

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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Trestleboard

STATED MEETING
7:30PM, First Thursday
of Each Month



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FROM THE EAST

Fraternal Greetings;

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

First off, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all your time and support during our most recent installation of officers.

As always, our lodge showcased our continuing efforts to maintain our tradition of excellence.

I received many compliments that our ceremony is one of the best if not best installation. As always, our event is an awesome experience. There are so many of you to thank that the space is not sufficient.

This season brings us to winter holidays and it is a time when families gather in the warmth of their homes. Throughout the month, our thoughts and actions turn toward charity and peace. This season of the year inspires a burst of activity in our personal lives. Sales, shopping, family gatherings, school holidays, baking and seasonal changes remind us of the past while we look forward to our futures. All that said, it is important that we manage our own stress, safety, and overall health to brighten the holidays.

As my duties and responsibilities as the Master of the lodge, I look forward to working with my line of officers and all of you to the betterment of our lodge mission and fraternal growth. On behalf of my family and friends, my sincere thank you to all the Ladies and Brethren of Southwest Lodge #283. Again, I wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Upon the square!

Fraternally,
Juven Egana, Worshipful Master

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 **\$129.69.** extra \$4.14 processing pay.



FROM THE WEST

New Year is a time full of possibilities and great expectations. Reflecting on the lessons of our past gives us opportunities for growth and change. Reflection provides valuable insights that can shape our goals and aspirations for the

upcoming year.

As Masons, our ability to reflect and learn from the achievements and challenges of the past year is a key factor in finding success. As the new Senior Warden I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support and dedication of the members of SWL 283. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the officers and the commitment of all brethren in upholding the principles of Freemasonry. This has contributed enormously on the manner to how the lodge has grown and the impact we made to the community.

Our aspirations and goals for this year will be focused on continuing to emphasize unity, brotherhood, and the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment. We shall encourage fellowship within the Masonic community, deepen our connections, support one another, and work together to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Let us always be reminded of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, such as brotherly love, relief, and truth and live by these principles both within the lodge and in our daily lives. Let us practice open communication, respect for diversity, and a shared commitment to the principles that bind us Masons together.

Let us approach the new year with a positive mindset. Recognize that challenges may arise, but view them as opportunities for growth and learning. Practice gratitude for the experiences and relationships that enrich our life. Cultivating a positive mindset not only enhances our overall well-being but also empowers us to navigate the uncertainties. May the new year bring us good health, peace and prosperity!

On the Level!

Fraternally,
Daniel Onate, Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

It is a new year, which means new responsibilities. As most of you are now fully aware, I was recently installed as Junior Warden of South West Lodge 283 in December of the previous year. Am I stressed out being responsible for the kitchen and refreshment? Yes, I am.

Am I excited about it? Absolutely! The main reason why I get hyped up about a new year is that I get to try something new! In the pursuit of becoming a “better man”, I am a strong believer that one must experience a variety of scenarios, albeit challenges, to learn and grow as a person. From what I have heard from those who have gone through the role of Junior Warden in the past: this is not a task to be taken lightly. There is that necessity of hard work and enormous hours needed to become successful. Although the job description seems like a lot of work, I am sure there are creative ways to make the role a little less top-heavy. With the support of the newly appointed Stewards, along with the brethren who will step up to assist with the task at hand, I have no doubt that the masonic year 2024 will be one for the books.

Although I have stated above that I am excited about my new role at the lodge, one thing that I am dreading is thinking about content to write on the trestle board on a monthly basis. This is my first attempt to writing an article that goes out to a pretty sizeable audience and while I type out thoughts that just pop in my head, I started to think about what previous articles look like. My observation is that those articles tend to be more formal. You have probably noticed that this is a bit on the casual side. I will do my best to keep it personal and entertaining, not only for you as the reader, but also for myself to keep my sanity in check.

Lastly, in the essence of trying out something new, I want to do a quick experiment. I am curious to see how many people actually read these trestle board articles. So, if you have made it this far on my write up, do me a favor: next time you see me at the lodge, please come up to me and whisper “Cowabunga dude”. This should be fun.⁹⁶ Thank you. Got it. Cool.

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,

Francis Ryan Onate, Junior Warden

Happy Birthday!

