. I am sure they included me during their adoration to the ever living God remembering my welfare as their own. They keep my struggles as a secret and encouraged me to pursue my journey. They absolutely stretched forth their helping hands keeping me upright when they observed I was about to fall behind. Lastly, they three provided me good counsels and whisper corrections when I made errors in their most friendly manner and brought about reformation. I would like to extend an enormous wealth of gratitude to all and looking forward to continue to serve each and every one of you.

Lastly and as always, enjoy life with your family. Stay active and live life to the fullest.

On the Level!

Fraternally,
Juven Egana, Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Four centuries ago, European settlers aboard the Mayflower pioneered a tradition to thank God for the bountiful harvest and the enormous blessings the Lord had endowed for them. The pioneers invited the Wampanoag tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts to the feast which we now call Thanksgiving. This celebration reminds us to reflect on the wealth of grace that we have to be grateful for. Two Freemasons heavily shaped the celebration that we know today. Congressman and Bro. Elias Boudinot and former President and Freemason George Washington rallied together to declare a national holiday of thanks and prayer. The values and principles associated with Freemasonry align with the spirit of gratitude, charity and community that Thanksgiving embodies. Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to come gather, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness. It is a time when people engage themselves in full splendor in the various charitable activities to help as well as assist those in need; to participate in community building activities and support local initiatives. It is also an opportunity for individuals to reflect on their lives and appreciate the values and principles that benefitted and guide them. Most of all Thanksgiving is a holiday centered on expressing gratitude for the blessings and abundance in one's life. Freemasonry encourages its members to be grateful for the lessons they learned and the bonds they form within the fraternity. Have a bountiful Thanksgiving to all!

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,

Daniel Onate, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY CORNER

Dues payment for 2024 is now **\$125.50 (lodge dues \$60+65.50 GrandLodge per capita)** if you pay to the lodge; You can pay to the Grand Lodge using credit card. You will pay **\$129.54**. extra \$4.04 processing















Robert	P	Jimenez	1-Nov
Francis Ryan	T	Onate	1-Nov
Ryan	D	Paulino	1-Nov
Edgardo	M	Sarne Jr.	1-Nov
Roy	L	Guillermo	3-Nov
Edinito	G	Purog	3-Nov
Carlos	G	Bituin	4-Nov
Justin	C	Landers	6-Nov
Godfrey	D	Catbagan	7-Nov
Romeo	H	Moe	7-Nov
Edward	M	Santos	7-Nov
Angel	L	Catindig	8-Nov
Salvador	I	Ramos	9-Nov
Rodney	E	Hewitt	11-Nov
Daniel		Cournede	12-Nov
Diosdado	M	Metra	14-Nov
Ronaldo	P	Abagon	15-Nov
Gemini	V	Agaloos	15-Nov
Jorge	D	Poyaoan	15-Nov
Roberto	B	Quito	16-Nov
Elpidio	M	Tubig	16-Nov
Diosdado	A	Cayabyab	17-Nov
Vincent	G	Culas	17-Nov
Norberto	L	Gillego	17-Nov
Michael	J	Orman	18-Nov
Carl	W	Taylor	18-Nov
Benjamin	B	Ambon	19-Nov
Jose	L	Lontok	19-Nov
Ferdinandus		Novian	19-Nov
Samuel	F	Santos Jr.	20-Nov
Virgilio	A	Valero	20-Nov
Robert	J	Curtin	21-Nov
Jackson	L	Fong	21-Nov
Mariano	S	Arceo	22-Nov
Romeo	G	Corrales	22-Nov
Albert	M	Padilla	22-Nov
Honesto	S	Celestino	23-Nov
Oliver Louis	T	Napalan	23-Nov
Ferdinand	G	Lacuum	24-Nov
Jose	P	Magtoto	25-Nov
Frank	V	Mc Cormick	27-Nov
Antonio	P	Tarifa	27-Nov
Cesar	S	Caoagdan	28-Nov
Oscar	R	Cordero	28-Nov
Leslie	E	Aslarona	29-Nov

Dual and Plural Membership

Under the regulations of this jurisdiction, both dual and plural memberships are permissible. Dual Membership consists of belonging to a Lodge in this jurisdiction without having to terminate membership in a Lodge of another jurisdiction.

This procedure is possible only in those cases where the other jurisdiction involved also permits Dual Membership. Plural Membership consists of belonging to two or more Lodges, each of which are in this jurisdiction. The complete details as to procedure in either instance should be reviewed with the Secretary of your Lodge before taking any steps toward affiliation as a Dual or Plural member

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Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) observed annually on November 11, for honoring [military veterans](#) of the [United States Armed Forces](#) (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable).^{[1][2]} It coincides with other holidays including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#) which are commemorated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of [World War I](#).^[3] Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the [Armistice with Germany](#) went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.^[4]

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION OF THE LODGE OFFICERS

§805.410. ELECTED OFFICERS.

The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually at the Stated Meeting in November each year, except as otherwise permitted in Section 807.000 of this Code.

The election shall be by ballot. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election. A blank ballot shall not constitute a vote cast.

The Lodge, by unanimous consent, may permit any designated officer to cast the ballot for the Lodge. If an eligible candidate fails to receive a majority of the votes cast, and the candidate receiving a majority is ineligible, there is no election. When a candidate for office is ineligible because he is delinquent in his dues, but his dues are paid before a second ballot, and he receives a majority of the votes cast a second time, he is properly elected.

All members of the Lodge in good standing shall be entitled to vote at an election of Lodge officers. An annual election held contrary to the provision of this section shall be void. [Amended: 2022.] [Source: Sections 25010 and 25060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§805.420. FAILURE TO HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION.

If any Lodge fails to hold the annual election of officers on the day fixed or one or more officers were not elected at that time, an application shall promptly be made by the Lodge requesting the Inspector or Grand Master to issue a dispensation to hold the election at another time. [Source: Section 25020 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§805.430. APPOINTED OFFICERS.

All appointive Lodge officers shall be appointed by the Master-elect before the Lodge's installation. [Source: Section 19040 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

Decorum in the Lodge

Thoughtless brothers sometimes forget a courtesy due the officers of the Lodge and do not realize that they are ruining the dignity of the Lodge by whispering and talking. No good Mason talks during the conferring of a degree, for the lodgeroom represents a temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. We should no more talk in a Lodge than we would in church. The officers cannot do their best work when distracted by conversation and the applicant fails to be impressed by the solemnity of the ceremony.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		NOVEMBER 2023				PETER CORTES MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
DRESS CODE Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit			1 6:30PM- Prep for Stated Meeting, Temple board Meeting	2 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner/Thanksgiving Day Dinner 730 PM – Stated Meeting, Election of 2024 Lodge Officers	3	4	
5 Daylite Savings Time 2:AM- clocks back one hour	6	7	8 630PM- 1 st Proficiency Bro. Dominick Dilayre, Bro.	9 630PM – 3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Lehi JuarezMedina	10 7PM- Demolay Meeting /Veterans Day (Observed)	11 VETERAN'S DAY	
12	13 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	14	15 6:30PM-3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Dominique Calpo	16 5:00PM – Masonic Service for late Bro. Wilfredo Rocamora @ Glenn Abby Mortuary	17	18	
19	20	21	22 LODGE IS DARK	23 LODGE IS DARK THANKSGIVING DAY	24 7PM- Demolay Meeting	26	
29	27 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	28 630PM-DOS/ DOM @ CVL626, Admin Tmg, SM Procedures/Practices	29 630PM-3 rd Degree Proficiency-Bro. John Diputado, 2 nd Degree Proficiency, Bro. Jethro Calbone, Bro. Proceso Cabilla	30 630PM- Degree Conferral-Bro. Jose Dante Jacinto			