Kenneth	M	Fanning	1-Jan
Edgar	D	Rodil	1-Jan
Ornell	H	Halabaso	1-Jan
Antonio	E	Ferma	1-Jan
Reynaldo	C	Ibanez	1-Jan
Oscar	M	De Castro	1-Jan
Rolando	M	Gonzales	1-Jan
Martin	R	Ibanez	1-Jan
William	J.	Fulton	1-Jan
Angel	A	Arellano	2-Jan
Vittorio	G	Chiong	3-Jan
Richard	D	Ramones	3-Jan
Rimando	S	Gabat	7-Jan
Tyler	J	Garcia	7-Jan
Jon	T	Montemayor	9-Jan
Nicanor	G	Ramos	10-Jan
Jacob	B	Urrete	10-Jan
Frisco	D	Dino, Jr	10-Jan
Virgilio	M	Esguerra	11-Jan
Reynaldo	F	Halili	12-Jan
Benedicto	R	Cruz	12-Jan
Thomas	W	Moynahan, Jr.	13-Jan
Cesar	S	Almanon	13-Jan
Jeromy	C	Hunt	13-Jan
Nicomedes	D	Sonico	14-Jan
Eugene	I	Fredeluces	15-Jan
Mariano	J	Apilado	15-Jan
Adriell	C.	Gonzales	15-Jan
Benhur	M	Evangelista	16-Jan
Alan	O	Escuro	16-Jan
Delfin	M	Gutierrez	16-Jan
Lawrence	L	Cuatico	17-Jan
Roehl	C	Espinosa	18-Jan
Jose Sergio	L	Cadiena, Jr.	18-Jan
Delfin	Q	Academia	19-Jan
Enrico	T	Farinas	19-Jan
Romeo	L	Batin	20-Jan
Jesus	H	Ladran	20-Jan
Renato	L	Reyles	21-Jan
Raulito	F	Galgana, Jr.	21-Jan
Raymundo	P	De Leon	22-Jan
Dan	V	Norris	23-Jan
William		Enrile	23-Jan
Paul	A	Aquipel	24-Jan
Angelito	J	Alfaro	25-Jan
Alfredo	E	Marigundon	25-Jan
Henry	B	Sunglao	25-Jan
Lolito	L	Luna	26-Jan
Rodrick	L	Thomas	26-Jan
Luis	L	Manzo	27-Jan
Rainier	C	Dela Cruz	27-Jan
Michael	L	Chapman	27-Jan
Ismael	D	Nardo, Jr.	28-Jan
Anthony Jordan	P	Llamas	29-Jan
Jaime	V	Magno	31-Jan
Edwin		Datuin	31-Jan

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Decorum in the Preparation Room

Thoughtless brethren sometimes joke the applicant about riding the goat, etc. If you are acting as a Steward, you should never be guilty of such conduct or allow anyone else to do so. None but the Stewards should be in the preparation room with the applicant. Remember that first impressions are the most lasting and that his mind should be receptive of the lessons he is about to be taught and not distracted by alleged humorists.

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§805.020. PAST MASTERS. The title of Past Master applies only to a member who:

- A. Has been regularly elected or named in a Charter as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge or a Historic Lodge);
- B. Has been installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge or a Historic Lodge);
- C. Has served until the installation of his successor, except in the case of death or consolidation, as provided below, or has served until his own installation as Master of such Lodge for the subsequent year; and
- D. Is at the time in good standing in a Constituent Lodge.

If a Master resigns before the installation of his successor, he forfeits all right to the title of Past Master and to membership in Grand Lodge, unless otherwise qualified.

If a member has been regularly elected or named in a Charter and installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction and dies while serving as Master, he may by resolution of his Lodge be designated as a Past Master.

A member in good standing in a Constituent Lodge who has been regularly elected or named in a Charter and installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall have the title of Past Master, if the Lodge consolidated while he was serving as Master and he did not become Master of the consolidated Lodge.

A member in good standing in a Constituent Lodge who has been regularly elected or named in a Charter, installed as Master and served until the installation of his successor in a chartered Lodge in another Jurisdiction may take the honorary title of "Past Master," but he shall not thereby become a member of this Grand Lodge.

If Grand Lodge charters a Lodge formed by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge, it may by resolution provide that the title of Past Master shall apply to the Past Masters of such Lodge and entitle them to the rights and privileges of Past Masters of this Jurisdiction.

[Amended: 2007; 2010; 2015.] [Source: Sections 25190 and 25200 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JANUARY 2024				JUVEN M. EGANA MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 New Years Day	2	3 630PM-Prep for Stated Meeting, Temple Board Meeting	4 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting	5	6	
7	8 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	9	10 630PM-Degree Rehearsal	11 630PM-2 nd Degree Conferral Bro. Hugo Ray Escalante	12 7PM- Demolay Meeting	13	
14	15 Martin Luther King	16	17 630PM-1 st Degree Proficiency, Bros. Leo Grencio, Roger Dale	18 630PM-2 nd Degree Conferral, Bro. Roger Dale	19	20	
21	22 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	23	24 630PM- 3 rd Degree Proficiency, Bro. Archi Picar	25 630PM-3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Jethro Calbone	26 7PM- Demolay Meeting	27	
28	29	30	31 630PM-Prep for Stated Meeting		*DRESS CODE* Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit		